



# 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 2009/10

by Catriona Chronnell & Sarah Johnston, pub. DSC, 11th ed., 2009, £50, ISBN 978 1 906294 30 4. From DSC, 24 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2DP, tel: 08450 77 77 07, website: [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

*Lists over 2,300 charities that help individuals. There are separate sections on regional charities and those connected to specific occupations, illnesses or disabilities.*

### The Educational Grants Directory 2009/10

by Jessica Carver & Alan French, pub. DSC, 10th ed., 2009, £50, ISBN 978 1 906294 31 1.

*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 or Respite Break

£3.50 from Tourism for All, c/o Vitalise, Shap Road Industrial Estate, Shap Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6NZ, tel: 0845 124 9971, fax: 01539 735567, e-mail: [info@tourismforall.org.uk](mailto:info@tourismforall.org.uk), website: [www.tourismforall.org.uk](http://www.tourismforall.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.*



### The Prisoner Funder Directory 2009

pub. The Hardman Trust, 2009, only available in pdf format as a download from their website: [www.hardmantrust.org.uk](http://www.hardmantrust.org.uk)

*Lists sources of support for offenders and ex-offenders for the purposes of rehabilitation. The guide covers statutory sector funding as well as voluntary sector sources.*

## **Regional Guides**

### The North East Guide to Grants for Individuals 2008-2009

pub. Funding Information North East, 5th ed., 2008, £18, ISBN 0 95463206 8 8.

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](http://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.*

## **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](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk). Contact FunderFinder for availability and price.

*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. You can probably use PIN for free somewhere. Contact FunderFinder to find out where (see also Online PIN below).*

## **Web-based resources**

There is a vast amount of information available on websites about funding for individuals, particularly for education and especially for higher education. Useful sites include the following:

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

*ACO is a network of benevolent charities which provide a wide range of support services for people with connections to particular industries, trades and professions. Most ACO members give grants to individuals in need, but many also offer other kinds of services, ranging from advice to care and beyond. The search engine includes all ACO member charities and is updated regularly.*

### [www.britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm](http://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/](http://www.fine.org.uk/neggi/)

*The FINE directory (see above) as an online searchable database. Cost: from £50.*

[www.firststopcareadvice.org.uk](http://www.firststopcareadvice.org.uk)

*FirstStop Care Advice Service is a service provided by four voluntary organisations concerned with elderly people. The website contains a wide range of information and advice about care, housing and financial options for older people and their carers. Also has a helpline: 0800 377 7070.*

[www.funderfinderpin.org.uk](http://www.funderfinderpin.org.uk)

*Online PIN, this is the web-based version of FunderFinder People in Need (see above). You can buy 24 hour access to it for £5.50.*

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

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

[www.rdfunding.org.uk/](http://www.rdfunding.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](http://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/](http://www.turn2us.org.uk/)

*A 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.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

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

Many individual universities have their own lists on their websites, as well as bursaries and funds specific to that university or college. So, if you are looking for funding for education it is always worth starting with your prospective college or university website. Alternatively, if you are looking to study in England, use the government's bursary map website [bursarymap.direct.gov.uk](http://bursarymap.direct.gov.uk) to find out what bursaries are available where.

## **Organisations**

### **The British Council**

British Council Education & Training Group, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN, tel: 020 7389 4383, website: [www.britishcouncil.org](http://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 Action, 501-505 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AU, tel: 020 7254 6251, website: [www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037](http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037)

*Part of Family Action, EGAS offers a range of services providing information on funding for those in post-16 education in England. It specialises in funding from charitable trusts and maintains a database of trusts and charities that assist students. In addition EGAS also administers over 30 educational trusts giving small grants to students who study at institutions that are affiliated its service. Students can complete an online search form or print out a form, complete it and send it in by post.*

### **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](http://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.*

### **National Debtline**

freephone 0808 808 4000, website: [www.nationaldebtline.co.uk](http://www.nationaldebtline.co.uk)

*A national telephone helpline for people with debt problems. The service is free and confidential and is part of the Money Advice Trust. Their website contains a wide range of free information sheets.*

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