

**SECTION 1: FUNDING**

**NEW GRANTS SCHEME  
FOR C&V GROUPS**

Pobal is inviting applications from C&V organisations for funding under two Programmes of Grants for Community and Voluntary Organisations.

**Programme 1: Two schemes of once-off grants:**

***Scheme of Refurbishment Grants***

Grants will be made to a range of local community and voluntary organisations with a focus on addressing disadvantage or where evidence of need has been clearly identified in their communities.

***Scheme of Equipment Grants***

The objective of this scheme is to support the activities of local community and voluntary organisations that are addressing disadvantage in their communities

**Programme 2: *Scheme of Training Grants***

The aim of the Programme is to support or enhance the activities of community and voluntary groups both national and local or community based. Priority will be given to applications that address disadvantage.

These Programmes are part funded from funds made available by the National Lottery. Information briefings will be held in the coming month. It is advisable to attend one of the information briefings before completing the application form and registration is compulsory.

Further sessions will be held in Autumn/Winter 2008. To register your attendance at one of the information briefings, please email [c&v@pobal.ie](mailto:c&v@pobal.ie) or tel: 01 4484888 to confirm a place.

Grant application forms and further details can be found on: [www.pobal.ie/live/smallgrants](http://www.pobal.ie/live/smallgrants)

Hardcopies will be available in the near future from:

**Pobal**  
**Holbrook House, Holles Street, Dublin 2.**  
**Tel: 01 4484888**

**DORMANT ACCOUNTS CALL FOR  
APPLICATIONS FOR SUICIDE  
PREVENTION INITIATIVES**

The support for Suicide Prevention Initiatives is a specific measure under the Social & Economic Disadvantage Category of the 2008 round of Dormant Accounts

funding. Up to €1million has been allocated for this Measure. Pobal invites applications from locally based community and voluntary groups who have experience of working in the area of suicide prevention or in a related area.

Funding applications submitted under this Measure should be directly relevant to 'Reach Out - National Strategy for Action on Suicide Prevention 2005 - 2014'.

Information briefings are being held in 5 locations around the country and it is recommended that those who are interested in applying should attend a briefing before completing an application form. To register for information briefing please **phone 01 4484809** or email [mcahalan@pobal.ie](mailto:mcahalan@pobal.ie). Early registration is advised.

Please note that this funding is targeted at community and voluntary groups and not individuals.

Application Forms and Criteria Guidelines are available from Pobal, **tel: 01 2400700**, or are available to download from [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie)

The closing date for applications is  
**5pm, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

Completed applications should be sent to:  
**Dormant Accounts Fund, Pobal**  
**Holbrook House, Holles Street, Dublin 2.**  
**Tel: 01 4484888**

**VODAFONE IRELAND  
FOUNDATION GRANTS 2008**

The Foundation will consider applications, for level 2 and level 3 grants from Friday 4th July until Thursday 31st July 2008. Awards will be made on the basis of yearly to three yearly grants. The Foundation is open to receiving "applications of interest" from charities whose projects meet the designated criteria. Particular interest is shown by the Vodafone Foundation in projects whose main objective is to improve the lives of children, young people and families facing adversity. These charities must hold a current CHY number with the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

**Level 2**

As part of Level 2 funding there is now the opportunity for groups to apply for grants from the Foundation for projects they feel meet our grant criteria listed. Grants in the range of euro 5,000 to euro 80,000 will be available for **projects supporting children, young people and their families facing adversity.**

A new **"Sports & Music Category"** has been created in the Level 2 funding to concentrate on interesting and

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innovative sports or music projects. We look forward to receiving relevant submissions.

### Level 3

For Level 3 grants, we have a fund of approximately €100,000 available for capacity building in the sector and look forward to hearing from groups who need support in this area. We would be especially interested in funding initiatives or events of benefit to the whole sector.

For further information please contact:

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[www.vodafoneirelandfoundation.ie](http://www.vodafoneirelandfoundation.ie)

### NEW ONE-STOP FUNDING SITE FOR C&V SECTOR LAUNCHED

**Fundingpoint.ie** is the new one-stop-shop website for funding information for the community and voluntary sector in Ireland. Developed by The Wheel and funded by the Vodafone Ireland Foundation (VIF), Fundingpoint.ie contains comprehensive details for hundreds of funding schemes from a variety of sources, including central and local government, EU funds, independent trusts and corporate grants.

Employing the latest in user-friendly web technologies, Fundingpoint.ie allows subscribers to quickly search for grants that best suit their organisations' funding needs, thereby saving valuable time and human resources. Each grant scheme listed will include the full eligibility criteria, the levels of funding available, relevant deadlines and key contact details.

In addition the many open funding schemes already featured on Fundingpoint.ie, dozens more schemes will be added over the coming weeks and months. All schemes and news stories featured on the website will be updated on an ongoing basis by a dedicated Fundingpoint.ie Editor. The site has the following features available free to all its users:

**News:** All users can access Fundingpoint.ie's dedicated News section, featuring the all the latest stories and features from the national and international press related to fundraising in Ireland.

**Fundraising Guidance:** Fundingpoint.ie's knowledge base of fundraising guidance articles contains dozens of expertly written articles covering every aspect of the fundraising process, from how to get started in

fundraising to more specific advice on how to fundraise by trading goods and services.

The following features are available to subscribers only:

**Grant Search:** Use the basic search facility to locate dozens of open funding schemes in seconds. The advanced search tool allows subscribers to search for funding schemes using multiple filters, including region, amount available, funding source and topic.

**Funding Diary:** Keep on top of all your funding applications with Fundingpoint.ie's innovative Scheme Diary feature, which lists forthcoming schemes deadlines for several months in advance.

**MyTracker Tool:** Bookmark all your favourite funding schemes, news stories and guidance articles on Fundingpoint.ie. Then the next time you log-in to the website, all of your bookmarks will be visible on your MyTracker page.

**Add Your Own Content:** Adding your own fundraising news articles and stories couldn't be easier. In addition to adding your own content to the site, you will also be able to comment on existing articles and schemes, providing valuable feedback and suggestions.

There are two ways to use [www.fundingpoint.ie](http://www.fundingpoint.ie):

1. Access the News and Fundraising Guidance sections of the website for free.
2. Subscribe to [www.fundingpoint.ie](http://www.fundingpoint.ie). Subscription rates: Wheel Full Member rate €125; Other C&V organisations €200 (available to all Associate/Individual Members of The Wheel and C&V organisations who are not members); All others: statutory organisations, private businesses, consultants etc. €400.

For further information contact:

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### €2M IN EQUIPMENT GRANTS FOR YOUTH GROUPS ANNOUNCED

On 18 June, 2008 the Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keefe, T.D., the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., and the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Barry Andrews, T.D., announced details of funding to support **youth groups** and schools in disadvantaged areas. The Government has allocated

over €8 million in funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund and RAPID Leverage Fund for 1560 projects to enhance school library facilities and parent rooms (€6M)

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and small scale equipment grants for **youth groups (€2M)**. **1343 Youth groups and clubs will benefit from the €2m in once-off small-scale equipment grants.**

A full list of allocations on a county by county basis can be downloaded from the link below:

<http://www.education.ie/servlet/blobervlet/PR08-06-18A.doc>

### SECTION 2: TRAINING

#### **NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

CAFTA & NUI Maynooth are offering a new course for those who wish to take on a leadership role in the areas of Community Work, Group Work and Project Development on a voluntary or paid basis. The course aims to provide a forum for participants to:

- Understand and apply the theories of Community Development, Estate Management and Group Leadership
- Develop practical tools for assisting groups in planning, team work and organisational development
- Understand and apply the theory of Group Development and models of Leadership
- Communicate, interact and develop self-management skills in personal, public and community situations
- Identify the causes of problems within a community
- Understand the various types of social analysis.

The course will contain theoretical input, practical skills work and reflection on the experience of being a group member and leader. Participants should be aware from the outset of this dual aim of combining theoretical understanding with increased self awareness in groups.

The course duration is 100 hours part-time and may include 1 – 2 Saturday workshops with the following core modules of the Course: **Introduction to Community Development studies; Working with Groups; Social Analysis for Community Studies; Project planning for Community Development; Leadership Skills and Estate Management.**

Assessment requirements are 85% minimum attendance; Theory Essays; Learning Journal and to plan and deliver a short presentation on an aspect of

Community Development. The course runs from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 on Thursday mornings

(10am – 1pm) in Ballymun. **Cost:** €1,100 (€200 on application, €300 on registration, balance due by February 2009).

For further information/application form contact:

**The Community and Family Training Agency  
AXIS Centre, Ballymun Main Street, Dublin 9.**

Tel: 01 8832134 / 8832132.

E-mail: [cafta@axis-ballymun.ie](mailto:cafta@axis-ballymun.ie)

Web: [www.caftaballymun.com](http://www.caftaballymun.com)

### SECTION 3: ROUND-UP

#### **NATIONAL SALARY SURVEY ON C&V SECTOR**

The Wheel has just published the first *National Survey on Pay and Benefits in Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland*. The document provides not only a pay and benefits survey of the sector but also an interesting profile of the sector. 317 organisations participated including over 30 working specifically with young people and/or children.

The survey provides summaries of pay levels by responsibility and a more detailed analysis of pay rates by individual job title within size, sector and income. It also looks at conditions of employment & benefits, bonus arrangements by level of responsibility, recruitment & retention and pay policy. The survey is available free to Wheel members. It is proposed to produce future editions of this survey over time.

For further information/copies of the survey contact:

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