

languages ICT

New horizons: Getting involved

Funding opportunities

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In this document you will find information listed alphabetically on sources of funding for setting up small or medium-sized projects. All the funding opportunities listed were available at the time of publication. The list of sources for funding is not exhaustive.

Not all of the funding sources listed have a specific ICT-focus, but annotations are included so that you can see whether other aspects of your intended project fall within the scope of a fund.

Some professional development funding sources are also included, as training may provide opportunities for materials development. Likewise, information is provided on a number of competitions which offer monetary awards. General guidance on making funding applications is available on the **TeacherNet** website.

CfBT Education Trust

CfBT supports educational research and development projects with widespread policy and practice implications. Its Education Committee meets 4 times a year, in March, June, September and December, to allocate funding. Ideas must be 'distinctive, sustainable and have outcomes which are identifiable, worthwhile and measurable'.

Compact Agreement (Wales)

If you are a school in Wales, you can apply for £500 funding from the Welsh Assembly to support a project aimed at increasing uptake of languages at KS4, which could involve the use of ICT. Go to the **CILT Cymru** website for more information.

DFID Global Curriculum Project Grants

If you wish to undertake an ICT project which includes the global dimension and links with an eligible country in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America or the Caribbean, you may like to apply for a **Global Curriculum Project Grant**. Deadlines are usually in April. Funding also exists under the Global School Partnerships scheme for reciprocal visits. The **Global Schools Partnership Programme**, which is currently (2008) under review, offers annual awards funded by the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID) and administered by the British Council.

European eLearning Awards

The eLearning Awards is an annual competition which rewards excellent use of new technologies in European schools, such as an educational website or school project. The Awards began in 2000 and entries are showcased in a special project gallery visited by colleagues from all over Europe. In 2007 a total of €40000 was awarded in cash prizes and equipment to 13 schools. The deadline is usually the end of September; visit the **eLearning Awards** website for more details.

European Union

The EU **Lifelong Learning Programme**, formerly Socrates, comprises four separate actions: Comenius, Leonardo, Grundtvig and Erasmus. The UK national agency for Comenius and Erasmus is the **British Council**.

If you work in a school or further education, you may wish to investigate funding for project-based partnerships with schools in Europe under the Comenius action. If you are involved in adult education, you may be eligible for funding under the Grundtvig action. Leonardo is for the development of skills and training and Erasmus applies to Higher Education.

For details of all actions, go to the site of the **Lifelong Learning Programme**

General Teaching Council for Wales

The **GTCW** website gives information on their Professional Development Bursary funding (up to £650 in 2008) for individual teachers in Wales. Also listed is Professional Development Network funding (up to £7800 in 2008) to enable a group of teachers to work together on a regular basis, a Teacher Research Scholarship for action research and Teacher Sabbatical funding (up to £5250 in 2008).

ICT Excellence Awards, Becta

The **ICT Excellence Awards** reward schools across the UK approaching ICT in outstanding or innovative ways. The scheme aims to identify and reward whole school excellence in ICT. While rewarding the school as a whole, there is a focus within the new awards on those individuals leading change within the school and making an impact across it. Prize money is to be spent on the provision of equipment or training. The national winner of the Best whole-school category in 2008 will win £6,000, with each of the 12 regional winners in this category receiving £1,000.

The Mary Glasgow 14–19 Curriculum Prize

The Mary Glasgow Language Trust, in association with the Nuffield Foundation and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation offers annual prizes for curriculum innovation in languages in the 14-19 sector. Projects are sought which aim to do something new and different and which make learning more engaging and successful. The Trust is particularly interested in projects which engage pupils who would otherwise stop learning a language at 14. In 2009 prizes of £5000 prizes are to be awarded to four projects

National Lottery Funding

The **Awards for all** initiative is a National Lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities, offering grants between £300 and £10000. It can fund projects that promote education in the local community and may provide opportunities for schools planning an outreach project using ICT.

NAACE Bursary

NAACE is the professional association for those who are concerned with advancing education through the appropriate use of ICT. Its Bill Tagg Bursary of up to £3250 per candidate (dated 2008) is offered to 3 NAACE members or their nominees every year, allowing them to engage in short periods of clearly focussed research activity. More details, including research papers from previous years and application documentation are available from the **NAACE** website. The application deadline is usually at the end of March.

Teachers International Professional Development

The **TIPD programme** was introduced by the DfES in May 2000. It provides opportunities for teachers in England to develop their teaching skills, by experiencing best practice in a number of key themes through short-term international study visits. Such visits also aim to create international links between schools. Themes include ICT, special educational needs (SEN), Citizenship and Literacy. Each LA is allocated a certain number of places each year.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards are one-off payments made to organisations supporting children's education in communities with a Tesco store nearby. An innovative project involving the use of ICT with pupils may well be of interest. Visit the **Tesco** corporate website for more details, the application deadline is usually end January.

Where to look

British Council: www.britishcouncil.org/socrates

CfBT Education Trust: www.cfbt.com/research.aspx

Compact Agreement (Wales) CILT Cymru:
www.ciltcymru.org.uk

DFID Global Curriculum Project Grants:
www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grants.htm

European eLearning Awards:
<http://elearningawards.eun.org/www/en/pub/elearningawards/homepage.htm>

European Union Lifelong Learning Programme: www.lifelonglearningprogramme.org.uk

General Teaching Council for Wales: www.gtcw.org.uk/cpd/information

ICT Excellence Awards, Becta: <http://awards.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=1744>

Mary Glasgow Language Trust: www.maryglasgow.org.uk

National Lottery Funding Awards for All: www.awardsforall.org.uk

NAACE Bursary: www.naace.org

Teachers International Professional Development:
www.teachernet.gov.uk/professionaldevelopment/tipd

TeacherNet: www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/atoz/b/biddingforfunds

Tesco Charity Trust: www.tescocorporate.com