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£7,000 AVAILABLE FOR HARLOW CHARITIES

Voluntary and community groups working with young people in Harlow are being targeted to apply for funding from the Harlow Education Trust. Grants will be awarded in June so the deadline for applications is Friday 25 May.

The Education Trust was established in 1991 by Harlow Council to advance the educational skills of young people in the district. The fund is being relaunched under the management of Essex Community Foundation, a charitable trust which concentrates its grantmaking to fund charities in Essex.

Lynn Seward, Head of Community Services at Harlow Council, said "The council are keen to maximise the impact of this trust fund. We want to support those local charities that are developing the skills, knowledge and talent of our young residents." She continued, "By working with Essex Community Foundation who have 10 years experience of managing trusts and have extensive knowledge of charitable activity in Harlow, we are confident that this will be achieved".

Caroline Taylor, Programmes Manager at Essex Community Foundation said, "We really want this money to make a difference. We have already seen fantastic examples of young people's lives being turned around through their participation in projects run by voluntary organisations and we want the Harlow Education Trust to increase those opportunities." She added "I would encourage local groups in Harlow working with young people to contact Essex Community Foundation to discuss potential projects".

Voluntary and community groups in Harlow are encouraged to contact Caroline Taylor at Essex Community Foundation on 01245 356018 or caroline@essexcf.org.uk or visit the Foundation's website www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk £7,000 is available for distribution. Smaller grants are encouraged.

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Notes to Editors:

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen more than 2500 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £9million in grants. Funds are distributed on behalf of a wide range of donors who want their charitable giving to be accessible to local charities. www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

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