

ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



The National Energy Efficiency Transition Support and Heat Pump Training Fund



The National Energy Efficiency Transition Support and Heat Pump Training Fund, supported by ESP has been put in place by the Scottish Government to support those in the energy, engineering and construction sectors whose careers have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fully funded courses, offered by nine Scottish Colleges, are aimed at upskilling and enhancing the qualifications of individuals aged 25 or older who are redundant or at risk of being made redundant. Please note North East Scotland College is the nearest to Orkney offering the courses.

Find out more [here](#).

Claim Your Free Staff Training



the **skills** network

Over 35 government funded courses are available at the Skills Network and at no extra cost to you or your organisation. Worth up to £450, the courses cover a range of different subject areas. They are the perfect way to upskill your staff and will provide them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel and progress in their roles.

Find out more [here](#). Register your interest [here](#).

Learning, development and connection for the children's sector



Children in Scotland are a national charity working to improve children's lives. One of their key priorities is to strengthen the children's sector workforce across Scotland.

Their programme of events is constantly evolving encouraging those involved to learn, connect with others and share their own experiences. The upcoming schedule includes sessions on child protection training as well as the following:

- **Girls and autism: a hidden minority?**

10:30am – 12:00pm on Friday 27th August 2021: A webinar, led by Three Sisters Consultancy, will explore current research on autism in girls, what autism in girls looks like and how we can best support the children, young people and families affected.

- **Children’s Views Service - Supporting children with additional support needs**
10:30am-12.00pm on Tuesday 3rd August 2021: Explore how Children in Scotland’s Children’s Views service can assist you to incorporate the voices of young people with additional support needs into the decisions that affect them. Children’s Views, as part of the My Rights, My Say service, provides expert, practical, and free advice and resources to those supporting young people aged 12-15 with additional support needs.
- **Leadership & management: attunement in leading, developing and mediating**
10:30am – 12:00pm on Wednesday 4th August 2021: This training is designed for those who are responsible in some way for leading and managing others, and who would like to build on their effective communication and leadership style and skills.
- **Professional Diploma in Therapeutic Life Story Work: with Richard Rose**
From September 2021: This comprehensive 12-day course is designed to equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience to undertake therapeutic life story work with children and young people.

Find out more [here](#).

Exercise in a Box



The SBRC (Scottish Business Resilience Centre) is currently working with Scottish Government to deliver the 'Exercise in a Box' programme of work in Scotland. A free online tool which helps organisations find out how resilient they are to cyber-attacks and practice their response in a safe environment.

More information and details of planned sessions to date can be found [here](#) on the SBRC website.

Policy Hub Scotland: “Dementia – the One Stop Guide” Online learning course



This on-demand learning course is presented by Professor June Andrews, one of the UK’s leading clinicians on Dementia care. Her video classes provide you with a greater understanding of dementia, as well as offering ideas and thoughts on how to treat and care for someone diagnosed with the condition.

June guides course learners through 5 video classes as well as a range of activities and case studies which bring the issues alive. In total, the course provides over 4 hours Continuous Professional Development and a personalised certificate of completion.

In addition, course learners can speak with June directly via a series of scheduled webchats, enabling them to discuss any issues, queries or questions they may have as they progress through the course.

Find out more [here](#).

More information on Policy Hub Scotland learning courses can be found [here](#).

Policy Hub Scotland: "Adults with Incapacity" Online learning course

Former Public Guardian for Scotland, Sandra McDonald, presents her online learning course on all things Adults with Incapacity – taking you from policy to practice; offering you the legal concepts without the legal jargon.



This online learning course provides over 9 hours of CPD, including 22 on-demand video classes and related activities, case studies and responses. You can click and play as many of Sandra's video classes as you like, whenever you like, in whichever order you like. Providing you with a comprehensive understanding of AWI legislation and the confidence of how to use it effectively in practice.

Find out more [here](#).

More information on Policy Hub Scotland learning courses can be found [here](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Third Sector Emergency Covid-19 Funding

VAO is delighted that Orkney Islands Council approved the request to establish a fund totalling £300,000 to provide emergency support to the third sector organisations that are facing financial pressures and increases in demand as a result of the pandemic.



It was agreed that VAO should administer the fund and that organisations will be able to apply for up to £30,000 with an option to re-apply later in the current financial year depending on their circumstances at the time and the remaining funds available. It is recognised that organisations other than those mentioned in the proposal paper may be facing similar problems.

Once application arrangements have been agreed with OIC more information will be available

Nature Restoration Fund



The Nature Restoration Fund is a new £1 million programme funded by The Scottish Government. It supports a mix of urban and rural-focused projects, such as improving greenspace for outdoor learning, green active travel routes, planting of wildlife corridors and natural flood management.

The closing date for application is midnight on 27 July 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

COVID-19 Response Fund



Charities (UK), not-for-profit and public sector organisations can apply for funding to help save nationally important heritage assets at risk of loss due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. This funding is available until the end of April 2023.

Find out more [here](#).

Hyam Wingate Foundation (UK)



The Foundation supports projects, institutions and activities in the following areas: Medical Research Travel grants; Jewish Life and Learning; Performing Arts; and Music. Applications are invited from smaller charitable organisations only; the Trustees will not consider approaches from large charities who are well represented on the High Street or their local branch offices.

The next deadline to apply is the 17th September 2021

Find out more [here](#).

#COP26 Conversations Fund



The purpose of the fund is to help cultural and historic environment organisations to support activity around COP26 to take place in communities across Scotland. Museums, libraries, and historic environment organisations are encouraged to apply whether they are new to engaging with climate conversations or have an established climate programme.

The fund will offers small grants up to £1,000 to museums, libraries and historic environment organisations to host small scale, community focused events and activities that will take place between early September and 15 November. (Please note our awards are announced on 6 September and we cannot support activity delivered prior to that date.)

Activity could be in person or by digital means and might include:

- a one-off event or workshop to explore the impact of climate change in your local area
- a trail or walking tour to explore climate impact
- storytelling or other artistic presentations or experiences reflecting on climate change
- a specialist piece of interpretation around an object, book, site, building or landscape
- a call to action to inspire individuals to take action to reduce climate impact in their own lives

Museums, libraries and historic environment organisations that are formally constituted and not-for-profit and which have an organisational bank account can apply.

The fund closes for applications at 5pm on the 30th July.

Find out more [here](#).

D' Oyly Carte Charitable Trust



Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte (1908-1985) established The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust in 1972 to support her personal interests which included her enjoyment of theatre, music and gardening, and, in particular, helping disadvantaged and disabled children. Today, the Trust continues her legacy through its three grant programmes:

- Arts
- Environment
- Medical Welfare

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds United Kingdom Registered Charities operating in the UK in the fields of the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement – please read specific areas of interest and priorities for support in our [Downloadable Guidelines](#). The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects.

The deadline for applications the 17th November 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Volunteering Support Fund



The Scottish Government's Volunteering Support Fund is now open for applications. The £3.3 million Fund will be delivered on its behalf by Impact Funding Partners over the next 3 years. Organisations can apply for up to £30,000 to March 2024.

The fund is geared towards organisations in Scotland with an annual income of under £250,000. It will enable Scotland's small to medium sized third sector organisations to recruit additional volunteers who will contribute towards delivering a new volunteering project, or extending/expanding an existing one, and improve how volunteers are supported in their role.

The fund will support organisations to deliver on four key outcomes:

- Increase diversity in the third sector's volunteer pool, to particularly include people who experience disadvantage or would traditionally experience barriers to volunteering
- Improve governance, leadership and financial knowledge of organisations through the recruitment of skilled volunteers to enhance the third sector's capacity
- Improve organisational capacity to provide opportunities for skills and personal development through volunteering
- Enhance services delivered by organisations to better meet the needs of the communities they serve

The fund closes for applications at 5pm on Friday 27th August.

Find out more [here](#).

ShiftThePower Scotland Comic Relief Fund



#ShiftThePower supports organisations with passionate people to make meaningful change in their communities. The fund is now open to grassroots organisations and charities with an income of £400,000 or less whose work fits one of two strategic themes:

- Gender Justice – contributing to gender equality by reducing violence and discrimination based on gender and sexuality alongside increased opportunity, empowerment, and understanding for women, girls, and LGBTQI+ community.
- A Safe Place to Be – supporting people who have experienced homelessness or have been forced from their homes in order to live safely. This includes enabling people who have faced or are facing homelessness to resolve their situation and get support as well as supporting those who have been forced from their homes to build a new life, free from conflict, persecution, or trafficking. Groups to be supported are those affected by homelessness, including refugees and asylum seekers.

Find out more [here](#).

Sport Facilities Fund (SFF)

sportscotland
the national agency for sport

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Funding for the Provision or Upgrading of Sports Facilities (Scotland) Schools, and other organisations such as local authorities, area sports associations, sports trusts and charities; etc can apply for funding of up to £100,000 (to a maximum of 50% of the project costs) to improve their sports facilities. In areas of high deprivation, the maximum grant can be up to 75% of project costs. Grants are available to help with the provision or upgrading of sports facilities that are for the public good and which benefit the community.

The next deadline for applications is the 1st September 2021.

Find out [more](#).

The Schroder Charity Trust

The Schroder Charity Trust makes grants of up to £5,000 towards core and project costs to charities only, registered in the UK for work under the following categories:

- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Education, Training and Employment
- Environment and Conservation
- Health and Wellbeing
- Strengthening Communities

The Trustees are particularly interested in applications which can demonstrate the following:

- Building strong communities and an understanding of how to engage with intended beneficiaries
- Replicable and sustainable work, rather than one off events
- Value for money
- Maximising the use of volunteers
- Support of older people
- Support for marginalised/vulnerable younger people
- The use of helplines and information support services
- Sustainability of funding i.e. the charity will not be solely reliant on a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust for their work.

Find out more [here](#).

Glaxosmithkline Impact Awards

The GSK IMPACT Awards provide funding and training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. They are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work so you don't have to present a new project.

The deadline for applications is 5.00pm on the 20th September 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Financial & Digital Empowerment Fund



The Santander Foundation has announced the launch of a new £1.8million fund to support UK charities and CICs working to build people's digital and financial skills.

The Financial & Digital Empowerment Fund will award grants of up to £150,000 over a three-year period to twelve projects which help to equip disadvantaged people with the tools, knowledge and confidence to make better, informed decisions about money, and to help them achieve new opportunities for employment and education.

The closing date for applications is 13th August 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Volant Trust - Covid-19 Response Fund (UK / International)



The Volant Trust has announced that its Covid-19 Response Fund has opened for applications. The Trust is accepting applications from registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations or social enterprises in the UK and internationally that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding is available to support running and core costs as well as for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered. There are no funding levels indicated at the award of grants will be at the discretion of the Trustees.

The closing date for applications is the 31st July 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

The Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland)



The Weir Charitable Trust supports services and projects run by Scottish-based community groups and small charities who are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding. Grants of up to £25,000 are awarded for projects that relate to Sport; Health; Culture; Animal Welfare; or Recreational Facilities.

The next deadline to apply is 5pm on the 27th August 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK)

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year are available to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work. The funding is being made available through the Anchor Foundation.



The next deadline for applications is the 31st July 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

The Cruach Trust (UK)

The Cruach Trust, which is a small charity, which provides financial support for gardeners, retired gardeners and for preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom. The funding is available to registered or recognised charities, societies, trusts or other bodies. There is a preference for small local and national charities. Previous projects supported have included grants for gardens, wildlife and the natural environment; grants for music, the arts and cultural charities; and grants for organisations working with children, the elderly and vulnerable.

The next deadline for applications is the 10th September 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Shared Transport for Communities - Scottish Micro-grants 2021



Micro-grants of up to £2,500 are available to Scottish third sector organisations, social enterprises, and established community groups setting-up a new shared transport scheme. This can include bike share, car share or ride share. The funding is being made available by CoMoUK and supports organisations wishing to set up the sharing of assets that have already been purchased. The funding can be used for activities that facilitate the sharing of bikes, cars or rides such as subscriptions to smart phone sharing apps, online booking platform and trackers, etc. CoMoUK will

Find out more [here](#).

The Ecosurety Exploration Fund



The Ecosurety Exploration Fund supports projects that aim to reduce the environmental impact of packaging, batteries or EEE through innovation or research. The second round of this fund opened and looks for ideas that reduce the environmental impact across any part of the life cycle - from design, production, use or collection through to reduction, reuse or recycling.

The deadline for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 24 August 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Connecting Scotland



The Connecting Scotland Programme aims to get 60,000 digitally excluded households online by the end of 2021.

Organisations can apply for support on behalf of the people they work with. This includes:

- Digital devices – iPads and/or Chromebooks
- Internet connectivity – a mobile WiFi hotspot with 24 months unlimited data
- Training and support – for staff and volunteers to become ‘digital champions’ to support people to use the internet confidently and safely

Previous application rounds have targeted those at high clinical risk from coronavirus, families with children, young care leavers, older people, disabled people and residents in care homes.

Applications are now open for organisations for two strands of activity:

- [Fast track](#) – for organisations who have identified up to ten people they are currently working with at risk of social isolation and loneliness. There is a particular focus on older people, disabled people and single parents.
- [Social housing fast track](#) – for housing associations and other social housing providers to rapidly distribute up to 100 devices to tenants at risk of social isolation and loneliness

Find out more [here](#).

The Theatres Trust

Theatres Trust's Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, funds small projects that make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility.



This new scheme will provide grants of up to £5,000 for essential works to enable not-for-profit theatres across the UK to be viable and thrive in the future.

Eligible projects include small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works which make theatre buildings digital-ready. Applications are also welcome for projects that help theatres reopen as Covid-secure.

This scheme will prioritise improvements to buildings that protect theatre use and remove barriers to participation and attendance.

Find out more [here](#).

The Henry Smith Charity

Holiday Grants for disadvantaged and disabled children, schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £2,500 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 13 or under). The grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days. Applications must be made at least six weeks before the trip or holiday is due to take place.



Applications will be accepted until the 13th August 2021, for day trips taking place between 1st July and 30th September 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Woodward Charitable Trust

Woodward Charitable Trust fund projects that help families and young people and that are aiming to improve the life chances of the beneficiaries. They prefer projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Organisations that promote volunteering and involve both past and present users in their delivery are encouraged

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon Friday 30th July 2021

Find out more [here](#).

Foundation Scotland



[Mary Janet King Fund](#) supports piano scholarships at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow but also welcomes applications from community groups working with young people in arts and music. They are particularly interested in projects which are helping young people to take up music. Priority will be given to grassroots organisations.

Find out more [here](#).

The [Volant Charitable Trust's](#) Grants programme has re-opened for applications. The fund aims to support Scottish charities and projects that help alleviate social deprivation. Specific themes the fund will consider for support include: Women, Children and young people, Poverty and deprivation.

Find out more [here](#).

The Rees Jeffries Road Fund Grants



Grants and bursaries of between £5,000 - £25,000 are available for research, education and community projects with the aim of promoting and securing better and safer roads in terms of design, engineering and aesthetics including enhancements of the experience of road users.

Funded activity includes courses leading to qualifications related to traffic engineering and transport planning, research projects and programmes or schemes to improve the highway network and the roadside environment, for example roadside parks and open spaces.

Find out more [here](#).

The Newby Trust

Newby Trust

The Newby Trust funds local, regional or national charities registered and operating in the UK within the broad categories of education, health and social welfare. It is more likely to fund smaller or medium-sized charities with an annual income of less than £1,000,000. In general, only charities that are invited to apply will be considered for a grant.

Please send an email to info@newby-trust.org.uk if you would like to bring the work of your charity to the attention of the Trust. Due to the number of enquiries received and limited staff time, they regret they are only able respond to introductory emails if they wish to take the enquiry to the next stage.

Education:

The current aims of the Trust's education programme are to enable people to benefit from educational opportunities and to support excellence. Within the over-arching aim, they wish to:

- enhance educational opportunities for children and young people through the funding of extra-curricular activities
- support the personal development of children who need extra help to enable them to benefit from education

- nurture ability and talent at all ages

Social Welfare:

The aim of the social welfare category is to improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged communities. Their broad objectives in this category are to:

- provide small grants for short-term emergency relief
- improve social support for disadvantaged groups
- support cultural and physical activities to improve wellbeing

Find out more [here](#).

The Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust

Founded by SSE (formerly Scottish Hydro Electric), the Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust awards grants to offset high connection costs in deserving individual domestic cases and for community projects. For community projects a grant of routinely between 50% and 75% may be awarded and the benefit to the community will influence the grant.

The deadline is Friday 3 September 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

The Hedley Foundation



The Hedley Foundation are inviting applications from small-to-mid-size registered charities helping to improve the quality of life of people in the UK, particularly those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. The Foundation typically makes around 250 awards of up to £5,000 each year for initiatives which benefit the lives of young people, disabled people, elderly people, the terminally ill and otherwise disadvantaged people and their carers.

Find out more [here](#).

Children's Aid



Children's Aid donates money to registered children's charities and deserving causes. The conditions for obtaining a donation can be found in the application section of their website. They do not fund wages, running or training costs and prefer applications for specific items.

Find out more [here](#).

Funding for Projects that Use the Arts and Media to Address the Concerns of Children (UK)



Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation's grants programmes. Funding of up to £50,000 is available through the large grants programme for projects lasting up to three years. Preference will be given to those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. The Foundation is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Applications to the large grants programme are accepted on a rolling basis.

Find out more [here](#).

Allander Youth Activities Trust

The Trust promotes the education and training of young people across voluntary youth organisations at a local level. Activities funded include: climbing, mountain biking, quad biking, skiing, sailing, kayaking and trips to various places of interest

Find out more [here](#).

The Cadogan Charity

The Trust gives grants to recognised national charities, with particular reference to charities based in London and Scotland. They give under the categories of animal welfare, education, conservation and environment, military, medical research and social welfare.

Fund award sizes:

- Average: £30,473 Annually awarded: £2,285,500
- Notes on award amounts: Annual total and average from 2019 accounts. Grants varied from £1000 to £500,000.

Who can apply:

- Registered charities in London or Scotland.

How to apply:

- Submit a request saying how the funds could be used, what would be achieved, and how this would add to public benefit.

For more information contact: paul.loutit@cadogan.co.uk or call 0207 730 4567

The Tudor Trust



The Tudor Trust is an independent charitable trust which supports work which tries to meet the many different needs of people at the margins of our society. They have updated their funding guidelines - no major changes but more clarity and the online application process is now open.

Find out more [here](#).

Tesco Community Grants



Tesco Community Grants will award funding to charities and community organisations for local projects that focus on supporting children and families. Projects that tackle food poverty are also invited to apply.

Funding pots of £500, up to £1000 and up to £1500 will be available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form.

Greenspace Scotland's team of friendly Community Enablers can support you to apply or answer any questions.

Find out more [here](#).

BBC Children in Need



Their Emergency Essentials Programme (delivered by Family Fund Business Services) supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances.

The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing.

All applications must be made by a registered referrer.

Find out more [here](#).

Boost Drinks Ltd



One-off grants are available to community groups in the United Kingdom to support them in delivering projects or activities that will facilitate change and benefit local people.

The grants will be managed by Groundwork, a specialist charity working locally and nationally to transform lives in the UK's most disadvantaged communities and will help groups make a difference in their local areas.

Applications will be shortlisted three times throughout the year in May, July and September. Following each shortlist taking place organisations will be notified and the public will cast their votes for the one that they would like to receive a grant.

The deadline for applications is 2nd August 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust

Gordon Fraser
Charitable Trust



The Trustees have complete discretion as to the type of charitable work supported, however the Trust has focused on supporting projects relating to young people, people with disabilities, the environment and the arts.

Find out more [here](#).

The Adamson Trust

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Grants are available for voluntary and community organisations and charities to help with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children (aged 3 to 17 years) with physical, mental, or emotional impairments.

Find out more [here](#).

The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation

The Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation's Covid-19 Emergency Fund has reopened to help organisations and community groups to continue to help those in need as a result of the Covid restrictions. Up to £500 is available.



Find out more [here](#).

Victims' Fund

The Victims' Fund, which is administered by Victim Support Scotland, is open to people affected by crime across Scotland, who are in urgent need of financial help as a result of what they have experienced. This may be especially relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to £3k is available.


Victim Support Scotland

Find our more [here](#).

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a family-founded, charitable grant-making foundation, which supports a wide range of causes across the UK.



The Trustees have a preference for charities directly delivering services and activities to those in need and are especially keen to see applications from charities in the Welfare, Youth and Community sectors and also in regions of economic disadvantage.

They have 2 funds:

- Regular Grants – Under £100,000
- Major Grants – Over £100,000

There is no deadline for either fund. Only Charities can apply.

Find out more [here](#).

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust: Force For Change



This year the fund will support ideas that need small amounts of funding to deliver nimble and focused local projects to Armed Forces communities; or make small grants to support services, projects and activities that are used by Armed Forces communities but are struggling as a result of the impact of the Covid pandemic. Up to £10k is available.

The deadline for second round applications is 2nd August 2021.

Find out more [here](#).

The Robertson Trust



The Robertson Trust offer both revenue and capital funding for registered charities and constituted community groups that help people and communities in Scotland who are living with poverty and trauma.

For more details of the kind of work they fund, take a look at [Who and what we fund](#). Here is an overview of the current funds available:

[Community Vehicle Grants](#)

- For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million
- Capital funding of £1,000 to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work towards the purchase of a new or used vehicle, or the upgrade of an existing one

[Community Building Grants](#)

- For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million
- Capital funding of £2,000 to £75,000 towards a community hub* where your work is based towards new buildings, or the upgrade and refurbishment of existing buildings

Wee Grants

For constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000
Funding of up to £2,000 for one year only

Small Grants

For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000
Revenue funding of between £2,000 and £15,000 for up to five years

Large Grants

For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million
Revenue funding of between £15,000 and £50,000 for up to five years

Further information can be found [here](#).

National Lottery Community Fund



The National Lottery Community Fund distributes over £600m a year to communities across the UK, raised by players of The National Lottery.

They are open to all applications which meet their criteria, including supporting people and communities most adversely impacted by the pandemic.

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland:

A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000.

Community Led:

Funding to support community-led activity and wellbeing.

Improving Lives:

Grants from £10,001 to £200,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.

Young Start:

Helping young people aged eight to 24 to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential.

Scottish Land Fund:

Supporting urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets.

Information on the funds currently available can be found [here](#).

Kickstart Scheme



As part of the UK government's [Plan for Jobs](#), a new £2 billion [Kickstart Scheme](#) will create hundreds of thousands of new, fully subsidised jobs for young people across the country.

The 6-month placements are open to those aged 16-24 who are claiming Universal Credit and are at risk of long-term unemployment. They will be available across a range of different sectors in England, Scotland and Wales. Employers will receive funding for 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, plus associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum auto-enrolment pension contributions.

Applications are being accepted now from employers directly or groups of employers – [check the guidance for employers](#).

Young people can find out more about the Kickstart Scheme at the 'jobhelp' [website](#).

Emergency Energy Vouchers



Home Energy Scotland offers:

- Support for households with prepayment meters, including access to newly available crisis funding for those at risk of self-disconnection or running out of credit on their gas or electric meter to make sure they can keep their power on.
- Practical help for people who find themselves without heating or hot water.
- Clear advice on ways to save energy and reduce fuel costs while staying warm at home.
- The latest information about extra help from energy suppliers to make sure households don't get cut off.

Here's how you can help:

- You can refer your clients directly to Home Energy Scotland through their secure online [referral portal](#) and they will call them back within two working days.
- If you aren't on their portal, please call or email Michael Cromby on 07881109002 or michael.cromby@hi.homeenergyscotland.org and request to be added. This doesn't take long, and they can arrange a short online training session on how to use it, for example via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.
- You can also advise your clients to call them direct on **0808 808 2282** to talk to one of their friendly advisors about ways they can support them. All calls are free and confidential.

Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme



The Small Grants Scheme is currently operating under revised criteria for support reflecting the impact of COVID-19.

The Foyle Foundation are keen to be as flexible as they can be in support of small charities during this difficult and constantly changing ongoing period, while maintaining a focus on those who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability.

Who Can Apply:

The Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a

wide range of activities. Please note they are not able to support individuals. Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Please note that they expect the competition for this fund to be intense and will receive many more applications than they are able to fund.

There are no deadlines for submission. Online Applications can be received at all times, but it may take up to three months to obtain a decision from Trustees.

For further information or to view the criteria see [here](#).

Cycling Scotland – School and Work Grants



Cycling Scotland is encouraging Scotland's secondary students and workforce to cycle by issuing funds to schools and organisations to help purchase equipment, and facilities - all in the effort to reduce pollution and improve mental health.

Apply [here](#) as a secondary school, or [here](#) as an employer.

Social Security Scotland – Best Start Grants



Social Security Scotland is providing payments, known as Best Start Grants, to low income families in Scotland. These grants have been split into three categories and include payments to help with costs for a child starting school, early learning (toys and crafts), pregnancy and baby.

Find out more [here](#).

Carers Allowance Supplement



Carer's Allowance Supplement is an extra payment for people in Scotland who get Carer's Allowance on a particular date. It is paid twice a year and from April 2021 the rate will be £231.40 per payment.

Find out more [here](#).

Young Carers Grant



Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment of £308.15 for young carers in Scotland. To be able to get Young Carer Grant, you must be 16, 17 or 18 years old and have been caring for 1, 2 or 3 people for an average of 16 hours a week for at least the last 3 months. If you care for more than one person, you can combine the hours of the

people you care for to average 16 hours a week. You can get Young Carer Grant once a year, up until you turn 19. You'll need to fill in a new form or call us each year you want to apply.

Find out more [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTERPRISE



SENScot launches its new website



SENScot's role is to act as the umbrella body for social enterprise networks (SENs) in Scotland. As a membership-led organisation, SENS Scot seeks to represent and promote the work of front-line social enterprises and to provide a collective voice.

Find out more [here](#).

Social Enterprise Academy

Learning is now online:



Alongside business support infrastructure, finance and networks, the Academy offers a powerful style of learning and development. Learners build the knowledge and skills, clarity and confidence to respond to their current challenges and seize opportunities.

Using peer learning techniques based on strengths, safe facilitation, peer support and space for reflection, we provide learning and development that goes beyond training.

To view the programme, click [here](#).

The Social Business Start-up School:

Do you have an idea for a new enterprise? Do you have a great business idea which could positively impact your local community or environment? If so, the Social Business Start-up School, is now open for online workshops including:

- Workshops on key issues around social business
- Coaching sessions with a social business leader locally
- Online learning over 2000 leadership & enterprise resources

The programme will help people develop a vision for their social business, and then make this happen.

For more information please contact david@socialenterprise.academy or visit the Social Enterprise website [here](#).

LocalCrowd: New Crowdfunding Platform Launching to Support Local Projects

A new approach to funding is launching soon to support social enterprises, community groups and small charities across Scotland through a unique crowdfunding platform called LocalCrowd. The platform will allow individuals and organisations to support ventures in their local community.

Anyone who would like to keep up with LocalCrowd as they launch later this year can contact be email info@localcrowd.org.uk or subscribe to their mailing list [here](#).

GOVERNANCE

Guide to holding a Virtual AGM/Meeting

We know many of you will be starting to think about holding your AGM in the coming months and we understand this might not be possible in the usual way for some time to come due to obvious restrictions. This simple paper sets out information and tips to help your organisation hold a successful virtual AGM. If you require any further assistance or would like an informal chat you will find our contact details at the foot of the document.



Please find the Virtual AGM Briefing Paper [here](#).

COVID-19 Pandemic Volunteering & Remembering Data Protection Laws



Data protection rules will not stop you from helping those in need, however you should make sure that you take them into account to protect yourself and those that you are supporting. The Information Commissioner's Office has published an [article](#) for groups looking to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OSCR Guidance - Restarting Fundraising



One of the key impacts of COVID-19 on charities has been on the way in which it has affected certain types of fundraising activity. In OSCR's most recent surveys, over 50% of charities reported that their fundraising had been negatively affected by COVID-19 and the associated restrictions. As restrictions begin to ease in Scotland, it will be a priority for many charities to look at how they can restart these fundraising activities.

Find out more [here](#).

COVID-19 OSCR Guidance for Charities

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is forcing many charities to change how they usually operate. This guidance brings together information charities need to know during this time and highlights other organisations who may be able to offer support.

Full details are available [here](#).

CONSULTATIONS

Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board: Public Consultation Gambling 2005: Review of Gambling Policy



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Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board is carrying out a review of its Gambling Policy in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 during 2021.

Details of the consultation, together with the Board's draft revised Policy, are published [here](#).

Paper copies of the consultation can be provided on request. All responses must identify the name and address of the responder.

- Responses by letter must be sent to The Clerk to the Licensing Board, Council Offices, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1NY.
- Responses by email must be sent to licensing@orkney.gov.uk.

Responses must be received in writing by 27 August 2021.

Email licensing@orkney.gov.uk or phone 01856 873535 extension 2229 (voicemail available) should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Your Priorities: public consultation on key issues for the next parliamentary session



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Scottish Parliament's Participation and Communities Team (PACT) team are asking people what key issues they think that the committees in Parliament should consider over the next session. It is a digital consultation but other formats are also available i.e. it could be run as a group/a conversation etc.

The consultation will close on 30th July 2021.

To take part [here](#).

Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

The Social Justice and Social Security Committee launched a call for written views on the [Carer's Allowance Supplement Bill](#).



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The deadline for responses is 12 August 2021.

Find out more including how to submit your view [here](#).

GUIDANCE

Planning Ahead

You may be a Third Sector Organisation who wants to move ahead with your work to help others. If you are unsure where to start or what the future might bring, please do get in touch with us here at VAO and we will help.



Returning to the Office?

Here's what you need to know to help you assess the risk of returning to your office to work:

- Firstly, check what Tier we are in- currently Orkney is **Tier 0**. Ask yourselves- are you now allowed to return to work? Even under Tier 0 working at home is still the default position. Refer to the appropriate government guidance for your sector, found [here](#).
- Secondly, do you need to return to work? Can you continue working from home? If so - use these advice pages for Working from Home [here](#) to help you and your staff make sure that the home environment is safe for working.
- Thirdly, assess the risk of returning to work to help you decide whether to return to work or not. For full guidance on risk assessment see the Health and Safety Executive website [here](#). Remember to sign and date your risk assessments!
- Fourthly, what do you do if someone develops coronavirus symptoms whilst in work? Guidance on decontamination can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or need some support to do this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us here at Voluntary Action Orkney.

VAO can help with your training and funding needs!

Please contact

enquiries@vaorkney.org.uk

to explore possibilities or to sign up to our monthly newsletter