

RESOURCE SHEET

Personal Support Raising

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

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

Deputation resources

Funding the Family Business

If you need to raise personal support, don't miss a rare opportunity to attend one of these training events. Normally only available to the staff of a few large Christian organisations, these 'open-invitation' events are packed with knowledge and practical guidance.

Website:
www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org

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
Email: enquiries@stewardship.org.uk
Tel: 08452 262627

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
Email: info@impactgiving.org.uk
Tel: 0161 796 5682

Christian Vocations

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

Website: www.christianvocations.org
Email: info@ChristianVocations.org
Tel: 0870 745 4825

Giving The Best

Giving the Best is a fundraising and business development consultancy specialising in the not-for-profit and charity sector. Whether you need advice on a capital appeal or guidance in building a stronger supporter base, you will find *Giving the Best* can help you plan for future growth.

Website: www.givingthebest.co.uk

Email: info@givingthebest.co.uk
Tel: 01892 834574

DCI Global Partnership Money Forum

This forum has some good information about raising support.

Website:
www.worldchristians.org/main/money.htm

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

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

This website has an article that looks at raising support for missionaries.

Website: www.itpartners.org

Finishers Project

This US website has an excellent section on Funding your mission work.

Website: 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

This is 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>

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Books

Funding the Family Business

by Myles Wilson (£15.99)

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

People Raising

by William P. Dillon (£10.15)

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

Website: www.peopleraising.com

Trusts & 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

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

Medical Service Ministries

MSM provides funding and guidance for Christian workers in obtaining qualifications in personal, child, community and emergency healthcare, to help the work of Christian groups with whom they serve.

Website: www.preachandheal.org.uk

Further trust & grant info

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

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. 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

Funders Online

Information on applying for grants from funding groups.

Website:

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

Volunteer Bureau (formerly Council for Voluntary Service)

Your local Volunteer Bureau can give you advice on applications for funding to local 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. Contact your nearest CVS direct or, if not listed, through the local council.

For contact details, see www.nacvs.org.uk/cvsdir

www.direct.gov.uk or

www.outwood.com/localgov/countries/england.php or

www2.tagish.co.uk/Links/GB.htm

UK Fundraising

Information on a whole array of fundraising issues.

Website: www.fundraising.co.uk

Supporter management software

More at:

www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support.htm