Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services

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7. Finding and getting money

7.4.15 Funding for International Projects

This information sheet provides details of sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with international projects, community links and exchanges with the 'global south' and Africa in particular.

This sheet is intended as a general guide; contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information. Your local county voluntary council (CVC) can also help you to identify sources of funding for your needs.

Training and Support in Wales

WCVA's International team and the Wales Hub for International Development offer advice and training courses tailored to the specific needs of small organisations with international projects. For further information visit:

www.walesafrica.org/about_training.html

1. Funding Considerations

1a. Fit for Funding

Almost without exception, most funders and donors will expect you to be properly set up organisationally, with an approved constitution, bank account and trustees, charity registration and, for most international projects, a partnership agreement detailing clear decision-making, accountability, roles and responsibilities between the partners in Wales and the South.

For international activities, the Charity Commission may require you to demonstrate that appropriate measures are in place to ensure funds do not contribute to money laundering, corruption or terrorism; and in particular for projects involving young people, that appropriate child protection policies are in place. You can get support and advice on these issues from your local CVC, from Wales Africa Community Links (www.walesafrica.org).

1b. Attracting the Right Funding

Funding streams can be diverse, ranging from statutory schemes to trusts and foundations with a specific interest in international development. Before making applications, careful consideration must be given to which sources offer the best fit with your - and your southern partners' - aims and objectives.

You should think carefully about time, effort and accountability requirements of different funders, and your capacity to manage these. Applications to larger funders, such as DfID or the EU, often require:

- many hundreds of hours of detailed project planning and application writing (to funding pots which are massively oversubscribed);
- professional project management and impact assessment to the funders (not your) requirements, over the lifetime of the project;
- legally binding financial and reporting accountability, for which your organization will be primarily liable (you will usually carry liability for checking overseas partners);
- funds are usually restricted, so cannot be spent on anything other than the purpose originally applied for.

You may be able to raise more (and less restricted) funds, and engage more people, by channelling the same time and effort into community fundraising!

1c. Who Where What When?

Before you even begin to apply for funding, you should think through and develop clarity about *what you are seeking funding for*:

- Who are the **people** who will benefit from your project? Who are *you* as an organisation – and who will be involved in making things happen?
- Where is the **place** that your project will be delivered?
- What is the **problem** that your project will work towards resolving / changing - and how?
- When will your **progress** be seen – and how will you evaluate your project's effectiveness?

1d. Your 'Funding Mix'

For your projects to be sustainable, you should avoid reliance on just one form of income. Your balance of funding sources should be a mix, ideally between:

- Individuals and community donations
- Regular contributions from supporter base
- Project grants from statutory funders
- Charitable trusts and foundations
- Support in kind from skilled volunteers, businesses etc.

1e. Funding Trends in UK International Development

There has been a significant shift in focus of funding for international development projects between 2010 and 2012, with a specific shift in UK government ethos and policy:

- *Away from* a grounding of UK-based funding being invested in fostering **global awareness**
- *Towards* most remaining UK funding being invested in **direct poverty interventions**

Most UK funds that had an ‘awareness’ focus have largely been dropped (see section 4). While UK government spending on international development has been ringfenced, and the commitment remains to spend 0.7% of GDP on aid, DfIDs programme has been narrowed to focus upon 27 countries:

Africa: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, India, Kyrgystan, Nepal, Pakistan, Tajikistan Occupied Palestinian Territories, Yemen.

16 countries now *dropped* from DfID programming: Africa: Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Gambia, Lesotho, Niger; Asia: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Viet Nam; Middle East & Europe: Bosnia Herzogovina, Iraq, Kosovo, Moldova, Russia, Serbia

Alongside the economic climate at present, creating a parallel **contraction in the resources of trusts and foundations**, these shifts are presenting funding challenges in particular for smaller INGOs.

1f. Demonstrating ‘Impact’

Alongside these funding constrictions, funders across the sector have become extremely focused upon the **impact agenda**, *away* from supporting ‘activities’ and *towards* clearer ‘outcomes’. As international development is a complicated arena, you will need to communicate extremely clearly your projects’ **results chain**:

- Inputs (eg funding for schools & staff)
- Activities (eg design education strategy)
- Outputs (eg more schools built)
- Outcomes (eg more children attend school)
- Impacts (eg Increased literacy)

Also, ‘development’ is a broad field and different funders may be interested in **different types of outcomes**. You will benefit from being clear about the exact nature of your projects’ contribution to:

- Community development (local level)
- Strategic development (sub-regional level)
- Capacity building (skills and training)
- Volunteer development (personal growth)
- Development Education (skills and knowledge)
- Humanitarian (emergency)

The UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim to halve global poverty by 2015, remain the global framework for poverty alleviation, referenced by almost all organisations working on poverty globally. You should be clear about how your project may contribute towards one or more of the 8 goals on:

1. Poverty and Hunger
2. Universal Primary Education
3. Gender Equality and Empowering Women
4. Child Mortality
5. Maternal Health
6. HIV / AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
7. Environmental Sustainability
8. Global Partnerships for Development

2. Individuals and Community Support

Generating support from individuals, organisations and institutions in your local area can be a highly effective and sustainable source of 'unrestricted' funds, that can be put to most effective use as decided by your charity and your southern partners, rather than by requirements of external funders.

For example, while a £2500 one-off grant application might take 2 days to write, in the same time you may be able to 'leaflet drop' and recruit 50 people to donate £5 a month – raising £3,000 a year, ongoing! It can also build your organisation's profile and supporter base. Covered in this section:

- Fundraising
- Regular Giving
- Business / Corporate Giving
- Trading
- Social Enterprise

Sustainable Funding Cymru:
www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/funding-sources/giving-and-public-fundraising

2a. Fundraising

Individual Donations
Appealing for individual, one off donations for international projects is often most effective for appeals, such as a) emergency / disaster responses or b) one off initiatives like building a classroom. More substantial donations include **legacies** - money and items left in wills to charity.

Fundraising Events and Activities
Most effective as a 'mobilisation tool' for engaging people in social and creative ways with your international projects. From raffles to sponsored cycle rides, such events can take a great deal of work but may generate strong 'supporter loyalty' - which might usefully be channelled into future regular giving.

2b. Regular Giving

Often the most valuable and sustainable income source for small organisations, especially for covering a) core costs, b) projects responding to diverse need, or c) led by southern partners. Donors usually expect some form of communication, such as a newsletter, to keep them informed of how their donations are being used. Regular methods may include:

- **Subscription -** regular membership fee / payment.
- **Direct Debit -** monthly gift direct from a donor's bank account.
- **Payroll Giving** - A workplace giving scheme whereby employees sign up to donate to a selected charity from their pay packet. The donation is deducted at source by the employer and sent directly to their nominated charity.

REMEMBER – ask donors to GIFT AID!
www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm
Gift Aid allows charities to reclaim the basic rate of tax (28.2%) on donations given to charity by UK tax paying donors, with their permission.

Giving Wales:
www.wcva.org.uk/info/index.cfm?sub=3&display_sitetextid=2000

2c. Business and Corporate Giving
www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/funding-sources/giving-and-public-fundraising/company-giving

Think first about **local businesses** and companies in your community who might support / sponsor your international work. Companies will often want to do this for positive publicity and "brand association" – which can be a 'win-win' for your project, as long as this doesn't pose ethical conflicts (for example, doing peace work with funds from an arms manufacturer). Companies may also be an excellent source of skills & expertise, goods, or 'gifts in kind', eg you may approach companies who specialise (in the UK) in services you are looking to deliver (with your southern project partners) – for example, BT (British Telecom) for communications projects; Dwr Cymru – for water projects; or CISCO – for ICT projects.

2d. Trading
www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/earning/trading

Some international projects – particularly those addressing issues around livelihoods – may be able to raise income for projects through **sales of goods** (such as fair or ethically traded crafts) to UK buyers. **Charity shops** receive and sell on donated goods to turn them into cash towards international projects. Shops however carry substantial overheads and are rarely economic for small charities.

2e. Social Enterprise Schemes

KIVA – Loans that change Lives
www.kiva.org
Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending, empowering individuals to lend to an entrepreneur across the globe - microfinance meets the internet.

UNLTD Millennium Awards
www.unltd.org.uk
The charity supports social entrepreneurs who want to change the world for the better. Two levels of grants are available; Level One £500 - £5,000 and Level Two £10 – 20,000.

3. Wales-based Project Funding

There are a number of routes to access small-scale funding primarily oriented towards building the capacity of Welsh civil society organisations to engage with development.

- Wales Africa Community Links (4 funds)
- Waterloo Foundation World Development Programme
- NHS Wales for Africa Health Links
- GwirVol Int'l Youth Volunteering
- Fairtrade Wales
- Environment Wales
- Arts Council of Wales
- International Education Scheme
- International Learning Opportunities

Please note that since previous funding briefings, the Welsh Government Wales for Africa scheme no longer offers a direct grants fund, but offers resource and support through some of the routes above.

Wales International Development Hub
Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA)
www.wcia.org.uk or ring 02920 228549

WCVA International Projects Support
Wales Council for Voluntary Action
www.walesafrica.org or ring 08002 888 329

3a. Civil Society and Linking Organisations – Project Funds

Wales Africa Community Links
Small Grants Scheme
Managed by WCVA, Funded by Welsh Government 'Wales for Africa' scheme.
www.walesafrica.org/funding.html

Wales Africa Community Links grants aim to support Welsh civil society and community-based organisations to develop links with African partners that contribute towards learning, solidarity and community development affecting livelihoods, health, youth, equality and the environment. Grants are specifically tied to progression through the UN Gold Star Awards framework for good practise in linking:

www.walesafrica.org/how_to_link.html

- Up to £2000: **Partnership & Participation Grants** - towards subsidising costs of exchanges with African partners; community participation, inclusion and needs analysis; formalising partnership agreements and decision making processes for planning and delivery of project activities.

- Up to £5000: **Technical Delivery Grants** – when all above pre-requisites are in place, towards subsidising costs of technical skills exchange, interagency coordination and impact assessment in project delivery towards livelihoods, health, youth, equality and environment initiatives.

For both Partnership and Technical grants visit:
www.walesafrica.org/funding_apply_for_a_grant.html

Additionally WACL have developed two streams of funding for specific project interventions:

- **Forestry Project Grants** – in partnership with the Size of Wales project, funded by the Waterloo Foundation. Up to £4,000 towards forest conservation and / or tree planting projects in Sub-Saharan African communities.
  www.walesafrica.org/funding_forestry_grants.html

- **Clean Energy Project Grants** – funded by Welsh Government Climate Change Division. Up to £10,000 towards clean energy projects (solar, wind, water, biogas, fuel efficient stoves etc) in Sub-Saharan African communities, which must be able to demonstrate a carbon saving.
  www.walesafrica.org/funding_clean_energy_grant.html

Waterloo Foundation

Waterloo Foundation *World Development Programme*
www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/WorldDevelopment.html

TWF aims to support organisations which help the economically disadvantaged build the basis of sustainable prosperity, by improving an individual's ability to access a high-quality **education**; supporting communities to have access to clean drinking **water, sanitation and hygiene**; and providing support for successful **enterprise** development are all key to achieving this objective.

- Small grants of £5-10,000 pa for community level project interventions suited to smaller charities
- Multi-Annual grants of £50-100k pa for strategic interventions by larger organisations

Waterloo Foundation *Environment Programme*
www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/environmentAboutTheProgramme.html
TWF is keen to support initiatives aimed at reducing man-made climate change and increasing the health of the marine environment, both in the UK and worldwide, with foci on **tropical forests** and **marine** projects.

NHS Wales for Africa Health Links Scheme
Managed by NHS Wales, jointly funded by Welsh Government Dept of Health and Wales for Africa Scheme

http://wales.gov.uk/topics/sustainabledevelopment/intdevelopment/walesforafrica/wfafricagrantscheme/;jsessionid=pT8MNydXkJgpHCkp1bqkGx9SBg5rc188th4yHqX2XWsghPKLSzlg!1903969370?lang=en

This fund of £100,000pa (between all awarded applications) is for development of health projects between Wales and Sub-Saharan Africa, contributing to knowledge and skills development of health practitioners in Wales. 2012 deadline is 5th March.

Environment Wales
Managed by WCVA in partnership with 8 environment organisations.
www.environment-wales.org/grants/130

Environment Wales has 5 grant streams, designed to aid projects in each step of their development.

- Start-up Grants: These help to cover the costs involved with establishing new voluntary or community groups such as hiring venues, publicity or printing, training, insurance, affiliation etc. The maximum grant is £1,000.
- Pre-Project Grants: These help cover the costs of any studies or surveys that need to be undertaken before a project can begin; for example feasibility studies, business plans, ecological surveys or community appraisals. The studies must be undertaken by a third party. The maximum grant is £4,000.

Three Environment Wales grant streams are open to EW-registered projects only.

- Training Support Grants: These grants are available to help cover the costs of training courses and conferences. Eligible costs include travel expenses, subsistence and course fees. The maximum grant available is £400. Applications may be submitted at any time.
- Project Grants: These grants help cover project materials and equipment. The maximum grant available is £10,000. Applications may be submitted at any time.

- Management Grant: These grants help fund new posts within registered projects. The posts must be project-specific and not part of an organisation's core activities. Grants range from £1,000 to £12,000. Applications need to be received by the 31 October for awards starting on 1 April, the following year. Funding can be provided for up to a maximum of six years.

Fairtrade Grants Scheme
Managed by Fairtrade Wales, funded by Welsh Government Wales for Africa Scheme.
www.fairtradewales.org.uk

Fairtrade Wales can offer small amounts of grant funding to support FT groups in developing projects.

Wales International Education Programme
http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/111025iepspecificationsen.pdf

The Welsh Government are currently tendering for service providers to deliver a new International Education Programme, which it is anticipated will incorporate resourcing and support for projects on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship and international school linking.

Arts Council for Wales
www.artswales.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/funding-advice-and-guidelines

The Arts Council disperse funding to organisations and individuals in Wales – including for example, community arts projects involving African links - for:
- production or programme support
- participation
- arts and young people
- sustainability
- training and professional development

Three levels of funding are available:
- Small Grants: £250 – £5,000
- 'Mainline' Grants: £5,001 – £30,000
- Up to £100,000 (for large scale National Touring and larger Festival projects)

A helpful guide to other sources of arts funding is at: www.artswales.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/funding-advice-and-guidelines/other-sources-of-funding

3b. Wales-based International Volunteering

As well as opportunities to volunteer with a wide range of Welsh community links and charities (visit www.walesafrica.org/projects.html), there are also some specific schemes to support international volunteering as an activity in its own right.

UNA Exchange
www.unaexchange.org

Cardiff-based UNA Exchange offer over 1500 projects available in over 60 countries, supporting local communities on projects covering environmental, education and social needs. UNAE are a not-for-profit charitable organisation who offer professional and comprehensive support, with 40 years experience working with trusted partners around the world. They have a particular focus on engaging excluded youth in volunteering. The 3 main schemes are:

- North-South exchange programme:
  - Short-term (2-4 week) summer placements, advertised form March
  - Long-term (1-12 month)
- European Voluntary Service (fully funded placements for 18-30 youth)

International Learning Opportunities (ILO)
Welsh Government
Managed by Emerging World and PSMW (Public Service Management Wales)
http://wales.gov.uk/psmwsubsite/psmw/personaldev/international/?lang=en

The International Learning Opportunities (ILO) scheme enables managers and leaders from Wales to spend up to eight weeks working on strategic development projects in sub Saharan Africa, helping to deliver the UN Millennium Development Goals. Participants will develop their own leadership skills through sharing their expertise and delivering tangible benefits to the communities they work with. The skills and understanding that participants bring back will be invaluable to their employers and to their own careers.

International Youth Volunteering
GwirVol Grants Scheme
Managed by WCVA, funded by Welsh Government to implement 'Russell Commission' recommendations
www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/

The GwirVol International Youth Volunteering Grant Scheme will support opportunities to volunteer internationally for young people in disadvantaged and minority communities in Wales, through project funding of up to £30,000 for a structured programme of activities that will deliver high quality international volunteering experiences for young people aged 16-25. The GwirVol International Youth Volunteering Grants scheme will support up to 80% of total project costs. Grants open from March with usual closing date circa June.

4. UK Government funds

Most UK government funding towards international projects comes through DfID, the Department for International Development, with some other funds for specific purposes from Education and Health. As **public money**, government funds carry high requirements for management transparency and accountability. Organisations will need to have professionally skilled personnel and systems in place to meet these requirements, if applications are to be successful.

Most large scale, government funds for international development interventions are NOT from the UK, but **channelled through 'in-country' offices** (eg DfID funding for activities in Uganda is largely accessed through DfID in Kampala). There may be the potential 'in country' to tap into programme resources from other UN states (eg US, Canada, Scandinavians) and international NGOs (eg Oxfam, Save the Children) to deliver partnership projects 'on the ground'.

Funds and support currently resourced by DfID in the UK (detailed below) include:

- Common Ground Initiative (CGI)
- Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF)
- International Health Links (IHLFS) – last round of funding applications has now closed
- Global School Partnerships (GSP)
- Diaspora Volunteering Alliance (DVA)
- International Citizen Service (ICS)

Please note that since previous funding briefings, **the following UK grant schemes have now been discontinued:**

- DfID Global Community Links
- DfID Development Awareness Funds
- DfID Development Innovation Fund
- DfID Civil Society Challenge Fund
- DfID DELPHE (Development Partnerships in Higher Education) Scheme *(for alternative sources of HE funding click here)*
- DfID Local Authority Grants (apart from Global School Partnerships, section 5)
- Education Partnerships with Africa (EPA)
- Prime Ministers Initiative: PMI2 Connect

The **DfID Civil Society Unit** offer a direct line of contact for Welsh voluntary groups in to DfID.
www.dfid.gov.uk/About-us/Contact-us/ or ring 0845 300 4100.

BOND (British Overseas Networks for Development) offer training and information for UK NGOs working in International Development.
www.bond.org.uk or ring 020 7837 8344

4a. UK Funding for Development Projects

DfID Common Ground Initiative
Managed by Comic Relief

www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-opportunities/Not-for-profit-organisations/Common-ground/

The Common Ground initiative is a £20 million fund supporting African development through UK based small and Diaspora organisations. The initiative aims to increase access to grants for and strengthen the capacity of small and Diaspora-led organisations in the UK that are working to create real and sustainable changes to some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities in Africa. Applicants can apply to one of Comic Relief's six existing grants programmes (see section 5), or to the health, education or enterprise and employment programmes that have been developed specifically for this initiative.

- **Research, Consultation and Planning grants** – these may be for up to £25,000 and for up to 12 months' duration. They will enable partners to carry out action research, a needs analysis, a pilot study and related work that enables applicant organisations to develop a well thought through proposal.
- **Project grants** – these may be up to £1 million over five years. The mean grant for most small organisations is under £200,000 over three years. Organisations are *strongly advised to submit applications that are proportionate to their size and capacity*, the size and capacity of their local partners, and their track record to date.
- **Organisational Development grants** – of up to £40,000 for up to three years. These grants would function as 'top up' grants to project grantees only. They would offer a package of support to strengthen small or Diaspora organisations in the UK.

The final cycle for applications to the CGI opens from 27 February 2012 and with deadline of 9 May 2012. Grant making will resume in Summer 2013.

DfID International Health Links Funding Scheme (IHLFS)
Managed by THET, British Council and the International Health Links Centre

Health Links are formalised partnerships between a health institution in a developing country and a counterpart in the UK, with the purpose of strengthening health systems and improve health service delivery in both developing and developed countries by allowing for a reciprocal transfer of skills and knowledge between people working in the healthcare sector. The grant scheme aims to strengthen the capacity of health services in developing countries through awarding three different levels of linking grant - <£3,000; <£15,000 and <£180,000.

The current funding window for all 3 programme has now closed, however further information can be viewed at:
www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks-ihlfs-projects.htm

DfID / THET Health Partnerships Scheme
Managed by THET Tropical Health Education Trust
www.thet.org/hps

The Health Partnership Scheme (HPS) is a four-year programme to support the development of health services in some of the world's poorest countries. This website provides resources for the formation and growth of effective partnerships that respond to low-income country demands, matching them with support in the UK and elsewhere and sharing good practice and learning.

- **Startup grants** of up to £5,000 to broker the development of new and young links with organisations. Open to applications on rolling basis. www.thet.org/call-for-applications-for-start-up-grants/
- **Large Paired Institutional Partnership Grants** of £30-100k – deadline 13 May 2012. www.thet.org/call-for-applications-for-large-paired-institutional-partnership-grants
- **Multi Country Partnership grants** of £200-600k will be called in July 2012. www.thet.org/hps/funding-and-activity/multi-country-partnerships
- **Medium Paired Institutional Partnership Grants** of up to £15k – *(closed from October 2011)* www.thet.org/hps/funding-and-activity/paired-institutional-partnerships
- **Long-term Volunteering Grants** of £200k-1.5m www.thet.org/hps/funding-and-activity/long-term-volunteering *(closed from Dec 2011)*

DfID Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF)
Managed by Triple Line Consulting

www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-opportunities/Not-for-profit-organisations/Global-Poverty-Action-Fund/

The Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF) was launched on 27 October 2010. It is a demand-led fund supporting projects focused on poverty reduction and pursuit of the MDGs through tangible changes to poor people's lives including through: service delivery, empowerment and accountability and work on conflict, security and justice. Projects will be selected on the basis of demonstrable impact on poverty, clarity of outputs and outcomes, and value for money.

- 'Innovation Window' - Up to £250,000, to encourage innovative approaches to poverty reduction. Next deadline 13 March 2012; the 4th round will be announced in April 2012.
- 'Impact Window' – up to £4 million, for projects delivering strategic, large-scale poverty reduction linked to MDGs, using tried and tested methods.

A useful learning summary of characteristics from strong and weak applications to the GPAF can be viewed here:

www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/funding/gpaf/GPAF-Innovation-CN-Strengths-Weaknesses.pdf

UK Aid Match
www.dfid.gov.uk/Work-with-us/Funding-opportunities/Not-for-profit-organisations/UK-Aid-Match/

UK Aid Match was launched on 30 June 2011 for a pilot year to June 2012 with a total funding availability of £30m. It is a demand-led fund which will match public donations to appeals for development activities focused on poverty reduction in developing countries, match-funding appeal donations above £100k.

'RAGS' Garment Sector Fund
www.dfid.gov.uk/Work-with-us/Funding-opportunities/Business/Responsible-and-Accountable-Garment-Sector-RAGS-Challenge-Fund-/
The Responsible and Accountable Garment Sector (RAGS) Challenge Fund supports projects aimed at improving conditions of vulnerable workers in the ready-made garment (RMG) production sector in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa that supply the UK market. *There are no new funding rounds planned for 2012*.

4b. Funding for Development Education and School Linking Initiatives

These are sources of funding that are targeted for formal sector educational activities and curriculum based outcomes.

Useful source of up-to-date advice and guidance on specific opportunities within Development Education funding can be found from

Cyfanfyd – the Development Education Association for Wales
www.cyfanfyd.org.uk

Think Global – the UK Development Education Association
www.think-global.org.uk/

Wales International Education Programme
http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dcells/publications/111025iepspecificationsen.pdf
The Welsh Government are currently tendering for service providers to deliver a new International Education Programme, which it is anticipated will incorporate resourcing and support for projects on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship and international school linking.

School and Area Linking Visits
Managed by British Council
www.britishcouncil.org/wales-school-linking-visits-3.htm

Funding for teachers and headteachers to undertake short visits to a partner school in any country outside Europe to set up a curriculum based partnership or develop an existing link. Grants of £1,000 available for travel, subsistence and accommodation.

Connecting Classrooms
Managed by the British Council
www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm
Global programme creating partnerships between clusters of schools in the UK and others around the world (currently China and Saudi Arabia), building understanding and trust between different societies and equipping young people for life and work as global citizens. Connecting Classrooms offers grants and support for joint curriculum projects, professional development for teachers and school leaders, eligibility for school accreditation, guidance in the use of ICT tools and the chance to network and collaborate online with a global community of like-minded education professionals.

DfID Global School Partnerships (DGSP)
www.dfid.gov.uk/globalschools
Managed by British Council, UKOWLA, Cambridge Education Foundation and VSO.

Global School Partnerships aims to motivate young people's commitment to a fairer, more sustainable world, by supporting partnerships that promote global education through the curriculum. Support and guidance is provided to teachers and grants to schools to make the most of a school partnership as a learning tool. Funding is available for visits between partner schools to enable them to develop curriculum projects together based on global themes.

Global School Partnerships grant funding was suspended during DfID's Review of Development Awareness Programmes in 2011 (view report). It seems like that DGSP will continue in some form, but announcements are awaited from DfID.

Information on the grants that were offered until 2011 can be viewed below:

DGSP Starter grant
- to encourage new school partnerships that promote global learning through the curriculum. www.camb-ed.com/home/Aboutus/NotforprofitFoundation/DGSPStarterGrant/tabid/1354/Default.aspx

DGSP Reciprocal visit grant
- for partnerships that are laying the foundations for long-term collaborative work that will embed a global dimension in the schools' curricula.
- www.dfid.gov.uk/Getting-Involved/For-schools/global-school-partnerships/start-to-build-your-partnership/Apply-for-a-Reciprocal-Visit-Grant/

DGSP Global Curriculum Project grant
- enable well established partnerships to further develop joint curricular activities with a global dimension theme.

- http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Getting-Involved/For-schools/global-school-partnerships/Develop-good-practice-in-your-partnership/Apply-for-a-Global-Curriculum-Project-grant1/

DGSP Local Authority grant

- designed to create international relationships that can broker and support partnerships with a focus on global education. Annual deadline in March.
- www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-local-authorities/GSP-Local-Authority-Grants/

4c. UK International Volunteering

Although these are not strictly sources of funding, many enquiries relate to volunteering opportunities overseas and the following organisations (in addition to Welsh organisations listed in section 2) may be useful for referrals.

DfID Diaspora Volunteering Alliance Programme
Supported by VSO
www.diasporavolunteeringalliance.org/about-us

The DFID Diaspora Volunteering Programme, working through an alliance of over 20 diaspora organisations, provides funding to help skilled professionals from the UK's diaspora communities volunteer to work in their countries or continents of heritage, and for the volunteers to make a meaningful contribution to a development project.

DfID International Citizen Service
www.dfid.gov.uk/Get-Involved/Take-action/International-Citizen-Service/

International Citizen Service (ICS) is a global volunteering experience which supports young people from all backgrounds to make a real difference to some of the world's poorest people. This new initiative, launched by the Prime Minister and funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), will give thousands of 18-22 year olds across the UK the chance to join in the fight against global poverty. Places are also available for some team leaders who will mentor the other volunteers and contribute their skills and experience.

We are now doing the final call for applications for the ICS pilot year programme. Applications close in February 2012 and you will be expected to go overseas in April 2012. The government is developing plans to continue the ICS programme after the pilot; please check the website from March 2012 for more details. You can register your interest for future programmes by emailing enquiry@ics-uk.org.uk

DfID Funding for international students wishing to study in the UK

www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-international-students-wishing-to-study-in-the-UK/

UK International Volunteering Organisations / Searches

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
www.vso.org.uk

VSO is the world's leading independent international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries.

VSO's high-impact approach involves bringing people together to share skills, build capabilities, promote international understanding and action, and change lives to make the world a fairer place for all.

Raleigh International
www.raleighinternational.org

Raleigh provides expeditions and volunteer projects abroad for people taking a gap year, career break, retirement or time out from education, employment or training.

Working Abroad
www.workingabroad.com/page/16/international.htm

5. Lottery & Comic Relief Project Grants

These are excellent sources for medium to large scale development projects by organizations who have strong participatory planning, organizational partnerships, accountability and M&E processes in place.

Comic Relief
International Grants Programmes

www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-an-international-grant

Our vision is 'A Just World Free From Poverty.' And our mission is 'Positive Change through the Power of Entertainment.' Comic Relief helps some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world to turn their lives around. We do this by giving all the money the public raise to charitable projects across the UK and some of the poorest countries in the world, especially Africa.

Comic Relief have focused their grant making onto six 'open' grants programmes, and three additional programmes under the Common Ground Initiative. Your application needs to show how your work fits one of the programme strategies and all our grant-making principles. Grants are for between three and five years, and you can apply for up to £1 million for project grants and up to £25,000 for research and development grants.

- Trade
- People Affected by HIV and AIDS
- People Affected by Conflict

- Street and Working Children and Young People
- People Living in Urban Slums
- Women and Girls
- Sport for Change
- Common Ground Initiative (see

BIG Lottery Fund
International Communities Programme

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_international_communities

The International Communities programme is the Big Lottery Fund's way of helping disadvantaged communities overseas. It has a budget of up to £80 million between 2010 and 2015, offering individual grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 for projects lasting from two to five years.

BIG fund effective projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of the most disadvantaged people in the world. These will result in:

- Improved primary education for the most disadvantaged girls and boys
- Improved health for the most disadvantaged people
- Improved access to and use of natural resources to benefit the most disadvantaged people
- Improved ability for the most disadvantaged people to exercise their human rights
- Improved livelihoods for the most disadvantaged people by enabling communities in need, both rural and urban, to reduce poverty in a sustainable way.

The International Communities programme is open to UK based non-governmental organisations working with overseas partners in Africa, Asia (including the Pacific and Central Asian countries), the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and parts of Eastern Europe.

Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All
www.awardsforall.org.uk/wales/index.html
This small grants programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need through supporting voluntary or community organisation, school, community or town council, or a health body. You can apply for between £500 and £5,000.

6. Charitable Trusts and Foundations

Trusts and Foundations can be an excellent source of funding for specific, innovative and / or personal project initiatives that fall beyond the narrow criteria and heavy accountability and management requirements of statutory grant funding schemes.

Association of Charitable Foundations
www.acf.org.uk
ACF (Association of Charitable Foundations) is the leading membership association for trusts and foundations in the UK with over 300 members ranging in size from small and local grant-makers to some of the world's largest foundations.

BOND Training
www.bond.org.uk/learning-and-training.php/a0E4000000QeoD4EAJ/fundraising-from-trusts-and-foundations
BOND offer excellent training and advice on sourcing charitable trust funds.

Waterloo Foundation *World Development Programme*
www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/WorldDevelopment.html

TWF aims to support organisations which help the economically disadvantaged build the basis of sustainable prosperity, by improving an individual's ability to access a high-quality **education**; supporting communities to have access to clean drinking **water, sanitation and hygiene**; and providing support for successful **enterprise** development are all key to achieving this objective.

- Small grants of £5-10,000 pa for community level project interventions suited to smaller charities
- Multi-Annual grants of £50-100k pa for strategic interventions by larger organisations

Waterloo Foundation *Environment Programme*
www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/environmentAboutTheProgramme.html
TWF is keen to support initiatives aimed at reducing man-made climate change and increasing the health of the marine environment, both in the UK and worldwide, with foci on **tropical forests** and **marine** projects.

Kitchen Table Charities Trust (KTCT)
http://www.kitchentablecharities.org/grant.htm

The Kitchen Table Charities Trust was created to help small charities, working mostly in Africa, which are using small amounts of money to transform peoples lives in the areas of:
- Primary education;
- Health, sanitation and clean drinking water;
- Child and mother care, including street children, orphanages and maternity services;

- Poverty alleviation, especially revenue generating projects.

KTCT grants rarely exceed £5,000 per project or organisation. No part of any grant should be spent in Britain on administration - including salaries and advertising campaigns. Projects we support must give direct help to the very poorest (usually children or widows) at the bottom of the ladder.

Baring Foundation – joint international development grants programme
www.baringfoundation.org.uk/

Registered charities, voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations in the UK that work with non-governmental organisations and community-based organisations in sub-Saharan Africa can apply. The maximum size of grant is £250,000 and it can be awarded for a duration of up to five years. Grants are available to help tackle the problem arising from long-term **migration and displacement** of people in sub-Saharan Africa. The UK applicant is expected to channel grant funding into organisations operating in the region. Annual application deadline March.

Allen and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust
www.fergusontrust.co.uk
Promote interests in education, international friendship and understanding, and the promotion of world peace and development. Small grants up to £50k; larger grants considered bi-annually.

The Equitable Charitable Trust
www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/

The aim of the Trust is the advancement of the **education** of young persons under 25 years, in particular for those who are mentally or physically disabled or disadvantaged in some way. One of three foci supports overseas projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

- Grants made by the trust can be allocated towards project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post.
- The length of funding can range from one to three years. The size of grants ranges from £2,500 to £30,000; most multi-year grants will be for sums between £5,000 and £7,500 p.a.

The Sigrid Rausing Trust
www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org

The foundation supports the international human rights movement, with four programmes:

- Civil and Political Rights,
- Women's Rights,
- Minority Rights
- Social and Environmental Justice.

Small Grants are grants of up to £15,000. They are awarded throughout the year and are intended for small organisations, who find it difficult to fundraise from international funding agencies.
Main Grants currently vary in size between £15,000 and £850,000. The trustees make decisions about main grants at their meetings three times a year, usually in February, June and October.

The Dulverton Trust
www.dulverton.org
Provides grants of between £10-30,000 to UK registered charities and organisations with charitable status for activity programmes including **Peace and Humanitarian** Support and **Africa**. They are particularly keen to support work in Wales and welcome telephone enquiries and applications from Welsh charities.

The Potter Foundation
www.potterfoundation.com/index.php
The Foundation seeks to achieve an impact through wide-ranging grants that promote reason, education, and human rights, in the hope of improving mutual understanding, reinforcing good governance, and encouraging the growth and maintenance of a robust civil society, particularly in less developed countries.

Nominet Trust
www.nominettrust.org.uk
Support UK-based and international **Internet**-related initiatives in the sectors of education, research and development, safety and social inclusion. Projects should meet the needs of the Trust's target groups, which are young people, older people, people with disabilities, people with illnesses, and generally those that are disadvantaged or vulnerable. Applications are taken online.

The Gibbs Trust
www.gibbstrust.org.uk
Provides grants between £500 and £10,000 towards wide range of activities including international.

The Maypole Fund
www.maypolefund.org/grant.html
Grants of up to £750 to resource imaginative, non-violent activities by individual women and women's groups for the furtherance of peace with justice and environmental safety. We welcome applications from women for projects and activities for:

• disarmament and action against the arms trade
• anti-militarism and action against male violence
• nuclear and environmental issues
• promoting women's social and political autonomy throughout the world
• international links between women for these purposes.

The Rufford Foundation
www.rufford.org
The Foundation concentrates its funding on nature conservation projects in developing countries undertaken by small to medium-sized organisations. Grants to projects focusing on either overseas development or social welfare issues in the UK will not normally exceed £5,000.

The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
www.sfct.org.uk/index.html
SFCT is the operating office of 18 grant-making trusts established by the Sainsbury family, these include:

The Gatsby Charitable Foundation
www.gatsby.org.uk/developing.html
Gatsby has been funding and implementing programmes in Africa since the 1980s with the overall objective of stimulating job creation and improving incomes for the poor. Programmes have focused mostly on two key areas: disseminating agricultural research to small-holder farmers, and providing assistance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Ashden Trust
www.ashdentrust.org.uk
The Ashden Trust is a grant-making charity established in 1989 and is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts. We primarily support programmes which have a focus on climate change, sustainable development or on improving the quality of life in poorer communities.

The True Colours Trust
www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/africa.aspx
TCT are committed to improving access to affordable palliative care in sub-Saharan Africa. The small grants programme, administered by the African Palliative Care Association, provides grants of between £1,000 - £2,500, to organisations offering palliative services across the continent.

The Headley Trust
www.sfct.org.uk/index.html
Development projects in sub-Saharan Anglophone Africa, and Ethiopia.

The Staples Trust
www.sfct.org.uk/index.html
Overseas development - projects which empower women, support the rights of indigenous people, improve shelter and housing, generate income in disadvantaged communities, and encourage sustainable agriculture

7. Grants for Projects: European and Commonwealth funds

Accessing European funding can be a tremendous resource, but organisations should be aware that the accountability and project management demands are extremely rigorous.

Commonwealth Funding is also quite complex, but there may be particular opportunities in 2012 following the celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, to mark the contribution of civil society and community links across the Commonwealth.

UK Local Government Alliance for International Development
www.lg-alliance.org/

Commonwealth Foundation
www.commonwealthfoundation.com/

Commonwealth Local Government Forum
www.gps.clgf.org.uk/index.cfm

European International Twinning Partnerships for Development
http://int.twinning.org/en/page/eu-support.html

7a. European Union Funding Channels

'Non-State Actors and Local Authorities'
European Union Financing Instrument for Development Cooperation

http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/development/general_development_framework/r12554_en.htm

Under this thematic programme, the Commission is supporting the right of initiative of non-state actors and local authorities by funding their initiatives in three main areas of intervention:

- actions in developing countries and regions,
- awareness raising and education in Europe on the subject of development,
- measures facilitating the coordination between civil society networks and local authorities.

7b. Commonwealth Funding Channels

Commonwealth Foundation Special Grants 2012
www.commonwealthfoundation.com/Howwedeliver/Grants/SpecialGrantsInitiative2012

To undertake strategic and innovative projects that will promote the Commonwealth theme for 2012, “Connecting Cultures”. Aims to create deeper understanding between different cultures within the Commonwealth. Applicants are invited to submit proposals exploring the connections between Diaspora groups across a number of different countries, for projects up to a total of £25,000. Deadline for applications is 9 March 2012

Commonwealth Local Government Good Practise Scheme, managed by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum
www.gps.clgf.org.uk/index.cfm

The Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) works to promote and strengthen effective democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth and to facilitate the exchange of good practice in local government structures and services. Up to £40,000 can be provided to support partnership activities.

Commonwealth Broadcasting Association Programme Development and Travel Bursary Funds

www.cba.org.uk/CBA-DFID/progdev/index.php

These funds are for established, UK-based network and regional media producers/journalists who want to spend up to three months in a Commonwealth developing country in order to research material for programmes , and then to produce programmes for mainstream UK transmission, that promote UK public understanding of the developing world and the need to tackle global poverty. Up to £10,000.

Commonwealth Foundation Grant Programmes
www.commonwealthfoundation.com/Howwedeliver/Grants

The Commonwealth Foundation is undergoing a comprehensive review of its Grants Programme, and will launch a refreshed and revitalised programme in July 2012.

Useful References

Wales Africa Community Links (formerly Gold Star Communities) – www.walesafrica.org

Sustainable Funding Cymru
www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/welcome

International Page:
www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/11353/11358/11416

Other WCVA Funding and Advice www.wcva.org.uk/grants/

Funding Schemes from the UK Department for International Development
www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes

UKOWLA Toolkit – Resourcing your Link:
www.ukowla.org.uk/Toolkit/resourcing%20the%20link%205b.pdf

Welsh Government
Wales for Africa Scheme
http://wales.gov.uk/topics/sustainabledevelopment/walesforafrica/?lang=en

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