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PRESS RELEASE

£25,000 UP FOR GRABS FOR YOUTH GROUPS

The Isle of Wight Community Fund is encouraging local groups to apply for funding as it opens its 2010 grant programme.

The focus of the fund for this year is to assist projects aimed at supporting young Islanders, particularly in the 14–25 age range.

Grants from £250 to £5,000 are available to voluntary and community groups and non-profit making organisations. The IWCF is especially interested in supporting smaller groups where a small grant can make a big difference.

“Youth unemployment is a particular problem on the Island” says Hamish Wilson, chair of the IWCF grant committee. “We want to help groups who are trying to tackle this maybe through skills learning, confidence building or volunteer training.”

Over the last two years the IWCF has awarded over £180,000 to groups on the Island through the various grant programmes it manages locally.

The IWCF has a simple and straightforward application process and welcomes applications from established organisations as well as new groups and projects. Full details can be found on the website www.hantscf.org.uk/iwcf. The deadline for applications is 21st May.

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IWCF Info

The Isle of Wight Community Fund has been established by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and the Isle of Wight Charitable Trust. IWCF raises funds and distributes grants across the Island for the benefit of local communities and works to encourage local giving for local needs.

HIWCF Info

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) is an independent charitable trust that manages charitable giving on behalf of individuals, businesses and other trusts; distributes small grants to voluntary and community groups and organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and promotes the benefits of “Investing in our local Community”.