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Funding

Merlin's Magic Wand

Merlin's Magic Wand has been set up by the Merlin Entertainments Group ("Merlin") to provide magical experiences at its attractions. The aim is to give children who are seriously ill, disabled or disadvantaged the opportunity to enjoy attractions that they may otherwise not have been able to. Grants may be made towards the cost of travel and accommodation if needed, in addition to providing entrance passes to the attraction or experience in question. These include Alton Towers, Madame Tussauds, Warwick Castle, Legoland etc. Applications for awards can come from individuals or from groups working with seriously ill, disabled or disadvantaged children
For further information: <http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/>

Nottingham City Council - Youth Opportunity Fund & Youth Capital Fund

The Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund is money for young people, in particular disadvantaged young people, to spend on things to do and places to go in Nottingham. Applicants can apply for up to £30,000 in Youth Opportunity Fund money and up to £50,000 in Youth Capital Fund money. Applicants to both Funds must be aged between 13 and 19 (or up to 24 if you have special educational or disability needs) and live within the

Nottingham City boundary. Applications by and for individuals are not accepted. More details can be found on the website:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=730>

Jon Rea of Children's Services is willing to talk to any group or individual who is thinking of applying. T: 0115 9150742 E: jon.rea@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Summer and Christmas Holiday Cash Pots

The Youth Bank will once again be inviting applications for small awards for summer and Christmas holiday youth activities. The £1,000 Summer Cash Pots application form will be available to download here from May 1st whilst the £500 Christmas Holiday Cash Pot form will be available to download from the weblink: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=730 from October 1st.

For copies of application forms by email contact

debbie.roddis@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. For all other enquiries contact

Nottingham City Council Engagement and Participation on 0115 9158807.

Prince's Trust - Community Cash Awards

Community Cash Awards are grants to help you set up a project that will benefit your community. You will get a grant to get you going of up to £5,000 with support to help plan your project, research your budget, set goals and learn about your community.

Website: [http://www.princes-](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx)

[trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx)

Forest Education Initiative (FEI)

Their aim is to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products. The real work of FEI is achieved by local groups, known as 'cluster groups'. FEI encourages and supports the formation of voluntary cluster groups at local and regional levels. There are three funding rounds a year with closing dates 1st February, 1st June and 1st October. Information on all aspects of the application process can be found in the Funding Guidance Notes and all applications should be made on the Application Form (Both downloadable from their website). <http://www.foresteducation.org>

SITA Trust - Young Person's Volunteering Fund

Young Person's Volunteering Fund is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for volunteering projects owned by 14-25 year olds. SITA Trust can support projects in any of 90 funding zones around qualifying waste processing sites operated by our donor, SITA UK. SITA Trust can provide up to £10,000 towards agreed project costs.

For full information go to website: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them:

T: 01454 262910 or E: info@sitatrust.org.uk

Deadline: 4 June, 9 August or 11 October 2010

Live UnLtd

Live UnLtd is the name for all of the work UnLtd undertakes with young people under the age of 25. It includes our competition 'Big Challenge' and 'UnLtd Sport Relief.' So it's all about the money is it.....well as you asked they're happy to give you up to £2,000 to help make your project idea a fully fledged real life success. Until July 2010 Live UnLtd is in beta phase and only accepting applications from young people aged 16-18. If you do not fall within this age group, go to Website: <http://www.liveunltd.com/apply/> to join our mailing list, to be informed of when applications are open to everyone between the age of 11 and 25.

If you need assistance filling in this form, please contact UnLtd Tel: 0845 850 1122 and ask for your nearest office and they will be happy to help you.

Website: <http://www.liveunltd.com>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

These are a UK wide funding programme for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities. The awards are: TRY IT! - £1,000 Award, Shape It! - £5,000 Award and Do It! - £10,000 Award. You can contact UnLtd Sport Relief by T: 08453 670 770 or E: sportreliefawards@unltd.org.uk or through the website: <http://unltdsportrelief.com/>

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. Larger Grant Applications - These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where they operate. For further information: <http://tinyurl.com/l6ta65>

Philip Lawrence Awards

Nominations for the 2010 Philip Lawrence Awards, which celebrate the positive difference that young people are making in their communities all over the country, are now open. Closing date: 15 September.

www.philiplawrenceawards.net

Source: NAVCA Linx 139

Nottinghamshire on Fire Fund

Provides voluntary and community groups across Nottinghamshire with grant funding for innovative projects that are designed to help provide stronger and safer communities within Nottinghamshire. Priority is given to projects falling into the categories of Older People, Safer and stronger communities AND Children and young people. Projects must be linked into what the Fire Service promotes within the community, including safety, accident prevention, and fire

education. Donations range between £500 and £10,000 per successful application, and are available to not-for-profit charitable and voluntary organisations operating within Nottinghamshire.

The third 2010 round deadline is 9 July 2010, for projects which must be completed by 31 March 2011.

Source of more information: <http://www.notts-fire.gov.uk/Internet/NottsFR/nottinghamshirefireandrescue.nsf>

Grantfinder report 30.03.10

Man Group plc Charitable Trust

The Man Group Charitable Trust supports a range of charitable activities that support disadvantaged groups. UK charities can apply for either Small Grants for up to £50,000 or Large Grants for up to £250,000.

The Trust focuses on supporting disadvantaged youth, managing literacy and numeracy projects and supporting vulnerable populations. For more information go to <http://www2.mangroupplc.com/CR/charitabletrust>

Grassroot Grants Programme

Recently announced that there was £296,000 to be awarded to Nottinghamshire groups before the end of March 2011. The range of projects are varied and will even pay to get your staff ISA registered under the new vetting and barring scheme due to be processed from July 2010. The team is happy to talk through the funding application process with you. For more information on the grant and the other funding streams available, please contact Dexter Bullock on telephone: 01623 620202 or email dexter@nottscf.org.uk or go to the website: www.nottscf.org.uk

Calling all arts and cultural organisations!

Artswork on behalf of ENYAN have successfully applied for a large pot of money from the Department of Work and Pensions as part of the Future Jobs Fund. They have enough funds to pay for another 12 placements so if you are an Arts or Cultural Organisation interested in creating a placement for a young person as part of a fully funded national scheme then please contact Miranda on 02380 682457 or enyan2@artswork.org.uk www.enyan.co.uk

For further information regarding ENYAN please contact Jay Barron, ENYAN Development Manager, hello@enyan.co.uk or call 02380 682535.

Child protection funding

The British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN) has launched its Research Award programme for 2010 for organisations who are undertaking or completing small scale research projects on child protection. The deadline for applications is 31 July 2010.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk>

Resources

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

B&Q operates a waste donation scheme through all stores. This scheme allows donation of waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools. <http://bit.ly/bqwaste>

Source: NAVCA Linx 139

Fundraising Expert Gives Top Tips on Writing Applications

The UK Fundraising website has commissioned a blog from Alyas Khan, a voluntary and community sector fundraising expert and CEO of FundraisingExperts.co.uk. In simple terms, he shares his top 10 tips for increasing your chances of success when preparing a funding bid. It's worth taking a look to see if you are following these basic, but sometimes forgotten, points. Visit www.fundraising.co.uk/blog/2010/04/20/top-ten-tips-writingfunding-bids to read Alyas' blog.

Source: Voluntary Arts England E-News – 26.04.10

Free legal advice by email

Initial Electronic Advice is a free, online system which provides brief legal information in response to straightforward legal queries. It is designed to assist not for profit organisations and individuals who cannot afford to pay for solicitors privately.

For more information:

<http://www.lawworkstraining.org.uk/lawworksiea.org.uk/faqs.php>

Young people and spirituality

As part of NCVYS' Diversity work, they have produced a guide on 'How to Help Young People Explore and Develop their Spirituality'. This guide looks at different ways in which projects can work with children and young people to encourage them to develop and grow spiritually, provides case studies to illustrate good practice and offers ideas to develop your existing work so that it is holistic and includes a spiritual dimension. Download the guide for free

<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/UserFiles/How%20to%20help%20young%20people%20explore%20and%20develop%20their%20spirituality.pdf>

Free 'Future Focus' guides from NCVO

Small enough to be accessible, but full of useful info, these nifty guides are worth their weight in gold. Each booklet in the Future Focus series takes a complex issue and breaks it down into easily accessible chunks of information. It also has tips and suggestions that organisations can build into their planning. The series aims to help organisations to be more sustainable and more effective.

- Future Focus 1: What will our funding be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 2: What will our volunteers be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 3: How will we use new technologies in five years' time?

- Future Focus 4: How is local democracy changing?
- Future Focus 5: How are social attitudes changing?
- Future Focus 6: What will the UK population be like in 5 years' time?
- Future Focus 7: What will campaigning be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 8: What will membership be like in five years' time?

The publications are available to download for free from <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/products-services/publications/future-focus-series>

Legal information for young people

The Children's Legal Centre has launched 'Lawstuff', a new website with information on the law as it affects children and young people.

<http://www.lawstuff.org.uk/>

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New website to help locate charity premises

A new website to assist charities to find viable premises across the UK has launched. The site - www.mycommunityspace.org.uk - lists spaces for hire including meeting rooms and also offers space to advertise premises for hire. There is also a database of areas and premises to search, along with training and events listings.

Jargon busting 'Why Sheets'

Children England has published some short guides to explain topics that can often confuse voluntary organisations. The 'Why Sheets' include commissioning, the Vetting and Barring Scheme, The Compact and Children's Trusts. <http://www.childrenengland.org.uk/whysheets/428>

Training, Conferences and Events

Collaboration Support Skills for Development Workers

The Collaboration Benefits programme is offering free collaboration skills training for development workers. www.bassac.org.uk/collaboration

Source: NAVCA Linx 139

Vox Factor - Free training for music tutors

Date: 10am - 5pm, Wednesday 30th June

Venue: The Old Library Venue & Media Centre, Leeming Street, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 1NG

A day combining specialist vocal technique workshops, general ensemble workshop techniques and sharing of ideas and approaches to vocal workshops with young people. Open to music tutors and music trainees involved in workshops and teaching of young people.

This free event is hosted by County Youth Arts/Arts Partnership Nottinghamshire and run by Magdala Arts.

For more information contact Reg Clegg on 01623 644377 or email reg.clegg@nottscc.gov.uk or Andy Dawson on 01623 644377 andy.dawson@nottscc

Legal Status Workshop

Date: Thursday 17 June 2010 10.00am - 2.00pm

Venue: BCVS Dukeries Centre in Worksop

Cost: £7.00 including lunch

The workshop will cover the various legal entities & structures which can be used by "not for profit" organisations, social enterprises & community groups. It will include:

- advantages and disadvantages of unincorporated associations & clubs, companies, CIC's and charitable vehicles
- rules/constitution
- the roles of members and directors
- the liability of committee members
- procedures for incorporation and registration

To book a place/s please go to:

<http://www.bcvs.org.uk/bcvscoursesdetails/Legal%20Status%20Workshop.htm>

NSCB Training Programme 2010 – 2011

The free training programme offered by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board is now available. Please contact either Sarah Wells, NSCB Training Co-ordinator E: sarah.j.wells@nottscc.gov.uk

T: 0115 993 4323 for further information or download the programme from: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nscb>

One of the courses provided is Introduction to Safeguarding Children

Date: Thursday 15th July 2010, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Venue: South Forest

It's an introductory course about safeguarding children, explaining the worker's role and responsibilities in the protection and safeguarding of children and the provision of service to children in need and children in need of protection. The course explains the signs and indicators of the four categories of abuse and what to do if worried about the welfare of a child or family. This includes the need to share information, the importance of assessment and effective communication.

Collaboration Support Skills for Development Workers

Date: 16 June 2010 & 9 July 2010 10 am - 4 pm

Venue: St Johns Ambulance Centre, 2 Telford Drive, Newark, NG24 2DX

Cost: Free

Are you a development worker looking to offer support to community-based organisations that want to collaborate? The Collaboration Benefits programme is offering collaboration support skills training for development and other support workers working with Voluntary and Community Organisations across England. The 2-day training sessions will help you to understand:

- Good practice in facilitation and enabling collaborative working
- The benefits and challenges of collaborative working
- Critical success factors involved in collaborative working
- The policy context which is driving collaborative working

Places are limited so please contact John Wilson at admin@holistic-partnership.co.uk to book your place

Rural People Shaping Rural Communities - free conference

Date: Friday 2nd July 2010

Venue: Eastwood Hall, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3SS

Join us and:-

- Hear why community empowerment is important
- Learn how others have made a difference
- Explore how community empowerment could help you
- Get involved in delivering the East Midlands Rural Framework

For booking forms, contact the Conference Organisers

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire

Pam Baker T: 01623 727600 E: pbaker@rcan.org.uk

Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2010 - 10.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: BCVS Dukeries Centre in Worksop

Cost: £35.00

This is a workshop for those who are new to being trustees and for existing trustees who want to reassess their role and learn more about how to give and get the most from this rewarding but demanding experience. The course includes practical exercises and questions for participants to consider and discuss, developing a deeper understanding of what is involved in being a good trustee. This workshop is suitable on its own for providing detailed information or as part of a team-building activity.

To book a place <http://www.bcvs.org.uk/events/index.htm>

First aid and lifesaving skills

Date: Wednesday 16th June 10am – 4pm

Eastwood Volunteer Bureau, Wellington Place, Eastwood NG16 3GB

Cost: Free for volunteers and the unemployed. There is a £5 booking fee which is returned when you attend the session. Paid staff are charged £30.

This course gives you a recognised first aid certificate plus a first aid manual and teaches you how to keep someone safe until the emergency services arrive.

To book, please contact Gareth Stidder, Training Co-Ordinator

Voluntary Action Broxtowe T:0115 917 8080 E: gareths@vcb.org.uk

Local News

Playing for Success

This is a national initiative which began in 1997 and now operates in over 160 sports clubs and venues across the country, linking sport and education to provide stimulating learning environments to engage and motivate learners. Since the Wicket! PFS Centre at Trent Bridge opened last year, volunteers have helped support the County Council's strategy to extend provision offered to young people outside of school hours. Volunteers have been really enthusiastic about the sessions and more volunteer mentors are needed to support 9-14 year olds in their maths, literacy and ICT skills. The centre also offers the opportunity for volunteers to lead activities to ensure that they feel very much valued.

Anyone interested should contact Claire Kiggins, Programme Manager, on 0115 982 3000 or email Claire at wicketpfs@hotmail.co.uk

Welcome to Nottingham

If you work with children or young people, Nottingham Children's Partnership is holding a welcome event to introduce new groups and new people to Nottingham. The event will include speakers and will be a good opportunity to network. The events will be held on: Tuesday 13 July 2010, 2pm – 4pm and Monday 11 October 2010, 10am – 12 noon, Nottingham city location (TBC) Call Lisa Hazell on 0115 9150977 for more information or fill out the online booking form at:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ics/index.aspx?articleid=10028>

Jamming at the Vine

Saturday July 17th, Sept 18th, November 20th 2010 - 7.30 -10.00pm

Venue: Bobbersmill Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham NG7 5GZ

Only £3 adults & £1 under 18's

Snacks on sale to raise funds for family work

Bring your drinks, your karaoke voice, your instruments, your poetry, your dancing dog, your dancing self, your drum, your shaky egg, your dance tunes, or just your goodwill and ears and have evenings to remember!

For more info tel. Jayne or Beverley at The Vine on (0115) 9249700

or e-mail: jayne.thevine@tiscali.co.uk

National News

Olympic organisers overturn ban on under-18 volunteers

Newham's young mayor has helped overturn a ban on under-18s volunteering at the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Under original proposals by the Games' London Organising Committee (Locog), volunteer positions would only have been open to people who were 18 or over on 1 January 2012. But after strong opposition from young people and youth groups, the committee has overturned its decision.

Olympic organisers had originally placed the restriction against under-18s volunteering in positions such as ticket inspectors and first aiders, saying it was a similar policy to that at other Olympic Games events.

Children & Young People Now, 7 May 2010

Joint plans for government published - Section 14 Families and Children

The Government believes that strong and stable families of all kinds are the bedrock of a strong and stable society. That is why we need to make our society more family friendly, and to take action to protect children from excessive commercialisation and premature sexualisation.

Full details of the Joint Plans can be downloaded at

http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg_187876.pdf

NAVCA, 24 May 2010

Office for Civil Society

Nick Hurd MP has been confirmed as the minister responsible for charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations in the Cabinet Office and he will be known as the Minister for Civil Society. Hurd has announced that Government policy will focus on three fundamental issues:

Making it easier to run a charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation
Getting more resources into the sector: strengthening its independence and resilience. Making it easier for sector organisations to work with the State

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100518-hurd.aspx

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Sarah Teather appointed as children and families minister with Tim Loughton as junior minister

Liberal Democrat MP Sarah Teather has been appointed as minister of state for children and families, the Department for Education has confirmed.

She joins the Conservative Party's Tim Loughton, who has been made parliamentary under-secretary of state — or junior minister — for children for families. The new department, which has replaced the Department for Children, Schools and Families, assumes responsibility for education and children's services. Teather's appointment is a surprise move. Before the election she was the Lib Dems' shadow minister for housing for two years.

Prior to that, she held brief stints as education spokeswoman and universities spokeswoman for the party. In opposition, Loughton was Conservative shadow children's minister for six-and-a-half years, with responsibility for children's social care, looked-after children, special educational needs and some elements of youth justice. He has also played a key role in developing the Tories' plans for the National Citizen Service scheme for 16-year-olds, which is expected to get the go-ahead in the new coalition government.

Elsewhere in the Department for Education, Nick Gibb has been appointed as schools minister.

Children & Young People Now, 14 May 2010

Big Lottery Fund

Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, has given his first keynote speech. He intends to place an order before Parliament in September increasing the share of money going to each of the arts, heritage and sport good causes to 20%, with the Big Lottery Fund receiving the remaining 40%. He proposes that the Big Lottery Fund will focus its support exclusively on the voluntary and community sectors, and he proposes to reform Gift Aid.

http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/7067.aspx

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Grandmother wins landmark case to be paid as a foster carer

A kinship carer who looks after her granddaughter is to be paid the same wage as a foster carer, after winning a landmark ruling at the High Court. She retired to start looking after her 15-year-old granddaughter in 2005, when Kent social services requested that she take the child into her care. But the council then argued that the girl's case was a "private arrangement". That meant that the grandmother received £63.56 a week for the girl's care, as opposed to £146.23 each week, which is what the average foster parent receives. The grandmother will now receive the same support as a foster carer, as well as back payments from the council.

Children & Young People Now, 11 May 2010

Jobs

Dance4

Youth Dance Strategy Manager (Maternity Cover)

Temporary contract full-time from 1 September 2010 to 31 March 2011

Salary £28,755 - £36,496 pro rata, depending on experience

To take a strategic role in programme delivery for our youth dance activities and take lead responsibility for our role as Regional Partner Organisation for Youth Dance England in the East Midlands. Candidates must have a passion for developing opportunities for young people to engage in dance, experience in strategic planning and partnerships and a knowledge of current issues in the youth dance sector.

Interviews Thursday 17 June in Nottingham

Centre For Advanced Training Programme Manager

Permanent contract full-time

Salary £24,331 - £27,649 pro rata, depending on experience

To develop and manage the CAT programme for young people (11-18 years) with exceptional potential in dance. Candidates should have experience of nurturing young dancers and managing projects, plus an interest in Dance4's specialism of experimental practice.

Interviews Saturday 19 June in Nottingham

The closing date for both posts is **Wednesday 9 June 5pm.**

For an information pack for either post visit www.dance4.co.uk call 0115 9410773 or email jobs@dance4.co.uk

NCVS

County Funding Advisor

Salary: £23,708 – £25,472

To provide funding advice and information to voluntary and community groups in Nottinghamshire and to the organisations that support them. To increase the funding skills and knowledge of voluntary and community groups.

Application deadline: Thursday 10 June 2010

Interviews: Friday 18 June 2010

For further information: <http://www.nottinghamcvcs.co.uk/jobs/index.htm>

Ashfield Links Forum/Ashfield Voluntary Action

Self Help Development Worker

18.5 hours per week Contract ends December 2010

Salary Scale NJC 5 (£19,427 - £21,519) pro rata

Role: To support and develop Self Help Groups and contacts throughout Ashfield by providing advice, information and organisational support to new and existing Self Help groups and arranging networking and training sessions. Successful applicants may have to undertake CRB checks.

For a job description and person specification please contact:

Ashfield Links Forum/Ashfield Voluntary Action

The Council Offices, Fox Street

Sutton in Ashfield, Notts. NG17 1BD

Tel: 01623 555551 Email: j.richardson@ashfieldlinks.org.uk

Closing Date: Friday May 28th 2010 at 5pm

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