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Welcome to Supporting Communities 57th Edition of E-Zine, bringing you Best Practice from the Community Sector; Funding and Training Updates and Policy Developments in Northern Ireland, Great Britain and Republic of Ireland.

Digital Leaders Annual Conference

Staff from Supporting Communities; *pictured l-r* Healy King, Senior Support Services Officer; Colm McDaid, Chief Executive and Stephanie Broly, Digital Inclusion Officer travelled to London on 15 June to attend the **Digital Leaders Annual Conference** and the **Awards Dinner** celebrating digital pioneers from across the UK's public, private and non-profit sectors.



We were thrilled that our Bridging the Digital Divide project was nominated for a Cross-Sector Collaboration award (we came in second!) and pleased to have the opportunity to meet with others from around the UK who are “blazing a trail in the digital space.”

Our project developed a new model of engagement designed to encourage social housing tenants' use of digital technology and the Internet. By demonstrating the benefits of going online, simplifying the process, and engaging directly over a period of months, we removed some of the toughest barriers to access. This intensive intervention proved effective in helping our pilot groups of older people reap the benefits of digital inclusion. In addition to gaining skills and confidence, the groups formed new friendships and support systems amongst their neighbours. Learning about the internet and the way people communicate and transact online makes participants feel more included and up to date with the way the world works today and look forward and optimistic about learning more.

Colm McDaid commented, *“Supporting Communities was delighted to have been shortlisted for these National Digital Leaders Awards and to have come runners-up in our category is a great achievement for everyone involved in the Bridging the Digital Divide Project. I would particularly like to thank Mark Bennett from the Digital Transformation Team (Dept. of Finance) for funding the Project, Clanmil Housing Association as the hosts of the pilot, Breezie for use of their software, our own Healy King who helped to drive the initiative forward, and especially the residents of Gloonan House and Mullan Mews who made the project such a wonderful success.”*

A highlight of the trip was meeting one of our partners in person. The Founder and CEO of Breezie, Jeh Kazimi, was very familiar with our work and greeted us warmly.

“I didn't realise I was so famous from the Breezie video we made about the project. I even got a hug from Jeh!” said Healy King, Project Manager of the pilot. *“I'm looking forward to working with Breezie again on a new venture in partnership with the Housing Executive starting soon.”*



This project, along with much of Supporting Communities interagency and community building work, has once again demonstrated the benefits of effective partnerships. By joining the strengths of the public, private, and third sector working together towards a common goal, we have made a positive impact on people's lives. We will be applying the lessons learned from this pilot project to build on future digital inclusion work.

Birthday Honours List Announced

The Queen's birthday honours list of award recipients for 2016 has been published. Honours are given to people from all walks of life and all sections of society who have made a difference to their community.

You can find the full list of people from Northern Ireland who have received honours on nidirect at; <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/news/birthday-honours-list-announced>

Honours lists are published twice a year; at New Year and in mid June on the Queen's official birthday.



Over 400 organisations benefit from UCIT Community Loan Fund

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT) has announced that it has assisted over 400 charities, community organisations and social enterprises with loan commitments totalling £60 million.

One organisation to benefit from UCIT support over the past six years is Blythwood Ireland Ltd. The charity has received four loans aggregating £683,000. These have been used to purchase warehousing and to open shops across Northern Ireland, most recently Ballymoney. Listen to Harry Latimer, Chief Operating Officer, Blythwood Ireland describe how they used UCIT loans to grow and increase their impact in a short video taken at their headquarters in Ballyclare.

Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT) is a Charity which provides loans exclusively to other third sector organisations such as community groups, charities, sports clubs and social enterprises in Northern Ireland.

Since 2001 UCIT committed in excess of £50 million to over 360 organisations in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

UCIT was established in response to decreasing grant support from government and the difficulties experienced by community organisations in accessing commercial loan facilities. Start-up funding was received from LEDU (Invest NI) and the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) along with a £6.6m loan book from IFI, Department for Social Development and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD).

For more information on UCIT, go to; <http://www.ucitltd.com/news/over-400-organisations-benefit-ucit-community-loan-fund>



NJC two year pay deal agreed

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has confirmed the pay deal, setting new pay rates from 1 April 2016 and 1 April 2017.

NJC payscales are used widely in the voluntary and community sector, although they are local government scales negotiated by the employer and trade union sides of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. NICVA is not involved in any way in these negotiations.

This is a two year pay agreement from 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2018 and the current NJC payscales are from SCP 6 to SCP 49. For points 17 and below there is a higher percentage increase, ensuring compliance with the [National Living Wage](#), with a 1% increase on points 18 - 49.

Whilst some local councils produce pay points and scales past point 49, these are not official NJC scales.

Further information on the agreement and the payscales are available at; <http://www.gmb.org.uk/newsroom/gmb-agree-local-government-pay-deal>



Assembly Update

Work of the New Committee for Communities

The Chair of the new Committee for Communities is [Colum Eastwood MLA](#) (SDLP), Foyle. The vice-chair is [Michelle Gildernew MLA](#) (Sinn Féin), Fermanagh South Tyrone.

There are 9 other Committee members:

- [Naomi Long MLA](#) (Alliance), East Belfast.
- [Jonathan Bell MLA](#) (DUP), Strangford.
- [Adrian McQuillan MLA](#) (DUP), East Londonderry. Mr McQuillan was a member of the Social Development Committee in the last Assembly.
- [Christopher Stalford MLA](#) (DUP), South Belfast. Mr Stalford is newly elected to the Assembly, and a former Mayor of Belfast.
- [Steven Agnew MLA](#) (Green), North Down.
- [Fra McCann MLA](#) (Sinn Féin), West Belfast. Mr McCann has served on the Social Development Committee since 2007.
- [Carál Ní Chuilín MLA](#) (Sinn Féin), North Belfast. Ms Ní Chuilín was a member of the Social Development Committee in the 2007-2011 Assembly.
- [Nichola Mallon MLA](#) (SDLP), North Belfast. Ms Mallon is newly elected to the Assembly, and is also a former Mayor of Belfast.
- [Andy Allen MLA](#) (UUP), East Belfast.

The Committee Clerk is Dr. Kevin Pelan, who was the Clerk of the previous Social Development Committee. The Committee has published its [Forward Work Programme](#), with initial briefings scheduled including:
23 June: Update on Social Housing Reform Programme. Update on homelessness.
30 June: A Ministerial briefing on priorities for the Department of Communities.

Consultations



Draft Programme for Government Framework 2016-21 and Questionnaire

- [The work of the Executive](#)
- [Programme for Government, Budget and Economic Strategy](#)

Consultation opened on 27 May 2016. Closing date 22 July 2016 at 17:00.

Summary

The Northern Ireland Executive is seeking your views on the draft Programme for Government Framework 2016-21.

Consultation description

The draft Framework contains 14 strategic outcomes which, taken together, set a clear direction of travel and enable continuous improvement on the essential components of societal wellbeing. They touch on every aspect of government, including the attainment of good health and education, economic success and confident and peaceful communities. In addition to merely fulfilling its statutory obligations, government will in future be able to target those things that make real improvements to the quality of life for the citizen. The outcomes are supported by 42 indicators which are clear statements for change. Each indicator is accompanied by a measure largely derived from existing statistics. These will show how the Executive is performing in relation to the outcomes and will provide a basis to monitor progress and take corrective action.

A key feature of the new Programme is its dependence on collaborative working between organisations and groups, whether in the public, voluntary, or private sectors, and it is a Programme in which individuals and communities can also play an active part. It will require a significant change in approach from that used by previous administrations. The Executive will need to work collectively to deliver this Programme, driving work across boundaries and focusing on the outcomes rather than traditional departmental lines.

The draft Programme for Government Framework reflects the messages that emerged from the extensive stakeholder engagement process which also showed that there is broad support for the approach adopted. In due course, the Programme for Government Framework will provide the strategic context for other key Executive strategy documents, including the Investment Strategy, the Economic Strategy and an Anti-Poverty/Social Strategy.

The Programme will also inform the development of the Executive's budget over the course of this mandate and provide a mechanism for ensuring limited funds are best directed to where they can contribute most.

Please complete the consultation survey via the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PfGconsultation> (external link opens in a new window / tab) or you can respond by Email: pfg@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk



High Court considers whether housing association is public body

Housing Rights solicitor, Carmel Ferguson, discusses a recent case which

considered whether or not a decision made by a housing association could be challenged by way of judicial review.

Last year an [Office for National Statistics review](#) concluded that [English housing associations should be regarded as public bodies](#). The ONS is still considering whether housing associations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales should be similarly reclassified. Housing associations are concerned about this possible change as it may restrict their access to private funding. But, classifying a housing association as a public body will also mean that these organisations become subject to certain human rights legislation and will mean decisions made by these bodies can be subject to judicial review.

In [R \(on the application of Macleod\) v The Governors of the Peabody Trust \[2016\] EWHC 737 \(Admin\)](#), the tenant Mr M applied for a judicial review to challenge Peabody Trust's decision not to allow him to exchange his tenancy. Mr M's flat was one of a number transferred from the Crown Estate Commissioners (CEC) to the defendant housing association, the Peabody Trust. Mr M's tenancy agreement included a non-assignment clause. Mr M argued that Peabody had a public law discretion to allow the exchange to proceed. Peabody argued that its decision to decline to approve the exchange was a matter of contract and a private law obligation and hence that it was not exercising a public function.

The High Court in London had to consider whether this decision was amendable to judicial review.

When will a housing association be regarded as a public body?

The leading case on whether or not Housing Associations are public bodies is [London and Quadrant Trust v Weaver \[2009\] EWCA Civ 587](#). In the leading judgment, Lord Justice Elias set out some factors which should be taken in to account including 'the extent to which in carrying out the relevant function the body is publicly funded, or is exercising statutory powers, or is taking the place of central government or local authorities, or is providing a public service.'

In deciding whether a particular act or omission by a housing association is subject to possible judicial review, the court will also consider whether it is a "private act" under Section 6(5) of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 holds that 'It is unlawful for a public authority to act in a way which is incompatible with a Convention right'. Section 6 (3) (b) goes on to further define a public authority) as including '...any person certain of whose functions are functions of a public nature.'

Section 6 (5) limits the duty, noting that 'a person is not a public authority by virtue only of subsection (3)(b) if the nature of the act is private.'

Was the Peabody Trust acting in a public capacity?

In the Peabody case, the Court held that the general principles enunciated by Lord Justice Elias in *Weaver* have to be applied to the particular facts of each particular case. *Weaver* did not decide that all registered housing associations are public bodies and, on the particular facts of this case, the court held that the Trust was not exercising a public function in relation to this tenancy.

The court took a number of factors into consideration, including:

- Peabody purchased the properties from CEC using funds raised on the open market, not via any public subsidy or grant.
- Although the properties were not let at a full market rent, it is not clear that they were pure social housing. The key workers, for whom these properties were reserved, included those with a family income of up to £60,000 per annum. The commercial housing market in London adequately serves the needs of those workers. Very many workers in occupations not covered by the nomination agreement relating to the CEC properties are served by the open market. The provision of below market rent properties for such workers does not fall within the definition of social housing in the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008
- Unlike the social landlord in *Weaver*, Peabody had no allocation relationship with any local authority. It was not acting in close harmony with a local authority to assist the local authority to fulfil its statutory duty.
- Rents for the properties transferred from CEC are not subject to the same level of statutory regulation as social housing in general

The court accepted that there was some public function in the provision of homes for key workers but that 'the cumulative effect of the various factors in the circumstances of this case does not have the sufficiency of public favour which Lord Justice Elias found in *Weaver*.'

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Relevance to Northern Ireland

As this is a decision of a UK High Court, it is not binding on Northern Ireland courts. In the absence of any contrary decision from a Northern Ireland court, it is “persuasive” and will be taken into account by a court considering the issues raised. UK housing legislation generally does not apply in Northern Ireland which has its own, broadly similar housing legislation. The Equality Act 2010 which is referred to in the case does not apply to Northern Ireland.

Learning points for advisers

The case of Weaver did not decide that all housing associations are public bodies, but rather that they are generally hybrid authorities which exercise a mixture of public and private functions. In deciding whether a particular act is a public or private act, a number of factors must be considered, including:

- ◇ whether the housing association is publicly funded

- ◇ whether the housing association is exercising statutory powers
- ◇ whether the association is taking the place of central government or local authorities
- ◇ whether the association is providing a public service

Allocating and managing housing stock is generally taken to be a function of a public body and a housing association providing these services will typically be regarded as a public body and, therefore, amenable to judicial review. However, even where the association is regarded as a public body individual acts carried out by the association may be considered ‘private acts’ and therefore, not subject to challenge by judicial review. In deciding whether a particular housing provider is a public body, the cumulative effect must be considered.

Housing Rights

Scottish Government exceeds its Affordable homes target exceeded by 10%

The Scottish Government has exceeded its 30,000 affordable homes target by more than 10 %, according to official statistics released on 14th June 2016.

Over the last Parliamentary term, 33,490 affordable homes were delivered:

- 22,523 were for social rent – 2,523 more than the five year target. These include 5,992 council house completions – almost 20 % more than the five year target
- 3,473 were for other affordable rent
- 7,494 were for affordable home ownership

The rate of house building completions across all sectors puts Scotland in the lead of every other country in the UK, with more completions than Northern Ireland for the first time since 2006.

The statistics follow the First Minister’s commitment to increasing the supply of homes even further by setting a new target of delivering at least 50,000 affordable homes, backed by more than £3 billion investment, by the end of this parliament.

Housing Minister Kevin Stewart welcomed the statistics while visiting a new affordable housing development by Castle Rock Edinvar in Wester Hailes. He said:

“I’m delighted we have today officially cemented our excellent record on housing. Exceeding the

ambitious 30,000 target is no mean feat in a challenging financial environment.

Our investment of more than £1.7 billion, as well as the re-introduction of council house building, has meant high quality, energy efficient, affordable homes have been built the length and breadth of the country. We are building at a rate faster than anywhere else in the UK, and in fact since 2007 we have built over 41,000 more homes than would have been built at England’s lower per-capita rate. That’s the equivalent of a new town the size of Paisley.

We have worked hard with the housing sector to deliver these homes as well as develop innovative funding initiatives that have helped both buyers and developers. We can now look forward to continuing with these innovations over the next five years, increasing private and affordable housing supply to rent and buy and further safeguarding social housing for the future.

Not only do these numbers show we have more than achieved our targets, but they also tell us approvals for affordable homes have increased by 26 % in the 12 months to March. This marks an excellent start to being able to deliver our new, higher target and help supply the homes people and communities need.”

The full statistical publication can be viewed here: www.gov.scot/stats/bulletins/01227



Publications



NI Environment Link Publications



The most recent NIEL e-bulletin is available on the NIEL website at;
<http://www.mailings.tc/t/r-85C731ACF46D432A2540EF23F30FEDED>

In addition, NI Environment Link has a calendar of events being run by stakeholders and member groups; to find an event of interest to you, or near you go to;
<http://www.nienvironmentlink.org/events/>

Scope NI

NICVA has published a number of online articles considering issues such as e-petitions. Race Relations in NI, leave or Remain and the challenges ahead for each of the new Ministers.

Scope can be accessed at;
<http://scopeni.nicva.org/latest-scope-articles>



Please click the link below to access the June edition of inpartnership – the newsletter for PCSPs which highlights local events and initiatives.

https://www.pcsp.org/sites/pcsp/files/media-files/Inpartnership-June-2016_0.pdf

Law Centre NI

The Law Centre E-bulletin for May 2016 is available and includes updates on Training, social justice and the new Assembly, Social Security and Health and social care.

The bulletin can be accessed at;
<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ae690a33dc6a1581f08bf755b&id=9824e97d1a%20> Law Centre (NI)



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HEALTH NETWORK

Community Development and Health Network

The most recent edition of the CDHN e-newsletter is now available.

To access the newsletter, go to;
<http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=1efc35d04e4c921abca05f196&id=0f7f4b80b9&e=09b1f9112e>



Events



Making housing matter A Programme for Government consultation event

5 July 2016, 10:00 - 13:30, Skainos Centre, Belfast

Good housing helps people live better lives. Ensuring that people have access to good housing will help address social, economic, health and criminal justice priorities.

Join Council for the Homeless, the Chartered Institute of Housing, Housing Rights and the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations, to make housing matter in the Programme for Government.



To register your place email diane@housingrights.org.uk



Council for the Homeless, the Chartered Institute of Housing, Housing Rights and the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations have come together to organise a free event on the 5th July about the [Programme for Government](#).

Each of the organisations are concerned about the lack of emphasis on housing and homes as a key outcome in the new Programme for Government.

This event will address the issue and help inform those preparing their own response.

The deadline for the responses to the Programme for Government consultation is the 22 July.

To register for the event email diane@housingrights.org.uk.

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar Wednesday, 14th September 2016 in Belfast

Housing in Northern Ireland: meeting market demand and reforming the social housing sector with:

- Clark Bailie, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Nicola McCrudden, Director of Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, Chartered Institute of Housing
- Jim Wilkinson, Director of Housing, Department for Communities
- Raymond Crooks, Landlords' Association for Northern Ireland
- Professor Paddy Gray, Ulster University
- Conor Hughes, Turley
- Janet Hunter, Housing Rights Service
- Clare McCarty, Clanmil Housing Association
- **Colm McDaid, Supporting Communities**
- Richard Ramsey, Ulster Bank
- Ricky Rowledge, Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland



Follow them [@PolicyNI](#) | This event is [CPD certified](#)

Lobbying, Campaigning & Influencing in the new Opposition era

An event for NICVA Members - 29 June 2016 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm

With the UUP and SDLP not taking their seats in favour of becoming an opposition we are now faced with a very different political landscape to what we had before the election, or indeed at any time since devolution in 1998. This new dynamic raises both opportunities and challenges for voluntary and community organisations who are interested in lobbying, campaigning and influencing government.

It also raises a number of questions:

- *What does having an Opposition look like?*
- *What does an Opposition do?*
- *How can we best engage with an Opposition?*

At this event NICVA Members will hear from the NI Assembly Business Office on the logistics and rights of an Opposition.

Members will also hear from our sister organisation [SCVO](#) who will share their experience of working with an Opposition within the devolved institutions in Scotland.

For more information and to book a place, go to;

<http://www.nicva.org/event/lobbying-campaigning-influencing-in-the-new-opposition-era>



Date and time:

Thursday 29 September
and Friday 30 September
2016

Location:

Ramada Hotel, Shaws
Bridge, Belfast, BT8 7XP

Don't miss:

We've secured
international speakers on
best practice in
homelessness legislation
and wellbeing projects

[View the programme >>](#)

Poor housing means poor health. The outcomes of failing to address this simple truth could be catastrophic as our population ages.

CIH is bringing together the experts from the world of health and housing at a brand new event to discuss the challenges, discover ways to build healthy homes, and to promote effective partnership and collaboration.

Over two half days in Belfast professionals from the health, social care and housing sectors will have the opportunity to hear from leading voices from Northern Ireland, Britain and the Republic of Ireland, learn about innovative approaches, and perhaps most importantly, develop the professional networks that will ensure positive outcomes for this shared agenda.

Join us in Belfast over 29-30 September to kick-start the conversations that deliver increased independence, improve well-being and ensure we make healthy homes for generations to come.

Don't miss out on our early bird booking offer - book before 30 June and receive 10% discount off our standard fee

Training

Volunteer Now Training News

Coming Soon!

The Volunteer Now Enterprises Academy Team is working on new dates for an exciting range of masterclasses, workshops and interactive sessions for September 2016 - March 2017.

More details in the next edition of VTraining!

For more information on Volunteer Now Training and support, go to the website at;
<http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-and-standards>



Chartered Institute of Housing Training

The CIH training programme is designed to ensure housing professionals and organisations are equipped to overcome the challenges they face day-to-day.

Delivered by expert trainers in a friendly, stimulating environment, our courses bring together formal training with day-to-day experience, including lots of references to work and the real-life problems and issues delegates face. Small groups mean delegates benefit from a high level of interaction with

peers and trainers alike, and content informed by CIH's policy and practice expertise ensures they leave with a greater understanding of current housing issues



Repairs and maintenance for non-technical staff

28 July 2016

All staff who work in housing come into contact with the repair and maintenance service which is arguably the most important service provided by the landlord, from the tenant's point of view.

This short course will provide an overview of the repair and maintenance service, examine how a property (ie physical building) is constructed and explore the common defects that are reported by customers.

Assisting vulnerable clients in social housing

17 August 2016

Housing professionals working in the social housing sector are increasingly dealing with clients who may have multiple and varied issues relating to their mental or physical health.

The complex nature of these issues can prove challenging in terms of finding the right housing solution for each individual, within the confines of current housing legislation.

This one day training course will equip housing professionals with the skills and knowledge to best advise and assist their clients.

For more information on CIH Courses and to book a place, go to;
<http://www.cih.org/CIH/training.page?submit=true&componentID=1438473916963>

Housing Rights Training Courses

Housing Rights

Antisocial Behaviour and Housing

Belfast - Housing Rights
 Wednesday, August 3, 2016 - 10:00 to 16:00
 Derry/Londonderry - Holywell Trust
 Thursday, August 4, 2016 - 10:00 to 16:00

Antisocial behaviour is a common problem and a cause of concern for people across all tenure types.

This one day course focuses in particular on social landlords and tenants and will examine legal responsibilities of both social landlords and tenants, legislative procedural requirements which must be followed when dealing with cases of antisocial behaviour and the most recent case law in relation to antisocial behaviour. It will also look at potential upcoming changes to the law surrounding antisocial behaviour.

In particular the course will consider:

- ◆ obligations of the tenant and social landlord prior to taking action
- ◆ procedures for tackling antisocial behavior
- ◆ pre and post court options for tenant and landlords
- ◆ re-housing options
- ◆ mitigating circumstances and alternative remedies
- ◆ relevant case law on antisocial behaviour and how this should shape both social landlord's approach and tenant's behavior
- ◆ potential upcoming changes to the law surrounding antisocial behavior

Who should attend this course?

This course is essential for housing advisers, housing officers, those providing advice to landlords and tenants, solicitors and anyone dealing with antisocial behaviour as an issue.

For more information and to book a place go to:
<http://www.housingrights.org.uk/training-events>

Housing Options

Belfast - Housing Rights
 Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and Thursday, July 21, 2016

There are a variety of types of accommodation available in NI and whether a person needs to access emergency accommodation, wants to rent a property, share with friends or buy a property, it's vital that the accommodation meets the needs of the individual and their household.

This 2 day training course will examine housing options available in Northern Ireland, examine methods of accessing particular accommodation and consider the rights and responsibilities associated with it.

In particular the course will examine:

- ◆ Range of housing options in Northern Ireland
- ◆ Homelessness and accessing social housing
- ◆ Rights in the private rented sector
- ◆ Finding emergency accommodation
- ◆ Supported / sheltered accommodation

Who should attend this course?

This course will be of particular importance to housing advisers, community/residents groups, benefit advisers, political party constituency offices, private, social and hostel accommodation providers and the legal profession.

Accredited through the Open College Network*. Those wishing to register for the accreditation will have an additional fee of £25.00

For more information and to book a place go to:
<http://www.housingrights.org.uk/training-events>

Made of Money - Financial Capability Skills

Belfast - Housing Rights
 Monday, June 27, 2016 - 10:00 to Tuesday, June 28, 2016 - 16:00

Do you work with tenants, communities or families around budgeting and money?

This unique course adopts an award winning approach to looking at attitudes, communication, fears and values around the difficult topic of money management.

Using materials developed by Quaker Social Action, this two day programme will ensure you have the skills & knowledge to deliver and share financial capability education with the groups/clients you work with.

This informal and interactive course will look at specific issues like:

- ◆ Money basics of budgeting, saving, credit and debt;
- ◆ Talking about money issues;
- ◆ Making the right spending decisions and coping with consumer culture.

Who should attend?

This course will prove essential for those who provide money/budgeting or debt advice and advocacy to clients or groups. Experience of giving financial advice not necessary.

For more information and to book a place, go to: <http://www.housingrights.org.uk/event/made-money-financial-capability-skills#sthash.3e6OLayn.dpuf>

There is a charge for this course; the correct price for your organisation will be charged at checkout.
Voluntary / Community from £128.00 to £160.00
Public / Statutory from £235.00 to £295.00



 **Belfast IT Girls**

django girls

Are you a female interested in learning web development technologies such as HTML, CSS, Python and Django?

If so, as part of Belfast IT Girls week, Belfast Met in association with Django Girls are running a **FREE** series of Django Girls one day coding events during the week of 1st August for females of any age.

What will you do?

- Build your first web application using HTML, CSS, Python and Django
- Receive support from industry and education mentors
- Have the opportunity to network with likeminded others
- Find out how to further your learning and career opportunities.

If you are interested, head over to www.BelfastITGirls.com to find out more and register online. Whether you are new to programming or just want a refresher, this course is for you.





Belfast IT Girls

Digital Skills Summer Camp!

The first ever programmer was a female - **Ada Lovelace** in the 1800s with many more since. You could be the next Ada.

Develop your creative skills at our girl focused technology camp, including subjects such as building app, website and creating digital content.

Mon 1 - Fri 5 August 2016
Titanic Quarter Campus
9.30am - 4.30pm

Register online at

www.BelfastITGirls.com



FREE



Belfast Space Camp

Space Science Technology Camp at Belfast Met
25th July to 5th August 2016, 9.30am to 4pm.

Are you over 17 years old?

Would you like to take part in a Global experiment?

Want to find out about space exploration and space travel?

Have fun on this **FREE COURSE** while gaining a CCEA qualification

What will you do?

- Hear from experts in the field
- Learn how to prepare the body and mind for space flight
- Search the Universe for constellations & supernovae
- Take part in resonate testing
- Design and build a rocket

If you are interested, head over to

<http://belfastspacecamp.eventbrite.co.uk>

to find out more and register online.

Belfast Met is grateful for the sponsors and supporters of this year's event including Nacelle Systems, Armagh Planetarium, CCEA, Institute of Physics, Royal Society of Chemistry, Queen's University Belfast, the Department for the Economy as well as the director of the Northern Ireland Space Office and Invest NI Space Sector advisor Robert Hill.



Funding



Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council Community Development Training Bursary Programme

LCCC Community Services' new Community Development Training Bursary Programme is designed to support community group members to apply to the Council for a bursary of up to £1,000. Up to 6 bursaries will be available during 2016/2017. The Bursaries will cover costs associated with further educational studies that contribute to Community Development.

The Bursaries will be awarded based on merit and will be assessed against the programme criteria. The aim is to build and develop the capacity of local communities and representatives of community organisations across the Council area.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- they are members of community groups based in the LCCC area;
- how they meet the Course Entry requirements by providing course information details
- how the course contributes to meeting community development based outcomes
- current and relevant experience of Community Development work in either a paid or unpaid capacity within the Community/Voluntary or Statutory Sectors

- how by their completion of this course that this will contribute to their role as a Committee Member / Trustee in developing their skills in Community Development
- how this course will contribute to their role as a Committee Member / Trustee in relation to their community group and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

For further information - <https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/council>

E: community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk
or
Community Services at the Bridge Community Centre T: 028 9266 2496
E: bridge.community@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is on Monday 27 June 2016 at 12noon



Young Musicians' Platform Awards for Northern Ireland Open for 2016

The Young Musicians' Platform Awards are provided by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, in collaboration with BBC Northern Ireland. The scheme offers financial assistance and performance opportunities to exceptionally talented young solo musicians, singers or ensembles who have completed their first graduate level qualification and are ready to engage in time learning from a master musician, teacher or composer abroad.

Five individual awards of £5,000 are available, plus two professional engagements arranged through BBC Northern Ireland (for a broadcast chamber music/solo recital) and/or a concerto performance with the Ulster Orchestra where appropriate.

Individual classical, jazz and traditional musicians who reside in or originate from Northern Ireland may apply.

There is a lower age limit of 18 and up to an age limit of 26 for instrumental players, and 29 for singers. Classical, jazz and traditional musicians who have made a meaningful contribution to artistic activities in Northern Ireland are encouraged.

Applicants must have reached a high standard of public performance as indicated within the references and as demonstrated with a solo recording of two contrasting works.

The 2016 deadline for applications is 6 October 2016.

For further information regarding this grant - <http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/mobile/news/young-musicians-platform-awards-2016-applications-open>

Sport NI Sporting Clubs and Sporting Winners Investment Programme 2017 – 2021



The Sporting Clubs and Sporting Winners Investment Programme 2017 – 2021 is now open for applications. The programme will be funded through National Lottery investment and aims to prioritise investment in governing bodies of sport to deliver strategic objectives identified within Sport Northern Ireland's Corporate Plan. These aim to increase sports participation within a structured environment and improve sporting performances by NI athletes in international competition.

The Sporting Clubs/Sporting Winners Investment Programme comprises of three strands:

Strand 1 – Effective

Organisations (mandatory for all organisations).

Strand 2 – Sporting

Clubs which aims to enable more people to develop and reach their sporting goals through a structured environment.

Strand 3 – Sporting

Winners which aims to help more Northern Ireland athletes to win at the highest level.

Organisations must provide information under the Effective Organisations Strand of the Programme and may then decide to make a submission under either or both Sporting Clubs and Sporting Winners.

Who Can Apply

- Governing Bodies of Sport recognised by Sport Northern Ireland (this includes parent NGBs and regional branches)
- 'Umbrella' bodies/ sports agencies that represent the interests of recognised governing bodies of sport and/or their participants/ athletes

All potential applicants will be expected to have in place:

- Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association for both the national governing body of sport and the local branch
- Audited accounts or income and expenditure statement for the last two years

- A National Governing Body of sport (including regional branch as relevant) strategy
- Various mandatory policies and procedures as outlined in the guidance information

The deadline for submission is 4.00pm on Friday 2 September 2016.

It is anticipated that investment decisions will be communicated to successful applicants on Wednesday 14 December 2016.

Organisations must complete an Expression of Interest to indicate which strands they intend to apply within and who the lead contact for these is.

Once the Expression of Interest is received, submission templates will be sent by email to the lead contact within each strand, for completion.

For further information - <http://www.sportni.net/funding/our-funding-programmes/practitioner-development-programme/>

Road Safety Grant Scheme

The Department for Infrastructure's Road Safety Grant Scheme is now open. Individuals and groups from the voluntary and community sector can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to develop and run local road safety promotion or outreach projects.

The scheme is not prescriptive as local road safety issues are wide and varied. It will fund community-based projects by not-for-profit community groups who can show:

- there is a specific road safety problem to address
- it has an effective project idea to address
- that the proposed project is relevant to the NI Road Safety Strategy to 2020

Look at Northern Ireland's Road Safety Strategy to 2020. Can your project help address some of the issues that the Strategy highlights, such as:

- improving safety in rural areas
- addressing high risk or vulnerable road user groups, for example, young drivers and motorcyclists
- reducing inappropriate and illegal road user behaviours, including speeding, drink and drug driving, driver inattention and driver distraction.

The deadline for applications is 12noon on 22 July 2016. Applications submitted via email will not be accepted.

Follow the link below for more information and download the application form;
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/road-safety-grant-scheme-0>