

# Cardiff Third Sector Council

Your local county voluntary council



## 7. Finding and getting money

### 7.4.15 Funding for International Projects

#### Overview

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.

#### 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 or from Wales Africa Community Links [www.walesafrica.org](http://www.walesafrica.org)

#### 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 expectations of different funders, and your capacity to manage these. Applications to large 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 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 channeling the same time and effort into community fundraising!

### **Who Where What When?**

- 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?

### **Your 'Funding Mix'**

For your projects to be sustainable, you should avoid reliance on just one form of income. Your balance of funding sources might come from:

- Individuals and Community
- Business or Company Sponsorship
- Trading
- Statutory / Government Funds
- Big Lottery & Comic Relief
- Charitable Trusts & Foundations

### **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.

## Sustainable Funding Cymru Guides:

[www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/funding-sources/giving-and-public-fundraising](http://www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/funding-sources/giving-and-public-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.

### 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](http://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.

### Business and Corporate Giving

[www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/funding-sources/giving-and-public-fundraising/company-giving](http://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).

Beyond funding, companies may be an excellent source of skills & expertise, goods, or ‘gifts in kind’.

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 and / or equipment
- Dwr Cymru – for water projects
- CISCO – for IT projects

## Social Enterprise Schemes

### KIVA – Loans that change Lives

[www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)

Kiva's mission is to connect people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty. Kiva empowers individuals to lend to an entrepreneur across the globe. By combining microfinance with the internet, Kiva is creating a global community of people connected through lending. Kiva supports both individuals and field partners.

### UNLTD Millennium Awards

[www.unltd.org.uk](http://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.

## Trading

[www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/earning/trading](http://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.

## **Statutory Sources: Small / Community Linking Organisations**

### **WCVA 'Wales Africa Community Links' Small Grants Scheme**

Funded by Welsh Government, Managed by WCVA

[www.walesafrica.org](http://www.walesafrica.org)

Wales Africa Community Links grants aim to support Welsh communities to develop links with African communities, towards establishing sustainable, enduring partnerships that are making a difference to development and broadening horizons and understanding in Wales. Three grant levels are available for link projects at different stages of growth:

- Up to £750: **Community Involvement Grant** – towards running (or set-up) costs of twinning groups, such as admin, communication eg. websites / leaflets, community meetings, attending events, mobilisation activities eg. talks and town stalls.
- Up to £1500: **Partnership Building Grants** - towards subsidising costs of exchanges (and communications) to / from or with African partners; development of plans for joint project activities; formalisation of steering groups, structures and partnership agreements between twinned communities.
- Up to £3000: **Project Sustainability Grants** – towards stimulating active initiatives advancing community development for health, children, livelihoods, the environment or social harmony; engaging the wider communities in Wales and Africa with link development projects; embedding organisational sustainability; co-ordination with authorities. NB. Only link groups who are already registered with the Gold Star Communities programme may apply for Project Grants.

### **DfID Global Community Links (DGCL) Scheme**

Funded by UKaid from the Department for International Development (DFID) and delivered by British Council, iCoCo, the Inter Faith Network for the UK and VSO

[www.dfid.gov.uk/communitylinks](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/communitylinks)

Global Community Links aims to help links increase the involvement of UK community members in international development and understanding of global development issues. It provides learning opportunities, resources and funding to community groups that are in a Link with a community group in a developing country. Links must register with the programme before they apply for a grant and are expected to attend an Inspiration and Activation workshop before applying for a grant.

Two types of grant are available to fund UK based activities that will raise awareness of global development issues in the wider community:

- £1,000 to a maximum £2,000 to be spent over a four month period, intended to fund one-off activities that will help your community group share learning and knowledge about global development issues.
- £7,000 to a maximum of £10,000 to be spent over a nine month period, intended to fund a series of global learning activities.

## **DfID Development Innovation Fund (DIF)**

Managed within DfID

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/Development-Innovation-Fund-DIF/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/Development-Innovation-Fund-DIF/)

DIF is aimed at community based organisations involved in providing specific small scale, one-off support that directly targets poverty in the developing world and includes a significant development awareness component in the UK. The Fund will be operational for an initial 16 months from 2010. The Fund is intended to offer funding opportunities to not for profit organisations but is not intended to replace or overlap with other DFID funding mechanisms.

## **Statutory Sources: Single-Sector Link Projects**

### **Health Activities**

#### **DfID / DoH International Health Links Funding Scheme (IHLFS)**

Managed by THET, British Council and the International Health Links Centre

Applications: [www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-healthlinks.htm)

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:

- Small grants of up to £3,000 will be awarded to broker the development of new and young links with organisations.
- Medium grants of up to £15,000 a year for up to two years to support needs assessments or fund modest development programmes.
- Large grants of up to £180,000 over three years to support activities including basic service development, pre- and post-qualification training, curriculum development, and health management development.

The medium and large grants will focus on Links between UK institutions and partners in 14 PSA countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. Small grants will be available to Links in these 14 countries plus the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Vietnam and Yemen.

## **NHS Wales for Africa Health Links Scheme**

Managed by NHS Wales

[www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=834](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=834)

This small fund of £50,000pa (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. Dispersed annually in autumn.

## **Environment Activities**

### **Welsh Government / WCVA 'Environment Wales' Schemes**

Managed by WCVA in partnership with 8 environment organisations

[www.environment-wales.org/grants/130](http://www.environment-wales.org/grants/130)

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

Two of these streams are available pre-registration i.e. for projects which may not yet be well-enough established to complete the registration process. These are:

- **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.

## **Education Activities**

### **Connecting Classrooms**

Managed by the British Council

[www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm)

Global programme creating partnerships between clusters of schools in the UK and others around the world, 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. Application deadlines throughout the year, typically in February, May and October.

### **School and Area Linking Visits**

Managed by British Council

[www.britishcouncil.org/wales-school-linking-visits-3.htm](http://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. Deadline - 1st May and 1st October 2010.

### **DfID Global School Partnerships (DGSP) Scheme**

Managed by British Council, UKOWLA, Cambridge Education Foundation and VSO.

[www.dfid.gov.uk/globalschools](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/globalschools)

Global School Partnerships are a powerful, enjoyable and exciting way of bringing global issues into the lives of young people, their teachers, families and local communities. The programme 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.

### Starter grant

- Starter grants aim to encourage new school partnerships that promote global learning through the curriculum. One thousand grants of £250 each will be distributed over 2010-12.

[www.camb-ed.com/home/Aboutus/NotforprofitFoundation/DGSPStarterGrant/tabid/1354/Default.aspx](http://www.camb-ed.com/home/Aboutus/NotforprofitFoundation/DGSPStarterGrant/tabid/1354/Default.aspx)

### Reciprocal visit grant

- Reciprocal Visit grants are for partnerships that are laying the foundations for long-term collaborative work that will embed a global dimension in the schools' curricula.
- School-to-school partnerships can apply for up to £2,100. If two schools in each country are working together (four schools in total) the maximum you can apply for is £4,200. If three or more schools in each country are working together (six schools or more in total) the maximum you can apply for is £6,300. Annual deadline May for trips in the following academic year.

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Getting-Involved/For-schools/global-school-partnerships/start-to-build-your-partnership/Apply-for-a-Reciprocal-Visit-Grant/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Getting-Involved/For-schools/global-school-partnerships/start-to-build-your-partnership/Apply-for-a-Reciprocal-Visit-Grant/)

### Global Curriculum Project grant

- Global Curriculum Project grants enable well established partnerships to further develop joint curricular activities with a global dimension theme. The funding helps cover travel costs of at least two teachers from each school to visit the partner school as well as project costs such as materials, training and supply cover.
- School-to-school partnerships can apply for up to £6,200. If two schools in each country are working together (four schools in total) the maximum you can apply for is £12,400. If three or more schools in each country are working together (six schools or more in total) the maximum you can apply for is £18,600.
- In years 2 and 3 of the grant up to £3,400 may be available for students of secondary-age to participate in visits.

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

### Local Authority grant

- Local Authority grants are 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](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-local-authorities/GSP-Local-Authority-Grants)

## **DfID Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DeIPHE) Scheme**

Managed by British Council and Association of Commonwealth Universities

[www.britishcouncil.org/delphe.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/delphe.htm)

DeIPHE supports partnerships between Higher Education institutions in the UK and overseas, finding new ways to fight global poverty. Universities, colleges, research institutes and medical institutions are eligible to apply.

From February 2010 until 2012, funds are available for **DeIPHE Iraq** projects only, with £235,000 available over three funding rounds.

[www.britishcouncil.org/delphe-iraq.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/delphe-iraq.htm)

## **Education Partnerships in Africa (EPA)**

Managed by British Council

[www.britishcouncil.org/learning-epa-about.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-epa-about.htm)

EPA facilitates partnerships between English FE and HE institutions and sub-Saharan African universities and education and training institutions which build institutional capacity with the aim of delivering employability skills in collaboration with local employers and social enterprises. **EPA is now closed to further applications from 2009.**

## **Prime Ministers Initiative: PMI2 Connect**

[www.britishcouncil.org/learning-pmi2-connect.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-pmi2-connect.htm)

PMI2 Connect will continue to offer pump-prime funding opportunities to build partnerships between institutions in the UK and in selected countries worldwide. All funded partnerships will be mutual and complementary, and be sustainable beyond PMI2 funding.

## **Local Authority Activities**

### **DfID Local Authority Funds**

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-local-authorities/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-local-authorities/)

### **Commonwealth Local Government Good Practice Scheme**

Managed by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum

[www.clgf.org.uk/](http://www.clgf.org.uk/)

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.

## **Local Government Alliance for International Development**

[www.lg-alliance.org/](http://www.lg-alliance.org/)

Useful information on funding opportunities for local authorities involved in North South twinning arrangements.

## **European International Twinning Partnerships for Development**

<http://int.twinning.org/en/page/eu-support.html>

## **Statutory Sources:**

### **Medium to Large Organisations / Networks**

**NOTE:** *Most large scale, government funds for international development interventions are channelled NOT from the UK, but through ‘in-country’ offices (eg most DfID funding for activities in Uganda, will be accessed through DfID’s Uganda HQ 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’.*

## **Welsh Government ‘Wales for Africa’ Scheme**

[www.walesforafrica.org](http://www.walesforafrica.org)

The Welsh Government’s Wales for Africa programme supports a number of national networks and initiatives supporting civil society action towards the Millennium Development Goals, including Wales Africa Community Links, Fairtrade Wales, International Learning Opportunities, SMIDOS and many others.

Although primarily focused on strategic (national) activities, Welsh Government grants occasionally fund innovative development work by small organisations in areas of:

- help facilitate international disaster preparedness in Wales and enable appropriate volunteering at times of disaster and emergencies;
- support diaspora communities (i.e. people dispersed from their traditional homeland) to contribute to development and/or respond to disasters in their homeland – working with Wales for Africa initiatives and any relevant organisations;
- encourage national networks of professionals in Wales (e.g. Chartered Institutes or similar bodies) and other Wales-wide societies/ organisations to contribute to development in sub-Saharan Africa;
- support Wales-wide or large scale activities on Fair Trade (this is in addition to funding for the National Co-ordinator of the Wales Fair Trade Forum described above);
- support a distinctively Welsh innovative activity/project with a sizeable impact on development in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in relation to climate change.

## **DfID / Comic Relief Common Ground Initiative**

Managed by Comic Relief

[www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/international/common\\_ground\\_initiative](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/international/common_ground_initiative)

The initiative aims to increase access to grants for 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. This fund also aims to strengthen the capacity of small and Diaspora organisations in the UK. Applicants can apply to the health, education or enterprise & employment programmes that have been developed specifically for this initiative, or to one of Comic Relief's six existing grants programmes (see later section).

- Grants are available to UK registered charities (enterprise and employment projects have broader eligibility), with an annual turn-over of less than £1m for the previous two financial years
- Diaspora organisations may be of any size, and where the majority of the trustees define themselves as being of African heritage; who live in the UK but retain emotional, financial and cultural links with their country and/ or the African continent
- The scope of this funding is for work in any African country or group of African countries.

There are three types of funding available for applicants under this initiative:

- a) 'Research, consultation and planning' grants of up to £25,000 for action research, baseline studies, needs analysis, piloting work, disseminating learning and related work.
- b) 'Project' grants. These may be up to £1 million over 5 years. However, the mean grant for most small organisations is under £200,000 over three years.
- c) 'Organisational development' grants of up to £40,000 for up to three years.

## **DfID Civil Society Challenge Fund**

Managed through Triple Line Consulting

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/CSCF/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/CSCF/)

The CSCF supports activities that:

- improve the capacity of Southern civil society to engage in the local decision-making processes
- improve the capacity of Southern civil society to engage in national decision making processes
- improve national linkages through global advocacy
- provide innovative service delivery
- provide service delivery in difficult environments

The CSCF can provide up to £500,000 for a maximum of 5 years. Projects where the UK organisation has secured a degree of funding from other sources or is making a contribution of its own are welcomed, however up to 100% will be considered where no other funding is available. Annual funding rounds with concept note deadline in April / May.

### **DfID Development Awareness Fund (DAF) and Mini-Grants Scheme**

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF/)

The Development Awareness Fund is being redesigned for relaunch in late 2010. It will continue to be for not-for-profit organizations that are seeking funding to raise public awareness and understanding of global poverty. It will not be for work with the formal education system, which will be provided under new education programmes developed for each nation.

### **DfID Media Fund: Commonwealth Broadcasting Association Programme Development and Travel Bursary Funds**

[www.cba.org.uk/CBA-DFID/progdev/index.php](http://www.cba.org.uk/CBA-DFID/progdev/index.php)

These fund is 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.

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

[www.europa.eu/legislation\\_summaries/development/general\\_development\\_framework/r12554\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu/legislation_summaries/development/general_development_framework/r12554_en.htm)

Under this thematic programme from 2007-10, 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.

Further information about future funding programmes will follow Treaty of Lisbon reorganisation.

### **European International Twinning Partnerships for Development**

<http://int.twinning.org/en/page/eu-support.html>

## **Volunteering and Personal Development**

### **Welsh Government International Learning Opportunities (ILO)**

New programme launched in April 2010, and managed by Adopt a Business and PSMW (Public Service Management Wales)

<http://wales.gov.uk/psmwsubsite/psmw/personaldev/ilo/;jsessionid=LILbLsZbgYZh04nW6sL2GpJ62yGTvxv172GrC41yQm5kSfRnNLyy!-1614394458?lang=en>

The International Learning Opportunities (ILO) scheme enables managers and leaders from across the Welsh public service 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.

### **GwirVol International Youth Volunteering**

Managed by WCVA

[www.gwirvol.org/](http://www.gwirvol.org/)

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 scheme will support up to 80% of total project costs. Annual closing date circa June.

### **DfID Diaspora Volunteering Alliance Programme**

Managed by VSO

[www.vso.org.uk/volunteer/diaspora-volunteering/](http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteer/diaspora-volunteering/)

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 Global Volunteering Scheme**

Managed by Christian Aid and BUNAC

[www.myplatform2.com](http://www.myplatform2.com)

Platform2 is a global volunteering scheme for 18-25 year olds to get involved with global issues of justice and poverty.

## **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](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-international-students-wishing-to-study-in-the-UK)

## **Comic Relief and BIG, the National Lottery**

### **Comic Relief International Grants Programmes**

[www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/international](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/international)

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

Comic Relief International Grants Strategy:

[www.comicrelief.com/sites/comicrelief.com/assets/img/grants/pdf/international\\_full\\_grants\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.comicrelief.com/sites/comicrelief.com/assets/img/grants/pdf/international_full_grants_strategy.pdf)

## **BIG Lottery**

### **Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All**

[www.awardsforall.org.uk/wales/index.html](http://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.

## Arts Council of Wales

[www.lotteryfunding.org.uk/uk/arts-council-wales](http://www.lotteryfunding.org.uk/uk/arts-council-wales)

The Arts Council disperse lottery funding to organisations and individuals in Wales – including for community arts projects involving African links - for:

- production or programme support
- participation
- arts and young people
- sustainability
- training and professional development

## Charitable Trusts and Foundations

### Association of Charitable Foundations

[www.acf.org.uk](http://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.

### Waterloo Foundation *World Development Programme*

[www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/WorldDevelopment.html](http://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.

- Up to maximum £100,000 pa

### Waterloo Foundation *Environment Programme*

[www.waterloofoundation.org.uk/environmentAboutTheProgramme.html](http://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 **forests** and **marine** projects.

### Kitchen Table Charities Trust (KTCT)

[www.kitchentablecharities.org/grant.htm](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](http://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.

### **The Equitable Charitable Trust**

[www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sfct.org.uk/index.html)

Development projects in sub-Saharan Anglophone Africa, and Ethiopia.

## **The Staples Trust**

[www.sfct.org.uk/index.html](http://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

## **Further information**

**Wales Africa Community Links** (formerly Gold Star Communities) –

[www.walesafrica.org](http://www.walesafrica.org)

**Other WCVA Funding and Advice** [www.wcva.org.uk/grants/](http://www.wcva.org.uk/grants/)

- Environment Wales
- GwirVol - Youth Volunteering
- Millennium Volunteers
- Communities First Trust Fund

## **Sustainable Funding Cymru**

[www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/welcome](http://www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/welcome)

International Page:

[www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/11353/11358/11416](http://www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk/fundingportal/11353/11358/11416)

## **Funding Schemes from the UK Department for International Development**

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/)

## **UKOWLA Toolkit – Resourcing your Link:**

[www.ukowla.org.uk/Toolkit/resourcing%20the%20link%205b.pdf](http://www.ukowla.org.uk/Toolkit/resourcing%20the%20link%205b.pdf)

## **SMIDOS – the Network of Small Medium International Development Organisations**

[www.smidos.org](http://www.smidos.org)

## **Welsh Government**

Wales for Africa Scheme – [www.walesforafrica.org](http://www.walesforafrica.org)

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