



Following information taken from CEDT website.

The Council for Dance Education and Training (CEDT) is the standards body of the professional dance and musical theatre industries.

The Council accredits vocational dance and musical theatre schools, validates Dance Awarding Organisations and recognises pre-vocational dance and musical theatre schools which meet its standards of professional practice.

Professional Training - conservatoires

The schools and colleges listed below offer professional training courses in dance in the UK and have been awarded conservatoire status by the UK government. [They offer degree course without compromising high level of professional training for dancers and are therefore ‘fully maintained’ i.e. receive the same financial support that other UK Universities receive].

Central School of Ballet

- 10 Herbal Hill, Clerkenwell Road
- London
- EC1R 5EG
- 020 7837 6332
- Email: info@csbschool.co.uk
- Web: www.centralschoolofballet.co.uk

Laban

- Creekside
- London
- SE8 3DZ
- 020 8691 8600
- Email: info@laban.org
- Web: www.laban.org

London Contemporary Dance School

- The Place, 16 Flaxman Terrace
- London
- WCLH 9AT
- 020 7121 1111
- Email: info@laban.org
- Web: www.theplace.org.uk

○ Northern School of Contemporary Dance

- 98 Chapeltown Road
- Leeds
- LS7 4BH
- 0113 219 3000
- Email: info@nscd.ac.uk
- Web: www.nscd.ac.uk
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○ Rambert School

- Clifton Lodge, St. Maragaret's Drive
- Twickenham
- TW1 1QN
- 0208 892 9960
- Email: info@rambertschool.org.uk
- Web: www.rambertschool.org.uk
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○ London Studio Centre

- 42-50 York Way
- London
- N1 9AB
- 020 7837 7741
- Email: enquire@london-studio-centre.co.uk
- Web: www.london-studio-centre.co.uk
- *This school offers funding through the Higher Education Funding Council*

Schools accredited through CDET

CDET's accredited schools offer courses that vary widely in style, content and aims and they cover the disciplines of classical ballet, musical theatre and contemporary dance.

Schools that offer Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's) are indicated below:

o Arts Educational School, London

- o 14 Bath Road, Chiswick
- o London
- o W4 1LY
- o 020 8987 6675
- o Email: mts@artsed.co.uk
- o Web: www.artsed.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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o Bird College

- o Birkbeck Centre, Birbeck Road, Sidcup
- o Kent
- o DA14 4DE
- o 020 8300 6004
- o Email: admin@birdcollege.co.uk
- o Web: www.birdcollege.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's) + funding through the Higher Education Funding Council*
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o Cambridge Performing Arts

- o 25-29 Glisson Road
- o Cambridge
- o CB1 2HA
- o 01223 314461
- o Email: courseleader@bodyworkds.co.uk
- o Web: www.bodywork-dance.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

o Elmhurst School for Dance

- o 249 Bristol Road, Edgbaston
- o Birmingham
- o B5 7UH
- o 0121 472 6655
- o Email: enquiries@elmhurstdance.co.uk
- o Web: www.elmhurstdance.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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o Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts

- o 23 Goswell Road
- o London
- o EC1M 7AJ
- o 020 7608 0044
- o Email: admin@italiaconti.com
- o Web: www.italiaconti.com
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

o Laine Theatre Arts Ltd.

- o The Studios, East Street
- o Epsom
- o Surrey
- o KT17 1HH
- o 01372 724 648
- o Email: webmaster@laine-theatre-arts.co.uk
- o Web: www.laine-theatre-arts.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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o Liverpool Theatre School and College

- o 19 Aigburth Road
- o Liverpool
- o L19 4JR
- o 0151 7287800
- o Email: info@liverpooltheatreschool.co.uk
- o Web: www.liverpooltheatreschool.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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o Merseyside Dance and Drama Centre

- o 13-17 Camden Street
- o Liverpool
- o L3 8JR
- o 0151 207 6197
- o Web: www.mddcdance.co.uk

o Northern Ballet School (*offers musical theatre and classical dance courses*)

- o The Dancehouse, 10 Oxford Road
- o Manchester
- o M1 5QA
- o 0161 237 1406
- o Email: enquiries@northernballetschool.co.uk
- o Web: www.northernballetschool.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

o Performers College

- o Southend Road
- o Corringham
- o Essex
- o SS17 8JT
- o 01375 672 053
- o Email: prospectus@performerscollege.co.uk
- o Web: www.performerscollege.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

o Stella Mann College

- o 10 Linden Road
- o Bedford
- o MK40 2DA
- o 01234 213 331
- o Email: info@stellamanncollege.co.uk
- o Web: www.stellamanncollege.co.uk
- o *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

○ The Hammond School

- Hoole Bank House, Mannings Lane
- Chester
- CH2 4ES
- 01244 305 350
- Email: info@thehammondschool.co.uk
- Web: www.thehammondschool.co.uk
- *This school is a "Centre of Excellence" through the Music and Dance Scheme (DfE) and the Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

○ The Midlands Academy of Dance and Drama

- Century House, Building B, 428 Carlton Hill
- Nottingham
- NG4 1QA
- 0115 911 0401
- Email: admin@maddcollege.supanet.com
- Web: www.maddcollege.co.uk

○ The Urdang Academy

- Finsbury Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue
- London
- EC1R 4RP
- 020 7713 7710
- Email: info@theurdangacademy.com
- Web: www.theurdangacademy.com
- *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*

○ Tring Park School for the Performing Arts

- Tring
- Hertfordshire
- HP23 5LX
- 01442 824 255
- Email: info@tringpark.com
- Web: www.tringpark.com
- *The School offers three types of funding: Music and Dance Scheme Awards, Dance and Drama Awards and School Scholarships*

Other training Schools/Colleges:

• English National Ballet School

- Carlyle Building, Hortensia Road
- London
- SW10 0QS
- 020 7376 7076
- Web: www.enbschool.org.uk
- Web: www.katesimmons.co.uk
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• Leicester College of Performing Arts

- International Arts Centre, Garden Street
- Leicester
- LE1 3UA
- 0845 166 2179
- Web: www.lcpa.co.uk
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• Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts

- Mount Street
- Liverpool
- L1 9HF
- 0151 330 3000
- Web: www.lipa.ac.uk
- *This school offers funding through the Higher Education Funding Council*
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• London Theatre School - Masters Performing Arts

- Arterial Road
- Rayleigh
- Essex
- SS6 7UQ
- 01268 777351
- Web: www.mastersperformingarts.co.uk
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• Millenium

- 29 Thomas Street
- Woolwich
- SE18 6HU
- 020 8301 8744
- Web: www.md2000.co.uk
- *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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• SLP College

- Chapel Lane
- Leeds
- LS25 1AG
- 0113 2868136
- Web: www.slpcollege.co.uk
- *This school offers Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA's)*
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○ Thames Valley University (Dance Department)

- St Mary's Road, Ealing
- London
- W5 5RF
- 0800 036 8888

- Email: learning.advice@tvu.ac.uk
- Web: www.tvu.ac.uk

- University College Falmouth (BA Choreography)

- Dartington Campus, Dartington
- Totnes
- Devon
- TQ9 6EJ
- 01803 861 687
- Web: www.falmouth.ac.uk

- Middlesex University (Dance Department)

- North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South
- London
- N11 1QS
- 020 8411 5555
- Email: admissions@mdx.ac.uk
- Web: www.mdx.ac.uk

Applying To A School

Why should I train?

Proper training will allow you to acquire the professional skills that will sustain a career in the demanding worlds of dance and musical theatre.

Choice of School

Read prospectuses carefully and do not be attracted to a school for reasons other than the quality of its provision. The school needs to offer training that suits your professional ambition. It is wise to look at a number of prospectuses and to target a number of schools.

Most vocational schools offer a three year full-time training programme. Many vocational schools now also offer excellent degree programmes. On degree courses there is an academic element in addition to the practical dance training.

Preparing for Dance School

A dancer's career is uncertain, and it is therefore worth working hard to achieve a good grounding of academic qualifications whilst still at school. Dancers may often need to look for other careers as a result of injury, illness or other unforeseen circumstances. Formal academic qualifications will therefore help to widen the choice of alternatives. Full-time training for ballet dancers can begin as early as 10 or 11 years of age and full-time training in other disciplines can be undertaken from the age of 16 onwards.

Applying for Dance School

Entrance requirements to vocational schools vary and students should consult the college prospectuses to find out about the entry requirements for their desired courses of study. Academic qualifications are not always a pre-requisite but to have studied some aspect of the performing arts would be useful. However, dance potential, performance sensibility, physique and personality are likely to be more important.

As an introduction, students may wish to attend a Foundation Course or a Preparation Course before applying to a three-year programme. However these courses cannot replace a full-time professional training. Many vocational dance schools also have part-time, summer and short courses which will give an insight into life in the school.

What does it cost to go to a Vocational Dance or Musical Theatre School?

Finding the funds to study on dance and musical theatre courses can be expensive. A course at an accredited vocational training school can cost anything between £7,000 and £13,000 per year. Depending on where you study, different types of funding exist.

Music and Dance Scheme (MDS)

For students wishing to train in Ballet the Department for Education (DfE) funds the Music and Dance Scheme which provides young people between the ages of 11 to 18 to receive an academic education alongside the best specialist dance training available. At present there are four RESIDENTIAL dance schools and nine NON-RESIDENTIAL Centres for Advanced training across the UK that offer MDS places.

Contact the www.nationaldancecats.co.uk for more information

*Centres for Advanced Training (CATs) are non-residential pre-vocational training programmes that are also funded via the DCSF Music & Dance Scheme.

Further Education (Dance and Drama Awards)

The Dance and Drama Awards (D&DA) were introduced by the government in 1999 to increase access to vocational dance, drama and stage management training. They provide reduced fees for full-time vocational dance and drama students but are only available to those studying for the following qualifications

- *National Diploma in Professional Dance*
- *National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre*
- *National Certificate in Professional Classical Ballet.*

The qualifications are all awarded by Trinity College London (TCL) and are only available at one of the 22 providers TCL validates.

A limited number of D&DAs are awarded each year and they are allocated by the 22 schools to students showing most potential at audition. Students intending to apply for an award should contact a vocational school directly to enquire if it has D&DA funded places available.

The 22 schools will make an award to a student regardless of his/her income but where students are judged to be equally talented their financial circumstances will be taken into consideration. To be eligible for an award a student must be an EU national at the start of the course and have been resident in the EU for at least 3 years before the course starts.

Students who are offered Awards will have to make a contribution to their fees. The rate for 2009-2010 was set at £1,275 per year. Students who cannot afford the £1,275 or who need further financial assistance for living and learning costs may be eligible for additional funding from a means-tested FE fund – for more information see:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/DanceandDrama/DG_066991

Higher Education (HE)

Higher Education courses lead to a degree, diploma or certificate validated or awarded by a university; a number are now also designated 'vocational'. Students following HE dance courses do not qualify for D&DAs but are eligible for **mandatory, Higher Education awards** which cover the greater part of tuition fees.

Like any UK (or EU) student entering Higher Education, students are eligible to apply for help with the student fee contribution (which is £3,145 in 2008/2009 and £3,225 from 2009/10) and have access to **Student Loan for Fees**.

Student Loans – in 2009/10 eligible students may receive a loan to cover fees in full of up to £3,225 a year. You may also qualify for a student loan for maintenance of up to £4,950 if you live away from home or in London (however the maximum you can get is reduced if you get help through a maintenance grant, which is detailed below).

Grants – As well as Student Loans, students may also be able to get a Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant to help with accommodation and other living costs. Grants of up to £2,835 are available for 2008/2009 - or up to £2,906 for 2009/2010. However if you have received government funding for a previous course it is unlikely you will be eligible.

The government website <http://www.direct.gov.uk/> has comprehensive information about student finance for students undertaking Higher Education courses.

Some courses may not be funded by any awards. In these cases, students are responsible for the full cost of fees and may need to secure private funding via loans, scholarships and trusts.

Other organisations offering advice on funding

• Arts & Humanities Research Board (AHRB)

- Whitefriars, Lewins Mead
- Bristol
- BS1 2AE
- 0117 987 6544
- Web: www.ahrb.ac.uk
- *Administers a scheme of postgraduate professional and vocational awards.*

• Association of Charitable Foundations

- Central House, 14 Upper Woburn Place
- London
- WC1H 0AE
- 020 7255 4499
- Web: www.acf.org.uk
- *The UK's support organisation for grant making trusts and foundations of all types. Contains useful information on the website but cannot give advice about individual applications, nor help grant-seekers find suitable funders. Leaflets are available to download from the website for extra information.*

• Centre for Creative Communities

- Regent House Business Centre, 24/25 Nutford Place, Marble Arch
- London
- W1H 5YN
- 0845 111 1711
- Web: www.creativecommunities.org.uk
- *Please note that the Centre for Creative Communities is no longer in operation, however the content of the website will continue.*

• Educational Trusts Forum

- Educational Grants Advice, Independent Schools Council, c/o Joint Educational Trust, 6-8 Fenchurch Buildings
- London
- EC3M 5HT
- 05601 503 524 (answered between 9am to 11am)
- Web: www.educational-grants.org

• Student Awards Agency for Scotland

- Gyleview House, 3 Redheughs Rigg
- Edinburgh
- EH12 9HH
- 0845 111 1711
- Web: www.student-support-saas.gov.uk
- *This site contains a wide range of information for those studying in Scotland who need to obtain funding for their higher education course. The agency has extended the eligibility to the Young Students' Bursary to include single parents under 25, and married couples under 25 with a child.*

• The Central Advisory for Trusts and Scholarships

- 7-11 Kensington High Street
- London
- W8 5NP

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• **The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)**

○ Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street

○ London

○ SW1P 3BT

○ 0870 000 2288

○ Web: www.dfes.gov.uk

○ *The DCSF produces publications which gives details of grants available from LEAs to students who are taking first degrees and comparable courses; diploma of higher education courses, teacher training and HND courses.*

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• **The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS)**

○ Castle View House, East Lane

○ Runcorn

○ WA7 2GJ14

○ Web: www.dius.gov.uk

○ *The DIUS provides information on Vocational Qualifications, Apprenticeships and Education and Training Providers in Further Education. It offers guidelines on applying to University, recognised degrees in Higher Education (HE) as well as HE student loans, bursaries and scholarships.*

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• **The Education Grants Advisory Service**

○ Family Welfare Association, 501-505 Kingsland Road

○ London

○ E8 4AU

○ 020 7254 6251 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm)

○ Web: www.egas-online.org.uk

○ *Set up to help students and parents by putting them in touch with likely sources of financial aid, also offering information about welfare grants. The Service advises students and parents faced with difficulties in their negotiations with LEAs and provide liaison with educational charities. Offers guidance and advice on funding for those studying in post-16 education in the UK.*

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• **The Foundation for Sport and the Arts**

○ Walton House, 55 Charnock Road, Walton

○ Liverpool

○ L67 1AA

○ Web: www.thefsa.net

○ *Occasionally makes awards for dance and drama studies.*

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• **The National Council for Drama Training (NCDT)**

○ 1-7 Woburn Walk

○ London

○ E1 6LS

○ 020 7387 3650

○ Web: www.ncdt.co.uk

○ *NCDT offers advice to those embarking on courses in drama.*

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• **The National Union of Students (NUS)**

○ 2nd Floor, Centro 3, Mandela Street

○ London

○ NW1 0DU

○ Web: www.nusonline.co.uk

○ *Produces the NUS Welfare Information Pack, which includes information on grants, awards and alternative financial assistance.*

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• The Student Loans Company

- 100 Bothwell Street
- Glasgow
- G2 7JD
- 0141 306 2000
- Web: www.slc.co.uk
- *Provides funding for United Kingdom residents who are studying in higher education in the United Kingdom. It is a non-departmental government body, and is the sole administrator of publicly financed loans for students. Site contains details of applying for loans, and terms and conditions.*

• The University of London Careers Service

- Stewart House, 32 Russell Square
- London
- WC1B 5DN
- Web: www.careers.lon.ac.uk
- *Maintains a reference library containing information from various educational trusts and foundations who may offer assistance to students, endowed scholarships and details and guidance on all grants available from LEAs.*

Charitable Trusts and Foundations

Below is a list of charitable trusts and Foundations that have awarded grants to students in the past

• Equity Trust Fund

- 222 Africa House, 64 Kingsway
- London
- WC2B 6BD
- 020 7404 6041
- *Only able to help professional performers, but some students may be able to meet the criteria set by the trust.*

• Fame Academy Bursary to fund West End Dreams

- 020 8576 8043
- Email: miriam.okeeffe@bbc.co.uk
- Web: www.bbc.co.uk/fameacademybursary
- *Offering up to 20 awards worth a total of £150,000 to aspiring performers to kick start or continue their musical theatre studies. Open for applications early spring.*

• Mackintosh Foundation

- 1 Bedford Square
- London
- WC1B 3RA
- 020 7637 8866
- *Awards scholarships to promote and develop theatre and the performing arts.*

• Sydney Dean Whitehead's Charitable Trust

- Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants, 30 Gay Street
- Bath
- Avon
- BA1 2PA
- 01225 486100
- *Apply to the Secretary, in writing (including SAE). The trustees apply their funds towards supporting parents with the educational costs of their children and respond more readily to appeals relating to children with special talents, particularly in the artistic fields. They also respond*

more readily to appeals which show that there is an element of self-help already in operation and where a lack of finance could preclude children from receiving the type of education their particular 'gift' merits.

• The Altrusa Careers Trust

P O Box 6160

Orkney

KW16 3WY

0141 226 4898

The Trust was established to help women in the UK and Eire further their career prospects or to retrain after bringing up a family. Present loan / grant maximum is £500. The closing date for applications is 31 March each year.

• The Ann Driver Trust

The Secretary to the Trustees, PO Box 2761

London

W1A 5HD

020 8539 9096

This Organisation ONLY gives funding to Music students and no longer has funds for Dance students. Application forms available from November. Closing date end March. No entry fee.

• The Bestway Foundation

The Bestway Foundation, Bestway Cash & Carry Ltd, Abbey Road, Park Royal

London

NW10 7BW

0208 453 1234

Web: www.bestway.co.uk

Contact Zulfikaur Wajid-Hasan at {MAILTO:zulfikaur.wajid-hasan@bestway.co.uk}. Written applications from South Asian Students only. Brief letter. No application forms available. SAE required.

• The Crescent Trust

The Crescent Trust, 27a Sloane Square

London

SW1W 8AB

020 7730 5420

Contact Ms C Akehurst

• The Fenton Arts Trust

PO Box 135

East Horsley

Surrey

KT24 9AB

Assistance for people who are making or who aspire to make a worthwhile contribution to the artistic and cultural life of this country. Grants are made towards the creative arts, principally painting and drama. Application in writing to Ms Shelley Baxter.

• The Follett Trust

17 Chescombe Road, Yatton

Bristol

BS19 4EE

01934 838337

Single donations given in cases of social deprivation, education and to the Arts. Contact Mr M.D. Follett.

• The Rosemary Bugden Charitable Trust

- Osbourne Clarke, 50 Queen Charlotte Street
- Bristol
- BS1 4HE
- 0117 917 3922
- *Contact J W Sharpe. Funding for performing arts in U.K.*
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• The Sidney Perry Foundation

- PO Box 2924
- Faringdon
- SN7 7YJ
- *Assistance to those of great promise, under 35 at the start of their course, who would be unable to proceed with their studies through lack of means. Average grant in the region of £500. Application form available from Mrs L A Owens enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.*
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• The South Square Trust

- The Clerk to the Trustees, P.O. Box 169
- Lewes
- East Sussex
- BN7 9FB
- 01825 872264
- Web: www.southsquaretrust.org.uk
- *Assistance for students over 18 studying practical degree courses in the fine and applied arts in the UK. Preference given to nationals. Grants for assistance with fees or living expenses. Application forms available from Mrs Nicola Chrimes. Applications should be submitted from January to April for consideration in May for courses starting in September. References are required for submission with the application form. Initial enquiries by telephone are welcomed.*
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• The Talbot House Trust

- White Horse Court, 25c North Street
- Bishop's Stortford
- Herts
- CM23 2LD
- *Assistance for individuals undertaking courses in the performing arts. Grants are only made to residents for study in the UK. Grants to help with the cost of equipment/instruments, fees or maintenance/living expenses. No grants are made to Postgraduates. Forms should be submitted by March for consideration in May. Contact Mrs Jane Day.*
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• The Thomas Wall Trust

- PO Box 52781
- London
- WC2P 2UT
- *Contact W B Cook, MA Director. To make grants to students in need for educational, especially vocational, courses. Applications from individuals may be made from January onwards preceding the start of the academic year for which the grant is sought, and will be considered for as long as the available funds allow. The maximum grant is £600 per year.*

Helpful Books

Some of the books listed should be available in large public libraries, many of them can be purchased from the Directory of Social Change (DSC) including the Educational Grants Directory, A Guide to the Major Trusts, Grants for Individuals in Need and The Arts Funding Guide:

- **The Directory of Social Change (DSC)**

- Tel: 020 7391 4800
- 24 Stephenson Way
- London NW1 2DP
- www.dsc.org.uk

- **Sponsorship for Students**

- Published and distributed by Hobsons Publishing plc (in conjunction with COIC/CRAC). This publication lists 2,500 scholarships and bursaries from 200 different organisations.
- Copies available from: Customer Services, Biblios PDS Ltd. Star Road, Partridge Green, West Sussex RH13 8LD.

- **The Grants Register**

- Published yearly by Palgrave Macmillan Ltd. This publication lists over 4,000 awards for students studying both in the UK and abroad. Available from:
- www.palgrave.com/reference/ or Palgrave Macmillan, Houndsmill, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 6XS.

- **The Directory of Grant Making Trusts**

- Published by Charities Aid Foundation available at most public libraries and at: Kingshill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA

- **A Guide to University Scholarships and Awards**

- By Brian Heap, published by Trotman Publishing.
- Listing scholarships available to students from universities and other organisations.
- Available from: www.trotman.co.uk or Trotman & Co., Ltd., 2 The Green, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1PL.

- **Sponsorship and Funding Directory**

- Published annually by Hobsons. Listing of employers and companies offering sponsorship and placement opportunities. Available from: Hobsons, Bateman Street, Cambridge CB2 1LZ.

- **Scholarship Guide for Commonwealth Postgraduate Students**

- Available from: Association of Commonwealth Universities, John Foster House, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1.

- **Employers and Professional Bodies offering Sponsorship & Supplementary Awards to Students following First Degree, BTEC or comparable courses**

- Published annually. Available from: Careers and Occupational Information Centre, Pennie Centre, 20/22 Hawley Street, Sheffield S1 3GA.

- **The Education Yearbook**

- Published annually by the Financial Times. Available from www.pearsoned.ac.uk.

- **Charities Digest**

- Contains a chapter on education which includes details of scholarships. Available from www.waterlow.com

Useful Websites

www.fundfinder.org.uk

www.how2fundraise.org

www.scholarship-search.org.uk