

## **JOHN WATSON'S TRUST**

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*The John Watson's Trust has its origins in 1762 in the original bequest by John Watson, Writer to the Signet, that the residue of his Estate should be used for charitable purposes connected with children. Subsequently a refuge or hospital for children was established and administered, and thereafter a School, John Watson's School. The School closed in 1975, the buildings now house the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and the Trust operates its disbursements under the John Watson's Trust Scheme 1984.*

#### **Scope of the Trust Scheme:**

Under the Trust Scheme the governing body of Trustees apply the free income of the Trust in a variety of ways for the benefit of children and young persons up to 21. For grants under both 1 and 2 preference will be given to organisations whose work benefits, not necessarily exclusively, those resident in or connected with Lothian Region.

#### **1. Grants to Established Organisations and ad hoc Groups:**

Assistance may be given towards any aspect of the work of established charitable organisations or ad hoc groups which, in the opinion of the governing body, will contribute to the education and advancement in life of children and young persons who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

The Trustees may be expected to be interested in new projects put forward by organisations, if it can be shown that these projects will produce new, developed, or additional services which will be of direct assistance to a number of disabled or socially disadvantaged children or young persons. If the number to be benefited can be broadly quantified so much the better.

#### **2. Grants for Research**

Assistance may be given to bodies or persons to undertake relevant research which will, in the opinion of the governing body, be for the educational benefit of children and young persons who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

Grants will be awarded for not more than one year in the first instance, but may be extended for such further periods as the governing body may see fit. Arrangements for the review of progress made in the use of the grant will be at the discretion of the governing body.

In general grants are not awarded for recurrent running costs or staff salaries.

### **General Notes**

1. The governing body is not authorised to incur expenditure which would in the absence of the Trust be incurred from public funds; nor can the amount of the grants be such as to cause any reduction in any allowance paid out of public funds.
2. Names of referees will normally be sought and it is helpful if referees are requested to write directly to the Trust or if their letter(s) are included with the application.
3. If intending applicants have any queries, they should contact the Administrator at John Watson's Trust, The Merchants' Hall, 22 Hanover Street, Edinburgh EH2 2EP (0131-220-1640) and completed application forms should be sent there. There is generally someone available to take calls in the morning or a message can be left at other times.

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

***As an organisation working with children, you have a responsibility to protect them from any harm, including the possibility of abuse, while they are in your care. We would ask you to ensure that you are following all the relevant regulations and advice and include a copy of your child protection policy guidelines with your application.***