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UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs - is the organisation chosen by the Millennium Commission to administer the Millennium Awards Trust, a £100 million permanent endowment fund that will ensure people across the UK will continue to benefit from Lottery money, through the Millennium Awards Scheme, for generations to come. UnLtd was set up by seven leading UK organisations to develop the role of social entrepreneurs as a force for positive change in the UK. In the short to medium term UnLtd will achieve this by providing:

UnLtd Millennium Awards

UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to people who have both the ideas and commitment to develop projects which will benefit their community. The Awards are for people over the age of 16 and projects must:

- benefit the public or a community in the UK
- be in need of an UnLtd Millennium Award to ensure their success
- offer a learning opportunity for the applicant(s)
- be either a new initiative or clear expansion of an existing project.

There are currently two levels of awards:

- Level One awards provide funding and support of £500 - £5,000, (with an average award size of £2,000) for people just getting started on a project. The Award can be used for the things needed to start or develop the project: materials, equipment, renting rooms for meetings and so on. At Level 1 several people can come together to develop a project as a group. The awards are for people who:
 - have an idea which will benefit their community
 - have thought about how they will run their project
 - have some evidence that there is a need for their project
 - will learn a new skill from carrying out their project.
- Level Two awards, of £10,000 and £20,000, (with an average award of £15,000), to enable individuals with promising projects to expand and develop them. Level 2 Awards are given out in two phases each year, once in the spring and once in the winter.

Level 2 award applications are encouraged from inspiring individuals who can clearly articulate a compelling vision to bring about social change. At Level 2 UnLtd is looking for entrepreneurs who can demonstrate a viable business case for their project development and a clear social need for their work. Applicants should have usually been operating their projects for over a year.

At Level 2 applicants are expected to have knowledge of similar initiatives or work and the vision and commitment to make the project real. Groups cannot apply for Level 2 awards.

Full details of the awards are on their website: www.unltd.org.uk . Application forms for awards are available:

- by downloading it from their website
- calling 0845 850 1122 for an application pack
- applying online.

UnLtd Ventures

This unit provides consultancy support to a number of outstanding social entrepreneurs, helping them to scale or replicate their projects. The individuals who become involved with UnLtd Ventures will have already established themselves as successful social entrepreneurs either with the level 1 and 2 awards or independently of UnLtd.

UnLtd Research aims to become the world's primary source of evidence and thinking around Social Entrepreneurship. Its central purpose will be to lead the global business, public policy and academic debates about the role of Social Entrepreneurship in community regeneration, employment and growth strategies.

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For more information about resources available to social entrepreneurs and social enterprises in the UK, see the website of the School for Social Entrepreneurs:

www.sse.org.uk

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