

Funding Newsletter



December 2023

School budgets are one of the hardest things to control in schools, especially at this time of year when the supply budget is being dismantled due to coughs, colds, tonsillitis and everything else that floats around our schools at this time.

This month we bring you opportunities to develop extra curricular music activities, a way to upgrade your stage and lighting which will be overused during December and funding to create new outdoor green spaces - plus a few more! But first of all something for all school staff...

DISCOUNTS FOR TEACHERS

Discounts and offers specifically for staff who work in schools!



Exclusive discounts, cashback & vouchers for Teachers & Education Staff. For teaching assistants, headteachers, administrators, and everyone in between.



From 10% off at JD Sports to 40% off with the AA this site gives a whole world of discounts and offers specifically for your staff.

[Learn more about Discount for Teachers](#)

YOUTH MUSIC: AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC CLUBS

Youth Music, a national charity that aims to give every young person the chance to make, learn and earn in music, has announced that it has updated and re-opened its Trailblazer and Catalyst Funds.

The Trailblazer Fund makes grants of between £2,000 to £30,000 for organisations that support children and young people facing barriers to make, learn and earn in music.



Successful applications to both the Trailblazer and Catalyst Fund will need to meet one of Youth Music's themes:

-  Early years
-  Disabled, d/Deaf and neurodivergent young people
-  Youth justice system
-  Young people facing barriers
-  Young adults
-  Organisations and the workforce

School-based music curriculum activity is ineligible for funding unless in a special school, Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision setting.

The next deadline for the Trailblazer fund is the 12th January 2024. The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest for the Catalyst Fund is the 10th May 2024.

Full applications to the Catalyst Fund need to be submitted by the 9th August 2024.

[Learn more about Youth Music](#)

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ROMAN STUDIES: FUNDING FOR ROMAN DAYS IN SCHOOL

The Society's Roman Studies Committee makes grants to schools to help promote the teaching of Latin and Roman studies.

Most of the grants are awarded for the purchase of textbooks and other books and resources for Roman studies, but the Committee also makes awards to schools and museums organising lectures or study days on Roman themes, especially if they benefit large numbers of children throughout the year and may be repeated in successive years.



The Committee does not offer grants to support one-off school trips or events. Applications from schools planning to start courses in Latin are particularly welcome. Grants usually range from £50 to £600.

[Learn more about the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies](#)

THE FOYLE FOUNDATION: DRAMA, THE ARTS, BOOKS

State schools can apply for funding to update their Arts and Drama facilities such as Lighting and Staging.

All Schools can apply for The Foyle Library Scheme to update the books and facilities in their library.



The Foyle Foundation was formed to implement the will of the late Christina Foyle. She was the daughter of William Foyle who, with his brother, founded the former family-owned bookshop Foyles in Charing Cross Road, London.

The Foyle Foundation was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in May 2000 No. 04006216 and was registered as a charity in July 2000 No. 1081766. The Foundation became operational in the Autumn of 2001.

How they operate

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly throughout the year to review strategy, consider applications, and make decisions on grants. The Trustees and their profiles are listed below.

The Foundation is administered by a core team of seven. The Chief Executive is David Hall and the Head of Grants & Operations is Nicola Phillips.

[Learn more about The Foyle Foundation](#)

THE NATURE HUBS FUND

In a nutshell, Nature Hubs bring people closer to nature and nature closer to people.

The Nature Hubs Fund is provided by public donations through the Starbucks 5p Cup Charge and is administered by Hubbub.

It is part of Hubbub and Starbucks' wider ambition to build stronger, greener communities across the UK.



This fund aims to support groups to create or enhance green spaces within a 5-kilometre radius of Starbucks stores that bring people closer to nature and relate to any one or more of the following themes (see [website](#) for examples of eligible projects):

- 🌍 Increasing access – Bringing green space to an area where there is limited access to nature.
- 👥 Bringing People Together – Bring people together and create community connections in/around a shared green space
- 🎓 Upskilling the Community – Teaching community members new skills and encouraging health and well-being through spending time in green spaces
- 🌱 Building Climate Resilience – Making an existing space more climate resilient and engaging the local community on climate issues



The following can apply:

- 🌍 Not-for-profit organisations such as voluntary, youth, or community groups, resident groups, community associations, schools, and more.
- 🏢 For-profit companies, only where the project meets the fund criteria of delivering strong community and nature access benefits.
- 🌍 Community interest companies and social enterprises.

Funding is for specific and discrete initiatives that create new green spaces or enhance existing ones to bring nature closer to people and people closer to nature.

Applications will be assessed against set criteria which can be found on the Hubbub website.

How To Apply

The deadline for applications is 3pm on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Applications will be notified of any decisions made by the end of February 2024.

Guidance notes and an online application form are available from the Nature Hub website (below).

[Learn more about Nature Hubs](#)



CASH FOR KIDS: COST OF LIVING GRANT

In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now Cash for Kids has launched this new Cost of Living Grant, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling.

Grants will be £50 per child for items that support children and young people's physical and mental well-being.



Items that will be considered for funding include food, clothing, school uniform and household fuel. This list is not exhaustive, and consideration will be given to applications that aim to improve physical and mental well-being and have the required supporting documentation.



Applications on behalf of children must be made by a recognised referral source such as professionals within a governing body (e.g., social services, GP, teacher etc.) from a registered charity or community organisation with a formal constitution / governance document and safeguarding policy.

[Learn more about Cash for Kids](#)

TWINKL COMMUNITY COLLECTION

Apply for a grant for almost anything!

What is the Twinkl Community Collection?

So far, the Community Collection has been able to offer support to 122 applicants. From food vouchers to books, craft supplies to washing machines. The impact has been great, but they want to help as many people as they can.



The Twinkl Community Collection is your opportunity to secure up to £500 of support for your school.

Application rounds open every half term for two weeks, winners are chosen at random, and you can apply as many times as you wish.

[Learn more about Twinkl Community Collection](#)

We would love to hear from you!

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or to share any success you have had with funding.

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