

Welcome

Hope you are all wrapped up warm, we have definitely entered Winter, and by the time you are reading this you will have probably already opened that first little door and finally committed to the Christmas season. A shorter E-Bulletin this month but plenty of online links to reports for you to review.

Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the 5.5 million people living in Britain's former mining communities. Many of these communities still require support due to the huge impact the closure of the mines had upon them.

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:

- Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities
- Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work
- Health: Supporting activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups

Our offer is now live for the Skills Theme only and all the information on registering an enquiry relating to a project is on the following page: [Coalfields Community Investment Programme \(England\)](#)

Please read all the information and the guidance notes carefully before deciding whether to complete the Eligibility Survey.

Heritage Lottery Fund – Kick the Dust programme

Transform how heritage engages young people with an ambitious, youth-focused project. You can apply for a grant of £500,000-£1,000,000 as part of a consortium.

Kick the Dust aims to make heritage relevant to the lives of young people, aged 11-25, now and in to the future. Building on their needs and interests, we want to see a greater number and diversity of young people benefit from high quality engagement with heritage.

This programme is also about developing the skills and confidence of heritage sites and services to sustain their work with young people over the long-term

There is one opportunity to apply for Kick the Dust. Following a mandatory project enquiry stage, there is a two-round application process. You will need to complete a Project Enquiry Form for Kick the Dust before noon on **2 December 2016**. Once we have received this, we will release a first-round application form to you. The deadline for first-round applications is noon on 20 February 2017. Your application will go to a panel of young people and our Board for a decision in June 2017.

To find out more about the Kick the Dust programme visit the HLF website [here](#).

Tesco's Bag of Help initiative

Thousands more community groups will bag a cash boost from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative after the supermarket announced plans to invite customers to vote for their favourite community projects every month.

Previously the awards programme ran every nine months, but from 1 December Tesco customers will decide on a monthly basis which groups get grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 in regions up and down the country.

It's expected the new monthly format will see more than 7,000 projects receive vital funding every year. Funding will continue to be awarded to groups seeking to use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community.

Voting for the first month's groups will run in Tesco stores across the UK throughout December. Customers will be able to cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. Tesco is working with environmental improvement charity, Groundwork, to help deliver its Bags of Help scheme.

Tesco and Groundwork are always calling out for nominations from community groups and customers – find out more at www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

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- A few links from our Twitter feed that might be of interest: Have you read Nigel Davies' guest blog on foundations, transparency, and [#SORP?](#) <http://www.acf.org.uk/news/guest-blog-the-changing-face-of-transparency-nigel-davies...>
- Sustainability - What does it mean to funders? Watch now <http://youtu.be/GFOMOUWqvU?a> @PearsFoundation @CripplegateFdn @jrf_uk @LankellyChase
- Deadline for the #SORP consultation is approaching - don't miss this opportunity to have your say <http://www.acf.org.uk/news/sorp-have-your-say> from @ACFoundations
- We're extremely excited to start rolling out our new brand - keep your eyes peeled for more information soon! From @UKCF_tweets
- Getting out & about is all part of a day's work for Lesley, our #Nottingham-based development manager: <http://bit.ly/2q8YU1k> from @HLFEastMids



- Read our #FutureofAssets paper and help save our treasured places and spaces from being lost for good! <http://buff.ly/2f20wOn> from @localitynews



And finally...

Trying not to sound like a broken record on this one, but the ever increasing speed of funding news has been highlighted again this month. With at least 3 deadlines for funding programmes being today (30th November) and therefore difficult to include within the E-Bulletin. As social media enables more people, groups, communities and organisations to link and share news this trend will only continue to increase. So get yourself signed up to a social media site or two, and start to follow those funders, groups and organisation you are interested in.



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