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The Fundingpoint Local Digest provides up-to-date funding information for non-profits in the Sligo PPN area. Funding sources reflect both local and national funding opportunities. All information is quoted directly from funder website / literature.

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Sligo-based Funding Opportunities

Anti-Litter / Anti-Graffiti Grant 2019

Is your group/community or school planning to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti?

If so, you may be eligible for funding under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2019. Sligo County Council will be accepting applications under this scheme for projects in Sligo which encourage action against litter through awareness and education from Monday 1st April, 2019.

Projects/activities should focus on the following;

- Involving schools and young people in anti-litter actions
- Voluntary anti-litter initiatives by community and environmental groups
- Business and commercial sectors in tackling both litter and graffiti at local level
- Projects aimed at increasing awareness of responsible dog ownership in relation to dog fouling issues.

How to Apply

To apply for a grant under ALAG Grant Scheme 2019, please contact enviro@sligococo.ie

Deadline: 31 May 2019

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund

The LA21 Environment Partnership Fund which has operated since 1997, promotes sustainable development by assisting small-scale environmental projects at local level.

The projects involve partnership arrangements between local authorities and various local groups including community groups, schools and environmental NGOs.

The Fund encourages involvement of local communities in local action and decision-making and assists them in working towards the goal of sustainable development. The value of the scheme is enhanced by the voluntary effort that it facilitates.

The LA21EPF assists sustainable development from the ground-up and facilitates, at local level, the achievement of the objectives of the Agenda 21 action plan on sustainable development which was agreed at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, in 1992 (the "Earth Summit"). Renewed political commitment for sustainable development was secured at the Rio +20 Conference in Brazil in June 2012, on the 20th anniversary of the "Earth Summit".

The LA21 EPF is administered by local authorities, while the Department maintains a co-ordinating role. Eligible projects are those which support and complement, at a local level, national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water and Sustainable Development. Local authorities are required to provide an equivalent amount of funding to successful projects as the funding provided by the Department. Funding can also be supplemented by other sources, e.g. the private sector, in order to maximise the potential for partnership arrangements.

How to Apply

To apply for a grant under ALAG Grant Scheme 2019, please contact enviro@sligococo.ie

Deadline: opens 1 April / closes 31 May 2019

Remember to keep a regular eye on www.sligococo.ie/Grants/ for additional / upcoming funding opportunities over the coming weeks and months.

**Additional funding opportunities are available via your local LEADER company.
Learn more here: www.sligoleader.ie**

Additional National/International Funding Opportunities

Irish Cancer Society - X-HALE Short Film Competition

The X-HALE 2019 Short Film Competition Grant call is now open for applications until February 28th! The X-HALE Short Film Competition is an exciting opportunity for youth groups to spread the word about the impact of smoking by creating a youth-led short-film.

Every year, the Irish Cancer Society provides funding and training to support youth groups from all over Ireland in making a short film to encourage young people be smoke free. We are excited to offer all new opportunities for X-HALE 2019 including a Youth Advocate and Youth Worker Champion call, using participation Gaisce and much much more!

The European Commission awarded X-HALE overall 1st place winner of EU Health Awards 2018 for its innovative social dimension and peer to peer approach to working with young people at risk of tobacco use.

How to Apply

For full guidelines and information, please visit the X-Hale 2019 section of Cancer.ie.

<https://www.cancer.ie/prevention/x-hale-2019-short-film-competition#sthash.avKJtKJv.JX1sZYcq.dpbs>

Deadline: 28 Feb 2019

Mohamed bin Zayed - Species Conservation Fund

The Fund will consider grants for the conservation of any threatened or poorly known animal, plant or fungus species.

Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species.

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

Grants will be awarded based on their ability to meet criteria pre-determined by the Species Fund, and are for maximum of \$25,000 for each project.

Criteria

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support species conservation work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary guide to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on Endangered and Critically Endangered species), as well as those which are listed as Data Deficient or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will NOT be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally, the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to in situ conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its natural habitat. However, the importance of ex situ work (genetic analysis, workshops, ex situ populations etc) is also recognised, and so a few grants may be given to projects which focus on ex situ conservation work in certain circumstances.

Core costs: The Fund will not contribute to the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs can be a vital part of in situ conservation work.

Species: Generally, the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

How to Apply

Visit the Fund website to learn more before submitting an online application.

<https://www.speciesconservation.org/grants/criteria>

Deadline: 28 Feb 2019

Europe for Citizens: 2014 - 2020

Europe for Citizens helps promote understanding between the Union and its citizens, deepening awareness of what it means to be European and developing a sense of European identity. Addressing current challenges for Europe (Brexit, Euroscepticism, migration, etc.) are part of the current priorities.

The general objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 are:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity; to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

Specific objectives shall be pursued on a transnational level or with a European dimension:

- to raise awareness of remembrance, the common history and values of the Union and the Union's aim, namely to promote peace, the values of the Union and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and the development of networks;
- to encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policymaking process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

Eligibility

The applicants and involved organisations must be either public bodies or non-profit organisations with legal personality;

They must be established in a participating country, i.e. in a Member state or in a country having signed an agreement with the Commission on its participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme; and

The mission as outlined in the organisation's statutes must be consistent with the objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand and measure under which the project application has been submitted.

In addition, specific eligibility criteria applicable to each measure, relating to the number of involved organisations and the project nature and dimension, are described under section 2.1.5 of the Programme Guide.

European Remembrance - Strand 1

Commemorations of major historical turning points in recent European history (see key dates here)

Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes

Ostracism and loss of citizenship under totalitarian regimes: drawing the lessons for today.

Democratic transition and accession to the European Union.

Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation - Strand 2

Strand 2 encourages the involvement of citizens and civil society organisations in debate and discussion of European policy-making. Organisations can acquire funding to encourage public engagement in the processes of European integration. Projects can strengthen the general public's understanding of how EU policy is shaped.

There are three measures within the strand (Civil Society Projects; Networks of Towns; Town Twinning) and nonprofits are eligible.

How to Apply

View main website calls here.

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding_en

Deadline: 1 Mar 2019 (Network of Towns)

The Ireland Funds Flagship Investment Grant

The mission of The Ireland Funds is to be the largest worldwide network of people of Irish ancestry and friends of Ireland dedicated to raising funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

The Flagship Investments Grant Round provides grants for core and programme costs for nonprofit organisations delivering impactful programmes in the areas of Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Peace & Reconciliation.

How to Apply

Visit the Ireland Funds website for updated criteria and guidelines for 2019.

<http://theirelandfunds.org/>

Deadline: due to open in Mar 2019.

The Ireland Funds Small Grants

The objective of the grant round is to contribute needed funds to a wide range of organisations working within one of our four key programme areas: Arts & Culture, Community Education, Education and Peace & Reconciliation.

How to Apply

Visit the Ireland Funds website for updated criteria and guidelines for 2019.

<http://theirelandfunds.org/>

Deadline: due to open in Mar 2019.

AJ Muste - Social Justice Fund

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute makes direct grants for projects which promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change, and which speak to the issues to which A.J. Muste dedicated his life: peace and disarmament; social and economic justice; racial and sexual equality; and the labour movement.

Our Social Justice Fund makes grants for grassroots activist projects in the US and around the world, giving priority to those with small budgets and little access to more mainstream funding sources. We are especially interested in funding efforts to:

- stop war and militarism
- abolish the death penalty
- support labor organizing
- defend immigrant rights
- oppose prison injustice
- expose the dangers of nuclear weapons and nuclear power.

How to apply

Visit the AJ Muste website for full details.

<https://www.ajmuste.org/programs>

Deadline: 4 Mar 2019

The Community Foundation for Ireland - Older Persons' Grant

The Older Persons' Fund is a long term philanthropic fund which promotes the civic engagement of older people, as a means of working towards making a difference in their communities.

The Older Persons' Fund at The Community Foundation for Ireland is now open for applications! All applications are online and the closing date is 4.30 p.m. Thursday 12 April 2018.

Please read the criteria document carefully for the relevant category you are applying for. This year we have the following two categories that you may apply for a grant under:

- A. Inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles-
- B. Supporting older peoples' voices at local & national level

Grants of up to €7,500 are available to organisations working towards inclusion of older people in active citizenship roles.

Grants will support community based and national activities that promote older people as active citizens and build older people's capacity and potential to take on roles in their community. Social trips, parties or other primarily social activities will not be funded.

Criteria

Applicants must show that service users/beneficiaries are involved or have been consulted in project planning where appropriate. Applicants must be prepared to evaluate and learn from their work as well as share project learning and outcomes and participate in two Learning Networks of Grantees.

When applying online you will be asked to demonstrate the following:

- How does your project fit with the Fund's objectives in this particular category?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration?

- Demonstrate your organisation's capacity for the undertaking
- Provide a clear and realistic budget for the proposal
- Provide a timeline for the work.

How to Apply

Full guidelines and application forms are available here.

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/types-of-grants/the-older-persons-fund>

Deadline: 14 Mar 2019

Foras na Gaeilge - Summer Camp Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Summer Camps through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age):

- which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities;
- that are not residential camps;
- which will last 5 days;
- which will run between 24 June and 30 August 2019;
- which will last at least 4.5 hours each day.

This is a nonprofit scheme to keep the camp fees low for the young people.

Grants are provided out of public funding, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure value for money for all funded projects.

Foras na Gaeilge recommends to applicants to seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant.

We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in Government strategies or legislation.

How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website to download further guidelines.

<https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/?lang=en#>

Deadline: 22 Mar 2019

EPA - Event Support Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency provides funding to support science, technology, research and innovation projects through grant-aid to third level institutions, state agencies, government departments, local and regional authorities, the private sector and individuals.

The EPA research programme has allocated budget to provide funding to support workshops, seminars and other events.

Normally the amount of funding per event will not exceed €3,000.

Funding is provided only for events with a clear relevance to Irish environmental research priorities and on the condition that the events are run on a not-for-profit basis.

The event should showcase current national research by the organisers and EPA funded-groups, and also could include an international keynote speaker.

In terms of audience/participants, the event should target other researchers working in the area and the expected end-users of the research (e.g. Local Authorities, EPA, DECLG, Industry).

How to Apply

Full application details available here.

<http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/epafunding/eventssupport/#.VWzK089Viko>

Deadline: 31 Mar 2019

EYF Grants - International Activity Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

What is International Activity?

International meeting of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in topic, methodology and with a clear European dimension.

The following hard criteria are a requirement for an international activity:

Participants must represent at least 7 Council of Europe member states*;

It has to be run by an international team (4 nationalities represented in the project team);

75 % of participants under 30 years old;

A gender and geographical balance must be ensured;

A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.

Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

Until now, four working days were considered as a minimum duration for an international activity based on the principles of non-formal education/learning. However, in order to adapt to NGOs' needs, the EYF will no longer consider this duration as a hard criterion. Nevertheless, the EYF will continue to assess grant applications on the basis of their merit and the quality of the programme provided. NGOs applying for activities lasting less than four days will have to convince the EYF that the activity is based on a non-formal education approach.

Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be supported as a one-off international activity. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an international activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after the activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

The maximum grant allocated is €20 000. The EYF will cover up to two-thirds of the total real costs of the activity. NGOs need to find additional resources to cover the remaining one-third.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men.

What costs are covered by the grant?

Participant's travel, accommodation and food are covered. Also trainer/expert fees, production of material and renting of rooms and equipment. Volunteer time can be included up to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

The volunteer cannot be paid (travel, accommodation, food can be covered) but the monetary value of the volunteers' contribution can be included in expenditure and income. A more detailed explanation can be seen in the Volunteer time recognition

Eligibility

International non-governmental youth organisations can apply on their own;

International networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;

Regional networks of youth NGOs can apply on their own;

National non-governmental youth organisations can apply if the activity is prepared in partnership with at least 3 other national NGOs or networks from different countries or with at least 1 international NGO or network.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/web/european-youth-foundation/how-to-apply>

Deadline: 1 Apr 2019

EYF Grants - Annual Work Plan Grant

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

Within the strategic approach or global action plan of an organisation (what the organisation would like to achieve in the year(s) to come), you are asked to identify a coherent set of activities/elements to be submitted to the EYF. It should be in line with what you do and want to achieve, but it should also be in line with the work, priorities and principles of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

Each activity/element should contribute to the aim of the work plan and the accomplishments of the work plan as a whole should contribute to the global purpose of the organisation. The work plan does not need to reflect the whole strategy of your NGO; it can be one element of it only. The different activities of a work plan have to contribute to achieve the objective of the work plan as a whole and have to be interconnected. It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions chronologically: individual activities are linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result). Material production or preparatory meetings should not be included as separate activities. They should be included in the activities they are contributing to. The maximum grant allocated is €50 000. The grant awarded for an annual work plan is paid in three instalments: 60% when the signed contract is sent to the EYF by post and the conditions in the contract (if any) are met, 25% upon receipt of the interim report and the remaining 15% upon receipt of a satisfactory activity and financial report. The following criteria are a requirement for annual work plans:

- Composed by several activities (international/other); at least one international activity;
- Clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;
- Each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;

- Link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- At least one third of co-funding for international activities;
- A gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process.

Importance is also given to a non-formal education approach in your projects.

What kind of activities can be included?

International activities

A work plan cannot be a set of very small activities or material production only. A work plan needs to have a "European dimension" and this means it should still contain international activities (at least one). Remember the criteria of international activities (see link): 4 nationalities represented in the team, a gender and geographical balance among participants (minimum of 7 nationalities). You should find co-funding for the international activities. The EYF will not be able to cover more than two-thirds of the total cost of the international activities calculated together (i.e. the two-third rule will not apply to each separate international activity).

Other activities

“Other activities” can be included such as campaigns, study visits, series of workshops, “mobile” activities (activities which involve travel). Examples of activities that can be included in a work plan as an “other” activity. Preparatory meetings, research, needs analysis should be linked to an activity in the work plan, not an activity in itself. Material production should be the “result of” or part of the “follow up of” an activity and not an activity standing on its own. Statutory or internal meetings (e.g. Board meetings, General Assemblies) cannot be included as separate activities in a work plan. These are covered by an EYF structural grant. If a statutory meeting takes place in conjunction with an activity supported by the EYF (e.g. a Board meeting directly after an international activity), this has to be clearly explained and the relevant costs must be separated.

Aim and objectives of an annual work plan

You will be asked to provide the objectives of each activity of the work plan and also the objectives and the aim of the work plan as a whole. The objectives of each individual activity should contribute to achieve the overall objectives of the work plan. You need to show the relevance of the set of activities submitted to the EYF within the medium or long-term development of the organisation, but also show how this contributes to the priorities, mission and vision of the Council of Europe.

Gender perspective criteria included in all EYF grants

Special attention will be given to applications integrating a gender perspective. This should be clearly explained in the grant application. Gender perspective does not mean having an equal number of female and male participants. You should try to develop your project looking through different gender glasses, taking into account the needs of young women and men. More information on gender mainstreaming www.coe.int/equality and our gender mainstreaming page developed having in mind youth NGOs.

Eligibility

Who can apply?

International youth NGOs;

International networks of youth NGOs.

How to Apply

Non-governmental youth organisations must be registered before being able to submit an application.

For further criteria and registration, please visit the EYF website.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/annual-work-plan>

Deadline: 1 Apr 2019

The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity

The Hospital Saturday Fund was founded in 1873, at a time when poverty, overcrowding and ill-health were prevalent and little help was available for those needing costly hospital care.

Eligibility

Which organisations may apply?

Charities (registered medically related charities)

The Hospital Saturday Fund will consider giving grants towards medical projects, capital projects, medical care or research, hospice/respite care and in support of medical training. The Hospital Saturday Fund will also consider grants for running costs. For UK NHS hospitals only, applications will normally be accepted for projects only, the application to detail the scope of the project with supporting documentation, the amount requested and a copy of the hospital's Annual Report (or the hospital's related charity raising funds for the project).

The Hospital Saturday Fund has two grant categories: - Standard grants of up to £2,000 or €3,000 OR - Large grants to up to £10,000 or €13,500 (please note this is the maximum sum that HSF will grant). Large grant applications should be towards specific projects, research or equipment rather than running costs. Organisations may make one application for a meeting and can apply for a standard or a large grant. The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly.

How to Apply

Applications for grants should be made online at www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org

Deadline: 3 Apr 2019 (large grants)

Note: individual applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis. See the guidelines on the Trust website for further information.

Foras na Gaeilge - Youth Events Scheme

Foras na Gaeilge is the new body responsible for the promotion of the Irish language throughout the whole island of Ireland.

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Youth Events programmes (which must contain a minimum of 12 sessions) through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age):

which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities;

- that are not residential events;
- which will run between 1 September 2019 and 30 June 2020;
- applications for festivals, competitions or one-off events will not be accepted
- Grants are provided out of public funding, and Foras na Gaeilge has statutory duties to ensure value for money for all funded projects.

Foras na Gaeilge recommends to applicants to seek joint funding for projects, when appropriate, and to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the best value from the Foras na Gaeilge grant.

We particularly welcome applications from organisations located in areas recognised in Government strategies or legislation.

How to Apply

Visit the Foras na Gaeilge website for further guidelines.

<http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/funding-schemes/?lang=en>

Deadline: 5 Apr 2019

Additional Resources

Nonprofits seeking fundraising advice and guidance can avail of two additional resources:

1. Fundraising Guidance Library

- [Fundraising Essentials](#)
- [Applying to Grant Makers](#)
- [Fundraising From The Public](#)
- [European Funding](#)

2. Fundraising Helpdesk

Can't find an answer to your fundraising question in the above articles? Then get in touch with The Wheel's Fundraising Helpdesk now. Email as much detail as possible to: paul@wheel.ie and we'll get back to you shortly. www.wheel.ie.