



East Midlands  
Funding Forum



## E-Bulletin – February 2019

Welcome to the East Midlands Funding Forum e-bulletin, bringing you highlights of the latest funding opportunities and funding related news.

Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter: [@EMFundingForum](https://twitter.com/EMFundingForum) for the very latest news.

### What's in this month's bulletin?

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Read this section to find out about other interesting and useful tools, updates, training opportunities and news.

[And finally...](#) a final news item or update we want to highlight - this month it includes resources from Think NPC regarding measuring and monitoring impact and job opportunities from BBC Children in Need and Leicestershire County Council.

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### Power to change – Community Business Bright Ideas Fund



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The Bright Ideas Fund will open on 26 February 2019

The Bright Ideas Fund supports new community business ideas through the start-up and planning stages with tailored business support, to the implementation stage with grants of up to £15,000.

The Bright Ideas Fund is funded by Power to Change, the independent trust supporting community businesses in England, and delivered by Locality, the national network for community organisations, in partnership with Co-operatives UK, the Plunkett Foundation and Groundwork UK.

The Fund will be **open for applications from Tuesday 26th February 2019 until Tuesday 9th April 2019** at [mycommunity.org.uk/bright-ideas-fund/](http://mycommunity.org.uk/bright-ideas-fund/)

There will be additional funding rounds in

- August – September 2019
- February 2020 – April 2020
- August – September 2020
- February 2021 – March 2021

**There will be a webinar on 11am – 12pm Wednesday 13th March 2019 about the application process. To register for the webinar, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4785341082201677579>**

To read the funding criteria, please visit [mycommunity.org.uk/bright-ideas-fund/](http://mycommunity.org.uk/bright-ideas-fund/)

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## **Notts Community Foundation - The Lindhurst Wind Farm Community Fund**



This grant scheme has been set up to support community organisations and voluntary groups, including social enterprises, based in Rainworth, Blidworth and in the south Mansfield ward of Lindhurst. It has been made available by Lindhurst Wind Farm Ltd. and is operated by Innogy Renewables UK Limited. The Nottinghamshire Community Foundation is co-ordinating the grant scheme.

**What can a grant be used for?** - A grant of up to £2,000 may be used to support a one-off activity, ongoing activities or for minor capital expenditure e.g.

- to purchase equipment
- to produce publicity material
- towards running a pilot project
- to assist with running costs
- minor capital works
- equipment or building alterations
- to contribute to the costs of an outing

To apply to the Fund please visit: [Lindhurst Wind Farm Community Fund](#)

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## **Gem Radio's Cash for Kids**



Gem Radio's Cash for Kids is now open for applications from projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the lives of children in the East Midlands. Cash for Kids awards grants to families, community projects and other small charities that support children living in poverty, with a serious illness or disability, or children subject to neglect or abuse.

Applications must have a maximum value of £2,000 and in keeping with a timeline whereby funding will be made available in June/July 2019.

To access the application form visit: [Cash for Kids application form and guidance](#)

**Applications close at 11:59pm on Friday 15 March 2019**

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### **Notts Community Foundation – RTC Fund**



The aim of the RTC Fund is to support people in Nottinghamshire's rural areas, by making grants to community and voluntary groups serving senior citizens in their communities.

This fund is available countywide excluding major urban areas.

Grants of up to £500 are available towards any community activity such as the costs of starting a self-help group, buying a piece of equipment or starting a new activity.

Closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

To apply to the RTC Fund please visit [RTC Fund](#)

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### **Arts Council – Project Grants for arts, museums and libraries.**



Project Grants is our new open access programme for arts, museums and libraries projects, funded by the National Lottery. The fund will support thousands of individual artists, community and cultural organisations

Grants are available between £1,000 - £100,000. If you're applying for £15,000 or under, you will receive a decision in 6 weeks. If you're applying for over £15,000 a decision will take 12 weeks.

All guidance, eligibility and application process is on [The Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants website](#)

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### **Community Foundation for Staffordshire – Hilton Main Fund**



The Hilton Main Fund provides grants for small community groups, based in the former Cannock Chase Rural District area, according to 1973 boundaries. This area now forms part of the South Staffordshire district.

Groups must have a specific need. Panel meetings are held to determine whether applicants should receive funding and if so how much. Time sensitive applications may be considered outside of the usual panel dates, or in the case of an emergency, but this is at the discretion of the donor advisors of the fund, and you are advised to call us first to see whether your application would meet this need.

**You can apply for a grant of up to £2,000.**

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For more information and the application process visit [Hilton Main Fund](#)

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## Twitter roundup [@EMFundingForum](#)

- **Vol Impact Northants** @VoluntaryImpact Feb 4 Check out the Time Well Spent: A National Survey on the Volunteering Experience published by @NCVO The survey focuses on volunteering through groups, clubs and organisations and includes data on recent volunteers. <http://ow.ly/4d1o30nzbXj>
  - **Pioneers Post** @PioneersPost Feb 7 Applications for 2019's #SE100 end this time next week! Apply now for your chance to join a list of the UK's 100 most inspiring & groundbreaking social enterprises <https://buff.ly/2SbTBpx> @NatWestBusiness
  - **Lloyds Bank Foundation** @LBF EW Feb 12 A new report from @IVAR\_UK is urging grantmakers to take more risks on who they fund, make their #funding application process easier and have better conversations with grantees. We couldn't agree more! Learn more: <https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/grant-makers-urged-not-way-fund/fundraising/article/1525441> ...
  - **Carnegie UK Trust** @CarnegieUKTrust Feb 18 What does co-produced evidence look like? Read our new briefing paper here: <http://bit.ly/2E9b5u6> #coproduction #InterAction
  - **EMFundingForum** @EMFundingForum 6 new job positions are now available at Leicestershire & Rutland Sport, check them out there: <https://www.lrsport.org/jobs>
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**And finally, ...**

## **Measure and manage impact from Think NPC**

“Whether you’re a charity, social enterprise, funder or philanthropist, [impact measurement](#) can help you make a greater difference to the people and causes you work with. It can help you to understand and improve your work, motivate staff and volunteers, and attract funding.

Drawing on years of experience as [charity experts](#) working with organisations of all shapes and sizes, we take a realistic and flexible approach to [evaluation and impact reporting](#).

Because, as a charity ourselves, we understand the challenges of committing to impact measurement with limited time and resources.

Find [resources](#), [training](#) and [support](#) to help you with your [impact measurement](#).”

## **BBC Children in Need – Job opportunity**

Dawn Watts, our Regional officer in Nottingham, is taking a 6-month career break from May this year, so they are currently recruiting a temporary replacement for her. The role is a 6-month fixed terms contract and details can be found here: [BBC Careers search](#) .

**CLOSING DATE for applications is 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

## **Leicestershire County Council – Engagement and Consultation Manager**

Engagement & Consultation Manager post, which has just been advertised on the East Midlands Shared Services Jobs [website](#).

This post will be based here at County Hall, in the Communities, Policy and Resilience Service, within the Chief Executive’s Department.

**The closing date for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

We hope this information has been useful.

James and all at the EMFF

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The East Midlands Funding Forum is a group of funders, investors and supporters of the voluntary, third and social sectors in the East Midlands. We decided to come together to improve the practice of funding and investment by sharing information, knowledge and good practice.



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