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Events

Academy of St Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble

St Catherine's Church, Ludham on 10 July 2010 at 8pm

Experience the power of orchestral music during North Norfolk festivals. Four North Norfolk festivals will host top-quality orchestral concerts featuring music from around the world and across the centuries, performed by two of the country's most highly-regarded touring orchestras. North Norfolk District Council is teaming up with four cultural festivals and Orchestras Live (the national agency for developing orchestral music) to present a brand new series of concerts across the district from May to October this year.

Ludham programme includes compositions from Purcell, Mendelssohn, Turina, Puccini, Britten & Mozart.

Admission: £10 / under 16's £5

Contact Happening Partnership Office, Stalham

Tel: 01692 580525

<http://www.happening.co.uk>

For forthcoming concerts as part of this season visit <http://www.northnorfolk.org/arts/search.aspx>

What's On at Cromer Library in July

Prince of Wales Road, Cromer

- Exhibition of Fine Art Textiles by Artist Stephanie Gilbert until July 19th
- Monday 12th July 7pm Stephanie Gilbert will be discussing her work and the ideas behind it. Free but please book a place

- Monday July 19th 5.30 - 6.30pm Join Crime Writer Alison Bruce to hear about creating fictional detective Gary Goodhew. "Some hide the truth. Some hide from it. Goodhew hunts it through every page" Alison is the author of Cambridge Murders, Death in the Family (Non Fiction) and Cambridge Blue
Free but please book a place.
- Saturday 24th July Space Hop. Launch of the Summer Reading Game. 10am Join us for games, stories and crafts.
- Wed 28th July 2 - 3pm Space Hop Around the Universe 7+ Free Please Book

Please phone on 01263 512850 or email on cromer.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

Moving Inland : A Major Exhibition by Terry Bestwick

Friday 9 July - Sunday 1 August

Paintings (and other things) that celebrate the nature of Norfolk

Gallery Plus, Warham Road, Wells-next-the-sea, Norfolk, NR23 1QA.

<http://www.gallery-plus.co.uk> . info@gallery-plus.co.uk

01328 711609 / 07795 680674

Everyone is welcome to join us for a glass of something nice and a few nibbles at the all-day preview on Friday 9th July.

Open Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Nutmeg Puppet Company presents.....' Pips wildlife Garden'

- Performing at the following:
11 and 12 September 2010
Felbrigg Hall
North Norfolk NR27 9EN
01263 516271
Helen Dixon
- *26 September 2010*
Broads Green Boat Show
Salhouse Broad, Norfolk
01603 756044
Lottie Carlton
- *27 October 2010*
Norwich Puppet Theatre
- *St. James Mill, Whitefriars*
Norwich Norfolk NR3 1TN
Booking office: 01603 629921

FREE Reusable Polystyrene Block Printing Workshops for carers/clients

with Louise MacLaren

- Monday 12th July 2010 – First Focus group, Fakenham
- Tuesday 20th July 2010 – Hope and Smile Club, Wells

A fun and accessible printing technique reusing: waste polystyrene, not only are the results effective but will you be involved in reusing a material that despite displaying its 'PET plastic grade 6 logo' is not widely recycled yet due to lack of facilities.

These block prints at least can be reused many times to make lovely prints.

To book please contact Louise on 01263 862675 or 07721 690231

email: louise.maclaren@btinternet.com

The workshop programme is part of Salhouse 10: Landmark

The exhibition of some of the best Norfolk contemporary art runs from Thursday 8 July to Sunday 8 August in [Salhouse Church](#)

Pete Blunsden

- *Selected Sculptures at Stew Gallery*
40 Flshergate, Norwich NR3 1SE
July 16 to August 6
- *Banguelo at St Georges Green*
St Georges Street, Norwich NR3 1AB
Sept 25 to Oct 27

Opening night July 16 6pm-9pm

www.stew.org.uk : info@stew.org.uk

Art Exhibition Launch Party – Happening Festival 2010

Gallery at 44 High Street, Stalham

The Stalham with Happening Partnership extend you a warm welcome to our forthcoming evening for Group One, 17 Local Artists exhibiting their work as part of the festival.

Thursday 8 July from 6pm Wine & Nibbles

www.happing.co.uk

Sensational Seven Year old Kieron Williamson at Picturecraft, Holt

Picturecraft Gallery Ltd is delighted to announce an exhibition of over 30 new original paintings by seven year old art sensation Kieron Williamson starting on Friday 30th July at 9am

For more information call 01263 711040 or visit the Gallery at:

Picturecraft Gallery . 23 Lees Yard . Holt . Norfolk . NR25 6HP

(Just Off Bull Street)

www.picturecraftgallery.com

Paint your feelings

A chance to explore your creative side through colour and symbols.

An inspirational day leaving you feeling fully relaxed, energised with creative power and focused to move forward. Day includes: mind-clutter cleansing technique, guided meditation, painting and focusing.

Sunday 25th July

Village Hall, Swanton Abbott, Nr North Walsham, Norfolk.

9.30am for 10am. Finish at 4pm.

£25 includes refreshments and all materials.

Bring a packed lunch.

It is essential to book as numbers of participants are limited for your comfort and enjoyment.

To book: Phone 01692 538825 or email: creativityworks4u@yahoo.com

All abilities welcome. Guidance on effective painting techniques given.

Summer School Print Workshops

The Old Stables, beside the Corn Hall,

St Nicholas Street, Diss IP22 4LB

Box Office - 01379 652241 11am – 4pm Mon – Sat

www.disscornhall.co.uk

- Four-day Summer Course in Printmaking for Adults
3-6 August 10am- 4pm (Maximum of 10 per day)
£50 per day (£180 for all four days) including delicious locally made lunch, refreshments and basic materials

Day 1 - Monoprinting using colour ink rolls, mark-making, adding impressions of stencils, feathers and leaves/grasses. Create multiple images onto paper and fabric

Day 2 - Drypoint Printing. Engrave into perspex with drypoint needles, print onto handmade paper, creating 'velvety' black printed lines. Add hand-colouring.

Day 3 - Introduction to Linocut. Carve small linocut plates, explore different marks, cuts and textures. Print in black and white and colour onto handmade papers and greeting cards.

Day 4 - Combine Drypoint Printing with 'chine colle'(paper collage) and monoprinted colour backgrounds. Try carving a linocut image and combine methods.

- One-day Young Artist's Introduction to Printmaking
combining Drypoint and Monoprint Monday 2 August 10am-3pm Age 11 plus (maximum class of 10)
£30 including delicious locally made lunch, refreshments and basic materials
Engrave a black linear design into a perspex plate to make a 'drypoint', then roll out colour ink blends as backgrounds and print the drypoint on top. Looks very professional and has a 'graphic' quality.
Print through a portable etching press onto handmade paper and greeting cards. Create several prints in different colours.

www.annetterolston.co.uk www.inprintartsandpoetry.co.uk

The Sheringham Savoyards present

The Zoo by Rowe and Sullivan & Trial By Jury by Gilbert and Sullivan
Sheringham Little Theatre
November 26th & 27th at 7:30pm
Tickets £12 (adults) and £5 (under 16s)
Tel: 01263 822347

For their autumn show the Savoyards present two witty and tuneful one-act operettas by Sullivan. The Zoo, to words by Bolton Rowe, is a delightful piece concerning amorous intrigues at London's Zoological Gardens. Trial by Jury, a satire on the legal system, is considered to be one of Gilbert and Sullivan's finest creations.

Schools Register for EOIN COLFER Virtually Live !

at www.eoincolfervirtuallylive.co.uk We already have an audience of 10,000 children signed up to watch from schools across the country!

Join thousands of children in schools, libraries and bookshops nationwide and take part in Streaming live across the internet to YOU on Tuesday July 20th. Join the hysterically funny and utterly brilliant number one bestselling author Eoin (pronounced 'Owen', by the way) Colfer, on an adrenaline-fuelled exposé of teenage criminal mastermind, Artemis Fowl. This hilarious one-man show is a must for everyone, especially 8-12 year olds. And viewers can submit questions live for Eoin Colfer to answer.

Register now at www.eoincolfervirtuallylive.co.uk

Vince Laws social diary !

- Vince's exhibition at St Gregory's Church of Art, Pottergate, from July 2, Launch Party that night from 6.30pm, all welcome.
- Vince's Exhibition at Sticky Fingerz, 68 St Augustine's Street, Norwich (opposite the Catherine Wheel pub) from July 2.
- Friday Gras on July 9, a fancy dress parade from the Cathedral to Millennium Plain, with Norwich Pride supporters, 7-9pm – once there I'll be performing Why is Pride Important? And Everyone is Different...
- On Monday 12 the Norwich Pride Out Write poetry group meet at The T Lounge, 7-9pm, chat about Proud Words (see July 28) and the forthcoming Out Write anthology, all welcome, £3.
- Tuesday 13 launch of the Norwich Dandies at The Studio Art Gallery on Upper St Giles, from 6.30pm, also part of the Proud Art Trail.
- Thursday 15 the Gay Shame gig at The Workshop, Vince Laws with Paul Knight and Hilary Koe, open from 7.30pm, satirical comedy and poetry - not for the sensitive!
- Wednesday 21 the Small Frayed Knot at The Birdcage, corner of St Gregory's and Pottergate, Norwich. Acts include Russell J Turner (host and poetry) Jax Burgoyne (stories/music) Andy Bennett (comedy) & 'Switzerland's 100 Greatest Beekeepers, Ever!' an Edinburgh preview from Patrick Lappin, Yanny Mac & John Osborne - sound great! Entry £2, doors open 8pm.
- Thursday 22, OUT140 launches at the Norwich Arts Centre, giant texts on the walls, I'm creating a brand new text installation in the bar, films on the giant plasma screen, and the chance to add your coming out story in 140 characters or less. Launch Party 5-7pm on July 22.
- Saturday 24 Sexual Violence Alliance Diversity Day from 12-5pm in King Street, Great Yarmouth. The day is a celebration of culture and performance raising awareness of the support available to people affected by sexual and domestic abuse.
- Wednesday 28 I'm hosting Proud Words at St Gregory's Church of Art, a selection of poetry and spoken word from new and established writers, all profits towards an Out Write anthology, doors open from 6pm, acts from 7-9pm, bar, fully accessible, tickets from me or the venue, £5/3 concs.
- Saturday 31 July I'm celebrating the second Norwich Pride by hosting a Speaker's Corner in Chapelfield Gardens, Open Mike slots available, 12-2pm, come and join in before the Parade starts. And then I'll be on the stage at Millennium Plain doing a poem or three a bit later, before taking the rest of the month off! vincelaws@googlemail.com

Double Vision – An Exhibition of Photography

SAT 25th Sept. to SAT 2nd Oct. 2010 *11am to 5pm daily*

St.Margaret's Church Thorpe Market

Well-known North Norfolk photographer Paul Damen is being joined by long time friend Rod Hill in a joint photography exhibition - DOUBLE VISION - at St.Margaret's Church, Thorpe Market, Norfolk. The exhibition brings together two diverse interpretations of landscape in its many guises.

Paul produces personal work largely based on landscape themes. His images investigate urban and rural landscapes, creating a personal response to the environment, whilst Rod takes a diverse view of our surroundings in the 'Natural World'.

All of the works of art in this exhibition will be for sale along with a selection of greetings cards, which will include reproductions of historic images of the North Norfolk coastal area. A percentage of monies raised will go to two charities -

MUNDESLEY VOLUNTEER INSHORE LIFEBOAT - a lifeline for those in trouble on the seas around this North Norfolk village, and the EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE - also a lifeline for many living in remote North Norfolk in times of emergency.

Entry to the exhibition is free and there is disabled access.

For more information tel. 01263 720973 or email paul@imageast.org.uk or visit www.imageast.org.uk

The London Schubert Players present

....a first Norfolk Ant & Bure Schubertiade Saturday 24 July & Sunday 25 July 2010

- Saturday July 24th 7.30 pm at St Nicholas' Church, North Walsham (not St Botolph's, Trunch, in order to accommodate the large audience this concert will doubtless attract). Under the title 'The Trout and the Nightingale', the London Schubert Players perform Schubert's magnificent Trout Quintet, together with the much-loved Arpeggione Sonata, and give the world premiere of Swedish composer, Eberhard Eyser's 'The Nightingale was singing all Night long'. Admission £10 (£5 concessions) by programme at the door – but you can reserve by ringing the Griffon Partnership on 01692-407509.
- A free pre-concert illustrated talk about the music and the LSP's EU-funded 'Invitation to Composers' project will be given by the musicians at 6.15 pm in the Church.
- Sunday, 25th July, 11.00 am at St Margaret's Church, Paston: A heritage talk 'From Ravages to Riches – our Saxon heritage' will be presented by Jennie Hawks, historic places of worship support officer of the Diocese of Norwich, focusing on the historic Saxon and Medieval churches of North-East Norfolk. (Admission free: donation requested)
- Sunday July 25th 3.00 pm at St Edmund's Church, Acle. Under the title 'Les Enfants du Paradis' with a programme which includes two great works of Schubert – the F minor Fantasia for piano four-hands and the 'Notturmo' Trio – and selected movements from Messiaen's transcendental Quartet for the End of Time. World premieres will also be in abundance: Massimo Ferrini's 'Ascoltando Luci Eterne'; Lorena Fontana/Daniele Garuti's 'The Link'; Sviatlana Rynkova's 'Three Allegories'. Admission £10 (£5 concessions) by programme at the door. Again you can reserve by ringing the Griffon Partnership on 01692-407509.

www.trunch-norfolk.co.uk

Opportunities

Add your events for free to one or more relevant calendars.

- Discover the Broads Event Calendar - www.discoverthebroads.com/cgi-bin/webcal_submit.pl
- Visit Aylsham Event Calendar – www.visitaylsham.co.uk/cgi-bin/webcal_submit.pl
- North Norfolk Coast Event Calendar - www.burnhamdeepdale.co.uk/cgi-bin/webcal_submit.pl
- Norwich Event Calendar - www.norwichbackpackers.co.uk/cgi-bin/webcal_submit.pl

Vacancies at the Garage

The Garage are inviting applications from individuals that would like to join our busy creative team in one of the following two roles:

- Technical Projects Officer (Part Time - 3 days per week, possible extension to Full time subject to funding). To manage technical operation of the theatre and technical theatre education projects
- Programme Manager (Full Time - Maternity Cover to June 2011). To develop and manage a diverse portfolio of creative projects for young people.

The application deadline for both posts is 12 noon, 16/07/2010.

More information about us and full details of these positions including application packs, can be downloaded from the NEWS section of our website www.thegarage.org.uk

Arts Learning Resource Technician

Sprowston Community High School

Cannerby Lane

Norwich

NR7 8NE

Tel: 01603 485266

1 September 2010 1 year contract in the first instance

18 hours per week, term time plus 1 week

Scale D/E: post currently being matched under MRS

As part of the schools Arts Status Team we are looking for an Arts Learning Resources Technician to research and produce high quality publicity materials including; newsletters, posters and displays to promote and enhance learning across the school and the wider community.

- Application forms are available from the school website: www.sprowstonhigh.org
- Completed applications by email please to headsec@sprowstonhigh.norfolk.sch.uk
- Closing date: Friday 25 June 2010
- Interview date: Thursday 1 July 2010

Please note that if you are selected for interview we shall contact you by telephone, but if you have heard nothing after six weeks from the closing date we regret that on this occasion your application would have been unsuccessful.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your time and interest in our school.

Administrator: Norfolk Dance

Part time post (22.5 hours/3 days)

£15,500 p.a. pro rata

Successful Norwich-based regional dance development agency is looking to appoint an Administrator to provide administrative support for the company's artistic and operational programmes and to undertake general office duties. This will involve support for the Director and other staff and will cover a range of work including marketing, bookings for classes and workshops, and monitoring and evaluation. We are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and organised person with good verbal and written communication skills. The post will be based at our office in the city centre of Norwich.

Some flexibility regarding times and days worked may be possible, but ideally the 22.5 hours would be worked over five days (Mon - Fri) providing a daily office presence.

For full details and an application pack contact Alexia Mlynarska on 01603 283399 or

alexia@norfolkdance.co.uk or visit www.norfolkdance.co.uk

Closing date 7 July 2010

Interviews to take place in mid July.

Calling Creative Practitioners

Norfolk & Norwich Festival is inviting submissions of interest from Creative Practitioners from across all disciplines (performance, media, visual arts, science, etc) interested in working in partnership with schools in Norfolk:

- a) as part of Creative Partnerships programme and
- b) as part of the wider Norfolk & Norwich Festival Creative Learning schools'offer.

The role of Creative Practitioner is to support the development of creative learning in schools working closely with school staff, young people and the wider community through exploration of their chosen line of enquiry which relates to an area of school development. Creative Practitioners need to model the Creative Partnerships values to question, connect, imagine and reflect as they develop creative learning projects between schools, creative partners and the wider community.

Although Creative Partnerships is a school based programme, Norfolk & Norwich Festival is not solely inviting submissions from Creative Practitioners who have experience of working in a school context or with Creative Partnerships. If you want to develop your practice and are looking for an opportunity to do so within a supportive and reflective environment then please register.

For further information and details on how to register, please follow the link on the Norfolk & Norwich Festival website www.nnfestival.org.uk

If you cannot access the information on our website, please email creativelearning@nnfestival.org.uk or contact the Creative Learning team on 01603 877750.

www.nnfestival.org.uk www.creativepartnerships.com

Vacancies at the National Association of Youth Theatres

NAYT are currently advertising for a Freelance Strategic Sector Development Manager, a Freelance Associate Staff Team Facilitator and a Freelance Festival Proposal Writer. For information on how to apply please follow this link to our website [NAYT | news | freelance vacancies at nayt](http://NAYT|news|freelancevacanciesatnayt)

Northamptonshire County Council: Arts Development Officer – Public Realm

Location: Northampton

Hours: Part-time 18.5 hours per week, permanent

Salary: £27,052 - £28,636 pro rata

Closing Date for applications: 23rd July

We are looking for an exceptional individual who can support the development of public art and the public realm in Northamptonshire to ensure we maximise the opportunities for the arts. You will have experience of working in the public realm and alongside planning authorities and/or commissioners of public art. Further details of the role including an application form and job description can be found from Monday 21st June under Current Vacancies at:
<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/jobs/pages/default.aspx>.

Arts Development Officer: Wiltshire Council

Department for Community Services: Heritage and Arts Team

37 Hours per week

Fixed Term Contract until March 2013

Wiltshire Council is seeking to appoint a motivated and experienced Arts Development Officer. You will take a leading role in developing the arts in Wiltshire by working with a wide range of high quality arts organisations and individuals. You will develop and fundraise for projects and partnerships to create new and exciting programmes of arts activities. You will work with other departments within the new Unitary Council to develop opportunities for artists and you will support the voluntary and amateur sector to reach a wider audience and become more sustainable.

You must have at least three years experience within arts administration and a broad knowledge of professional practices and arts forms.

Deadline for applications is the 19th July and interviews will be held on the 3rd of August. For informal enquiries please contact: Peter Tyas, Head of Arts on 01249 70 5534. For more information or to apply for this job please visit: <http://jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/Jobs.aspx>

Marketing Assistant

The role is F/T, £12 - 15k, plus benefits.

Deadline for applications: Monday 26 July; Interviews: Wednesday 4 August

Are you creative? Curious? Keen to work in the arts and cultural sector? We're looking for a bright, enthusiastic and highly motivated team member to work with our colleagues and clients, providing support across our marketing, membership, events and professional development services. As &Co's Marketing Assistant, you will also have responsibility for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of these services.

If this opportunity excites you find out more at www.andco.uk.com, call Fay on 0113 234 6857 or email fay@andco.uk.com.

Finance and Administrative Assistant

The role is P/T, c. £9k, plus benefits.

Deadline for applications: 12pm, Monday 26 July; Interviews: Thursday 5 August

Are you organised, good with numbers and keen to work in a creative atmosphere? We're looking for a bright, friendly and personally motivated individual who is confident to work across the organisation to embed efficient office management and operational practice. As &Co's Finance and Administrative Assistant, you will have good numeracy skills, especially with regard to financial monitoring and accurate record keeping. You'll also have experience of organising information management and/or operational systems, including IT and telecoms.

If this opportunity excites you, find out more at www.andco.uk.com, call Rui on 0113 234 6857 or email rui@andco.uk.com.

Shindig: Touring Programme Organiser

Shindig, the rural and community touring scheme for Worcestershire seeks a freelance individual or organisation to run and develop its touring programme. Shindig was set up by a consortium of Local Authorities within Worcestershire in 2004. Since then it has been run by Sue Roberts from Artservice. Within that time Shindig has established itself as one of the leading touring schemes in the country with a reputation for high quality arts provision all at affordable prices.

Shindig is a partnership project which has brought some of the leading theatre companies, dance groups and musicians from the UK and abroad to the towns and villages of Worcestershire.

We are looking for an experienced and well organised person or organisation to continue to both further establish and develop the scheme across the county, regionally and nationally. This could be in the following ways:

- Through either continuing to run Shindig in the present way using the existing model;
- Possibly running Shindig alongside another touring scheme;
- Through presenting a new model of how the scheme could be run.

For more information and to get a tender pack please contact Stephen Wilson, County Arts Officer, Worcestershire County Council on 01905 765754 or e-mail swilson@worcestershire.gov.uk

Funding

Heritage Grants over £50,000 (UK)

The next application round for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grants Scheme for projects over £1million and under £5million is the 9th August 2010. Under the Heritage Grants scheme funding is available for projects that relate to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. To be eligible for funding a project must help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage, conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy, and help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. HLF welcome applications from single organisations and partnerships. Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations, and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. If private owners are involved, HLF expect the public benefit to be greater than any private gain.

In addition, the HLF also makes grants of £50,001 - £1 million; and Grants in excess of £1 million. These are subject to different application deadlines information on which can be access through:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/heritagegrants.aspx>

Funding for Disabled Artists (UK)

The Arts Council England has announced that the next deadline for applications under its "Unlimited Commissions" scheme is the 18th October 2010. The scheme which is supported by London 2012, the UK Arts Councils and the British Council aims to commission new work that is artistically led by disabled artists and celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 are available to disabled and Deaf artists, and disabled and Deaf-led arts organisations, who wish to develop their work, strengthen their artistic practice, challenge perceptions and forge new partnerships with presenting venues and events. For more information visit: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/unlimited/>

WREN Announces Next Application Deadline (UK)

WREN which provides funding for community, heritage and environmental projects in areas close to landfill sites by awarding grants for environmental, heritage and community projects has announced the first application dates for 2010. Funding is available through three grant programmes:

- The small grants programme which provides grants between £2,000 and £15,000 with a total project cost of under £50,000
- The WREN Main Grant Scheme offers funding of between £15,001 and £50,000
- The Biodiversity Action Fund which provides funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 to deliver biodiversity improvement projects under Object DA.

Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include environmental organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations and community groups. The application deadlines are the 1st September 2010 for the main and small grants programme. The deadline for the Biodiversity Action Fund is the 29th January 2011. For more information visit: <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales, these include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents.

The next application deadline is the 31st October 2010. For more information visit:

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme (UK)

State funded secondary and primary schools as well as dedicated schools catering for those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) that do not have or want to improve their libraries can apply for funding through the Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme. This programme recognises that there is no statutory requirement for schools to have a library and that many school libraries are in a desperate situation through underfunding and underdevelopment. Encouraging children to read widely from an early age will provide a major boost to improving literacy levels, which is a current key educational objective. Priority will be given to funding library books. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards library software, necessary IT equipment and specialist seating/desks. Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future. The average grant made under this programme is £10,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information visit: <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>