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£7,000 IN GRANTS FOR HARLOW GROUPS

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Voluntary and community groups working with young people in Harlow are being targeted to apply for funding from the Harlow Education Trust.

The Education Trust was established in 1991 by Harlow Council to advance the educational skills of young people in the district and is now under the management of Essex Community Foundation, a charitable trust that supports charities across Essex.

Caroline Taylor, Programmes Director at Essex Community Foundation said, "We have recently supported a number of groups in Harlow working with young people, including All Ability Sports & Leisure who received £1,500 to use sport to raise the skills, confidence and self esteem of young people with disabilities" She added "I would encourage local groups in Harlow working with young people to contact Essex Community Foundation to discuss potential projects".

For further information about the fund please contact the Foundation's grants team on 01245 356018 or visit their website to download the general application form at www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk The deadline date for applications is 9 September and then 9 January 2009.

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Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen nearly 3,000 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £11.2 million 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

Community Foundations are independent charities committed to supporting projects that engage local people. Since the 1980s, a nationwide network of Community Foundations has developed, endorsed by many major public figures and leading companies.

There are 1000's of charities and voluntary groups working for the community to create a richer society for all. Community Foundations build endowed funds and make grants to these organisations.

- There are 55 local Community Foundations in the UK covering 94% of the population
- Collectively they manage endowed funds of circa £200 million
- In 2006/07 Community Foundations distributed grants totalling £75million.