

Funding for Holidays, Trips and Activities

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the planning and running of Holidays, Trips and Activities.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Happy Days

<http://www.happydayscharity.org/>

They are a national children's charity dedicated to providing vital respite breaks for individuals, families and groups who support children with additional needs. The young people they help range in age from 3 to 17. They come from many different backgrounds and cultures and suffer many different conditions. They offer help to those with learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities and with acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses. They also help young people who have been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

They fund

- Holidays for young people and their families.
- Residential trips for groups of children and young people, including community groups such as women's refuges and SEN schools.
- Days out for groups to hundreds of venues throughout the UK, including the seaside, theatre, zoos and farm parks.
- Experiences such as sport activity days, art and music workshops.
- They also arrange activities such as visiting theatres and workshops to visit groups where mobility is a difficulty.

You can apply to them for a family respite break if you have a child or children with special needs. These are short breaks by the seaside or in the countryside, usually in the UK. They will accept an application for a family respite breaks from parents, guardians, grandparents, or siblings. They will also accept applications from GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

You can apply to us for a day trip to a wide variety of destinations, for example, the seaside, a theme park or the theatre. You may also apply for a visiting theatre performance to visit your premises.

They will also consider applications for partial funding, joint projects with other agencies and applications for group residential holidays.

Ernest Cook Trust

<http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

As well as offering a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people, the Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the

environment, the arts (in the broadest sense), or in science, or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Since the ECT is a land-based Trust, work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

A large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000 operate throughout the year.

The small grants programme supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place. The programme is a rolling one, with meetings at two-monthly intervals throughout the year – but it is wise to think well ahead.

The large grants programme is aimed at more comprehensive education programmes: these sometimes require support for the salary of an education officer; in such cases the ECT would always expect to be a part-funder. The range of the programme is wide; over the years education projects linked to theatres, art galleries and orchestras have been supported, as have those covering a wide range of environmental and countryside projects

BBC Children in Need

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-shouldiapply>

They give grants for children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

They fund holidays, trips and outings only where these can be shown to be an effective way of addressing the needs of the children and young people involved. Where holidays or other residential experiences are the main feature of the application they will fund for only one year at a time. They do consider two and three year requests where a residential element is one part of a wider range of activities.

They will not give grants directly to residential centres wanting to secure funding for children and young people to attend their centres. They only fund trips and holidays within the UK. Holidays, trips and outings are awarded from their Small Grants programme which awards up to £10,000

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Awards for All, England

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Awards for All, England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them.

It is for voluntary and community groups, schools and health organisations, parish and town councils.

They will pay for activities that will benefit the community, including:

- putting on an event, activity or performance
- buying new equipment or materials
- running training courses
- setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group
- carrying out special repairs or conservation work

- paying expenses for volunteers, costs for sessional workers or professional fees
- transport costs.

They welcome applications from schools or other educational establishments such as academies, but they will not pay for activities or service that schools have a statutory responsibility to provide for example, curriculum based activities, or any activity taking place during curriculum time. They expect projects to take place before or after school, during lunchtime or in the holidays unless you can provide them with a good reason in your application why this is not possible.

Eridge Trust

<http://www.eridgetrust.co.uk/index.htm>

The Eridge Trust is a charitable trust whose purpose is to encourage young people to enjoy and appreciate visual art, especially painting. The Trust makes grants to schools, colleges and others for school trips to museums, galleries and centres of art at home and abroad. Grants are also made to UK museums and galleries for projects aimed at young people.

Trips must be for students in primary or secondary schools or sixth form colleges in the state sector. The Trust is keen to support trips and projects not confined to students taking art exams and not narrowly focused on the requirements of a particular exam.

The normal maximum grant will be £3,000. The Trust is willing to make larger grants for trips with students from more than one school.

Field Studies Council Kids Fund

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

The Kids Fund is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC). FSC, is the only environmental education charity dedicated solely to providing informative and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore, be inspired by, and understand the natural environment.

The Kids Fund aims to:

- bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC learning location.
- help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

Groups who meet one of the following criteria will be eligible:

- Disadvantaged young people aged 4-18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs).
- Voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity)
- OR
- School groups may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum. FSC Kids Fund will not pay for young people to attend standard curriculum-focused FSC courses.

FSC Kids Fund will pay for up to 80% of the course fee for groups of disadvantaged young people to attend a non-curriculum day or residential course at an FSC Learning Location. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses. One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT.

The course content will be discussed with the group and the learning location. Course content could include:

- Hands on investigation of life in ponds and rivers
- Catching small mammals like woodmice or shrews

- Nightwalks and use of bat detectors
- Challenge activities such as low ropes courses, natural wall climbing or raft building
- Fun activities with an environmental theme to build teamwork
- Campfires and BBQs

There are three funding rounds each year which close on 1st March, 1st June and 1st November.

Family Fund

<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants>

They help families across the UK who are raising a disabled child or young person with additional complex needs or a serious illness. The Fund awards grants in the form of a payment card, vouchers, goods, a cash payment or services.

There must be evidence that the child or young person's additional needs impact on a family's choices and their opportunity to enjoy ordinary life. The degree of planning and support required to meet their needs must also be much greater than that usually required to meet the needs of children and young people.

They must require a high level of support in **three or more of the following areas:**

- The physical environment
- Education
- Communication
- Access to social activities
- Personal care, supervision and vigilance
- Specialist resources, including information and communications technology, are required
- Medical or therapeutic treatment and condition management

The child or young person's condition must be long term or life limiting. By long term they mean lasting or likely to last 12 months or more.

Children with a confirmed diagnosis of certain conditions which may be degenerative, life limiting or life threatening are likely to meet the Fund's disability criteria. For example, a child with a confirmed diagnosis of a degenerative syndrome, or a child with a current diagnosis of cancer or leukaemia.

Children are not likely to meet Family Fund's criteria where their main or only difficulty is one of the following:

- They have eczema, asthma or allergies
- They have specific educational difficulties – such as dyslexia, dyscalculia or poor literacy
- Their condition is stable and managed through medication, diet, monitoring, testing bloods or transfusions and there have been no recent medical crises as a result of their condition.

Caudwell Children

<http://www.caudwellchildren.com>

To create magical memories for children fighting life-threatening illnesses and their families through the provision of fully-supported group holidays.

They help by providing:

- Pre-trip support and guidance
- 24 hour professional medical and practical support for the entirety of the trip
- Cover the costs associated with the holiday of a lifetime

The 2016 Destination Dreams programme is now closed. It is not clear if this programme will run in 2017.

Merlins Magic Wand

<http://www.merlinsmagicwand.org/default.asp?css=1>

Merlin's Magic Wand Children's Charity has been established to provide magical experiences for seriously ill, disabled and disadvantaged children at one of the many Merlin Entertainments attractions world wide. They make this happen by arranging magical days out at Merlin Entertainments attractions, such as LEGOLAND Resort® theme parks, SEA LIFE Centres and Madame Tussauds.

They welcome applications on behalf of seriously ill, disabled or disadvantaged children (aged 2 - 18 incl) who may benefit from an award. These applications must be made by EITHER parents/guardians of these children OR organisations which work with these children.

Family Holiday Association

<http://www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk/>

The Family Holiday Association is a charity that provides short breaks in the UK for children and their families. These are families that face daily hardship made worse by the likes of illness, bereavement or disability. They offer those families in difficult circumstances a much needed break.

The family must be referred by someone who knows the family in a professional capacity and is aware of the family circumstances, for instance a social worker, health visitor, teacher or support worker, and who can support them until they go on the break

There must be at least one child in the family under 18 years old at the time of the holiday

The family must be on a low income

The family must not have had a holiday in the last four years

As a small charity they cannot liaise directly with or make any payments to families. Referring agents must be the point of contact for any queries regarding a family's application and any payments made by the charity in respect of an application should be processed by the organisation that referred the family.

Rank Foundation

<http://www.rankfoundation.com/>

The Rank Foundation continues to run a small grants programme for unsolicited appeals. This is a small funding stream for registered charities and recognised churches which are raising money for projects which are costed at under £1million. If you are raising money for a particular project for which the mainstay is capital costs (building work, refurbishment or the purchase of long-term equipment) or a one-off short term activity (such as an annual respite break or holiday for disadvantaged young people) and have already raised a third of the total costs, you may be eligible for this.

Hilden Charitable Fund: Summer Play Schemes

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/summer%20playcheme%20guidelines.htm>

The Hilden Charitable Fund has allocated a small budget to help community groups run summer play schemes for disadvantaged communities. Some priority will be given to projects which show they are inclusive of children from refugee families, and show BME involvement.

Trustees look to fund:

- Projects for children aged 5 to 18 years
- Locally based schemes lasting from 2 to 6 weeks
- Schemes with strong volunteer support
- Applications are accepted from voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000.

Trustees will not support:

- Play schemes with a budget of over £12,000
- Club or family holidays
- Day care costs

They are closed to applications for 2016.

Henry Smith Charity

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

The purpose of this scheme is to provide children with a recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to access. This means that they will not fund trips where the primary purpose is education. You must make a clear case for the financial need of the individuals attending as well as the organisation applying.

Applications can be made for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from areas of high deprivation, are experiencing disadvantage, or who have a disability. They will consider trips for children who live in deprived circumstances within an otherwise affluent area, according to the National Indices for Deprivation, but the case for support must be clearly explained.

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities are all eligible to apply. Trips can be to countryside or city locations, but must be outside the children's immediate locality. They are able to fund day-trips as well as longer residential trips, but are less likely to fund trips to high cost attractions (e.g. theme parks).

They will not fund the running costs of play-schemes or summer-scheme activities. And trips must be targeted to individual children. We will not consider family trips.

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 can be considered. They will only fund a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday as they expect some of the funding to be raised elsewhere.

ACT Foundation

<http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/>

The ACT Foundation provides grants to individuals and other charities, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, (specifically the mentally and physically disabled).

Their grants include financial assistance - towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre. Awards are up to £2,500.

Breaks for Kids

<http://www.yha.org.uk/school-trips/funding>

Breaks for Kids is a discretionary fund in support of disadvantaged young people. Funding may be available for schools/groups who have a provisional booking with a Youth Hostel in England or Wales and who have yet to pay the balance on their stay. Applications must be received at least eight weeks in advance of your arrival date and grants are deducted from your final bill.

Family Cash

http://familycash.org.uk/residential_school_trips_for_UK_children

If your child has to attend a residential school trip you do not have to pay for the educational or travel part of the trip as long as one of the following applies:

- it is taking place wholly or mainly during normal school hours;

- it is to do with the National Curriculum or religious education;
- it meets the requirements of the syllabus for a public examination.

However, a charge will be made for the cost of board and lodging on these residential trips, which all parents must pay unless they are in receipt of certain specified benefits. If this is the case you may be able to claim a remission on the charges.

Remission payments will be restricted to the reimbursement of the actual board and lodging cost incurred by your child when taking part in approved residential activities. These costs vary, depending on the type and length of trip, so contact your child's school to find out about the costs of board and lodging. Additional costs such as transport, entrance fees and equipment hire will not be reimbursed.