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E-Zine



**Supporting
Communities**
Empowering Society

Welcome to Supporting Communities 58th 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.

Housing Executive launches £500,000 awards

The Housing Executive launched its £500,000 Social Housing Enterprise Investments awards in Derry-Londonderry last week.

The launch of round two of the awards was held in the Hive Studios in Derry-Londonderry, marking the Housing Executive's 25-year link with Creggan Enterprises.

Hilary McClintock, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council launched the awards and commended the Housing Executive for the innovative programme, which is aimed at developing economically vibrant and self-sustaining communities through the creation and development of social housing enterprises.

Ward Erwin, the Housing Executive's Social Investments Manager, said:

"We hope that communities take advantage of this opportunity to apply to us for funding. The 34 awards in the 2015 Round have already brought about tangible changes within the successful communities and, with awards ranging from £1,000 up to £ 50,000 available, there are real opportunities for local people to create something which could bring about lasting benefits to their community. Even where an individual or community organisation has an idea which is new and innovative but not yet fully developed, we do encourage them to contact us. In addition to ourselves, there are a number of organisations with whom we are collaborating who could help bring that idea to reality."

If you want to see the difference we have made in communities across NI then check out our film on <https://youtu.be/zlnBYfPsVBQ> ."

Stephen Marks, Supporting Communities Training and Social Enterprise Officer, commented:

"This investment fund represents an excellent opportunity for community groups and tenants to



Jennifer Hawthorne, Head of Income and Communities with Connor Smith and Ward Erwin, Social Investment Team

access funding and further education to ensure their business ideas take shape. It is also an opportune time for groups to avail of a unique, accredited training course delivered by Supporting Communities and learn what Social Enterprise is and why it matters. Groups who are members of the Housing Community Network can access the Understanding Social Enterprise Level 2 Course for FREE (excluding OCN registration costs)."

To register your interest to run or join a course please contact Stephen Marks on 028 25645676 or by email on stephen@supportingcommunities.org

Are you interested in setting up a social housing enterprise business in your estate? Then the Housing Executive wants to help.

Applications are now available online at <http://bit.ly/28Xoao2>

The scheme will remain open to applications until the **22 August 2016**, with phased awards being made in November 2016.

The Social Investments Team is now ready to provide advice and guidance on the Scheme, and is looking forward to hearing from you.

If you're interested or want to find out more contact Ward, Niall or Connor on 02890 318333 or email socialinvestments@nihe.gov.uk

CIH Housing Hero Awards 2016



The Housing Hero awards which recognises and rewards the 'Unsung Heroes' within the housing sector, took place in Manchester on 27th June 2016.

Laura O'Dowd, Support Services Officer, Supporting Communities who had been nominated for 'Most Contribution of CIH Member' on behalf of CIH NI and ROI attended this event and although she didn't win this award, she highlighted that; *"It was a great honour and privilege to be shortlisted, I would like to congratulate my fellow colleagues from Fold NI and Connswater Homes who had been shortlisted in other categories and say a particular congratulations to Housing Rights for winning their award category."*



Doury Road Development Group, in Ballymena recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for 2016

Doury Road Development Group was delighted to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Antrim Mrs Joan Christie OBE who presented the Queens award for Voluntary Service to the group on Wednesday 15th June at Ballymena Showgrounds.



The new Mayor for Mid & East Antrim, Audrey Wales, opened the proceeding congratulating the group on being honoured with this prestigious award. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

Doury Road Development Group was founded in 2009 by residents to support, develop, improve and promote the quality of life for all residents of the estate. Over the last 6 years the Doury Road Development Group has worked cohesively towards community led development of the whole estate, delivering a range of support and interventions to residents

Lord Lieutenant Joan Christie said *"It is an honour to present this award to a group who have worked so hard to create a real change in such a short time"*

David McGuckin Chairman for the group gave a presentation on the background to the group, and the work they have undertaken to improve the quality of life for all the residents of Doury Road estate over the last 6 years. Taking time to thank Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Department for Communities formerly DSD, Supporting Communities and Northern Ireland Housing Executive for funding projects and providing support over the years. Accepting the Award on behalf of the group was Mr Mark Rainey and Miss Kerry Lynn.

Gillian Forrest, Supporting Communities Liaison Officer stated; *"I am delighted to have been invited to attend the Queens Award Ceremony. Supporting Communities have been working alongside the Doury Road Development Group for over 3 years providing training, support and advice. Over the past 3 years the years we, at Supporting Communities, we have watched the group develop and have witnessed the impact that the group has made in their local community through voluntary service. I am proud to support the Doury Road Development Group and it is evident that the **Spirit of Community** is well and truly alive"*

Jan Roscoe Community Development Officer DRDG added *"Working with Supporting Communities over the years has helped build the capacity of the committee and volunteers of DRDG. The range of training they can offer is second to none, and we have encouraged all our volunteers to attend courses. The great thing about Supporting Communities is their flexibility and willingness to engage with groups. They will happily arrange courses/ attend meetings to suit the group"*



National Lottery Awards 2016 Voting in The National Lottery Awards, 2016 is now open.

Vote for your favourite project now!

There are seven award categories in this year's awards; the Grow Wild project in the environment section is the UK's biggest-ever wild flower campaign, bringing people together to transform local spaces with native, pollinator-friendly wild flowers and plants.

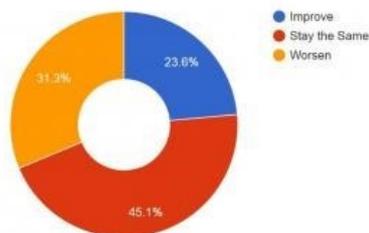


Grow Wild is the national outreach initiative of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; people are connecting with wild flowers, plants and places around them, taking notice of nature, getting active, learning new things and sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. This project features environmental improvements in Ballysally, Coleraine.

To view all the finalists and place your vote, go to: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards>

NICVA Sector Forecast Survey Preliminary

How do you think the general situation of your organisation will change in 2016?



Earlier this year NICVA launched their Sector Forecast Survey which explored organisations outlook for 2016. This article presents some preliminary findings from the research.

NICVA's Sector Forecast Survey aimed to explore organisations economic, political and operational outlook for 2016. The online survey was circulated to 4,113 organisations in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector between 11 January and 5 February 2016.

This sampling frame was developed by combining data from NICVA's central administrative database with data held by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The survey was comprised of mainly closed-ended and rank format questions.

For more information and for a digest of findings, go to: <http://www.nicva.org/article/sector-forecast-survey-preliminary-findings-released>

Charity Commission News



Updated online system

An updated version of the Commission's online charity registration application form is now live.

Web links to the updated form and *Online services* (OLS) have not changed as a result of the update. However, any passwords previously issued to organisations to provide access to the online registration application and OLS will no longer work.

The Commission had intended to email all existing OLS users with a link which they can use to receive a new password. However, to make it easier for users and negate the need to wait for a Commission email, all existing OLS users can now issue themselves with a new password to access the system by clicking on the "Forgotten Your Password" icon and entering your charity's NIC number (numbers only). You will then be provided with an email containing a link to reset your password.

As you have already been advised, only organisations which have been called forward by the Commission to apply for registration will be able to access the online form.

Applicants called forward before 3 June 2016 should contact the Commission on admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk to be provided with an email containing a link which they can use to receive a new password. Organisations called forward after 3 June should use the password link they receive in their call forward email to access a password.

Upcoming launch of public trust and confidence research report

The new Communities Minister, Paul Givan, will be launching the results of new research into public trust and confidence in charities, undertaken by the Commission, in the Long Gallery, Stormont on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 September 2016. Save the date and look out for more details on the research and how to book to attend at www.charitycommissionni.org.uk

The research aimed to explore understanding of 'trust and confidence' and identify drivers that impacted on trust and confidence in charities. A representative sample of over 1,000 individuals, from across Northern Ireland, were interviewed during the research project, which took place from October 2015 to March 2016.

Assembly Update

At the full meeting of the Assembly held on Tuesday 14th June 2016, the Minister for Communities Mr Paul Givan MLA responded to oral questions on a range of issues including the impact of Welfare Reform, Libraries, wheelchair accessible social housing, policies for older people, Licensing Laws, housing waiting lists and the impact on European Investment Bank interests in NI in the wake of a potential 'brexit'.

The full report of the meeting is available at: <http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/officialreport/report.aspx?&eveDate=2016/06/14&docID=266328#2178589>

The Assembly has also been debating a motion proposed by Fra McCann MLA and presented by Alex Maskey MLA on the Landlord Registration Scheme; the motion reads, *That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Communities to review urgently the landlord registration scheme to ensure that it can both cope with this unregulated sector and protect tenants.*

The debates can be followed at: <http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/officialreport/report.aspx?&eveDate=2016/06/20&docID=267424#2184820>

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

Special Focus



Supporting Communities Response to the Draft Programme for Government

Supporting Communities has welcomed the publication of the Draft Programme for Government (PfG) Framework 2016-21. We commend the Executive for producing an outcomes-based PfG that has the intention to be delivered cross-Departmentally and we also note the opportunities for the voluntary and community sector to influence and drive the work of those Departments going forward. As part of an Outcomes-based PfG, we welcome the Executive's commitment to work with others in genuine partnership. There will be a need for engagement with communities in every stage of governance and delivery and **Supporting Communities** will continue to develop and support that engagement.

Supporting Communities will respond in full to the Draft document as part of the consultation process; we are taking the time to highlight a number of key challenges and actions we would hope to see included in the detailed action plan to be produced by the Executive towards the end of the year.

In general terms, we seek a commitment from each government department to creating sustainable communities which enshrines working together to ensure the best outcomes for social housing tenants with a further commitment to improving services and standards in the private rented sector.

As the sole independent Tenant Participation organisation in Northern Ireland, our hope and expectation is that the Tenant Participation Strategy for NI (2015-2020) and its related Action Plan will be implemented in full.

We would like to see the development of:

- The definition of the Regulatory Standards for Tenant Participation
- The identification of an independent body to support tenant participation, which is imperative to ensuring that Social Housing Providers develop and deliver effective Tenant Participation as proposed within the Strategy
- The development of guidance and support for the Strategy, including the prioritising of delivery
- The creation of a baseline for the development of individual Tenant Participation strategies for Social Housing Providers
- The definition and role of the Tenant Advocate and Housing Policy Panel

Additionally, we would like to see proposals in relation to:

Public and Social Landlords

- Investment in the housing stock to bring all properties up to 'Lifetime Homes' standard and beyond
- The integrity of the public housing stock should be sustained and its quantity increased where required
- Public housing should be recognised as a tenure of choice with a valuable contribution to the housing market
- Regulatory standards for housing management and rent-setting should be agreed early in the life of the PfG

Private Rented Sector

As the private rented sector continues to play an enhanced role in meeting urgent need and becomes the only tenure available to many households we believe that the sector should be appropriately regulated, with minimum standards in housing management.

Housing and the Housing Market

Access to good quality, affordable and warm housing is a cornerstone of any attempt to improve the wellbeing of all our citizens; however, housing need is steadily increasing in Northern Ireland. We therefore ask that government commits to arresting the decline in available affordable housing through greatly increased investment in the public and social sectors. In particular the government should fully support the efforts of the Housing Executive to secure the necessary finance to fully implement its Housing Investment Strategy.

In addition, government should ensure that social welfare and income maintenance systems enable everyone to be able to afford to live in a home which is right for them and also ensure that we are in a position to protect the most vulnerable people from changes to benefits and entitlements; a continued commitment to Supporting People budgets and programmes is essential.

Good quality, warm and affordable housing in safe neighbourhoods helps people live well, enjoy better health and achieve their full potential. Good housing can be advanced through good housing and neighbourhood management. We ask that government departments commit to supporting community participation in the building of sustainable, cohesive and safe neighbourhoods and communities.

Supporting Communities would encourage all stakeholders to make their contribution to the consultation on the Programme for Government.

Publications



NI Environment Link Publications

EU Matter for May 2016 is available at; <http://www.nienvironmentlink.org/cmsfiles/EU-Matters-May-2016.pdf>



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, Brexit 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>



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>

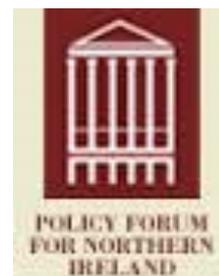
Events



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



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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

NIEL Annual Conference 2016 – Delivering Prosperity Through The Environment

Friday 30 September 2016

Belfast Harbour Commissioner's Office, Corporation Square,
Belfast BT1 3AL



On the 30th September, NIEL will be hosting its annual conference on the topic of *"Delivering Prosperity Through The Environment"*.

Pavan Sukhdev (Study Leader of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity) has said, *"We use nature because it's valuable – we lose it because it's free"*. The environment and the economy are inseparable, and we need to realise the positive links between the two for a sustainable future. This conference will investigate the concept of Natural Capital and what it means for business, government and society. We will explore some of the tools of the natural capital concept, including Natural Capital Accounting at corporate and national levels, and have an opportunity to discuss the way forward for Northern Ireland in delivering prosperity through the environment.

For more information go to;

<http://www.nienvironmentlink.org/events/delivering-prosperity-through-the-environment--save-the-date>

Charity Commission NI Annual Public Meeting

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's annual public meeting will be held on Monday 19 September 2016 (3pm to 5pm) at the Island Arts Centre, The Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL.



The meeting will provide an opportunity to find out more about the role and work of the Commission, ask questions and share your views on charity regulation, as well as meet Northern Ireland's Charity Commissioners.

There will also be a guest lecture by renowned legal expert, Oonagh Breen. Ms Breen is a senior lecturer in law at University College Dublin and a frequent contributor at international conferences and events on charity law reform. She will speak on the topic 'What does good governance in a charity look like?'

Space is limited and seats will be allocated on first come, first served basis. To book a seat, please email admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk or telephone 028 3832 0220, providing your name, company and job role (if applicable), contact email address and telephone number. Please also outline if you have any accessibility requirements.

For more information, go to;

<https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/news/booking-now-open-for-annual-public-meeting/>

Date for your Diary

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland invites you to attend the 2016 Men's Health Conference in the Dunsilly Hotel, 20 Dunsilly Road, Antrim on Thursday 15 September from 9am to 1.30pm which will:



- ⇒ look at some of life's challenges and barriers for men
- ⇒ review practical strategies that build resilience and allow men to bounce back.

The event is **FREE** and places are limited.

Anyone interested in attending must register using the contact details below. An event programme will be issued to those registered prior to the event.

To register, or for further information, please contact Denise Bownes on 028 8676 6866 (1pm – 5pm, Monday - Friday) or denisebownes@cancerfocusni.org



belfast met **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?

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

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

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.

Resonate, Nacelle Systems, CCEA Awarding Learning, IOP Institute of Physics, Institute of Physics, Queen's University Belfast, NISO Northern Ireland Space Office, Invest Northern Ireland, Department for the Economy

Age Friendly Belfast

Age-friendly Belfast is looking forward to celebrating Positive Ageing Month throughout October 2016. This is both an incredible opportunity to highlight all the positive ways older people impact the city and a great chance to showcase services to people who might not be aware of what some organisations do.

Belfast City Council (BCC) would like to compile an extensive list of any events and services taking place during October which would be of particular interest to older people.

These events don't have to be free although it would be amazing if they were as affordable as possible! They don't even have to be created especially for Positive Ageing Month - it's absolutely fine to use this as an opportunity to showcase existing services, offers or events that

are already happening, as long as you think they'd be of interest to older people.

BCC will produce a brochure highlighting all of the events taking place during Positive Ageing Month, and will also be running several bespoke events including a launch event and a large Be Prepared information event at the City Hall on October 4.



The deadline to include your organisations event or service details in the brochure is Friday 29 July.

For more info, contact Jan on carsonjan@belfastcity.gov.uk

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>

Funding



THE OPEN FUND FOR ORGANISATIONS

The Open Fund for Organisations supports new music projects led by promoters, talent development organisations, venues, curators and large performance groups*.

Projects must involve the creation, performance and promotion of new music and enable songwriters, composers, artists, bands and performers of all backgrounds to develop creatively and professionally.

Support is available to any organisation whose project fits with all three funding priorities:

- 1.** To support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre. They are particularly interested in the quality and originality of the music
- 2.** To enable the UK's most talented music creators to realise their potential. They are interested in how your project will develop the songwriters and composers involved. They are committed to supporting UK based songwriters and composers of all backgrounds
- 3.** To inspire audiences You will be asked to outline who you are reaching and how. This includes audiences at a local, regional, national or international level

Through The Open Fund, they support high quality new music projects which have tangible musical outcomes and a clearly defined start and end date.

The Open Fund is available to any not-for-profit organisation based in the UK with an eligible project.

This includes:

- Promoters
- Festivals
- Orchestras and large ensembles*
- Talent development or composer development organisations
- Venues
- Curators

Priority is to support an exciting range of projects which have clear musical outcomes and tangible

benefits for music creators of all genres and backgrounds and at different stages of their career.

Your work with songwriters and composers is particularly important to them so they will be asking you to tell them about the number of individual music creators you are working with and how your project will boost their creative and professional development, both short-term and long-term.

If you are successful with your application, they will also be asking you, when your project is complete, to tell us about the composers and songwriters you are reaching and what they have been able to achieve thanks to your project.

The Open Fund for Organisations offers grants of up to £10,000.

Our funding includes support of:

- Touring
- Recording
- promotion and marketing
- commissions of new music by UK-based creators*
- exciting community projects involving high-quality music creators
- music creator residencies
- live programmes featuring new UK music

Through The Open Fund, they support high quality new music projects which have tangible musical outcomes and a clearly defined start and end date.

They cannot support core organisational costs, salary costs or living costs. They can fund administration costs relating to the project at a maximum of 10% of total budget.

The next deadline for The Open Fund is Monday 3rd October 2016 at 6pm.

When applying, keep in mind that they can only support activity which begins after the decision date

The application is a 2 stage process. Only those with successful 1st stage applications will be asked to continue on to the 2nd stage.

For further information visit - <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/the-open-fund/the-open-fund-for-organisations/>

Comic Relief: Core Funding for Small Organisations

Comic Relief have just launched an exciting new pilot core funding (and support) scheme for small organisations delivering work in the UK with an annual income of £100,000 - £500,000.

They are launching the scheme in response to the fact that smaller organisations rooted in

the communities they serve play a vital role in supporting people to make positive changes in their lives, yet they are being particularly hard hit by the current economic challenges and have identified core funding as critical to their stability.

Grants will be up to £20,000 for each of two years (maximum grant of £40,000).

They anticipate making approximately 100 grants initially, to a total value of £4 million.

For further information - www.comicrelief.com

The Prince's Trust Development Awards

The Prince's Trust is offering unemployed young people throughout Northern Ireland the opportunity to access funding to help them access education, work or training opportunities, through Development Awards.

Development Awards are cash awards of between up to £500 to help young people who are struggling to access education, work or training due to a lack of funds. Please note that the average award is £200 and it is not possible to support every young person with a £500 grant.

Development Awards can be used to help with:

- ◆ Course Fees
- ◆ Workwear for a course, job or work placement (e.g. interview clothing, uniforms for college placements, mechanics clothing)
- ◆ Equipment for a course, job or work placement (e.g. hairdressing equipment, joinery tools)
- ◆ Travel costs for education, training or employment
- ◆ Costs associated with structured volunteering or work placement opportunities
- ◆ Childcare costs for short-term education or training
- ◆ Self-development opportunities with evidence of how they will improve employability or life skills



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In order to be eligible for a development award, young people should be aged 16 – 25 and unemployed, or working less than 16 hours. If young people are in education, this should be less than 14 hours per week.

Please note that we cannot fund everyday living costs, courses at Level 4 or above, or any costs that are the responsibility of a statutory provider.

If you feel that any of the young people you work with could benefit from a development award or if you would like some further information about how development awards could support young people within your organisation please contact 028 90895031 or email marion.kerr@princes-trust.org.uk

MONNABOY COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



This local community fund has been set up by Gaelectric. A wind energy and energy storage company that believes in a sustainable future. Gaelectric is committed to ensuring that their wind farms, whilst having obvious environmental benefits, also provide significant economic benefits to the local community.

The Monnaboy Community Benefit Fund will provide a fund available for local projects that educate, raise awareness and demonstrate community involvement in work that promotes environmental issues and healthier lifestyles.

Funding will be available to local community projects within 7km of the Monnaboy Wind Farm site which is located off the Monnaboy Road, Greysteel.

Grant Size: £1,500-£2,500

Priorities: rural isolation, social exclusion, increasing use of existing community space

Who can apply:

- ◆ Constituted voluntary organisations and community groups
- ◆ Faith organisations (if the funding is not to promote religion)
- ◆ Local youth groups
- ◆ Organisations that are located within the 7 kilometre radius of the Monnaboy Wind Farm.

The fund aims to encourage:

- ◆ Stronger more inclusive communities by ensuring that local people have ownership and involvement in the design and delivery of the project.
- ◆ Partnership working with community, voluntary and statutory agencies to ensure a coordinated approach.
- ◆ Sustainable solutions that address local issues.

The fund will support projects addressing issues within the following theme areas:

- ◆ Older people
- ◆ Families with young children
- ◆ Young people
- ◆ Environment and living spaces

Priority will be given to:

- ◆ Projects aimed at providing skills development for young adults and/or the unemployed
- ◆ Intergenerational projects
- ◆ Collaborative projects
- ◆ Projects tackling rural isolation
- ◆ Projects based around community arts
- ◆ Projects which improve the utilisation of community space

Applicants that currently hold a live grant are not eligible to re-apply in any new round until all outstanding information is provided for the current grant held. This includes details of spend and any monitoring.

The closing date for applications is on Friday 8th July 2016

For further information, <http://www.communityfoundationni.org/>
