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# GUIDE TO FUNDING SOURCES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



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## Introduction

This guide has been designed specifically to identify sources of funding for school renewable energy projects, such as the installation of a wind generator or a solar water heating system, and is aimed at teachers and local school support organisations.

## Funding Sources

A variety of funding sources are available to schools for renewable energy projects. These include company donations, company sponsorship, general trusts and specialist trusts and existing schemes. This fact sheet concentrates on funding from trusts.

## Applying to Trusts

Generally, if the amount required is small, ie under £3000, a single sheet request will suffice, unless the trust has an application form. Tell them **how much you need** and **what you need it for**. Keep it short and simple. If a larger amount of funding is required, include information in greater detail. **Follow their guidelines**. Do not cold call organisations if they state they do not encourage this. Remember to send an SAE for a response. **Highlight** the way in which your project **matches the trust's criteria**. Use their wording if necessary. However, matching their criteria does not automatically mean the funding bid will be successful. In some cases their funds may already be allocated. **Explain** how your project will **make a difference**. Describe how you will **acknowledge the funding organisation**. For example, if you are intending to hold a launch, explain how they could be involved. **Be innovative!** New and exciting projects are more likely to attract funders' attention. Include a full **budget**, clearly identifying the level of funding required and a work plan of the different stages involved in the project. Funding organisations need to be confident that you can complete the project and that it is sustainable. Often a **letter of support** from the Local Agenda 21 officer or energy manager etc will help.

Identify the **need** for your project.

Try not to include video tapes or additional material unless it has been asked for.

If you are working to a deadline, **allow enough time** for the application to be assessed, to ensure that the funding, if granted, will arrive in time.

**Capital projects** are often popular with trusts as schemes of this type allow them to support an organisation without any ongoing commitments.

Occasionally, a project will meet all the criteria but will not be successful, owing to a **limited amount of funds**.

Do not be disheartened by unsuccessful bids, as you are **learning** more about the process each time you try.

**Good Luck!**

## Using the Guide

The "at a glance" funding sheet identifies the funding criteria of each trust or scheme. It shows the level of matching funding required, community involvement and how to apply.

Using this “at a glance” guide you should be able to contact funding organisations for application forms or guidance notes, or in some cases write to them directly.

## FUNDS

### Who applies

\* not primary schools except as partners

**S** School applies

**C** Community group or Charity applies

**P** Partner organisation needed

**P/C** Community partner needed

**P/E** European partner needed

### Size of award

£ = 0-1,000

££ = 1,001 to 10,000

£££ = 10,001 to 100,000

££££ = 100,000 +

### When to apply

**O** Ongoing

**B** Twice a year


**A** Once a year

**L** Funding scheme coming to an end













**M** May continue in new form

### How to apply

In Writing

 By telephone

 Application Form

Name of Fund	Where	Amount	Who	Match funding	How	When	Contact
<b>EUROPEAN FUNDING</b>							
<i>ALTENER II</i>	Europe	£££- ££££+	C	0% to 50%	 	O	Mike Brook, DTI, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1T 0ET. Tel: 0207 2813 2647 E-mail: mike.brook@dti.gov.uk
<i>Community Initiatives</i>	Europe	Varies	C	50%		O	England Regional Offices <a href="http://www.local-regions.detr.gov.uk/go">www.local-regions.detr.gov.uk/go</a> ; Scottish Executive Web: <a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk.Nat">www.scotland.gov.uk.Nat</a> Assembly for Wales <a href="http://www.wales.gov.uk">www.wales.gov.uk</a> ; N. Ireland Executive Web: <a href="http://www.northernireland.gov.uk">www.northernireland.gov.uk</a>
<i>Fifth Framework Programme ENERGIE</i>	Europe	££££+	C	50+%	 	O	Sarah Talbot, ENERGIE Helpline UK, Telegraphic House, Waterfront Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M5 2XW Tel: 0161 874 3636, E-mail: <a href="mailto:energie@march-consulting.co.uk">energie@march-consulting.co.uk</a> ; Web: <a href="http://www.dti.gov.uk/energie">www.dti.gov.uk/energie</a>
<i>Structural Funds</i>	Europe	Varies	C	Varies		O	England-Regional Offices, Web: <a href="http://www.local-regions.detr.gov.uk/go">www.local-regions.detr.gov.uk/go</a> Scottish Executive Web: <a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk">www.scotland.gov.uk</a> Nat. Assembly for Wales <a href="http://www.wales.gov.uk">www.wales.gov.uk</a> ; N. Ireland Executive <a href="http://www.northernireland.gov.uk">www.northernireland.gov.uk</a>
<b>UK FUNDING</b>							
<i>Barclays New Futures</i>	UK	£ - £££	S*, P/C	No	 	O	2 Portland Road, Holland Park, London W11 4LA., Tel: 020 7221 7883, 020 7229 4595. E-mail: <a href="mailto:barclaysnewfutures@kallaway.co.uk">barclaysnewfutures@kallaway.co.uk</a>
<i>Beaufort House Trust &amp; Allchurches Trust Ltd</i>	UK	Varies	S, C	No		O	Company Secretary, Beaufort House Trust Ltd (or Allchurches Trust Ltd), Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ
<i>EcoPower</i>	UK	££	S, C	No		B	Nadine Dooley, Eastern Energy, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Suffolk House, Civic Drive, Ipswich Suffolk Tel: 01473 554530. Fax: 01473 553566. E-mail: <a href="mailto:nadine.dooley@eastern.co.uk">nadine.dooley@eastern.co.uk</a>
<i>Garfield Weston Foundation</i>	UK	Variable	C	No		O	Fiona Foster c/o Weston Centre, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LQ Tel: 020 7589 6363
<i>Landfill Tax – ENTRUST</i>	UK	£ - ££££ +	S, C	10%		O	Tel: 0161 972 0044 for a list of local environmental bodies.
<i>Millennium Festival Fund</i>	UK	£ - ££	C	No		L	Tel: 0845 600 2040 Web: <a href="http://www.festival2000.co.uk">www.festival2000.co.uk</a>
<i>Sainsbury Family Trusts</i>	UK	Depends	C	No		O	Michael Pattison, 9 Red Lion Court, London EC4A 3EB, Tel: 0207 7410 0330

<b>School Energy</b>	UK	Depends	S	50%	☎ ☐	O	Bill Roberts, CREATE, Tel: 01942 322271, Fax: 01942 322273, E-mail: info@create.org.uk
<b>Scolar</b>	UK	££	S	40%	☎ ☐	L	Angel McKenna, Hga, Burderop Park, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 0QD, Tel: 01793 814756, Web: www.scolar.org.uk
<b>Shell Better Britain Campaign</b>	UK	££	C	No	☎	O	Tel: 0121 248 5900 SBBC, King Edward House, 135a New Street, Birmingham, B2 4QZ E-mail: enquiries@sbbc.co.uk. Web: www.sbbc.co.uk
<b>Tesco Charity Trust</b>	UK	££	S,C	Depends	☎ ☐	A	Linda Marsh, Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 9SL. Tel: 01992 646210
<b>Volvo</b>	UK	££	S	No	☎ ☐	L M	Tel: 01628 534005,, Web: www.volvocars.volvo.co.uk/company/peppage.as
<b>ENGLAND FUNDING</b>							
<b>British Sugar Foundation</b>	Parts of England	£	S,C	No		O	Angela MacDougall, Community Relations Co-ordinator, The British Sugar Foundation, British Sugar plc, Oundle Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE2 9QU. Web: www.britishsugar.co.uk
<b>Environmental Action Fund</b>	England	£££ - ££££ +	C	50%	☎ ☐	A	Andy Kirby, Zone 6/G9, Ashdown House, London SW1E 6DE Tel: 0171 890 6693. Fax: 0171 890 6659. Web: http://www.environment.detr.gov.uk/eaf
<b>PowerEd</b>	Eastern England	£	S,C	33%	☎ ☐	A	Felicity Beaton, NEF Renewables, The National Energy Foundation, Davy Avenue, Knowhill, Milton Keynes MK5 8NG Tel 01908 665555. Fax: 01908 665577. E-mail: felicity@natenerg.demon.co.uk
<b>Lloyds TSB</b>	England & Wales	£-££	S (special needs)	100%	☎ ☐	O	James Wragg, PO Box 140, St. Mary's Court, 20 St Mary at Hill, London, EC3R 8NA Tel 020 7204 5276, Fax 020 7204 5275, Web: guidelines@lloydstsbfoundations
<b>WALES FUNDING</b>							
<b>Countryside Council for Wales</b>	Wales	No limit	S,C,P	50%	☎	O	Jill Mc Griel, Plas Penrhos, Ffordd, Penrhos, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2LQ Tel: 01686 613 400, Web: www.ccw.gov.uk
<b>Environment Wales</b>	Wales	£ - £££	C	25%	☎	O	Lyn Owen, 4th Floor, Empire House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FN, Tel: 02920 495 737
<b>Local Agenda 21 Eco-Schools Project (Carmarthenshire)</b>	Wales-Carmarthen	£	S	No	☎	O	Geraint Bevan, EcoSchools, Gryfydd Jones Centre, St Clears, Carmarthenshire, SA33 4BT Tel: 01994 231223 E-mail: Gbbevan@carmarthenshire.go.uk
<b>Sustainable Pembrokeshire Grant Scheme</b>	Wales-Pembroke	£	C	No	☎	L,M	Guy Norman, PAVS, 19a Bridge St, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Tel: 01437 769422
<b>SCOTLAND FUNDING</b>							
<b>Forward Scotland</b>	Scotland	£	S	No	☎ ☐	O	Alison Quinn, 6th Floor, Portculis House, 12 India St, Glasgow, G2 4PZ Tel: 0141 222 5600. Fax: 0141 222 5601. E mail: forward.scotland@virgin.net
<b>Highlands and Islands</b>	Scotland	No set limits	S, C	No	☎	O	Mr McCreevy, Head of Manufacturing and Innovation, Bridge House, 20 Bridge St, Inverness, IV1 1QR Tel: 01463 244262
<b>Scottish Enterprise</b>	Scotland (Lowland)	Project specific	P	Up to 49%	☎	O	Mr Blair Armstrong, 120 Bothwell St, Glasgow, G2 7JP Tel: 0141 2282252. Fax: 0141 2482700. Web: www.scotent.co.uk
<b>Scottish Natural Heritage</b>	Scotland	Project specific	S	50%	☎	O	Mr John Cameron, Caspian House, Mariner Court, Clydebank Business Park, Clydebank Tel: 0141 951 4488, Fax: 0141 951 4510, Web: www.snh.org.uk
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND FUNDING</b>							
<b>Better Belfast</b>	Belfast	Varies	S,C	Varies	☎	O	Kate Turner, Better Belfast, Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7FE Tel: 02890 325145. Fax: 02890 439156. E-mail: Betterbelfast@nireland.com

<b>The Central Energy Fund</b>	N Ireland	Small	S	Varies	☎	O	Education and Library Board HQ: Belfast. Tel: 028 9056 4000; North East Tel: 0282565 333; South East Tel: 028 9056 6200; South Tel: 028 3751 2200; West Tel: 028 8241 1411
<b>Energy Challenge &amp; Demo. Scheme</b>	N. Ireland	Under review	S, P	Up to 75%	☎	O	Lawrence Foye Energy Division, Department of Economic Development, Tel: 02890 529269, E-mail: energy@dedni.gov.uk

### **Reference Sources**

<b>WHO</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>The Directory of Social Change</b>	Produces a number of publications and resources that identify sources of funding.	Tel: 020 7209 5151
<b>Most local Council for Volunteer Organisation offices</b>	Have a "funder finder" CD-Rom based tool to search and identify funding organisations. There is usually a charge involved.	
<b>Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)</b>	Publication: "The Directory of Grant Making Trusts". This catalogues local, regional and national trusts which fund educational projects.	1998, Focus Series. Schools, Colleges and Educational Establishments. 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition. ISBN 1-85934-053-9.

### **Further Information and Assistance**

<b>The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)</b>	Holds information on energy statistics and energy technologies.	Web: <a href="http://www.dti.gov.uk">www.dti.gov.uk</a>
<b>The DTI's New &amp; Renewable Energy Programme</b>	Has produced a range of literature on renewable energy, including case studies and technical reports.	New & Renewable Energy Enquiries Bureau, Tel: 01235 432450, Fax: 01235 433066, E-mail: NRE-Enquiry@aeat.co.uk, Web site: <a href="http://www.dti.gov.uk/renewable/index.html">www.dti.gov.uk/renewable/index.html</a> .
	The DTI sponsors an education website called Planet Energy, which has simple examples of how each renewable energy technology works, a teachers' section, and information for children aged 7-11 and 12-16.	<a href="http://www.dti.gov.uk/renewable/ed_pack">www.dti.gov.uk/renewable/ed_pack</a> From here there are also links to other renewable energy educational Web sites around the world.
<b>The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR)</b>	Has a useful Web site for teachers on energy, global warming and the national curriculum.	<a href="http://www.detr.gov.uk">www.detr.gov.uk</a>
<b>Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)</b>	There are eight RDAs in England which are funded primarily by the DETR, although skills development money comes from the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE).	Contact details are on the DETR Web site.

<b>Other bodies, which may be in partnership with RDAs</b>	From these bodies schools can discover more about the local position on funding. It is interesting to note that there is pressure from EBPs to get TECs to fund initiatives for younger children, particularly in the primary school sector.	The local Training & Enterprise Council (TEC) and the regional Government Office. There may also be Local Learning Partnerships (LLPs) and Education Business Partnerships (EBPs).
<b>The DfEE Architects and Building Branch</b>	Provides specialist schools premises advice.	Building DfEE, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NF <a href="http://www.dfee.gov.uk/schbldgs/index.html">www.dfee.gov.uk/schbldgs/index.html</a>
<b>NEF Renewables (part of the National Energy Foundation, an educational charity)</b>	Has a programme of work with schools to promote renewable energy. It manages the PowerEd project, installing solar and wind systems in the Eastern Region and provides an information and advice service.	Tel: 01908-66555, Fax: 01908-665577, E-mail: <a href="mailto:renewables@greenenergy.org.uk">renewables@greenenergy.org.uk</a> , Web: <a href="http://www.greenenergy.org.uk">www.greenenergy.org.uk</a>
<b>Groundwork</b>	Despite not being a grant-giving body, Groundwork does have experienced "local teams in over 150 towns and cities that can help schools to find partners and resources for projects that help with education for sustainable development".	Web: <a href="http://www.groundwork.org.uk">www.groundwork.org.uk</a>
<b>The Millennium Awards Scheme</b>	This has now closed and the partners have been identified. Look at their Web site to find out if there are any previous award partners who have been funded for schemes that may be appropriate.	Web: <a href="http://www.millennium.gov.uk">www.millennium.gov.uk</a>
<b>The Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)</b>	Provides excellent information on renewable energy and environmental issues such as composting and grey water management.	Web: <a href="http://www.cat.org.uk">www.cat.org.uk</a>
<b>The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE),</b>	Has energy educators with experience of running schools-based energy projects.	Web: <a href="http://www.cse.org.uk">www.cse.org.uk</a>
<b>The Centre for Research Education and Training in Energy (CREATE)</b>	Has detailed experience of energy projects throughout the UK. It also manages the SchoolEnergy programme.	Web: <a href="http://www.create.org.uk">www.create.org.uk</a>
<b>The Building Research Establishment (BRE)</b>	Provides energy advice in buildings.	Web: <a href="http://www.bre.co.uk">www.bre.co.uk</a>

Further information can be found in the full report: Guide to Funding Sources for Renewable Energy in Schools and Colleges - ETSU K/BD/00224/REP, available from the New & Renewable Energy Enquiries Bureau, ETSU, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 0QJ. Tel: 01235 432450, Fax: 01235 433066, E-mail: [NRE-enquiries@aeat.co.uk](mailto:NRE-enquiries@aeat.co.uk). Or you can find more information on the DTI Web Site at: [www.dti.gov.uk/energy/renewables/index.shtml](http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/renewables/index.shtml)