

Bursaries available in the South West

The Vanessa White Fund

Since its inception the Vanessa White Fund has been helping disadvantaged young people take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Fund has assisted many young people directly with costs.

Vanessa White, who died from breast cancer in 1992, was always helping young people with problems. In fact she seemed to attract young people with problems and was always kind and supportive to them. The aim of the fund is to try to offer support and help to young people who may not otherwise be able to take part in the Award programme, and thus continue the work Vanessa started when she was involved in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Somerset. The fund is in certain circumstances also able to assist leaders working with disadvantaged young people.

Applications are welcome from any young person or their leaders in the South West Region where financial support is needed in order for them to engage in the Award.

Applications to be sent to:
The Vanessa White Fund, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Court Gatehouse, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0BZ

The Norman Family Charitable Trust

This fund is administered by the SW Regional Office to support young people in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award from the South West region. Over the last 4 years we have been able to issue grants to over 60 applicants totalling more than £8000. Most of these have been to help with overseas projects or expeditions though some have been for expeditions in the UK as well.

Funds are limited, so we may not be able to help everyone who applies, but if anyone would like to apply for a grant, please write to Catherine McCulloch in the SW regional Office.

The successful applicant will be asked to submit a short report on

the venture upon their return, but please don't let this put you off as it doesn't need to be anything fancy!

The Bob Rigby Bursary

Bob Rigby was an active member of the Exmoor and Quantock Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Panel and an Award leader in Somerset for over 25 years.

This endowment was set up in 2005 by his widow, Marjorie, in recognition of Bob's belief in young people and the immense benefits they gain from participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, in particular, learning about the outdoors through the Expedition Section.

Two bursaries are available each year to Award Participants who, in some way are financially disadvantaged, to help them participate in the final assessed venture of their Gold Award. The participant must be a member of an Award unit that operates in the county of Somerset. Two bursaries up to the value of £50 are available to be awarded annually to suitable applicants.

A letter of application from the young person, or made on behalf of the young person, should be addressed to: The Treasurer, Exmoor and Quantock Panel, Southside, Fore Street, North Molton, Devon.

Bath Youth Trust

We have a small trust fund available to young leaders and participants from the Bath area and surrounding area

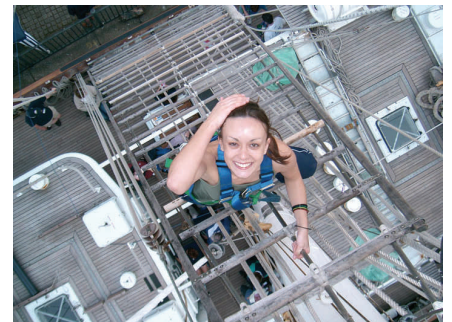
If you are a young leader undertaking expedition training/ qualifications and need some help with funding or if you are an Award Participant who needs help with funding a service project or expedition then why not apply. To apply please write to the South West Regional Office, Court Gatehouse, Corsham Court, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0BZ.



JUBILEE SAILING TRUST *Changing Lives*

The Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) is a registered charity whose objectives are to promote the integration of able-bodied and physically disabled people through the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing.

The JST own and operates two beautiful square-riggers STS LORD NELSON and SV TENACIOUS. These magnificent vessels are the only two tall ships in the world that have been specifically designed and built to enable people of all physical



abilities to sail together as equals. Are you aged between 16-25 years? Are you looking for the perfect way to spend your next holiday? Then why not call the JST. Spend five days or more on one of our tall ships and by taking part you can qualify for the Residential Section of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

There is also the opportunity to take part in our Leadership@Sea Scheme, if your application is successful you may also qualify for a **bursary of up to £300 towards the cost of your chosen voyage.**

For more information please contact Alissia Knight on 0870 443 5781 or e-mail leadership@jst.org.uk or alternatively look on their website www.jst.org.uk