



MONEY FOR INDIVIDUALS

a funding information leaflet from *funderfinder*

If you need to find money for individuals there are some useful directories and web-based resources dealing with sources of money for **individuals in need** and with **educational grants**:

Funding guides

A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need 2006/07

by Rebecca Ryland, Gemma Lynch, Alan French & Lianne Birkett, pub. DSC, 10th ed., 2006, £34.95, ISBN 978 1 903991 74 9. From DSC, 24 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2DP, tel: 08450 77 77 07.

Lists over 2,500 charities that help individuals and have more than £500 to give away. There are separate sections on regional charities and those connected to specific occupations, illnesses or disabilities.

The Educational Grants Directory 2006/07

by Alan French, Tom Traynor & Sarah Johnston, pub. DSC, 9th ed., 2006, £34.95, ISBN 978 1 903991 75 6.

A comprehensive listing of over 1,500 national and local charities which give to individuals for education.

A Guide to Financial Help Towards the Cost of a Holiday

£2.50 from Holiday Care Information Service, Tourism for All, The Hawkins Suite, Enham Place, Enham Alamein, Andover SP11 6JS, tel: 0845 124 9971, minicom: 0845 124 9976, fax: 0845 124 9972, e-mail: info@tourismforall.org.uk, website: www.holidaycare.org.uk

Lists trusts that will consider assistance towards the cost of a holiday, for adults and children with any type of disability or medical condition, less able older people, their carers and families.



Regional Guides

The North East Guide to Grants for Individuals 2006-2007

pub. Funding Information North East, 4th ed., 2005, £15, ISBN 0 9546306 4 5. From FINE, John Haswell House, 8-9 Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 4DY, tel: 0191 477 1253, fax: 0191 477 1260, website: www.fine.org.uk

Gives details about charitable trusts making grants to individuals in County Durham, Teesside Northumberland and Tyne and Wear, both to relieve need and for educational purposes. See also 'Web-based resources' below.

Software

People in Need (PIN)

A software package produced by FunderFinder, 65 Raglan Road, Leeds LS2 9DZ, tel: 0113 243 3008, fax: 0113 243 2966. www.funderfinder.org.uk. Organisations buy the software and then make it available free for individuals to use. Contact FunderFinder to find out where your nearest copy is.

Contains information about more than 3,500 charitable trusts that give grants for relief-in-need or funds people looking for money to study or for personal development.

Web-based resources

There is a vast amount of information available on websites about funding for education, particularly higher education. Many individual universities have their own lists on their websites. If you are looking for funding for education it is always worth starting with your prospective college or university website. Other useful sites include:

[Association of Charity Officers \(ACO\)](#)

ACO is a network of benevolent charities which provide a wide range of support services to people with connections to particular industries, trades and professions. The web search facility includes all ACO member charities and is updated regularly.

www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm

The British Council website includes information about funding studies in the UK, for those coming from abroad. It includes a searchable database, which is actually the same as Scholarship Search (see below).

www.fine.org.uk/neggi/

The FINE directory as an online searchable database. Cost: from £50.

www.prospects.ac.uk

The official graduate careers website, which includes a postgraduate section that lists sources of funding.

www.rdinfo.org.uk/

Produced by Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, this site is a comprehensive digest of health-related research funding and training opportunities. Includes information on charitable trusts as well as other funding bodies and travel awards.

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

Scholarship Search UK provides a free search facility for students looking for funding for

a university course. Run by Hot Courses, the site also includes lots of information about finding university courses and funding in general.

www.turn2us.org.uk

A new website and charity set up by Elizabeth Finn Care it helps individuals see whether they are eligible for state benefits and has a limited search for charitable trust funding.

www.ukcosa.org.uk

The website of the Council for International Education. It gives help and advice to prospective students from overseas, and also links to other useful sites.

Organisations

The British Council

British Council Education & Training Group, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN, tel: 020 7389 4383, website: www.britishcouncil.org

The Learning Section provides a range of help to students, teachers, young people and adult learners, both from abroad and from the UK. This includes information about courses, work experience in the UK and abroad, exchange visits overseas and programmes for adult learners. They have information about grants, scholarships and other sources of funding for all of these.

EGAS - The Educational Grants Advisory Service

EGAS, Family Welfare Association, 501-505 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AU, website: www.egas-online.org

EGAS was set up to help secure funding for students, particularly those who are disadvantaged. It primarily assists students who cannot receive statutory funding, with priority to lone parents, the disabled, refugees, and people from under-privileged backgrounds or in exceptional circumstances. EGAS can advise on possible sources of funding. You will need to send a SAE and in return EGAS will send you an Information Form to complete. Their website contains some of this information although you have to be an affiliated organisation to gain access to certain information.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Local Citizens Advice Bureaux provide free, confidential and impartial advice on every subject. They provide advice and information; advocacy and negotiation; and representation. They can help with most debt problems; benefit entitlement; housing and employment issues. You can find the location of your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau from your local library or in your local telephone directory.

learndirect

freephone 0800 100 900, website;

www.learndirect.co.uk

learndirect is a free telephone helpline to help with career and learning opportunities including financing study. learndirect is available between 9am and 9pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays. The website allows you to identify and even buy a course online.

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