

Funding your Education...

for refugees and asylum seekers

Foreword

Education plays a significant role in helping refugees and asylum seekers realise their potential and integrate into UK society. Everyone who arrives in this country has skills and qualifications which can be vitally important for a bright future for individuals and the nation. Asylum seekers and refugees, who aim to go for higher or further education, face particular difficulties, such as language, finance and culture. Further and higher educational institutions in the UK have in recent years faced challenges in terms of adapting to these students. There are several refugee organisations, including RETAS providing much needed help and advice in this regard,. This handbook is to serve these organisations, the educational establishments trying to support refugee and asylum seeker students and as well as students themselves. As a volunteer at RETAS I have worked with staff to write this handbook and also hope this will serve to bridge the academic and refugee worlds.

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Dedicated to people of conscience who have been forced to flee their homelands, leaving everything behind but their knowledge and skills.

What is this about?

This booklet contains information about funding for education and training, specifically for refugees and asylum seekers. It covers educational entitlements, and provides information about educational trusts, charities and other sources of funding.

What are you entitled to?

Further Education (FE)

Most FE courses are funded by the Learning Skills Council (LSC). The following people are eligible to access these courses on a home student fee basis:

- Asylum seekers aged 16-18
- Asylum seekers who are still waiting for a decision after six months of being in the UK
- Section 4 asylum seekers
- People with refugee status, humanitarian protection and indefinite, limited, discretionary and exceptional leave to remain, (RS, HP, ILR, LLR, DL, ELR) their spouses and dependents
- Learners who have been legally resident in the UK for three years before the start of the course

Higher Education (HE)

Both asylum seekers and refugees are entitled to study at HE level, provided they meet the entry requirements and can pay the course fees.

Asylum seekers are normally classed as overseas students, for the purpose of paying fees, but a university does have the authority to charge home student fees or waive fees all together. It is a good idea to contact the university and ask what their admissions policy is, also contact the department in which you wish to study and present a strong case for them to support you—including any relevant experience and academic ability. Asylum seekers are not entitled to student support, such as a student loan.

People with RS, HP, ILR, DL, ELR and dependents are classed as home fee paying students for higher education. These groups are also immediately entitled to student finance from the student loans company. Please see www.slc.co.uk

Many refugee and asylum seeker students are entitled to fee remissions. To find out more, and for more detail on educational entitlements, we recommend that you download the 'Short Guide For Advisers on Access to Further Education' by the Refugee Council—see:
www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

n.b. If your status changes during the term time, some universities will not change your fee status that year.

Your journey

Where do I start?

A good place to begin is to assess your own skills, qualifications and career objectives. For career advice, you can contact careers advice on direct.gov.uk or a local organisation for example RETAS in West Yorkshire. Career opportunities in the UK may distinctly vary from those in your home country.

What about my qualifications?

People with overseas qualifications may have to follow a re-qualification route. So, check with the appropriate body for your profession. If you have qualifications and training from another country, you can find out whether it is comparable to a British qualification. The UK National Academic Recognition Information Centre (UK NARIC) group is the body that compares overseas qualifications with the UK equivalents. If you require a written "Statement of Comparability" you may request one from UK NARIC directly for a small fee.



If this is the case with you, do not give up on your plans. It is worthwhile contacting the university or college you are interested in to discuss your experience. You may be able to obtain some recognition of your experience via the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) route, which is discussed below.

IMPORTANT NOTE:-

Some refugees and asylum seekers have been forced to leave behind important documents, such as their educational certificates, when they fled their country. If you do not have your final certificates with you, UK NARIC may still be able to issue a statement based on transcripts and other documentation you have been able to obtain. This is done on case-by-case basis and it is at NARIC's discretion.

APEL COURSES are designed to evaluate your skills and experience gained prior to your arrival in the UK. These courses recognise varieties of learning experience, including learning from educational institutions, work, leisure activities and other tasks and skills learned in life. APEL can be helpful in building a portfolio that describes your skills and achievements. These courses can be applied to the entry requirements for higher education and employment as well.

Other bits and bobs to consider

LANGUAGE & I.T. SKILLS

It is vitally important to develop a good command of English. There are different qualifications depending on your level: English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS academic and general) and English GCSE are the main examples. Many of these courses are free of charge, so we recommend you seek advice from a college or refugee service like RETAS to find a place on the best course for your needs.

Computer literacy is increasingly important in the work place and in modern day education. There are many free or low cost Information Technology (IT) courses, provided through refugee organisations, at local colleges and at various centres throughout the UK.

OTHER SKILLS

Beyond these obvious skills, there are many soft skills that are highly valued including the way you communicate with others, team skills and perseverance.

There are so many courses, training programmes, and qualifications that can be attained. We recommend that you consult an advisor before embarking on a course to ensure that it will prepare you for the career that you wish to pursue.

Make sure you access the funding that you are eligible for (the basics of this are laid out on page 2 of this booklet)

Before applying for educational trusts and charities, consider these funding options

- If legally permitted to work many students get a job alongside studying. This is possible with part-time courses and most full-time courses.
- The Access Learning Fund is available for people with RS, HP, ILR, LLR, DL, ELR and dependents, who are in particular financial hardship and studying full time and part time course and at a postgraduate level. See www.direct.gov.uk for more details.
- Student loans are available if you have RS, HP, ILR, LLR, DL, ELR and their dependants. For criteria and how to apply visit the website: www.slc.co.uk .
- Investigate local charities or trusts that can help fund education and training. Some of these may be listed on the websites on the previous page.
- Individual universities and colleges, and subject departments within, may have scholarships and bursaries that you can apply for. (Contact each educational institution separately to find out about these)

Educational Trusts and Charities

Even though FE and HE fees are often reduced it can still be a challenge to raise funds to study. There are a number of charities and trusts which offer financial assistance to refugee and asylum seeker students in the UK.

Before applying to trusts and charities it is important to look at the following:

- **Do you fit the criteria?** Some trusts will only help specific groups of people e.g. a certain age range, single parents, or refugees and not asylum seekers.
- **Most trusts give small grants** as a contribution towards fees and associated expense, such as equipment and exams, and do not consider living costs. Therefore, you may have to make several applications.
n.b. Many funders like to see evidence that you have other secured or potential funds, to supplement a contribution from them.
- **Apply in advance.** Most trusts will have fixed dates when they consider applications. Make sure that you are aware of these.
- **Apply correctly.** Check what type of application you need to make, usually this will be a letter, or using the charity's application form.

Useful websites

The following websites list organisations, charities and trusts which can assist with funding too...

Funderfinder

www.funderfinder.org.uk

CARA (Council For Assisting Refugee Academics)

www.academic-refugees.org

EGAS (Educational Grants Advisory Service)

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037>

Charity Commission

www.charity-commission.gov.uk

The British Council, scholarship database

www.educationuk.org/pls/hot_bc/bc_edufin.page_pls_user_scholarship

Scholarship Search

www.scholarship-search.org.uk

The Association of Charity Officers

www.joblinks.org.uk

Benevolence Today

www.benevolencetoday.org

Everything You Wanted To Know

www.everythingyouwantedtoknow.com

Making sure that you apply in plenty of time is vital to ensure that you have the necessary funds secured as soon as possible—before you need to make payments.

Finally, here is a step by step guide... It is a good idea to follow this when making applications.

How to apply to charities and trusts

1. **Work out exactly how much money you need** for fees and related costs such as equipment, childcare, exams etc. Try to keep the amount as accurate and low as possible.
2. **Check the criteria** of educational trusts and charities that you intend to apply to. This may depend on:
 - Personal circumstances, such as religion, nationality, gender, age, immigration status, area of residence in the UK
 - Your course subject, level, whether it is your first course at that level and also whether it is full or part-time*n.b. If you are unsure if you meet the criteria, contact the funder and they will be able to advise you as to the best course of action.*
3. **Check the method of application** and any specific information that you are required to provide, such as references, evidence of a place on the course or a stamped addressed envelope (sae). Also, some charities may require your application to be made on your behalf by a college or advice agency.

Where should you apply?

Here is a comprehensive list of the charities and grants which you can apply to for financial support. Don't forget to check if you are eligible before applying.

ORGANISATION	CONTACT DETAILS	FUNDING TYPE	ELIGIBILITY	GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS
All Saints Educational Trust	Address St. Katharine Cree Church 86 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 3DH UK Website www.aset.org.uk E-mail enquiries@aset.org.uk Tel 020 7283 4485 Fax 020 7621 9758	Grants for teachers and intending to become teachers and students in Religious Studies, Home Economics and related subjects Funds cover course fees Application deadline for UK/EU Students is February 2009 and for Commonwealth/Foreign students is April 2009	Refugees Over 18 years UK/EU Home students Commonwealth Citizens	UK-wide UK wide
Sir William Boreman's Foundation	Address The Drapers' Company Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue London EC2N 2DQ Website www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/boremans.shtml E-mail mail@thedrapers.co.uk Tel 0207 448 1309 Fax 0207 628 1988	Grants are aimed at further education, undergrad and post-grad students Grants can cover tuition fees, fares to and from College or University, childcare costs, books, maintenance, educational materials, tools and equipment	Refugees and others under 25 Asylum seekers are not funded Families income must be less than £25,000 per annum	London Borough of Greenwich or Lewisham residents only
British Federation of Women Graduates	Address 4 Mandeville Courtyard 142 Battersea Park Road London SW11 4NB Website www.bfwg.org.uk Email hq@bfwg.org.uk Tel 020 7498 8037 Fax 020 7498 5213	For female postgrads in their third year and final of doctoral studies in October 2010 To be eligible, your fees for the year from October 2010 must be paid or covered by available funds or waived by the university Awards are granted on the basis of academic excellence and not financial need Average award is around £3000 Applications close on March 2010. Awards are given out in September	Female postgraduate students who will be in the third year of doctoral studies in October 2009 for a doctorate (ie PhD, DPhil, DMus etc) registered at a university in Britain (excluding N. Ireland)	England, Wales or Scotland, not Northern Ireland
British and Foreign School Society	Address Maybrook House Godstone Road Caterham Surrey CR3 6RE Website www.bfss.org.uk/ Tel 01883 3311777	Funding is for courses in preparation for a career in education or to be used directly for the development of the local community Grants on basis of financial need	Refugees and asylum seekers are eligible Applicants must be under 25 years old Priority given to those nearing the end of their course	UK-wide
Frank Buttle Trust	Address Audley House 13 Palace Street London SW1E 5HX Website www.buttletrust.org/grant_aid/students_and_trainees_grants/ Email info@buttletrust.org Tel 020 7828 7311	Provides support, particularly with living costs, to enable young people to partake in courses (FE and HE) Mainly living costs such as rent, food, clothing, transport, books and materials needed for the course are funded	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others resident in the UK Aged 16-25 only	UK-wide
Campden Charities	Address 27a Pembridge Villas, London W11 3EP Website www.campdencharities.org.uk Tel 02072430551 Fax 020722294920	Grants to study undergraduate or professional courses. (preference for practical courses) Grants cover course fees and other expenses such as equipment, travel, and childcare	Refugees, asylum seekers and others under the age of 25 from low income families.	London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Applicant need to have lived in Kensington for at least two years

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The British Academy	Address 10 Charlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AH Website www.britac.ac.uk Email grants@britac.ac.uk Tel 020 7969 5217 Fax 020 7969 5414	Grants in the humanities and social sciences Awards are usually for advanced research at postdoctoral level. A variety of awards are available		UK-wide, Isle of Man, Channel Islands
Gilchrist Educational Trust	Address 13 Brookfield Avenue, Larkfield, Aylesford ME20 6RU Website www.gilchristgrants.org.uk Email gilchrist.et@blueyonder.co.uk Tel 01903 746723	Grant Award: Adult Study Grant (average £873) or a Travel Study Grant (average £465) Applications are considered on a monthly basis	Students facing unexpected financial difficulties. Applicants will normally be in the last year of the course. Full-time students at a British University	UK-wide
Great Britain-China Educational Trust	Address Trust Administrator The Great Britain-China Centre 15 Belgrave Square London SW1X 8PS Website www.gbcc.org.uk/great-britainchina-educational-trust.aspx Email contact@gbcc.org.uk Tel 020 7235-6696	Chinese student awards Chinese students studying for a PhD or postgraduate students (i.e. UK citizens only) giving conference papers in China, or travelling to China to pursue essential doctoral research.		UK-wide/China
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation	Address 527 Madison Avenue New York 10022-4304 USA Website www.hfg.org Tel 001 646 428 0971 (USA)	The Foundation offers funding for research as well as dissertation fellowships Awards range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per year for periods of one or two years Application deadline – see website	PhD Students who are in the writing stage of their dissertation Highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding of violence and conflict	Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at colleges or universities in any country
Ruth Hayman Trust	Address PO Box 17685, London N6 6WD Website www.ruthhaymantrust.com E-mail: Trustee@ruthhaymantrust.com	Small grants awarded to support education Grants cover: registration, courses, costs of joining professional bodies and exam fees, book and equipment. Maximum Grant Award: £300 Application deadlines see website	Adults resident in the UK who speak a language other than English as their first language	UK- wide
Family Action Educational Grants and Horizon Education Fund	Address Education Grants Advisory Service Family Action 501-505 Kingsland Road London E8 4AU Website www.family-action.co.uk Tel 020 7254 6251	Family Action Educational Grants Educational grants to individuals particularly for the additional costs associated with education such as travel, books and equipment Grant awards start from £200 Application deadline: all year round Horizons Education Fund Aims to support lone parents to improve their employment prospects Grant range from £500 to £1,500 towards course expenses. Preference will be given to applicants for whom statutory funding is not available Costs supported include tuition, enrolment, examination or registration fees, course costs such as books, equipment, travel and childcare, computers and software (to a maximum of £500)	Family Action Educational Grants Low income families/ individuals e.g. living on benefits Applicants must be studying at a college or university affiliated to the Educational Grants Advisory Service (EGAS) Horizons Education Fund Lone parents with dependant children Asylum seekers are eligible	UK-wide

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Aga Khan Foundation, International Scholarship Programme	<p>Address 3 Cromwell Gardens London SW7 2HB</p> <p>Website www.akdn.org/akf_scholarships.asp</p> <p>Email info@akf.org.uk</p> <p>Tel 020 7591 6800 Fax 020 7589 0641</p>	<p>Scholarships are for tuition fees and living expenses only and awarded on a 50% grant, 50% loan basis once a year in June or July Priority of request is given for Masters level courses. (PHDs considered) Application deadline: March 31st</p>	<p>Preference is given to students under 30 years of age</p> <p>Applications for short term courses are not considered ; neither are applications from students who have already started their course of study</p>	<p>Applications accepted from the UK, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Syria, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Madagascar, France, Portugal, USA and Canada.</p>
Professional Classes Aid Council (PCAC)	<p>Address 10 St. Christopher's Place, London W1U 1HZ</p> <p>Website www.pcac.org.uk</p> <p>E-mail admin@pcac.org.uk</p> <p>Tel 02074860128 Fax 02074860128</p>	<p>Educational grants covering some course fees and associated costs Students must normally have started their course with the expectation of complete funding and exploited all other financial options open to them- typically student loans and career development loans</p>	<p>Refugees and other UK residents</p> <p>Asylum seekers are ineligible</p>	<p>UK-Wide</p>
The Lambeth Endowed Charities	<p>Address Kennington Road London SE11 6SF</p> <p>Website www.walcotfoundation.org.uk/contact.html</p> <p>Tel 020 7735 1925 Fax 020 7735 7048</p>	<p>Costs covered include: a further education or vocational training course or a first degree; work experience costs leading to work or further studies; costs for making the transition from long-term benefits dependency to employment; for young people developing a special talent; an educational need or opportunity that statutory funding does not cover Grants can be made to assist with college fees, fares, books and equipment but cannot cover maintenance or childcare costs.</p>	<p>Lambeth residents only</p> <p>Refugees, Asylum seekers and others</p>	<p>Lambeth UK</p>
Muslim Aid	<p>Address: PO Box 3 London E1 1WP</p> <p>Website: www.muslimaid.org</p> <p>E-mail: mail@muslimaid.org</p> <p>Tel: 020 7377 4200</p>	<p>To assist towards completing post-graduate courses or Doctorate studies. Awards are for students struggling with finances in their final stages Grant amount depends on individual cases No application deadline</p>	<p>Refugees, Asylum seekers and others. (Applicants do not have to be followers of the Muslim faith)</p>	
The Airey Neave Trust	<p>Address: PO Box 36800 40 Bernard Street, London WC1N 1WJ</p> <p>Website: airey-neavetrust.org.uk</p> <p>E-mail: info@aireyneavetrust.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 02078334440</p>	<p>Grants for course fees only. Preference for medical students Grant Award Amount: £1,500 is allocated on average. Application Deadline: March to commence studies in Sept/Oct of the following year.</p>	<p>Refugees, Asylum seekers, Refugees now holding British Citizenship. Preference is given to Medical Doctors, Veterinary Surgeons and Dentists.</p>	<p>UK-wide</p>
Elizabeth Nuffield Education Fund	<p>Address: L 28 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JS</p> <p>Website: www.nuffieldfoundation.org</p> <p>Email: enef@nuffieldfoundation.org</p> <p>Tel: 0207 631 0566</p> <p>Fax: 0207 323 4877</p>	<p>Women in Higher Education: Grants are awarded to help with the cost of caring for children and/or family members with special needs. Maximum grant award is £2,200 per annum, £3,300 for healthcare students. Women in further education- ENEF is working in partnership with 15 FE colleges in the UK to support students meeting the funds criteria.</p>	<p>Female refugees and asylum seekers</p>	<p>UK-Wide</p>

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Overseas Research Student Award Scheme (ORSAS)	Website: www.orsas.ac.uk	Awards are Issued through selected Universities for full-time postgraduate research study only. ORSAS awards do not cover the home/EU fee element, maintenance or travel expenses. The grants are aimed at providing funding to pay the difference between the international student tuition fees and the home/EU student tuition fees charged by the academic institution that the student attends.	People liable for overseas fees.	
Prisoners of Conscience Appeal Fund	Address: PO BOX 61044 LONDON SE1 1UP Website: www.prisonersofconscience.org E-mail: info@prisonersofconscience.org Telephone: 020 7407 6644 Fax: 020 7407 6655	Grants are for post-graduate and professional courses. Aimed at individuals (or families) who have suffered persecution for their conscientiously-held beliefs. Aside from education costs, grants can be used for day to day items, to re-unite families who have been torn apart, or for travel costs and medical treatment for victims of torture. Grants: £350 to £500	Refugees and Asylum seekers	UK-wide
Royal Aeronautical Society	Address: No.4 Hamilton Place, W1J 7BQ Website: www.raes.org.uk E-mail: raes@aerosociety.com Tel: 020 7670 4325	Educational Grants are awarded to student studying Undergraduate, Postgraduate, PhD or FE courses in the fields of Aeronautics, Astronautics, Aerospace and Aviation Management. All applicants must be in the final year of their studies. Application deadline: Beginning of September for the next academic year	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others who hold membership of the Royal Aeronautical Society.	UK-wide
St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)	Address: The St Vincent de Paul Society 5th Floor, 291-299 Borough High Street London SE1 1JG E-mail: info@svp.org.uk Tel: 0207 407 4644 Fax: 0207 407 4634	The Christian charity does not run a specific grant programme but can offer some financial help students on Undergraduate, postgraduate or Professional courses. SVP also provides small grants for individuals in very tight financial circumstance. Maximum award: Would depend on individual circumstances. No application deadline	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others	UK-Wide
The Society for Promoting the Training of Women	Address: The Secretary SPTW, Vine Hall Farm Brissenden Bethersden Kent TN26 3JY Website: www.sptw.org Email sec.sptw@btinternet.com	Interest free loans for women of all ages seeking to improve their career prospects by undertaking further education and training. Repayable at realistic rates once the trainee is in work.	Refugees and others	UK-wide
Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC)	Address: Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon SN2 1SZ Website: www.pparc.ac.uk E-mail: student-ships@pparc.ac.uk Telephone: 01793 442118 Fax: 01793 442036	Research grants are awarded to post-graduate students for training in research. Grants to cover course fees are administered through various universities. Maintenance costs and Disabled Student allowance is also awarded to individual students. Grant award can cover up to three years of research	Refugees and UK Citizens	UK-wide

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Sidney Perry Foundation	Address: PO Box 1689, Hindon, Wiltshire SP3 6TP E-mail: sidneyperry-found@cs.com	Hardship grants primarily to first degree students in difficult financial situations. Unable to assist students in the first year of a three or four-year course, or those over the age of 35. Other restrictions apply. Grant award - up to £700	Refugees, asylum seekers and others under the age of 35	UK-wide
Refugees into Jobs	Address: Refugees Into Jobs 3-7 Lincoln Parade Preston Road Wembley Middlesex HA9 8UA Website: www.brent.gov.uk Email: rjj@brent.gov.uk Telephone: 0208 908 4433 Fax: 0208 908 3917	Grants are awarded to students studying Undergraduate, Post-graduate and Professional courses, for travel expenses, materials, child-care, exam and tuition fees. Applicants must be registered with the refugees into jobs service and complete an initial assessment.	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	Brent, Harrow, Hammersmith, Fulham, Hounslow, Hillingdon and Ealing
Reeve's Foundation	Address: 2 Cloth Court London EC1A 7LS Website: www.richardreevesfoundation.org.uk Email: enquiries@richardreevesfoundation.org.uk Telephone: 020 7726 4230	Grants are available to help with: books and equipment, travel costs, UK based field trips that are an essential part of your course, the cost of tools and equipment for those starting work, course fees and general living cost.	Refugees , Asylum seekers and others Under 25	London boroughs of Camden, Islington and the City of London.
The Royal Society	Address: The Royal Society 6-9 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AG Website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk/funding/ E-mail: info@royalsoc.ac.uk Tel: +44 (0)20 7451 2500 Fax: +44 (0)20 7930 2170	The organisation provides post-doctoral funding based on a competitive and quota basis	Refugees and UK citizens	UK-wide
United Westminster Almshouses Foundation	Address: Palmers house, 42 Rochester row, London SW1P 1BU Website: www.westminsteralmshouses.com E-mail: uwa@londoncharities.com Telephone: 02078283131 Fax: 02078283138	Funding is awarded to cover educational related costs such as books, instruments, travel expenses.		
RETAS	Address: 233-237 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 4HS Website: www.retasleeds.org.uk E-mail: info@retasleeds.org.uk Telephone: 0113 380 5630 Fax: 01133805631	Funds for FE, HE and professional re-qualification Grants contribute towards course fees, exam costs and equipment related to a course. Up to £300 per person in available The grant committee meets once a month.	Refugees and Asylum Seekers in West Yorkshire	West Yorkshire

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Refugee Council	<p>Address: Learning and Integration Unit Refugee Council 240-250 Ferndale Road Brixton, London, SW9 8BB</p> <p>Website: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk</p> <p>Email: firstname.lastname@refugeecouncil.org</p> <p>Tel: 020 7346 1163</p> <p>Fax: 020 7346 6701</p>	<p>Small Grants Scheme (Felice Morgenstern Hardship Fund) supporting individuals who are in extreme financial difficulties and where a small grant may help them achieve their educational goals</p> <p>Funding can go towards costs associated with education, such as exam fees, books and stationary. All payments will be made to an institution or organisation with relevant supporting evidence.</p>	Refugees and Asylum seekers	UK-Wide
Advice Resources	<p>Website: www.adviceresources-fundingdirectory.co.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0800 100 900</p>	<p>Advice resources provides an essential directory of funding sources to help support education and learning.</p>		UK-wide
Funderfinder	<p>Address: 65 Regan road, Leeds LS2 9DZ</p> <p>Website: www.funderfinder.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0113 243 3008</p> <p>Fax: 0113 243 2966</p>	<p>The fundfinder website has a list of trusts with links and produces a funding software available for purchase (available at some local libraries). Also provides advice packs for individuals seeking funding.</p>	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	UK-wide
Funds for Women Graduates	<p>Address Brookfield Avenue Larkfield Aylesford Kent ME20 6RU</p> <p>Website www.ffwg.org.uk</p> <p>Email jean.c@blueyonder.co.uk</p> <p>Tel 01732 321139</p>	<p>See website for up to date information.</p>	<p>Foundation grants Women graduates from Britain and overseas are eligible</p> <p>Emergency grants Women graduates from Britain and overseas are eligible</p>	UK-Wide and overseas
Lawrence Atwell Charity	<p>Address: The skimmers company, Skimmers hall, 8 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SP</p> <p>Website: www.skimmershall.co.uk/charities/lawrence-atwell-charity.htm</p> <p>E-mail: beadle@skimmers.org.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 0207 236 5629</p> <p>Fax: 0207 236 6590</p>	<p>Grants are awarded to people undertaking training that will clearly launch them into work, or to purchase equipment that is essential to begin work.</p> <p>Grants can cover the following : Tuition, enrolment, examination and registration fees and general living expenses during study/training</p> <p>Grants rarely exceed £2000 a year, although grants can be made for more than one year in a row if a training course is two or three years long.</p>	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others aged between 16 and 26	UK-Wide
Princes Trust	<p>Address: 18 Park Square East London NW1 4LH</p> <p>Website:www.princes-trust.org.uk</p> <p>email: webinfops@princes-trust.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 020 7543 1234</p> <p>Fax: 020 7543 1200</p>	<p>Awards are aimed at disadvantaged young people aged between 14 and 30 years to enable them to develop skills and confidence to get into work or start a personal business. Grants are not for University students.</p> <p>Awards: £50 to £500</p>	Refugees, Asylum Seekers and other young people aged between 14- 30 years.	UK-Wide

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Sir John Cass's Foundation	Address : 31 Jewry Street, London, EC3N 2EY Website: www.sirjphncass.org/grantstoindividuals Email: contactus@sirjohncass.org Telephone: 020 7480 5884 Fax: 020 7488 2519	Educational bursaries and scholarships are awarded for undergraduate and postgraduate students Grants applications must be made through select institutions. (refer to website for details) See website for deadline and grant amount	Refugees with Limited Leave to Remain and others who are under 25 years of age and residents of Inner London	Inner- London
Sir Richard Stapley Education Trust	Address: North Street Farmhouse, Sheldwich, North Faversham, Kent ME13 0LN Website: www.stapleytrust.org E-mail: admin@stapleytrust.org	Educational grants are awarded to graduates with a 1 st or 2:1 degree (or predicted this) proposing to undertake post-graduate studies (full info on website) All grants are awarded for a full year. Applicants can be supported for a maximum of three years but new applications have to be submitted each year. Grant Award: £300- £1000 Application Deadline: 31 st March for the following academic year	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others over the age of 24	UK-wide
The Allan and Nester Ferguson Charitable Trust	Website: www.fergusontrust.co.uk	Grants may be awarded to those considering embarking on a gap year. £300 May be awarded towards expenses. Postgraduate PhD students, whether from overseas or from the UK. See website for deadlines and amounts	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others	UK-Wide
Wingate Scholarships	Address: Faith Clark, Administrator, Wingate Scholarships, QABC, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JX Website: www.wingatescholarships.org.uk E-mail: clark@wingate.org.uk	Wingate Scholarships are awarded to individuals of great potential to undertake pioneering or original work of intellectual, scientific, artistic, social or environmental value, and to outstandingly talented musicians for advanced training. They are designed to help with the costs of a specific project which may last up to 3 years. The average total award is about £6,500 and the maximum in any one year is £10,000.	Refugees, Asylum seekers and others Applicants must 24 and over to apply. There is no upper age limit.	UK- Wide
Sir Walter St John's Educational Charity	Address: Melanie Griffiths, Sir Walter St.John's Educational Charity, Unit 11, Culvert House, Culvert Road, London SW11 5DH. E-mail: manager@swsjcharity.org.uk Telephone: 020 7498 8878	Provides grants to promote the education and training young people under the age of 25. Grants are made to students on degree courses only in exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. Predominantly to final year students on unforeseen circumstances.	Young refugees, asylum seekers and others under 25 years of age.	Wandsworth and Lambeth.

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