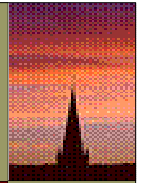


Aspire



The Grants & Funding Newsletter for The Diocese of Llandaff



www.churchinwales.org.uk/llandaff/information/grants

Welcome to *Aspire* the all new bulletin for all those involved in grants & funding to resource the life, work & mission of churches within the Diocese of Llandaff.

Aspire will be published twice a year & is available at www.churchinwales.org.uk/llandaff/information/grants or through regular mailings to church officers across the diocese.

Comments, suggestions or articles for inclusion are always welcome. Our contact details are given below.

Aspire aims to give you the latest news from the world of grants & funding, share good practice within the diocese & keep you informed about the latest events & activities - all to help resource the life, work & mission of your local church. Happy reading!

Are you someone who is passionate about supporting & growing the life & mission of their local church?



Are you someone who could put their skills to use in identifying & securing funding for the life & work of their church?

Are you someone who has a basic working knowledge of PC & internet use & access to a home computer?

Are you someone who could use *GrantFinder*?

Register today by contacting us - details below. Note the conditions of use (below right).

See inside pages for GrantFinder success stories & details of current deanery users!



St Mary's Church, Blaengwarch, previously in need of considerable & costly repair, is now an active, comfortable & attractive

centre for the whole community. Fully repaired, refurbished & newly equipped this outstanding project was generously supported by: Welsh Assembly Community Facilities & Activities Programme, Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, Selar Trust, The Beatrice Laing Trust, The Jane Hodge Foundation, The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Welsh Church Act Fund, Neath Port Talbot Rural Key Fund, CVS Community Development Fund, Award for All Wales, Churchyard improvements grant, Heritage Lottery Fund, The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Church in Wales Fabric Fund, Diocese of Llandaff Church & Pastoral Committee.

Could they support your project too?



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Use of this full version of the GrantFinder programme is limited to maximum number of users. If you agree to become a GrantFinder user you will be expected to share the benefits through occasionally undertaking a grants search for other parishes within your deanery. You will be expected to agree to being a publically named GrantFinder user within the diocese. You will be required to undertake a free one day training session organised by the diocese before access to GrantFinder is made available to you.



Help is not far away

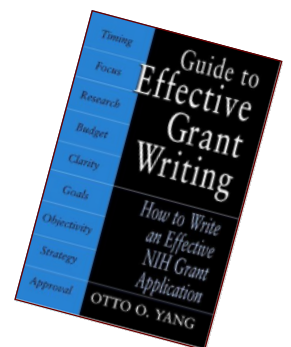
GrantNet - our basic on line funding search tool is available to everyone. Simply visit www.churchinwales.org.uk/llandaff/information/grants , register your details & choose your own password and you're away!

Alternatively, if you're up to your armpits in project ideas that need funding then you may need to access *Grantfinder* - the bigger sibling of *GrantNet* & the 'Rolls-Royce' of funding programmes. Either contact us to become a user - see page one - or contact your registered deanery user. However, remember, they won't find the funding for you, or take on your particular project! But they can use their access to GrantFinder to carry out a detailed search (based on the details you give them), the results of which will then be e-mailed to you.



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Hitting the right note...



The beautiful church of Holy Trinity is located in the former mining town of Ystrad Mynach. It has a vibrant and growing membership and the church is the source of many community and social activities as well as serving as a place of worship, something it has done for almost 150 years. But there was a problem...

After many years of faithful service the fine church pipe organ needed significant repair at an estimated cost of almost £35,000. Church members were keen to rise to the challenge – the organ provides music not just for church worship, but for a growing church choir of local young people and adults, who practice each week and are expanding their repertoire to include both traditional and modern pieces of music. The organ is also used for regular choral and musical concerts when the whole community attends and fills the church to overflowing – this is the land of song after all!

Margaret Rawlings had recently joined the church and was keen to help. She attended a GrantFinder training session arranged by The Diocese of Llandaff and facilitated by GrantFinder. Margaret takes up the story...

“A fund raising committee was set up, and it was agreed to identify and try various possible sources of funding - national charities, local businesses and regular and varied fund raising activities within the church itself. We decided to split the project into two parts, with phase one costing £21,000 plus VAT.”

“Using GrantFinder I was able to identify numerous charities whose criteria fitted our project. Following applications we have now raised most of the monies required which include, £1,000 The Diocese of Llandaff,, £750 from the All Churches Fund and by far the single biggest single grant from The John Pilling Trust - £7,500. Further replies to applications are awaited. The remainder of the project funding has come from personal donations and fund raising events as well as donations of £300 from local businesses.”

Margaret continues, *“All funders issue criteria and guidelines, so it is relatively straightforward to see if their criteria fit your project aims. The time consuming part is gathering together all the information and documentation each grant making body requests - and sometimes understandably this might be quite a lot.”*

For Margaret and the other members at Holy Trinity the next stage is to make a start on funding for phase two of the project – they have decided to make an earlier start buoyed on by their funding success to date and the support they have received. *“We are immensely grateful for all the support we have received from grant making bodies and especially the John Pilling Trust, without whose generous grant we would probably have been unable to proceed –*



it has made all the difference.”

Top Tips

- Set up a fund raising committee, meet regularly, both to keep members updated and for share ideas. It's surprising the number of good ideas and suggestions from possible contacts that come from these meetings.
- Take time and care when completing application forms. Choose your words carefully – they can make a big difference! Take the trouble to explain statements fully – those considering grant applications are unlikely to know about local context, circumstance or details.
- Research the history and grant giving trends of potential funders. These may show an interest in support for a topic that forms part of your project, which you can then highlight in a funding application. The late Mr. John Pilling was the owner of a large engineering company, but his hobby and great passion was playing the organ at his local church. We feel sure he would have approved of the project at Holy Trinity Church!
- Finally, be patient! Project funding is a lengthy process and it often takes sometime to hear from potential funders, but hopefully the patient waiting will be worth it!

Article originally written for GrantFinder magazine & reproduced here with permission. With thanks to Margaret Rawlings & the members of Holy Trinity Church, Ystrad Mynach.



Churches Tourism Network Wales

Thursday March 4th

A One Day Conference

Two themes:

am: Religious tourism projects

An invitation to all those who have a religious tourism project in place or in the planning stage- especially those from rural areas

- Come and share your experiences and plans
- Listen to and discuss with officers from the Welsh Assembly Government

pm: the church and genealogy

How can all churches help those who are looking for evidence of their ancestry?

- Listen to and discuss with experts in the field including Dr Kevin Griffin from the Dublin Institute of Technology and head of the Religious Tourism Unit of the Worldwide Higher education organisation ATLAS and Dr Madeleine Gray – reader in History from The University of Wales, Newport.

Leave with a toolkit full of hints and tips about what can churches do & who they can work with.

Dyffryn House, St Nicholas,

Nr Cardiff CF5 6SU

9.30am until 4.30pm

cost £30 (includes lunch)

(£25 if you register by 29/1/10)

Register by February 11th

email john@ctnw.co.uk or

029 2041 7196

A load of rubbish...

Perhaps your church has a churchyard or an open space adjacent to your church or church hall, which is overgrown, unloved & neglected. Well this might be for you...

Tidy Towns Project

Volunteers 'adopt' a local area and focus on its ongoing care. Communities will be encouraged to adopt waste black-spots and restore them to their former glory. Projects undertaken by groups include:

- Litter picks and clean-ups
- Path maintenance
- Churchyard improvements
- Dune management
- Installing benches
- Creating picnic sites
- Invasive species clearance and management
- Improving disabled access
- Developing community gardens and allotments
- Running waste amnesties
- Habitat management and biodiversity



Why?

As part of a group you can develop your ideas for improving the quality of your local environment.

- Keep Wales project officers will be assigned to each group to provide advice and practical assistance.
- You can apply for a small grant to cover costs of insurance, tools and equipment, materials, refreshments etc.
- Volunteer training is available on a wide range of issues.

Interested?

For guidance about setting up your own project call 0 2 9 2 0 7 2 6 9 9 4 or e - mail tidy.towns@keepwalestidy.org

Working in Partnership

Cardiff Youth Offending Service are eager to work in partnership with the churches of the diocese, particularly in the Cardiff area, both to support the local church community & use its facilities. The partnership would include:

- Projects such as grass cutting, painting & other basic tasks.
- The use of parish facilities such as church hall kitchens, toilets & a room for group work.

For more information contact Sarah Jane Bailey on 02920 560839.



CAF Charities Aid Foundation

The Charities Aid Foundation regularly offers one day seminars specifically designed for charities, in all aspects of finance & fundraising. All courses are held in London, but are reasonably priced & represent good value if you are considering undertaking a major project. Subjects include On-Line Fundraising, Fundraising Strategies & tax efficient giving & much more. Visit www.cafonline.org, click on events & then click on Charity Training Workshops.