



FUNDING POINTS

March 2004

BBC Children In Need

The next closing date for this scheme is 30 March. For more information please visit www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/apply. Further details can be found on the fundraising pages on www.scoutbase.org.uk

Connect Youth

Funding for exchanges

This is a department of the British Council that promotes non-formal exchanges of young people in the United Kingdom and other countries. For more information please visit www.connectyouthinternational.com or read the 'Fundraising for Visits Abroad' factsheet at <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/bp260006.pdf>

It is **important to note** that any Group that is planning an exchange will need to follow the set of guidelines available from the above website. If the Group has already organised exchanges outside of these guidelines then they will not be eligible for funding.

Promoting reading in Scotland

Grants to increase reading at home

In Scotland, schools and community groups are being invited to apply for funding to promote home reading and literacy. The small grants scheme will provide start-up costs for sustainable projects that encourage home reading. Staff costs, travel and subsistence will not be funded. Application forms are available from:

The Scottish Executive, Education Department, Branch 1, 2A Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Phone number: 0131 244 0080

Deadline: 31 March 2004

Lottery cash for North Wales

The Community Fund in Wales has requested more applications from the north of the country. To find out more information please visit <http://www.community-fund.org.uk/about-us/our-offices/wales/index.html>

The contact telephone number for Groups in North Wales considering an application is 01686 611 700.

Scouts Plus

Magazine to raise cash

Raise extra cash for your Scout Group. Register today for the Scouts Plus scheme Spring 2004. For further details call us on 0845 226 0801 or email us at scoutsplus@redapplepublishing.co.uk.

People's Places Award Scheme

The Charity BTCV is awarding grants on behalf of the New Opportunities Fund for 1,000 People's Places projects. Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 are available for project costs, training, community consultation and other support ranging from insurance to tools.

To be eligible your Group should:

1. be in a deprived community (for more details on this visit the website www.btcv.org/ppawards),
2. create/improve a 'People's Place',
3. involve volunteers in doing the work,
4. be accessible to the wider community,
5. have community benefits,
6. have environmental benefits,
7. be located in England only

Please visit the BTCV website (www.btcv.org/ppawards) and read the *eligibility guidelines letter* and the *scheme guidance notes*. An application form (called an *eligibility form*) is also available from the website. Applications need to be sent to:

BTCV People's Places Unit, Howbery Park, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8BA

BTCV holds monthly decision panels, except in August and December. As the scheme ends in May 2006, the Group project must also finish by then to be eligible.



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