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Funding News

Welcome to Walsall Voluntary Action's Funding News Bulletin – it will be dropping into your inbox every fortnight. If you are aware of anyone who may not be on our email list please forward this on to them.

Walsall Voluntary Action holds fortnightly **Funding and Development Surgeries** to assist groups identify possible sources of funding and offering advice and support completing funding applications.

Each group will be allocated a 45 minute slot to look at issues and queries and agree a plan of action.

Dates for the next Funding and Development Surgeries are:

- **Wed 19 October**
- **Wed 2 November**
- **Wed 16 November**

To book an appointment please contact Amina on 01922 619840 or email reception@walsallva.org.uk

Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund

Grants for local voluntary and community groups in England and Wales to develop creative new projects that tackle local community safety problems.

The fund is worth £5 million in 2011/12, with a further £5 million set aside for 2012/13. The Community Action Against Crime Innovation Fund is provided by the Home Office, a central Government Department, which has entered into a contract with the Community Development Foundation (CDF) to administer the fund on its behalf.

The fund's purpose is to stimulate innovative approaches to tackling community safety problems. It will do so by empowering local groups to develop creative new projects to tackle local community safety problems. It is intended that funds would be made available to grass roots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government funding.

It is also an opportunity for grass roots voluntary sector organisations to become more involved in working with their local Community Safety Partnerships, and other statutory agencies, co-designing and co-delivering innovative services to promote community safety.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis so that groups have time to develop their bids.

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To be eligible, projects must:

- Be innovative.
- Deliver lasting benefit.
- Involve local communities.

Tackle crime issues that matter to the local community, with a particular focus on:

- Antisocial behaviour.
- Crime in local neighbourhoods.
- Substance misuse.
- Re-offending.
- Violence against women and girls.
- Youth crime.

Details: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/crime-innovation-fund>

A Walsall bid is being co-ordinated by Walsall Voluntary Action, Walsall Council and Walsall Community Safety Partnership and if you are interested in being involved in this, please contact Lesley Shorthouse: 01922 619840 or email lesleys@walsallva.org.uk

BIG LOTTERY

The Silver Dreams Fund

The Silver Dreams Fund is the first of the Big Lottery Fund's dedicated investments in older people in England, and is being delivered in association with the Daily Mail.

With an ageing population it is more important than ever to recognise the positive contribution older people make to society. Older people have a wealth of skills, knowledge and experience that can benefit others. We want to pioneer ways of working with older people that will allow them to play a much greater role in their communities. They should be able to influence the local services and facilities that will help them prepare for and manage major life-changes.

The Silver Dreams Fund challenge is to come up with a great idea for a project that will pioneer ways to help vulnerable older people deal more effectively with life-changing events.

Who should apply?

Only voluntary and community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations may apply to the Silver Dreams Fund.

Although statutory organisations such as local authorities or profit making companies, will not be funded the Big Lottery are keen to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with each other and with organisations from the private and statutory sectors.

Timeline and how to apply

If you have an idea for a project which will deliver the Silver Dreams Fund challenge and meet its themes, you should submit an expression of interest by midday 28 October 2011.

If we like your idea we'll write to you in November 2011 and invite you to submit an application. You'll need to send us your application form by 27 January 2011.

Towards the end of your project, a panel of experts will judge how well each project has met the challenge. Up to five projects will then be chosen to receive up to £1 million each to carry their ideas forward. We'll provide more details on this aspect of the programme if your application is awarded.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_silver_dreams_fund

Realising Ambition

A Big Lottery funded programme worth a total of £25 million begins its search with 'a call for evidence' on what works to support young people to fulfil their potential and avoid pathways into offending.

The Realising Ambition programme seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- More children and young people benefit from opportunities and support to fulfil their potential, avoiding pathways into offending.
- Organisations working with children and young people have better evidence of what works in avoiding pathways into youth offending and are able to replicate the most effective approaches.
- Big Lottery and others learn about how they can best identify and support the replication of proven practice

The Realising Ambition programme will invite applications from across the United Kingdom for grants of up to £3 million from organisations that can prove their effectiveness in diverting young people away from crime.

A consortium coordinated by Catch22 will support approximately 20 to 30 applications from organisations across the UK that can show their projects have the skill and will to help young people realise their potential for a meaningful life, create social impact, and can be replicated.

The Big Lottery Fund's 'Realising Ambition' programme is a UK-wide initiative that will invest £25 million in outstanding projects that have proven their effectiveness in helping young people fulfil their potential and avoid the pathways into offending.

The programme will do this by helping to replicate the very best evidence based practice so that more children and young people receive the highest quality of service.

Complete the Realising Ambition expression of interest form now.

Before you start, we recommend you download and review the questions within the form: [Realising Ambition expression of interest form](#) (101KB, pdf). Note, you must complete the form online.

The EOI process closes at 9am on 10 October 2011. A short turn-around but this is the expression of interest form. Full proposals will be invited and should be completed by December 2011.

Reclaim Our Streets

Emergency grants for not-for-profit, third sector voluntary and community groups.

Grants are available to relieve hardship caused directly or indirectly by the riots in August 2011.

The fund includes donations from Express Newspapers, OK! Magazine, new! Magazine and Star Magazine readers who wish to support independent businesses affected by the riots including those who have lost their businesses and homes.

Longer term, we aim to support community cohesion in damaged areas, by funding local charities and voluntary groups that are building stronger communities rather than allowing these events to lead to a breakdown in relations. This stream of funding will kick in once the need for individual hardship grants declines and depending on the amount raised.

Who can apply?

Not-for-profit, third sector, voluntary and community groups who are working with people directly affected by the riots to regenerate their area.

This is a rolling programme and we can accept applications at any time up until the closing date of Thursday 17th November no later than 1pm.

However, we do expect demand will be high for this funding programme and we would encourage you to get your completed application and supporting documentation into us as soon as possible.

If you are unsure as to your eligibility then please call us to check

If you would like to know more about this fund, please contact:

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Change Making Fund – Walsall

MAIN OBJECTIVE: early intervention and prevention to help vulnerable young people

These funds have come available through the early intervention and prevention grant and are targeted at vulnerable young people. These funds are available for both groups and individuals and can be spent on a wide range of activities and items for young people within the target group.

The intended project needs to help the vulnerable young person or people to make things better or easier for them. You will be asked to show how the money invested at this stage will act as a preventative measure. A preventative measure means an intervention that stops the young person being in need of more specialist services, stops their problems escalating or making their vulnerabilities worse.

The Change Making Fund can be used to support projects and initiatives with a wide range of different benefits and outcomes for the young people as long as the project is meeting two of the target groups and aims to fit in with one of the Every Child Matters Outcomes.

Priorities

- Projects which will engage vulnerable young people in activities or provide them with things that may further benefit their personal development.
- Projects that promote early intervention and prevention
- Individuals or groups who are in need of a small amount of funding to make a big impact.
- Projects which meet one or more of the Every Child Matters outcomes.
- Projects that meet at least two or more of the target groups.
- Project/Groups that have not received Change-Making funding before.

For further information contact: positiveactivitiesadmin@walsall.gov.uk

Drink Aware Grants

Drinkaware grants support high engagement alcohol awareness raising projects, such as positive alternative programmes or educational theatre, as well as innovative pilots, multi-agency educational partnerships and initiatives combining alcohol awareness with sport or other activities.

The funding schemes give local and national projects a chance to change the nation's drinking habits and make a positive difference to people's lives. Grants are available to groups in any part of the UK, working with any population group through three schemes:

- Ideas Fund - up to £2,000
- Awareness Projects - up to £25,000
- Big Impact Awards - up to £100,000

Projects funded previously include peer-led education schemes, alcohol education work, awareness raising among disadvantaged people who are at risk of harm from alcohol misuse, pilot projects and innovative work.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.

More Information: <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

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