**Postcode Dream Trust – Dream Fund 2017 Launches**

**Dream Fund 2017 is now open to applications from charities in Great Britain. Charities in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply for funding to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life.**

All applications must come from at least two organisations that have joined forces to deliver an innovative project. The lead organisation must be a registered charity. The other partners can be charities, voluntary groups, community interest companies, universities or other not-for-profit organisations.

The funding pot for 2017 is £2.5 million. There will be two or three awards in total.

Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million are available to deliver a project in 2017-2019.

Funding is available for projects that meet one of the following themes:  
• Early child development.  
• Helping refugees in our community.  
• Conserving our marine environment.  
• Reconnecting with the natural world.  
• Engaging people with arts, culture and heritage.

Applications must be innovative, creative and original, and present projects that are a genuine ‘dream’. For more information [click here](http://www.postcodedreamtrust.org.uk/dream-fund).

**The deadline for applications is 15 September 2016 (5.30pm).**

**The Roger and Douglas Turner Trust**

**The Roger and Douglas Turner Trust (formerly known as The Douglas Turner Charitable Trust) generally makes grants (of £1,000 to £3,000) to registered charities in Birmingham, in the Black Country boroughs (Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley), and in Worcestershire.** Appeals to the Trust may be considered from national or regional charities who can demonstrate charitable work/public benefit in the above area(s) but do not make grants to individuals, Community Interest Companies, not-for-profit or social enterprises, or sports clubs, that are not registered charities.

Appeals may be for a project, capital expenditure or for core costs but not for an individual’s salary.

The Trustees meet in March, June, September and December, where applications received are considered at the respective meeting, applications need to arrive two weeks before the start of the meeting month. Appeals arriving later will be retained and carried over to the following meeting.

The Trust does not have an application form, instead please send an A4 letter no more than two sides to the address below, together with your latest charity Annual Accounts (appeals should be short and in plain English).

Your letter should adhere to the following:  
• Your charity’s full name and number, the address;  
• An e-mail address;  
• The date;  
• The sender’s name and signature at the end of the letter;  
• Use a reasonable sized font (not too small) and leave a margin on the left side for a hole punch;  
• Describe why you are making the appeal, including the benefit in the above area(s)  
• Where relevant, state how much you are trying to raise, and who else you have appealed to.  
• Put in numbers that give the scale of your charity – e.g., how many beneficiaries do you help?  
• If you are fundraising for a particular project, state when the project starts (and see below\*);  
• Enclose the charity’s Accounts (including Statement of Financial Affairs, Balance Sheet and Notes).

Please do not send a covering letter (that would make three sides of A4) or DVDs, leaflets, or brochures. Also, do not appeal if you are only just beginning to fund-raise for a project and it may not start for a year or so as it can then prove difficult to ask for a grant to be returned.

Incoming appeals are not acknowledged (unless they are unsuitable or an amendment is recommended).  However, all appeals are acknowledged, generally after the Trustees’ quarterly meeting.  
Applications should be sent addressed to:

Mr Tim Patrickson - Trust Administrator  
The Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust  
3 Poplar Piece  
Inkberrow  
Worcester. WR7 4JD

Telephone 01386 792014

[tim@turnercharitabletrust.co.uk](mailto:tim@turnercharitabletrust.co.uk)

**The Anchor Foundation**

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts.  
Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

**The next application deadline is the 31st January 2017.** More information at: <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/index.html>

**The Ironmongers Company**

Registered charities that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company’s grants programme. In particular the company wants to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills.

Projects could, for example, support:  
• Special educational needs  
• Address behavioural problems or promote citizenship  
• Parenting or life skills.

Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. Although the grants are available within the UK preference is given to projects in inner London. Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities are also eligible to apply. **The next closing date for applications is the 31st December 2016.**  
More information at: <http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm>