



Woodcraft Folk
Education for Social Change

**YOUTH IS
NOT WASTED
ON THE
YOUNG**

Funding Opportunities – Districts & groups

Some say that money makes the world go around, whilst our values would suggest tolerance, co-operation and international understanding have a greater impact on the world – some money does help.

Groups and Districts should explore funding and fundraising opportunities to meet core and one-off costs. Funds can be raised in all sorts of ways:

- Subs
- Event & camp fees
- Sponsorship
- Grants & trusts
- Car boot and cake sales
- Donations
- Gift Aid
- Contracts

Below you will find details of a number of trusts and grant giving bodies that will support Woodcraft Folk on a local level. For more advice on funding visit www.woodcraft.org.uk/funding

Awards for All

Awards for All England and Scotland provide a small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000 - £5,000 in Wales

The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. They seek to fund projects that enable:

- People to have better chances in life - with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Stronger communities - with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- Improved rural and urban environments - which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

Awards for All should be considered for all new or one-off activity e.g. new equipment, new groups and any development activity. www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/qa.html

Community Foundations

Community foundations are charities that aim to strengthen local communities, create opportunities and tackle issues of disadvantage and exclusion.

Community Foundations tend administer a broad range of funds from national Government funds to small local trusts, and should be considered for capital, ongoing and event costs.

Go to the Community Foundation Network website to find your nearest foundation. <http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/>

Co-op Community Fund

Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet the following criteria. To be successful, a **group** must carry out positive work in the community and a **project** must:

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach.

This fund is not suitable for ongoing costs, but for new or one-off activity it is very flexible. For more information visit: www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/faqs/

Think Big

Support all types of projects in the UK, with two grant streams (small up to £300 and larger up to £2,500). All projects must be:

- Created and run by someone between 13-25 years old 3. Not be part of paid employment
- Not aiming to convert people to a political or religious organisation
- Not just an application for funds alone
- Not to fund someone's training or purchase equipment if there isn't some tangible benefit to others
- Providing a positive impact outside of the project group
- Safe for all participants
- Aiming to have a positive impact on the founder's and members' personal development
- Realistic for £300 for small grants of £2,500 for larger grants, or be a small clearly defined project within a bigger idea
- Underway within three months and completed within six or within one year if seeking a larger grant
- Clearly planned with a beginning, middle, and end

For more information visit www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/

TREE Action Projects

Woodcraft's TREE programme provide £500 to Pioneer, Venturer and DF groups in England to support youth led community projects.

It doesn't matter what the idea is, just as long as you:

- Provide a benefit to your wider community
- Work in partnership with an external group or organisation

For more information visit www.woodcraft.org.uk/action-projects

Young Roots

Young Roots is a very targeted grant programme designed to engage young people aged 11-25 with their heritage. Young Roots projects need to be youth led and stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities.

To receive a Young Roots grant, your project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- Provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 11 to 25 to learn about their own and others' heritage;
- Allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities;
- Develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and
- Create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.

Your project must also create new opportunities for young people to either:

- Volunteer in heritage; or
- Gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

Young Roots would be suitable for a range of cultural exploration/education projects, traditional skills and anything that is linked to history whether or not that is the oral history of local residents to the history of your local Woodcraft group.

For more information visit

www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx#.UKVW1VI0fnY

Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

Community Cash Awards help young people to set up and run new projects that are of benefit to the local community and to the young people involved. Funding of up to £1,000 is available to 14-16 year olds who are likely to achieve less than 5 GCSEs A* - C. Funding of up to £5,000 is available to people aged 16 – 25 and not in training, education or work (or working less than 16 hours per week).

www.princes-trust.org.uk/default.aspx

Media Trust Mediabox

Mediabox is a fund that gives disadvantaged 13-19 year olds an opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects using film, television, print, radio or online platforms. Mediabox offers three different types of grants ranging from £100 - £80,000 to create and distribute youth-led media projects that express young people's views in a creative way, using their preferred media platform.

www.mediatrust.org/youth-media

Youth Music Programme

Children in Challenging Circumstances

We are particularly interested in funding projects which include children and young people who are in challenging circumstances such as social, economic, or cultural disadvantages.

Youth Music Programme - Early Years

We aim to also use our funding to advance the learning and development of all children aged 0-5, by ensuring universal access to high-quality music-making activities.

Youth Music Programme - Encouraging Talent and Potential

We want to ensure that all children and young people with musical talent and potential have opportunities to develop regardless of their background or chosen genre.

Youth Music Programme - Workforce Development, previously a Youth Music focus area, is required to underpin, sustain and reinforce each of the above focus areas. We encourage all funded organisations to consider and accommodate the development needs of the music practitioners they employ.

For more information visit www.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/what-youth-music-programme

Vinspired Cashpoint

Vinspired looks to giving young people the opportunity to bring their ideas for social action projects to life.

The concept is simple. If you're 14-25 and have an idea that will solve a problem in your community they want to help.

How? They're offering grants of up to £500 to turn your ideas into reality, and get your projects off the ground. The great thing about Cashpoint is that once funding's signed off you run your project the way you want to.

For more information visit:

www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint/opportunities/10066-vinspired-cashpoint/activities/157789-funding-for-your-project

The following websites provide free information on funders and trusts:

www.trustfunding.org.uk

www.cypnow.co.uk/fundingfinder-england

www.governmentfunding.org.uk

www.lotteryfunding.org.uk

Top 10 Tips

1. Ensure that your project meets the criteria

Check other exclusions, deadlines for work to be complete and restrictions on how the money must be spent. If you are unsure, ask, most funders will willingly answer.

2. Answer the question

3. Use simple language

Avoid the use of jargon and explain any abbreviations or specialist terms.

4. Give clear evidence, identify the need for your project

5. Submit a clear project plan

6. Submit a realistic budget

Remember to include all costs e.g. equipment, activities, expenses, administration, travel etc.

7. Have robust methods of evaluation

All funders will want to be able to prove that their money has made a difference.

8. Ensure that your bid is well presented

9. Get someone independent to review your bid

10. Ensure that your bid is complete

Often funders will require extra documents such as your accounts, annual report or policy documents.

And finally, if you are thinking of developing a funding bid for £25,000+ or submitting a regional application please contact Debs McCahon for more advice. (0845 217 8939 or deborah.mccahon@woodcraft.org.uk)

