

# RESOURCE SHEET

## Personal Support Raising

(Source: [www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support.htm))

This section has information for missionaries and overseas Christian workers about raising personal support.

### Deputation resources

#### Christian Vocations

CV has various information sheets available online including one on 'Personal Support'.

Website: [www.christianvocations.org](http://www.christianvocations.org)

#### DCI Global Partnership Money Forum

This forum has some good information about raising support.

Website:  
[www.worldchristians.org/main/money.htm](http://www.worldchristians.org/main/money.htm)

#### Funding the Family Business

If you need to raise personal support, don't miss a rare opportunity to attend one of these training events. These 'open-invitation' events are packed with knowledge and practical guidance.

Website:  
[www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org](http://www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org)

#### Giving The Best

A fundraising and business development consultancy specialising in the not-for-profit and charity sector

Website: [www.givingthebest.co.uk](http://www.givingthebest.co.uk)

#### Stewardship

Stewardship have a special arrangement with HM Revenue & Customs to handle not just giving to registered charities, but also to individuals involved in full-time Christian work.

Website: [www.stewardship.org.uk](http://www.stewardship.org.uk)  
Email: [enquiries@stewardship.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stewardship.org.uk)

#### The Impact Giving (UK) Trust

The Impact Giving Trust help individuals to maximise their giving through the use of Gift Aid and organise their giving more effectively with minimum administration.

Website: [www.impactgiving.org.uk](http://www.impactgiving.org.uk)  
Email: [info@impactgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@impactgiving.org.uk)

#### Volunteer Bureau (formerly CVS)

Advice on applications for funding to local trusts and grant making bodies. Some presentation equipment often loaned free of charge for your deputation meetings.

Website: [www.nacvs.org.uk/cvsdir](http://www.nacvs.org.uk/cvsdir)

### Web information

#### Askamissionary.com

This US website, now part of The Journey Deepens website, has some good information and advice about support raising.

Website: [www.askamissionary.com](http://www.askamissionary.com)

#### 'A New Look at Missionary Support', International Training Partners

has an article that looks at raising support for missionaries. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view this .pdf file.

Website: [www.itpartners.org](http://www.itpartners.org)

#### Finishers Project

This US website has an excellent section on Funding your mission work that can help you consider your situation and the options and resources available for you.

Website: [www.finishers.org/masters](http://www.finishers.org/masters)

#### Missionary Fundraising

This US website has tips, tools, and strategies for missionaries that raise their own support.

Website: <http://missionaryfundraiser.com>

#### Southern Nazarene University 'Mission Trip Support Raising' by Howard Culbertson

A brief outline for developing a support raising strategy. There is also a powerpoint presentation on raising support, some fund raising ideas for short term trips and some sample fundraising letters.

Website:  
<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/support.htm>

#### Traidmission Limited

Based in New Zealand, exists to help those who are in a position to help others, to compliment existing programs and add experience and expertise to those who wish to develop new projects. They can help and advise on fundraising.

Website: <http://www.traidmission.com>

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## Books

### **Funding the Family Business**

by Myles Wilson (£15.99, ISBN: 0955332001)

Published in 2006, this support raising workbook is aimed at those in the UK raising their own personal support. For a review, go to Funding the Family Business. Website:

[www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org](http://www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org)

### **People Raising**

by William P. Dillon (£10.15, ISBN: 0802464475)

This book deserves a mention because of the impact it has had on many missionaries raising support.

Website: [www.peopleraising.com](http://www.peopleraising.com)

## Trusts and grants

### **Feed The Minds (FTM)**

Feed the Minds is an interdenominational charity that provides grants for projects and initiatives in the developing world and Eastern Europe. Particular areas of focus include theological education, literacy, AIDS/HIV awareness and the empowerment of women.

Website: [www.feedtheminds.org](http://www.feedtheminds.org)

### **The Harvesters Trust**

The main aim of this trust is to financially support Christian workers and they are open to direct applications from missionaries.

Website: [www.harvesters-trust.org.uk](http://www.harvesters-trust.org.uk)

### **Liberty Books**

Liberty Books offers a service to any individual, church or mission that has Christian books they'd like to sell in order to raise funds for their mission, Church, or project.

Website: [www.libertybooks.co.uk](http://www.libertybooks.co.uk)

### **Medical Service Ministries**

MSM provides funding and guidance for Christian workers in obtaining qualifications in personal, child, community and emergency healthcare, in order to help the work of Christian groups with whom they serve, with the same calling as MSM's motto: Preach and Heal.

Website: [www.preachandheal.org.uk](http://www.preachandheal.org.uk)

## Further trust & grant information

### **The Association of Charitable Foundations**

They provide information and guidance for both grant-seeking individuals and UK charitable foundations, as well as researchers.

Website: [www.acf.org.uk](http://www.acf.org.uk)

### **Funderfinder**

FunderFinder develops and distributes software to help individuals and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to identify charitable trusts who might give them money. Use of this software is often available through local libraries or CVS offices (see CVS entry). A new online PIN (People in Need) facility helps individuals looking for grant funding. A small fee gives you online access for 24 hours.

Website: [www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)

### **Funders Online**

Information on applying for grants from funding groups.

Website:

[www.fundersonline.org/grantseekers](http://www.fundersonline.org/grantseekers)

### **Government Funding**

This website can tell you if your organisation or project qualifies for UK government funding and gives details on how you can apply.

Website: [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

### **National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)**

Your local CVS can give you advice on applications for funding to local & national trusts and grant making bodies. Some of them also have display boards and other presentation equipment often loaned free of charge for your deputation meetings.

Website: [www.nacvs.org.uk/cvsdir](http://www.nacvs.org.uk/cvsdir)

### **UK Fundraising**

Information on a whole array of fundraising issues.

Website: [www.fundraising.co.uk](http://www.fundraising.co.uk)

More at:

[www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support .htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support.htm)