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Training Opportunities

VAO Social Enterprise and Charitable Organisation 1:1 Sessions

Join our community development workers, Clare Gee and India Whitwell for our monthly 1:1 Social Enterprise and Charity Sessions. Choose a 30 min slot between 10am and 12pm on the first Monday of every month.



If you have an idea, but are not sure how to make it happen, this session is perfect for you. Equally, if you are involved in an organisation that is already established, but you've got some queries or concerns, we can help!

Some things you could ask during your 1:1 session are:

- I have an idea, and I'm not sure if it's a social enterprise or charity.
- I need some advice surrounding my board.
- I need help with identifying funding sources.
- I need help with a funding application.
- I'm not sure how to move my organisation forward.
- I'd like help with my business plan.
- I'd like some advice around getting a building for my organisation.
- I need helping to build a suite of policies and procedures.

During this session, we can explore various topics related to social enterprise and charity, including innovative business models, sustainable practices, and effective fundraising strategies. Our expert community development workers will share their experiences and provide valuable insights to help you navigate the challenges and opportunities in this field.

Whether you are a budding social entrepreneur, a charity enthusiast, or simply curious about making a difference, this event is perfect for you. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to learn, connect, and be part of the Orkney Social Enterprise and Charity community.

Book your place by visiting the [Eventbrite website](#).

Our development workers will be in touch with your own Teams link ahead of your session. If you've got any questions or further info you'd like to supply, please email them to development@vaorkney.org.uk

Eat Well Age Well

Eat Well Age Well is a national project from Food Train. The Scottish charity that works to tackle the issue of malnutrition in older people, specifically those at risk of becoming under-weight and under-nourished. Malnutrition affects at least 10% of older people and emerging evidence suggests 16% of older people may be at risk of malnutrition in Scotland.



Eat Well Age Well offers free virtual 'Raising the Issue of Malnutrition' training sessions, hosted on MS Teams. It aims to increase attendees' knowledge and confidence around identifying and

supporting older people at home in the community who are at risk or are suffering from malnutrition. The sessions are open to those who work with/care for older adults living in their own homes such as volunteers, health and social care staff, local authority staff or anyone working in the third sector.

Sessions incorporate information on:

- Common signs and symptoms of malnutrition.
- Guidance around supporting individuals using Food First advice.
- Utilising simple tools such as armbands and the Patient Association Nutrition Checklist to identify at risk individuals.
- Gaining awareness of promoting good nutrition and hydration in older adults.

The sessions take place throughout the year. The next ones will be on:

- **Thursday 2nd May 2024, 9:30am -12:30pm**
- **Thursday 6th June 2024, 9:30am -12:30pm**
- **Tuesday 10th September 2024, 9:30am - 12:30pm**
- **Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30am - 12:30pm**
- **Tuesday 19th November 2024, 9:30am - 12:30pm**

To register for these free awareness raising sessions complete the form by visiting the [jotform.com website](https://jotform.com).

An e-learning module based on the Raising the Issue of Malnutrition training is also available for those who cannot attend the scheduled sessions. The module can be accessed by filling out the form by visiting the [jotform.com website](https://jotform.com).

Eat Well Age Well also offers bespoke Raising the Issue of Malnutrition sessions for organisations. Sessions can be delivered at a time and date to suit your organisation and can be tailored to meet the needs of your staff. Unfortunately, at this time these bespoke training sessions are not available to care homes.

Volunteer Scotland Quality Standard Information Workshop



Volunteer Scotland are running FREE workshops where they will discuss what quality standards are available to support organisations with their volunteer programmes. The sessions will cover each of the standards available, the process and the difference this can make to the experience of volunteers.

These are information workshops, and you will not be required to sign up to a quality standard after the event. All sessions will cover the same information and topics, so you only need to select one date when booking.

- **27 June, 2pm - 4pm: Book your place by visiting [Eventbrite](#)**
- **26 September, 2pm - 4pm: Book your place by visiting [Eventbrite](#)**
- **19 December, 10am - 12noon: Book your place by visiting [Eventbrite](#)**

Find out more about each of the Quality Standards by visiting the [Volunteer Scotland website](#).

If you would like any more information or to discuss anything further, please get in touch with jen.grant@thefoodtrain.co.uk

Policy Hub Scotland

Policy Hub Scotland provide training opportunities and learning spaces for those who work in, or alongside, the Scottish public sector to explore new ideas and inform existing practice and help professionals innovate their way from challenge to opportunity.



They develop flexible and accessible training throughout Scotland to help inform practice and exchange ideas. By providing a range of online learning courses they provide the opportunity to share ideas, learning and knowledge. Each course contains on-demand video classes, activities, and a range of interactive content.

Find out more by visiting the [Policy Hub website](#).

The Skills Network

The Skills Network has partnered with a number of leading awarding organisations to develop innovative distance learning qualifications.



Courses are available online, on paper or paper-based with online assessments.

Gain access to exciting and flexible distance learning content and learn. Their courses are interactive and engaging and will help you develop the skills and knowledge needed to excel.

Find out more by visiting [The Skills Network website](#).

Children in Scotland

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.



Find out more by visiting the [Eventbrite website](#).

Funding Opportunities

Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Fund 2024

INSPIRING SCOTLAND

Following on from work the Scottish Government's previous Perinatal and Infant Mental Health fund, the new phase is open to third sector organisations who support babies, parents and carers affected by, or at risk, of perinatal and infant mental health issues in Scotland.

The aim of the fund is to sustain and improve third sector, non-clinical support for babies, parents and carers affected by, or at risk of, perinatal and infant mental health issues in Scotland.

Incorporated third sector organisations who are currently delivering perinatal and infant mental health support in Scotland can apply for funding of up to £132,000.

Applications close Friday 3 May.

Find out more by visiting the [Inspiring Scotland website](#).

Survivors of Childhood Abuse Support Fund 2024

INSPIRING SCOTLAND

The new phase of the Scottish Government's Survivors of Childhood Abuse Support (SOCAS) fund will invest in services supporting adults affected by childhood abuse, so they can enjoy a safe and healthy life, with improved wellbeing.

The purpose and overall aim of the fund is to support the recovery, resilience and wellbeing of survivors of abuse through counselling and psychological support, peer support or other survivor support services.

Organisations can apply for grants up to £300,000 to build on the provision of support to adult survivors of childhood abuse.

Applications close Friday 3 May.

Find out more by visiting the [Inspiring Scotland website](#).

Voluntary Throughcare Grant Fund

The Scottish Government has launched a new grant fund to establish a national voluntary throughcare partnership of third sector organisations to provide support to people leaving prison after a short-term prison sentence or a period on remand.



Community Justice Scotland is conducting the grant process and assessment on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Applications will close at 3.00pm on Tuesday 9 July.

Find out more by visiting the [Community Justice Scotland website](#).

The Golsoncott Foundation

The Foundation supports projects that demonstrate and deliver excellence in the arts, be it in performance, exhibition, artistic craft, or scholarly endeavour.

Projects involving young people should offer a long-lasting connection between them and the art-form and a significant level of participation and achievement at a high standard.



Arts organisations whose main work is the art form itself, and its perfection or excellence in performance can apply.

All applications for grants should be sent to the administrator at the registered office a few weeks before the scheduled trustees' meeting, i.e., by early February, May, August and November in advance of the meeting later that month.

The volume of applications is often very high, and the fund may close the well before the end. Last round this was two weeks before the advertised deadline.

The next application deadline is 4 May 2024.

Find out more by visiting [The Golsoncott Foundation website](#).

The Steel Charitable Trust

Applications must be for charitable purposes that fall into one of the five core categories below; applications for purposes outside these categories are only permitted at the direct invitation of a Trustee:



- Arts and Heritage
- Economic or social disadvantage
- Education
- Environment
- Health

There are no focus areas within the categories of Arts and Heritage, Education or Environment.

Applications for the Health category, must have a focus on one of the following:

- programmes and activities that aim to support, maintain and improve mental health in any demographic
- health care for older people

Applications for the Social or Economic Disadvantage category, must have a focus on one of the following:

- disadvantaged children
- housing and homeless people

Applications can be made at any time and are normally considered according to the timescales shown:

- **16 April - 15 July (reviewed mid-September for decisions early October)**
- **16 July - 15 October (reviewed mid-December for decisions early January)**

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early in the application period to allow more time for their review.

The next application deadline is 15 July 2024.

Find out more by visiting [The Steel Charitable Trust website](#).

Community Heat Development Programme

If you want your community to go low carbon, support is available from The Scottish Government's Community Heat Development Programme. Delivered by Local Energy Scotland, it supports communities (including groups of householders and community organisations) to develop their ideas for locally-generated, low and carbon heat projects.



Need some inspiration? Some examples of applications in the pipeline include:

- Twelve neighbours in a block of flats investigating low carbon options to replace the block's ageing gas supply
- Residents in a tenement block are considering installing ground source heat pumps in its shared ground
- A community is looking at the coordinated, collective purchase of air source heat pumps to help make the process smoother for all

Successful applicants will receive technical support to consider the feasibility of their project idea and will give advice on next steps, including any potential routes for further funding.

Submit an expression of interest or find out more by visiting the [Local Energy Scotland website](#).

#AndSheCycles Funding

This fund is open to groups of young women such as guide groups, school groups and youth groups.



The funding is available to help these groups develop and implement plans to help break down the barriers young women face when choosing to cycle.

Up to £2000 per group could be available to help purchase necessary equipment to help support more young women cycling.

Previous applicants have secured funding for:

- bikes
- helmets
- bike pump station
- secure bike storage

Find out more by visiting the [Sustrans website](#).

Business Energy Efficiency Grant

Orkney businesses can apply for grants up to 50% contribution to invest in measures to progress towards net-zero carbon emissions and result in long-term sustained reduction in energy bills. The minimum project spend is £2,000 offering a grant of between £1,000 up to a maximum of £15,000.



- Applicant businesses must be based in, and trading in Orkney for a minimum of 12 months
- Businesses must make a 50% contribution to the costs of their project.

- Charities, social enterprises and third sector organisations carrying out economic activity with employees may also apply.
- Applicant businesses must demonstrate sales income for at least 12 months.
- Operate from commercial premises in Orkney with a legally constituted signed lease, rental or license agreement for more than 5 Years. Obtain written permissions from landlord to make changes and seek permissions from OIC to undertake the work.
- Applicants must be a UK resident with the right to work in the UK.
- Businesses must meet the European definition of an SME in relation to employees, balance sheet and turnover.
- All industry sectors can apply.

Eligible costs:

- Purchase of equipment that would contribute to demonstrable energy saving.
- Improving roof and building insulation, draught-proofing or installing new doors, or double/secondary glazing.
- Renewable energy installations (for example, solar, ground or air source heat pumps. Solar and Air to Water heat pumps) – Work to be carried out by an MCS Installer and systems installed to MCS standard (MCS certificate provided when install is complete).
- Waste management or recycling projects.
- Energy efficient lighting systems.
- Low energy heating.
- Implement new business processes that will help reduce business energy costs.
- Other significant project costs deemed to be acceptable by the Council that aligns with the grant scheme intentions.

Complete an online eligibility checker on the [MyOrkney website](#).

Scottish Sea Farms - Heart of the Community Trust

The broad aim of the Heart of the Community Grant Trust is to provide financial grants for community projects that deliver lasting change within the regions in which the Company operates. Those regions are: Shetland, Orkney, Highland and Argyll.



Key areas for support include:

- Creating affordable, family-oriented activities
- Giving younger generations the same opportunities as those in more central areas
- Safeguarding mental wellbeing
- Combating isolation
- Providing lifeline services

Applications can be made at any time.

Find out more by visiting [Scottish Sea Farms website](#).

Open Grants Programme



The Clothworkers' Foundation award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects, which they define as:

- Buildings: purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
- Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment: this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, software and websites (more guidance on digital infrastructure can be found here), garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- Vehicles: This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle and do not provide grants towards vehicle leasing.

Their eligibility criteria for applications has expanded to include digital projects beyond hardware. They will now consider funding one-off costs for some types of digital software and products. The aim is to enable organisations to be more sustainable, engage more people more effectively, and support their staff and volunteers to do their work more efficiently.

They fund both large and small projects. The size of grant awarded depends on a number of factors including the size of the organisation and the cost and scale of the capital project.

To be eligible the projects must fit within one or more of the Foundation's specified programme areas.

There are no application deadlines and you can submit an application at any time.

Find out more but visiting [The Clothworkers' Foundation website](#).

Chances for Children



Individually tailored grants of up to £2,400 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their wellbeing and educational engagement. Buttle UK fund items and activities to help improve children and young people's wellbeing and increase their capacity to engage in education and learning.

They only accept applications from frontline professionals working for a registered charity, housing association or public sector organisation who:

- are working directly with the children/young person
- have made a full assessment of the child's or young person's needs
- have carried out at least one home visit (optional for schools and colleges)

If successful, the professional will need to manage the funds, upload receipts within 8 weeks of receiving the grant, and complete an evaluation survey.

Children and young people must meet the following criteria:

- Aged from 2 to 18 (including 18 year olds) if living with parent or carer or aged 20 and under if living independently with little or no support from their family
- Accessing education, learning or training

- Living on a low income and experiencing financial hardship
- Have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on:
 - their wellbeing
 - their development and education
- The family or young person has recently taken action to improve their situation, are actively engaging with support and are moving on from the crisis.

Find out more by visiting the [Buttle UK website](#).

Orkney Zero Waste Grant Scheme



Are you interested in Reusing, Repurposing and Recycling Orkney's waste?

You can apply for a £200 grant from Orkney Zero Waste for projects associated with:

- Waste Repurposing and Reuse
- Waste Reduction
- Waste Recycling
- Travel within Orkney associated with the aims of the grant scheme
- Training within the aims of the grant
- The scheme has two grant periods each year (spring and autumn). It is open to:

Individuals from age 5 (supported by parent/guardian if under 18 years old):

- Community Organisations
- Schools
- Church Groups
- Charitable Groups

Find out more by visiting the [Orkney Zero Waste site on the Orkney Communities website](#).

Tesco Stronger Starts



Tesco Stronger Starts fund thousands of local community projects across the UK. Priority is given to projects that provide healthy food and/or activities that boost children and young people's mental and physical wellbeing and not just from schools.

The scheme provides grants of up to £1,500 to local projects from across the whole of Scotland. It is open to all local authorities, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations. Applications needed now from youth groups, schools, sports clubs, and more.

Find out more by visiting the [Green Space Scotland website](#).

Historic Environment Grants Programme (HEG)

The programme can support a wide range of projects which clearly relate to and will benefit Scotland's historic environment. To be eligible, all projects will need to:



- clearly relate to a Scottish historic environment asset (tangible or intangible)
- be able to demonstrate how they will contribute to HES Grants Priorities. View the priorities by visiting the [Historic Environment Scotland website](#).
- offer good value for money
- be able to demonstrate that they are deliverable
- have not started (unless discussed and agreed by HES Grants Team)
- not already be funded by a City Heritage Trust or through any of our other funding programmes

Projects should be focused on an aspect of Scotland's historic environment, from the tangible (e.g. historic buildings, ancient monuments and archaeology, designed or cultural landscapes and historic gardens and battlefields) to the intangible (e.g. historic environment skills, stories and traditions).

There are three different funding streams under the Historic Environment Grants (HEG) which are:

- Express Grants (£1,000 to £25,000)
- Small Grants (£25,001 to £100,000)
- Large Grants (£100,001 to £500,000)

Before proceeding to submit an application, you should have submitted and have approved an Expression of Interest on their Grants Portal. To do this visit the [Historic Environment Scotland website](#).

Find out more by visiting the [Historic Environment Scotland website](#).

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

The programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. It 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.



Eligible organisations can apply for a grant on behalf of the children they support. When applying on behalf of a child or young person, referrers must ensure that all possible statutory funding has been explored and exhausted before making an application to the Emergency Essentials Programme.

The programme awards grants for critical household items, typically:

- Cookers
- Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Children's beds and bedding
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances

- Furniture
- Clothing
- Baby equipment

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.

Find out more by visiting the [Family Fund website](#).

Urgent Assistance Fund

Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund can provide immediate relief to families with children (aged 21 and under) who are suffering extreme hardship. This support is usually via cash grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, utilities, clothing, bedding, appliance repairs, replacement of appliances that have failed, or other essentials (excluding carpets, floor coverings or electronic devices).



Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor, acting in their professional capacity.

Available funds are limited and all applications will be evaluated against evidence of a family's financial status. If you receive an award from the Urgent Assistance Fund you cannot re-apply for a period of 1 year or in some instances up to 2 years.

To qualify for cash grants from the Trust:

- There must be a child in the family who is 21 or under.
- That child must be suffering extreme hardship.
- Grants are made at the discretion of the Trust.
- A sponsor must submit a fully completed application via the web application form. If applications are incomplete, they may be rejected.

Find out more by visiting the [Aberlour website](#).

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund have shared their new 2023 - 2030 strategy 'It starts with community'. They are focusing efforts where there is greatest need with an ambition to 'create resilient communities that are more inclusive and environmentally sustainable, funding activities and organisations that strengthen society and improve lives across the UK.'



Further information about the strategy is available on [The National Lottery website](#).

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.

Scotland:

- **Cost-of-Living Support Scotland:**
Grants from £10,001 to £75,000 to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases.

- **Application deadline is midday on 21 August 2024**
- *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*
- **National Lottery Awards for All Scotland:**
A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000.
 - **Application deadline is ongoing**
 - *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*
- **Young Start:**
Helping young people aged eight to 24 to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential.
 - **Application deadline is ongoing**
 - *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*
- **Scottish Land Fund:**
Supporting urban and rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets.
 - **Application deadline is ongoing**
 - *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*
- **Community Led:**
Funding to support community-led activity and wellbeing.
 - **Application deadline is midday on 21 August 2024**
 - *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*
- **Improving Lives:**
Grants from £10,001 to £20,000 to help people facing challenging circumstances.
 - **Application deadline is midday on 21 August 2024**
 - *Find out more by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).*

Information on the funds currently available in Scotland can be found by visiting [The National Lottery website](#).

Wheelchairs for children

Parents, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists of a child or young person under the age of 18 living with a disability or long-term health condition, can now apply for funding to purchase a new wheelchair.



Variety will fund bespoke wheelchairs for any purpose, including manual, powered and sports wheelchairs that are not available through local authority wheelchair services in England, Wales & Scotland.

Applicants, who can include the child themselves, will need to provide a letter of support for the item required from a relevant healthcare professional.

Applications can be made at any time and will be considered by the Wheelchair Committee which meets six times per year.

Find out more by visiting the [Variety website](#).

John Ellerman Foundation

John Ellerman Foundation

The trust seeks to fund a range of projects in the areas of social action, environment and the arts. They are looking for work that is genuinely distinctive, has a high impact and achieves positive change or long-lasting benefits.

They have an open rolling programme of applications.

Find out more by visiting the [John Ellerman Foundation website](#).

Pounds for Purpose Grants



Grants of up to £500 are available to individuals in Scotland aged 16-26 looking to make a positive change to the issues that matter to them. The funding can be used by individuals to get their idea up and running and will help cover some of those costs. In addition, business support is available for those who decide to turn their idea into a business. To be eligible the idea must primarily be for the benefit of people or communities within Scotland.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Find out more by visiting the [First Port website](#).

Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund



The new Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund from CARES will help community organisations reduce their building energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Grant funding is available for up to 80% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of £80,000. It is available for many types of self-managed community buildings, including:

- village halls
- community centres
- community hubs
- sports facilities
- faith buildings

The fund is now open and is planned to run until the end of March 2025, subject to funding availability.

Find out more by visiting the [Local Energy Scotland website](#).

Faith in Community Scotland



'Greener Spaces, Fairer Places' - grants up to £500 are available for all local faith groups or related organisations working primarily in a small, specific geographic communities to tackle poverty and climate change. Applications should focus around the following themes:

- Community mobilising (eg events in your community bringing people together on climate action; outdoor installations & recycling; banner/ poster-making to raise awareness)

- More effective use of community land (eg using land to grow food, create a community garden)
- Respecting the environment (eg organising a local clean up, using buildings in a more eco-friendly way)
- Local action on reducing fuel consumption (eg supporting sustainable energy use)

Top up grants are available for mentoring support.

Apply any time.

Find out more by visiting the [Faith in Community Scotland website](#).

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. Up to £3k is available.

People are not able to make an application on their own behalf, but need to go through an organisation, agency or Victim Support Scotland directly.

Find out more by visiting the [Victim Support Scotland website](#).

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV): Chestnut Fund



The Chestnut Fund is part of TCV's commitment to support Community Network members. The fund makes grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The applications are considered and administered by TCV Chestnut Fund Committee.

The grants fall into two categories:

- **Start-up grants:** These are for groups who have little or no money when they are first set up and are available to groups in their first year of existence. The grant will enable them to begin practical work and will cover administrative expenses, e.g. postage, publicity, hire of meeting rooms, telephone bills and/or insurance fees.

The maximum grant is £160.

- **Support grants:** These are for groups who have little or no money for tools, equipment and training. This grant is available to all groups, regardless of how long they have been constituted. Groups within their first year can apply for both the start-up grant and the support grant.

The maximum grant will be £350.

Apply any time. They are keen to support the application process and advise you contact their Community Network Coordinator with any questions: local-groups@tcv.org.uk.

Find out more by visiting [The Conservation Volunteers website](#).

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.

They are always open to new applications for funding from charities and deserving causes.

Find out more by visiting the [Children's Aid website](#).

Motability's Research Grant Programme



UK charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply to a new funding programme to undertake research into the problems that disabled people face in the transport system and how they can be solved. Grants of between £50,000 and £1 million are available over three years to help organisations produce free, accessible data and findings to help make transport more inclusive. This could include, for example, looking at independent journeys taken by people with sight loss, research to help understand the end-to-end experience of disabled people travelling by taxi, or looking at the challenges and solutions of disabled people in rural communities.

The fund is open to applications until March 2025.

Find out more by visiting the [Mobility Foundation website](#).

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 by visiting the [Garfield Weston Foundation website](#).

Mary Janet King Fund



The 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.

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions take approximately 10 weeks from receipt of your application.

Find out more by visiting the [Foundation Scotland website](#).

The Craignish Trust



The Craignish Trust focuses on environmental and human rights issues as well as the particular special interests of the Trustees. Previous awards have included grants to organisations working in conservation, refugees, youth, and music. The fund has a Scottish bias but is not exclusive to Scotland.

- Type of cost - Capital, Revenue
- Grants range from £1000 to £10,000
- Only charities can apply
- Running costs are not supported
- Grants are not made to large, national charities

Apply in writing to Geoghegans & Co 6 St Colme Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6AD

There are no deadlines, applications can be submitted at any time.

Find out more by emailing: mail@geoghegans.co.uk or calling 0131 225 4681

Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme



The Foyle Foundation's focus is to make one-year grants only, to cover core costs, projects, essential equipment or building projects.

Their priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability.

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.

Online Applications can be received at all times, but it may take up to three months to obtain a decision from Trustees.

Applications are accepted all year round and they have no deadlines.

Find out more by visiting the [Foyle Foundation website](#).

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.

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.
 - *Find out more by visiting [The Robertson Trust website](#).*
- **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
 - *Find out more by visiting [The Robertson Trust website](#).*
- **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
 - *Find out more by visiting [The Robertson Trust website](#).*
- **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
 - *Find out more by visiting [The Robertson Trust website](#).*

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Opportunities for Enterprise

Social Enterprise Academy



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 visit the [Social Enterprise Academy website](#).

Start It

Up to £5,000 for individuals looking to start a social enterprise.



A Start It award is designed to help new social entrepreneurs pay for start-up costs. These costs can vary, but typical examples include:

- Legal fees for incorporation and/or registration as a charity or Community Interest Company
- Rent (if premises have been identified)
- Website, branding, logo design and marketing materials
- Insurance and accountancy services
- Equipment

Find out more by visiting the [Firstport website](#).

Governance

Growing Climate Confidence

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Climate Confident Scotland is delivered by a SCVO, on behalf of the Third Sector Net Zero Steering Group and Scottish Funders Forum.

Growing Climate Confidence supports charities, social enterprises and community groups across Scotland to take action on the climate emergency, support nature and biodiversity and ensure a just transition to a low carbon future for our communities.

Reducing the emissions of your organisation is an important part of the journey towards a more sustainable future. Use their scorecard and template environmental policy to show what you have done already, and what you plan to do next.

- **Access the Net-zero scorecard by visiting the [Climate Confident Scotland website](#).**

Find out more about the support they provide organisations to help them to start to reduce their carbon emissions and embed sustainability within their work by visiting the [Climate Confident Scotland website](#).

Consultations

Have your say on islands transport connectivity

Join Transport Scotland's in-person engagement sessions on the improvements to Community voice, Accessibility and Integration of transport services. Drop-in sessions are being held from 17:00-18:00 and workshops from 18:00 19:30 on the following days:



- 29 April – Stromness:
- 30 April – North Ronaldsay
- 1 May – Eday
- 2 May – Kirkwall

More information about the sessions including how to book your place at a workshop can be found by visiting the [Transport Scotland website](#).

Growing a Sustainable Social Care Workforce

Orkney Islands Council is gathering information about people’s perceptions and opinions of working in social care and of social care more generally. They will use the feedback to help improve what they do to develop and support a motivated and sustainable social care workforce.



The information provided will contribute to shaping a more sustainable and resilient social care workforce in our community.

The survey closes on 30 April.

Take part by visiting the [Orkney Islands Council website](#).

A right to palliative care in Scotland - have your say



There is currently unmet palliative care need across local populations, meaning a large proportion of people die without some or all of the palliative support they need, despite the fact 90% of people who die in Scotland each year would benefit from it.

A legal right to palliative care would work towards eliminating this unmet need, by people of all ages living with terminal illness(es) residing in Scotland having equitable access to the palliative support which is right for them, when they need it.

A proposal for a Members Bill for a right to palliative care, being led by Miles Briggs MSP, with cross-party support from Bob Doris MSP and Rhoda Grant MSP has been launched.

The public consultation is open until 4 June 2024.

Find out more including how to take part by visiting the [Scottish Government website](#).

Marie Curie has also created a petition which can be found on [their website](#).

VAO can help with your training and funding needs – contact Clare or India in our Community Development Team and they will be pleased to talk to you!

- Email: development@vaorkney.org.uk
- Call: 01856 872897

To sign up to receive a copy of the Training and Funding Update or our monthly Newsletter:

- Email: enquiries@vaorkney.org.uk