

Small Grants for Small Groups

April 2009

This listing is aimed at community groups and small voluntary organisations in Stoke-on-Trent looking for small amounts of funding.

The grants listed are mainly for general community activity but a number do focus on particular client groups/specialist areas of interest. Most are ongoing sources of funding, rather than one-off, time limited opportunities.

Abbey National Charitable Trust

The trust is committed to **supporting disadvantaged people** through: **education and training; financial advice and community regeneration projects.**

Most donations will be between £500 and £4,000. However, in those areas where they have a Community Partnership Group you can apply for up to £20,000: and only organisations with charitable status can be supported.

Phone: **The Trust Helpline on 0870 608 0104,**

E-Mail: communitypartnership@abbey.com..

Visit: Type Abbey Charitable Trust into a search engine for further details about how to write an application letter. **Updated 30/3/2009.**

Age Concern

As from April 2009 Age Concern are merging with Help the Aged and until this merger is complete they do not know what funding can be made available to the wider Voluntary and Community Sector.

Phone: **The Grants Unit at Age Concern, England on 020 8765 7738.**

E-Mail: grants.unit@ace.org.uk

Visit: http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grant_giving.asp? for further details. **Updated 30/3/2009.**

Allen Lane Foundation

Priorities for the foundation are: **refugees and asylum seekers; black and minority communities; mental health users; offenders and ex-offenders; gay, lesbian or bi-sexual people, travellers; older people; and those experiencing violence or abuse.**

The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or large organisations. Single, one-off grants range from £500 to £15,000. Grants repeated for more than one year vary from about £500 per annum up to £5,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years. To be eligible, local or regional organisations' income must not exceed £100,000/year, and national organisations £250,000.

Phone: **01904 613223**

E:mail: info@allenlane.org.uk

Visit: www.allenlane.org.uk for further information. **Updated 30/3/2009.**

Architectural Heritage Fund

Only organisations with charitable status are eligible for assistance. The building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). Any charity with a qualifying project can apply for **Options Appraisal Grants**: The AHF offers grants of up to 75% of the cost of an initial options appraisal of a project likely to qualify for an AHF loan. The maximum grant is normally £7,500, but in exceptional circumstances this can be raised to £12,500. In rare cases the AHF may offer grants for options appraisals which examine the feasibility of only one option, but the grant offered will be a maximum of £3,000.

Phone: **020 7925 0199**

E-Mail: <mailto:ahf@ahfund.org.uk>

Visit: www.ahfund.org.uk Updated 30/3/2009.

Argos in the Community

Argos supports many long term projects across the UK and ROI, working with many different kinds of charitable and not for profit organisations. Support is given only to registered charities and non-profit making organisations and the charities supported must be people related, e.g. **education and health, children (especially schools with special needs)**. No more than two donations will be made to the same charity in a 12-month period.

Applications must be made in writing to **Argos Ltd, Charities Dept, 489-499 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2NW.**

Email: charities.enquiries@argos.co.uk Updated 30/3/2009.

Aspects of Life Fund

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for charitable organisations or registered charities working in the following areas: **environment; disabled; economically disadvantaged; children; and animal welfare.**

Grant proposals are received and funded four times a year.

Applications should be made in writing to: **The Aspects of Life Fund, Aspect Telecommunications Ltd, 2 The Square, Stockley Park, Middlesex, Uxbridge UB11 1AD.**

Visit: <http://mt.net.countryside.gov.uk/cgi-site/funding.cgi?action=detail&id=6> for more details. Updated 31/3/2009

Awards for All

Awards for All. Awards grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

To be eligible groups need a constitution, bank account, management committee and accounts. Decisions are usually made within three months.

Phone: **0845 600 2040** for an application pack.

Visit: www.awardsforall.org.uk for more information. Updated 31/3/2009

B&Q One Planet Living Grants

Through the OPL Grant scheme schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project.

Projects must support at least one of the following themes: Save energy, Conserve nature, Support Local culture and heritage, Grow your own.

The scheme provides **£50 to £250** of funding in the way of materials, except electrical, petrol and gas items. The final result should have long-lasting benefit to the community.

To apply contact your local B&Q Store Manager.

Visit: www.diy.com/diy/jsp/aboutbandq/social_responsibility/BETTERNE.PDF for further information. Updated 31/3/2009

BBC Children in Need

Funding for projects for disadvantaged children and young people (up to age 18).

Disadvantages include: **any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological problems; living in poverty or situations of deprivation; illness, distress, abuse or neglect.**

Application deadlines are **15th January, 15th April, 15th July and 15th October** each year. Applicants should allow up to three months from each closing date for a decision.

BBC Children in Need has made the transformation to a fully online application system. All applicants will need to complete our online application form, and paper applications are no longer available.

Visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/fundingtoolkit.shtml> Updated 31/3/2009

Biffaward

Small grants of **£250 - £5,000** (total cost of project must be no more than £10,000) are available under this programme for projects that have the primary aim of improving an amenity located within 10 miles of a Biffa operation and a landfill site. (landfill tax credit). Priorities are Wildlife and habitat conservation and creation, Improving opportunities for informal education and life long learning, and access to sport, culture and recreation. Supported projects must have the end benefit of **fostering vibrant communities** by improving **environmental, economic** or **social** circumstances.

Phone: **01636 670000**

E-mail: biffaward@rswt.org

Visit: <http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

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Britannia Building Society Foundation

The Foundation offers grants and donations between £1,000 and £25,000 to **registered charities** and **schools** working within education, particularly **numeracy and/or financial literacy** and operating in an area where we have a high density of members. (e.g. Leek)

Phone: **01538 391734** for application forms.

Visit: <http://www.britannia.co.uk/home/site/corporate/in-the-community/foundation.html> . Updated 31/3/2009

BT Community Connections

BT Community Connections awards **Laptops** to **local communities and voluntary groups** throughout the UK.

The scheme enables groups to access a wealth of information and communicate via the internet, opening up fundraising, promotional, recruitment and training opportunities.

Visit: www.btcommunityconnections.com to find out more or to apply online.

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Charities Aid Foundation Fast Track Fund

Grant programme is currently closed and under review. They will be re-launching a new grant programme later on this year. Updated 1/4/2009

Charities Aid Foundation Consultancy Fund

This scheme supports small-medium sized charitable organisations to make the most of their resources by providing them with **low-cost, high-quality consultancy**. Up to ten days consultancy with CAF Consulting is offered and the average number of days awarded is five.

Priority will be given to consultancies that aim to **strengthen the structures of organisations**.

Phone: **0870 264 3296** or

E-mail: consultancyfund@cafonline.org for further details.

Updated 1/4/2009

The Chestnut Fund

For Groups who are part of the BTCV Community Network BTCV makes grants for **conservation activities**.

Start-up grants of **£120** are available to newly associated groups and support grants of **£350** enable associated groups to begin or extend their practical conservation work.

Phone: BTCV **01302 388 834** or your local office for further details

Visit: http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community_network .

Updated 1/4/2009

CLA Charitable Trust

Provides grants to improve facilities for the **disabled** to take part in country sports, recreation and training in agriculture and horticulture and promotes education in the countryside for **disadvantaged children and young people**. Applications should be for a specific project or item of capital equipment rather than ongoing running costs.

E-mail: charitabletrust@cla.org.uk

Visit www.clacharitabletrust.org.uk for further information.. Updated 1/4/2009

Coalfields regeneration Trust

The **Bridging the Gap** Programme- offers grants from £500 to £5,000 to groups and organisations working to benefit of coalfields communities. Their funding themes are Access to Employment, Education & Skills, Health & Wellbeing and Access to Opportunities. They are able to fund both capital and core costs if they meet the programme criteria. The **Main Grants Programme**, with the same themes, offers grants from £10,001 - £200,000 and can run over 3yrs. The upper limit will be capped in 2010 to 2011 to £100,000. This is for Capital Funding only.

Contact: Noelle Hillman, Project Support Officer at the West Midlands Regional Office on 01782 563112.

E-mail: Noelle.hillman@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Visit www.coalfields-regen.org.uk for further information and to download application forms. Updated 1/4/2009

Community Learning Fund

The purpose of this fund is to improve and widen learning opportunities for adults in community settings. It aims to enable community and voluntary groups to deliver learning opportunities that focus on the particular needs of the learner. Projects must be aimed at new adult learners aged 19+ who are residents in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Phone: Jane Kelsall **01782 236048** for application forms.

E-Mail: adult.learning@stoke.gov.uk (for Stoke) or stephanie.swann@staffordshire.gov.uk (for Staffs)

Visit: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/adultcommunity/CommunityLearningFund/> for further information and forms. Updated 1/4/2009

The Co-op Charitable Foundation

The Co-op Charitable Foundation has two grant-making programmes:

- **The Community Support Programme** – focusing on projects which **help community based groups, and projects that help to develop organisations and groups which support communities.**
- **The Opportunity Support Programme** – **improving the quality of life for people and communities experiencing difficulties and disadvantage.**

Please note that The Co-operative Foundation is making some major changes to its grant scheme. In order to implement these changes, the Community Support Programme closed at the end of January 2009.

Contact: **Philip Jones, The Co-op Charitable Foundation, Wood House, Etruria Road, Hanley ST1 5NW Tel: 01782 276329.**

Visit: <http://www.co-operative.coop/ethicsinaction/communities/fundsandfoundations/theco-operativefoundation/> for further information.

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Co-operative Community Award Scheme

This award scheme supports a wide range of community activities. Awards are in the region of **£200 - £1,000** and most commonly **focus on equipment costs.**

The judging panel meets three times a year in spring, summer and winter.

To nominate your organisation pick up a nomination form from your **Local Co-op Late Shop or telephone: 0161 827 6192** for further details. Updated 3/4/2009

Co-op Community Dividend Scheme

This scheme is open to organisations working in the trading area of Co-operative Group (CWS) Limited.

Grants of between **£100 and £5,000** are available **for projects fulfilling a need in the local community**, which are of a voluntary, self-help, co-operative or not-for-profit nature. Projects should seek to address community issues eg. **health, safety, poverty relief, and show imagination in their approach.**

Phone: **0161 834 1212** for more information. Updated 3/4/2009

The Countryside Trust

A charitable trust dedicated to conserving the English countryside by **helping people raise funds and recruit enthusiastic volunteers.**

Grants of between **£500 and £2,000** are **available to organisers of events to work to protect or improve their favourite areas – these might be existing local beauty spots or run-down/derelict bits of land**, which they want to turn into something of value and use to the community.

Application forms are available from: **The Countryside Trust, John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham GL50 3RA.**

Phone: **01242 533338** Fax: 01242 584270

E-mail: countryside@countryside.gov.uk Updated 3/4/2009

Dickie Bird Foundation

A new foundation which has the vision of assisting **young people under 18 years of age to participate**, to the best of their ability, in the **sport** of their choice, irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity.

Grants are likely to range from **£500 to £5,000.**

Phone: **01924 430593.**

Visit: <http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/> for more details. An application form can be downloaded from the website. Updated 6/4/2009

Football Foundation – Community & Education Small Grants Scheme

This scheme provides grants of up to **£9,000** to skill up the **football workforce** and increase participation by **promoting coach education and volunteering programmes**. Currently closed but expected to open after Easter 2009.

Community groups, youth clubs and football clubs are encouraged to apply, particularly if their income is less than £15,000. There is another fund for sums of over £9000

Phone: **020 7534 4210**

Visit: www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Updated 6/4/2009

Football Foundation – Other schemes

The **Junior Kit Scheme** offers free kit and/or equipment up to the value of **£400** to **under 18's teams in clubs and schools for the purchase of football strip and equipment**. The **Goalpost Safety Scheme** will assist in the funding of **50% towards a pair of goals** up to a maximum of £1500.

Phone: **020 7534 4210**

Visit: www.footballfoundation.org.uk

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Give it Sum Fund

The fund aims to make a **positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged people in North Staffordshire** by supporting them to find their own solutions to the problems they face.

There are two separate application forms – one for grants of up to **£5,000** and another for grants between **£5,000 and £15,000**. 2 Deadlines are in May and September.

Phone: **01782 720 040**.

Visit: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk_grants/give_it_sum

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Give it Sum North Staffs Community Chest

Funding is available for a broad range of self-help projects which address poverty, disadvantage and discrimination in the North Staffordshire area.

Grants of between **£50 and £1000** can be made and the Community Chest is aimed at small groups or projects with an annual income of less than £10,000. **Priority will be given to groups or projects that are run by users and those that involve users in running their services.**

For an application pack contact: **Voluntary Action Stoke-on-Trent 01782 683030** or **Staffordshire Moorlands CVS on 01538 381356** Updated 6/4/2009

Groundswell Small Grant Award Scheme

Groundswell's Small Grant Award Scheme makes awards of up to **£700 for projects run by homeless and ex-homeless people that enable groups of people to take control of their own housing situations and make positive contributions to their communities.**

Examples of what can be funded include: **start-up costs; improving the environment; producing publications; running costs and training.** Deadlines for applying are January, April, July and October each year.

Phone: **020 7737 5500** for further information

Visit: http://www.groundswell.org.uk/grants_home.html Updated 6/4/2009

Helping Hearts

Grants of between **£10 - £1000** are provided to help local good causes based in Co-op trading areas.

Phone: Joanne Dyke on **0247 638 2331 22 Abbey Street, Nuneaton, CV11 5BU** for further details.

E-mail: jo.dyke@heartofengland-coop.co.uk

Visit: <http://www.21stcentury.coop/helpinghearts.html> for further information.

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The Henry Smith Charity

The Small Grants Programme gives Grants of **£500 - £20,000** are available for one-off capital items, such as equipment purchase, and one year's running costs to organisations with an annual income of under £150,000.

Funding is available under the following categories: **homeless; drugs and alcohol; disability; elderly; counselling and family services; holidays for disabled and poor children; young people; community service; hospitals and medical care.** Applications can be submitted at any time and are processed fortnightly by the grants team.

There is also a Main Grants Programme for grants of £10,000 or over Covering Capital Grants and Revenue Grants.

To obtain guidelines and an application form send an A4 self-addressed envelope to: **The Director, The Henry Smith Charity, 5 Chancery Lane, London EC4A 1BU** or

Visit: <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grants.html> where application forms can be downloaded.

Tel: 020 7264 4970

Updated 6/4/2009

Inland Waterways Association

The IWA makes grants from its Restoration Grants Fund of up to **£15,000** to organisations promoting the **restoration** of navigable or formerly navigable **waterway routes.**

Applications for grants of up to **£2,000** are assessed under a simplified procedure.

Phone: **01494 783453**

Visit: www.waterways.org.uk for application forms

Updated 7/4/2009

The LankellyChase Foundation

The Foundation supports registered charities that deliver community initiatives to meet local needs.

The programme areas are: **the arts; breaking cycles of abuse; custody and community; free and quiet minds; local people, local places.** There are different guideline amounts for each of these areas.

Phone: **01235 820044**

Visit: <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/> for further details, guidelines and application forms.

Updated 7/4/2009

The Lifespan Trust

An enabling trust which has a small pool of funds **for projects concerned with the over 50's age group** which “add life to years” and **encourage over 50's to broaden their horizons and expand their range of activities and interests.**

Grants to individuals will not normally exceed **£250**. Grants to organisations are usually in the **£1,000- £3,000** range.

Further information from: **The Secretary, The Lifespan Trust, ARP/050, Windsor House, 1270 London Road, London SW16 4DH** or
E-Mail: lifespan@arp.org.uk. Updated 7/4/2009

Lloyds TSB Foundation

The Foundation **supports and works in partnership with registered charities which help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in communities throughout England and Wales.**

Grants are available to projects under their Community Programme for work that enables disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community in one (or more) of the following ways – through:

- improved social and community involvement
- improved life choices and chances
- helping people to be heard

You must be an underfunded charity (12 months reserves or less)

Phone: North West Midlands Grant Manager **07500 787751**.

Visit: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk for full downloadable guidelines and application forms. Updated 8/4/2009

Nationwide Foundation

The Small Grants Programme offers grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit their funding guidelines. The current themes being supported are: Domestic Violence, Prisoners' Families and Young Offenders.

Phone: **01793 655113**

Visit: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding2.asp> for funding guidelines and an application form.. Updated 20/4/2009

Natural England Access to Nature

Grants available: to fund new posts, Training, Volunteering expenses, Venue hire, Capital works. For organisations working with young, older BME and people with disabilities to access nature. Organisations or networks working with people who experience social, economic and geographical disadvantage to access nature and change their perceptions of the natural world. The Access to Nature criteria is accessed via the website or by contacting the External Funding Team on 233671. Please speak to your regional advisor prior to making an application. Minimum award is £50,000, Maximum grant is £500,000.

Phone: Advice line: 0845 3671671

Visit: www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature Updated 20/05/2009

NCVO - Only Connect Scheme

Only Connect is a visit scheme sponsored by [Triodos Bank](#). It enables you to visit another voluntary and community organisation (VCO) to learn about their experience and the key issues to consider when generating earned income.

NB - this scheme applies to organisations based in England only.

How does it work?

They pay £150 for your time and travel to visit another organisation to learn about how they have diversified their income into trading or public service delivery or by using loan finance. They will pay the host organisation £200 as a consultation fee for their time spent with you.

E:Mail: onlyconnect@ncvo-vol.org.uk

Visit: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/?id=7278> Updated 20/4/2009

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Funds organisations whose charitable activities help people to realise their potential and have a better quality of life.

Three main programmes: Arts, Education and Learning and Social Justice and there is an Open Grants Scheme in each of these.

Grants can range from £5000 to £300,000

Phone: **020 7227 3500** Fax: **020 7227 3575**

Email: information@phf.org.uk

Visit: <http://www.phf.org.uk/default.asp> to check eligibility and register with them. Updated 20/4/2009

The Reginald Johnson Foundation

Grants in the region of **£50 - £1,000** are available. The Foundation hopes that these small amounts of money can make a difference to local projects in Stoke-on-Trent, and the **needs and aspirations of organisations, projects and groups serving the people living in the most disadvantaged and deprived neighbourhoods is its primary area of interest.**

Further information on the Foundation can be obtained from: **The Reginald Johnson Foundation, c/o 32 Dartmouth Avenue, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 3NY.** *Need to write to check.*

The Rowley Trust

A trust that provides **grants for the benefit of women and girls with a strong preference for Staffordshire.** Grants usually range from **£100 to £5,000** maximum.

Applications need to be made in writing to the following address: **John Langford, The Rowley Trust, Nowell Mellor, 7 and 8 St Mary's Grove, Stafford, ST16 2AT** Tel: **01785 252377.** *Need to write to check*

Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation

The Foundation makes grants to youngsters under 21 years old to help in areas of financial difficulties which are hindering their progress. Coaching youngsters locally in various sports is another aspect of the Foundation's second aim.

Contact: **Roger Davis, Secretary to the Sir Stanley Matthews Foundation,** 56 Badgers Croft, Eccleshall, Stafford, ST21 6DS

Email: Enquiries@sirstanleymatthewsfoundation.com

Visit: <http://www.ssmf.co.uk> for a grant application form. *Updated 22/04/09*

Sport Relief

A small grants programme for sports and exercise activity in Staffordshire which is designed to: increase access to sport and exercise, build confidence and self-esteem, bring communities together. Grants range from £250 to £5000, average grants will be £1000 and grants of £5000 will only be issued in exceptional circumstances. The scheme is expected to start from June 2009.

Contact: Steve Adams at Staffordshire Community Foundation (based at VAST) **Tel:01782 683030**

Email: info@staffsfoundation.org.uk .

Visit: www.staffsfoundation.org.uk Updated 23/04/09

Staffordshire Community Foundation

larger grants of £250 to £5000. **Funds only organisations in Staffordshire**. Applicants here have to be successful in gaining some funding - although it is rarely the full £5000.

E-Mail: info@staffsfoundation.org.uk

Visit: www.staffsfoundation.org.uk Updated 23/04/09

Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme

The scheme benefits local community projects whose **core work supports children's education and welfare, elderly people, and children and adults with disabilities, and which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.**

Awards range between **£500 and £4,000**. Applications supporting children's welfare and educational projects are considered in January each year. Applications focusing on elderly people and people with disabilities are considered in June each year.

Applications should be made in writing to: **Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, EN8 9SL.**

Visit: http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/ for further information and online application form. Updated 23/04/09

The Waterways Trust

Organisations, community groups and schools can apply under the **Waterways Trust Small Grants Scheme** for grants of up to **£1,000** for **waterway wildlife conservation and the restoration of historic waterway craft**.

Funder is keen to support projects where the award is being used to attract further funding or where volunteer effort or gifts in kind are making a contribution to the scheme. The scheme is closed at present but the 2010 scheme will be announced in October 2009.

Phone: 01923 201494.

Visit: <http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/grants/index.shtml> Updated 23/04/09

The Wilfred and Elsie Elkes Charity

A charitable trust with a preference for Staffordshire that provides small grants for range of local causes **focusing on health, disability, young people, animal welfare and general charitable activity**.

Applications to be made in writing to the following address: **Trustee and Taxation Office, Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, PO Box 356, 45 Mosley Street, Manchester, M60 2BE**. Needs to be checked by letter.

Unltd Millennium Awards

UnLtd supports social entrepreneurs - people who have the ideas and the commitment to make a difference in their communities. We do this by providing a complete package of funding and support, to help these individuals start up and run projects that deliver social benefit.

Two levels of award are offered: **Level One £500 - £5,000; Level Two £5,000 - £15,000**.

Contact: Birmingham Office: Unit G2, The Ground Floor, The Arch, 48-52 Floodgate Street, Birmingham, B5 5SL 0121 766 4570

Visit: www.unltd.org.uk for further information about the awards and an online pre-eligibility questionnaire. Updated 24/04/2009

Youth Music

Grants of **£5,000 - £20,000** (over a period of 3-18 months) are available under the following grants programmes:

- **First Steps** – structured music-making activities for children aged 0-5 years. Will support singing, moving, and access to appropriate instruments and training for parents and carers. £5,000 - £15,000
- **Make it Sound** – support for 5-18 year olds to take part in music-making activities that take place outside of school hours led by high-quality musicians. £10,000 - £30,000
- **Vocalise** – programmes where the voice is the main instrument. £5,000 - £20,000

Contact: **Youth Music, 1 America Street, London SE1 0NE,**

Tel: **020 7902 1060**

Visit: http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_funding.html for details of all these programmes and contact details. Updated 24/04/2009

Young Roots

Grants of between **£3,000** and **£25,000** are available for projects which involve **young people in the heritage** of the UK.

The scheme is aimed at organisations that already work with young people aged between 13 and 30.

Contact: **The Young Roots Co-ordinator, West Midlands Heritage Lottery Fund on 0121 616 6870**

Visit: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/> for further information and a pre-application online form.

Updated 24/04/2009

All information included in this funding listing was correct at the point the listing was updated. However, funding sources are subject to change and it is advisable to contact the individual funder for full details prior to making an application for funding.

Voluntary Action Stoke-on-Trent offers the following support to local groups wanting to raise money:

- Advice on how to make a funding application.
- Help in identifying potential funders through the use of software such as Funderfinder and fundraising CD ROMS.
- Briefing sessions on key funding opportunities.
- Library resources on a wide range of funders including charitable trusts, statutory sources of money and the various lottery distributors and companies.
- One-to-one support with completing funding application forms and general advice.
- Training sessions on developing fundraising skills and related issues.
- Good practice guides and reference publications in our library, designed to help groups develop their projects.
- Updates on new and ongoing funding opportunities in our bi-monthly newsletter.
- Signposting to sources of in-kind support such as the North Staffordshire ProHelp scheme.