

Funding Opportunities March 08

Government Launches Pilot Scheme to Develop the Creative Talents of Young People (England)

The Government has announced that it is seeking expression of interests from local partnerships to participate in a £25 million pilot to give young people in England the chance to experience high quality arts and culture. The funding is being made available through the new 'Find Your Talent' scheme and will be piloted in 10 local areas. The scheme aims to give young people the chance to discover and develop their talents. This will include the chance to; perform on stage and attend performances, exhibitions and heritage sites; get hands-on experience of the creative industries; learn a musical instrument, and take part in a musical performance; produce creative writing; learn about - and practise - new media and digital art; and develop art and craft skills. Each partnership has the opportunity to apply for up to £2.5 million in funding. All Partnerships should include the Local Authority (or local authorities if covering a wider area), the local Music Service, all appropriate cultural institutions and specialist schools, and cultural programmes such as Arts Award, and, where these are in operation, Renaissance in the Regions, Cultural Hubs and Creative Partnerships. Partnerships should also make links with local creative industries and other creators and professionals. The closing date for submitting expressions of interests is 5 pm on the 7th April 2008.

<http://www.creative-partnerships.com/offer>

Funding for Young Film Makers (UK)

First Light Movies, which is supported by the UK Film Council and the National Lottery provides grants to young people aged between 5 and 18 to participate in all aspects of film productions. Support is available through three funding streams. The Pilot Awards which provides grants of up to £5,000 for the production of a 5 minute film, the Studio Awards, which provides grants of up to £25,000 for films up to £10 minutes long and What's the Big Idea Awards which provides grants of £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films. The deadlines for applications are the 29th February 2008 for the and What's The Big Idea? Awards and the 22nd of April 2008 for the Studio Awards.

http://www.firstlightmovies.com/news/news_full.php?id=75

Young People's Fund 2: National Grants (England)

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is accepting applications through its Young People's Fund 2 - National Grants programme. A total of £38 million is available to fund projects of national significance that involve young people in developing, running and reviewing policies and services for young people and help deliver the five 'Every Child Matters' outcomes. Voluntary and community groups are able to apply for funding of between £200,000 and £5 million (with an average grant size of £1 million) for projects that work with young people across England. Applicants are encouraged to think about how they can develop strong partnerships to maximise the effectiveness of their projects. There is scope for partnership bids with statutory and profit-making

organisations, where the third sector organisation is the lead applicant. BIG expect to fund approximately 20 projects. The closing date for applications is the 4th April 2008.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_ypf2_national_grants.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg

B&Q 'One Planet Living' Awards 2008 (UK)

B&Q has announced that the all-new 'One Planet Living' (OPL) Awards for 2008 are now open for applications. The awards give the opportunity for community or charitable organisations such as environmental groups, community organisations, schools, charities or sports clubs across the country to each win between £1,000 and £10,000 worth of B&Q products to help regenerate local areas and will support environment/energy saving, natural habitats/wildlife and local culture/heritage projects. In addition, B&Q is offering two awards of £5,000 combined cash/product to schools who submit innovative science-based proposals, showing a real understanding about the environment and the importance of tackling climate change. The closing date for applications is the 28th March 2008.

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/bq/templates/content_lookup.jsp?content=/aboutbandq/2004/social_responsibility/YCDI_Awards/main.jsp&menu=aboutbandq