

COVID 19 Resources and Support for Individuals

Including Profession-Specific Grants and Information

Local

Richmond Parish Lands Charity benefitting those living in TW9, TW10, SW13 & SW14 is continuing to run their individual grants programme covering food, household essentials, living expenses, etc. Applications can only be made through a referral agency such as social services, a local charity, housing provider or school. For more information please visit www.rplc.org.uk.

The Barnes Fund which benefits those living in the SW13 postcode is continuing to run their individual grants programme covering food and household essentials. Applications can only be made through a referral agency such as social services, or local charity. For more information visit www.barnesworkhousefund.org.uk.

The Hampton Fund which benefits those in Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Hampton, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton continues to operate its individual grants for fuel and household essentials. To be eligible it is likely you will need to meet one of the following criteria:

- be on a low wage
- in receipt of state benefits
- receive help with your rent or council tax
- you live on a pension

Applications for fuel grants close on the 27 April 2020.
For more information visit www.hamptonfund.co.uk.

Citizens Advice Richmond offers email and telephone advice 10am-4pm Monday to Friday. The advice line number is 0300 330 2114. They also have a free online benefits calculator that can link you to grants and other sources of help. Visit www.citizensadvice-richmond.org.

Crosslight Advice offers debt and money advice to local residents. Their website includes links to COVID-19 resources and they are providing debt advice by phone on 020 7052 0318 Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5 pm. www.crosslightadvice.org/twickenham.

South West London Law Centres helps local people access justice and uphold their everyday rights. Their pro bono volunteers offer free legal advice on key issues by phone and online. Visit www.swllc.org.

National

Money Advice Service was set up by the government and offers free and impartial money advice across all aspects of financial management. They have produced a guide called “Coronavirus, What It Means For You” which includes rights to sick pay and what benefits you can claim if you are unemployed or not entitled to Statutory Sick Pay.

www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk.

Money Saving Expert, founded by broadcaster and journalist Martin Lewis, includes a regularly updated Coronavirus bulletin which covers all aspects of financial management and entitlement including employment, mortgages and bills. www.moneysavingexpert.com.

Turn2Us is a national charity available to anyone experiencing difficulties. Their support is online but they have an extensive database of grants for individuals, a benefits entitlement calculator and COVID-19 specific advice on benefits and other work-related entitlements.

www.turn2us.org.uk

Grants and support for specific professions

Retail Workers

The My Retail Wellbeing website includes health and wellbeing advice and grants to support those in the industry affected by COVID-19. Call the Helpline on 0808 801 0808 or visit

www.myrtwellbeing.org.uk.

Care Workers

Crisis grants, support and advice are being offered by The Care Workers Charity.

www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk.

Nurses and Midwifery Staff

Cavell Nurses Trust offer grants to help nursing and midwifery staff with their living costs, such as rent and utility bills. For help and advice call 01527 595 999 or visit

www.cavellnursestrust.org.

Hospitality

Information on charities supporting those in the hospitality industry can be found on the industry website, www.imbibe.com.

The Arts

Support for Theatre Professionals

A collection of funds and sources of advice and support for those in the theatre industry is available by email (advice@theatrehelpline.org) and telephone. Call 0800 915 4617 or visit

<https://theatresupport.info/>.

Performing Rights Society For Music Emergency Relief Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to PRS members globally. Visit www.prsformusic.com.

Make a Difference Trust Hardship Fund

A fund for those experiencing financial hardship due to theatre closures, offering up to £200. www.madtrust.org.uk

Film and TV Emergency Relief Fund

A fund established with a £1million donation from Netflix which will be administered by the Film and TV charity with support from the BFI. To hear when it launches, register on their mailing list. There is also a hardship fund offering up to £500 which is open for application now for those in immediate need, as well as support via online chat and a telephone helpline 0800 054 0000. www.filmtvcharity.org.uk.

Help Musicians Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund

One-off payments of £500 are available for those suffering significant financial hardship. Decisions and notification is given within 10 working days. The Health and Wellbeing section of the website is full of excellent help and support including a 24/7 Music Minds Matter Support line for musicians mental health. www.helpmusicians.org.uk.

Authors Emergency Fund

Available for professional authors resident in the UK which includes writers, illustrators, literary translators, scriptwriters, poets, journalists and others. Awards of up to £2,000 are made to meet urgent need. www.societyofauthors.org.

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