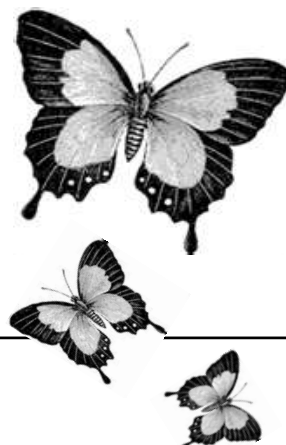


Summer Funding Fair

Wednesday 18th July 2007

10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3pm,
Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields



Speed-date the Funders!

VODA is once again providing community groups with a great opportunity to meet the top funders for the region. Over 2 hours in the morning and 2 in the afternoon you can talk your project over and see whether it would be worth putting in an application, picking from a variety of funders, and come away with lots of other useful information available on the day.

There's a great line-up of big names and other, newer funders besides who just might be able to come up with the funds to make a huge difference to your community group's activities.

Now read the following VERY carefully so there is no confusion!

*It's a **FREE Event** open to anyone in Tyne & Wear and you **DON'T** have to turn up for the whole day - in fact it makes much more sense to just talk to the funder(s) whose criteria matches up with your project the best. You can then get off and avoid wasting the rest of the day! See overleaf for an idea of what each funder is likely to support and whether they would be suitable for your project. Look on their websites to get a better idea of the kind of project they fund (do your homework first!) then ring Frank Gillender at VODA on 0191 200 8555 to book up to 2 speed-date sessions per group beforehand (**deadline for bookings Monday 16th July**).*

To be fair to everyone we are only allowing groups to pre-book up to 2 of the 15 minute slots with the funders who best match their project. IF there are any free slots left over these will be available to book at the registration desk at the funding fair on the day on a first come, first served basis (but only to a maximum of 2 more per group). We want to accommodate as many groups as possible so hope you will find this a fair system.

*There will be **NO** presentations and **NO** workshops. There **WILL** be a series of 15 minute slots to speed-date the funders, which will run from 10am to 12 noon then again from 1pm to 3pm. The funders will be taking a rest and grabbing a bite to eat between 12 and 1pm so do **NOT** expect to talk to them then! At the end of each 15 minute slot a whistle will be blown and you **MUST** vacate the table and free it up for the next group!*

Comic Relief

Will fund community groups whose beneficiaries are one of the following:

1. Young people with mental health problems, alcohol problems or who have been abused through prostitution and trafficking or who have been affected by Domestic Violence
 2. Older People - advocacy, campaigning and tackling isolation and loneliness
 3. Mental Health - Advocacy and campaigning
 4. Refugees and Asylum Seekers - Supporting vulnerable women & Building community links
 5. Small grants for Disadvantaged Communities
- For an application pack or detailed information on these grant programmes see website:

www.comicrelief.com

Big Lottery Fund

Wide range of different funding programmes including the very popular Awards For All (grants of up to £10,000 for a wide range of activities). Also 'Children's Play' 'Family Learning' 'International Communities' 'Parks for People' 'Playful Ideas' 'Reaching Communities' 'Young People's Fund grants to Individuals'

See website for more information:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/apply-uk.htm

BBC Children in Need

Next application deadline 30 Nov 07.

Will fund organisations working with severely disadvantaged children and young people under 18 who are affected by illness, abuse, neglect, disability, behavioural or psychological impairment or living in severe circumstances of deprivation.

Will fund a salary (for up to 3 years), holiday/seasonal playschemes (for following year) and capital and equipment costs. See website for more information:

www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/about_us/grants.shtml

Community Champions Awards

This is the only funder we have attending which funds individuals rather than groups. Individuals who need help to kick start their project or take the first steps to seeing their vision for their local community turn into reality can apply for up to £2000. For more information contact the Scarman Trust on 0191 514 6150 or see website: www.thescarmantrust.org/northeast/next.htm

Community Foundation/Local Network Fund

The Community Foundation will fund community groups for smaller amounts (up to around £5000 approx.) and has 1 application form for over 140 different funds. Also provides larger sum funding for older peoples groups via the Kellett fund (meets once per year before Christmas) and disadvantaged people via the Henry Smith Charity Fund.

See website for more info:

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/home/

The Local Network Fund provides funding up to £7000 for community groups working with children and young people up to 19 and covers a wide range of time-limited activities, sessional worker and one-off equipment costs. Ring 08451130161 for an application pack.

Lloyds TSB Foundation

Will fund registered charities only.

Funding priorities for 2007 onwards are social & geographical isolation, older people and excluded young people. May give up to £5000 or £10,000, depending on the project but VITAL to speak to Peter Ellis or Maria Hallett for advice before putting in an application.

See website for contact details and more information on their criteria:

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/regions/n_east.html

Northern Rock Foundation

Small grants range from £1000 to £20,000 and larger grants (£20,000+) available from the Large grants scheme.

Grant Programmes cover: Money & Jobs, Independence & Choice, Strong & Healthy Communities, Building Positive Lives, Safety & Justice, Culture & Heritage, Better Buildings. Will fund salaries and running costs for more than 1 year.

See website for more information: www.nr-foundation.org.uk/tn_home.html

Futurebuilders

Please note that Futurebuilders is primarily a provider of repayable LOANS (coupled with a grant element) plus support to groups in the voluntary sector to enable them to secure a public service contract which will form at LEAST 51% of their subsequent funding. Minimum investment groups can apply for is £50,000 of which at least £30,000 must be a loan.

See website for more information:

www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk

Unity Trust Bank

NOT a funder but we've included them on the day as many groups ask us to direct them to a bank which makes it easy to open a group bank account geared to community organisations and this one operates through all the high street banks. Talk to the North East representative Karen Gorman. See website for more information: www.unity.uk.com There will also be a VODA stall providing financial management advice and guidance on the day (non bookable but we'll talk to you if we're free!)