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Welcome to Supporting Communities 79th 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.

#1 Pill Will Kill Campaign Messages reaching out through the Housing Community Network

Bereaved father William Burns brought his powerful and emotional message to the June meeting of the Central Housing Forum.

His son Jamie Burns, from North Belfast was just 23 when he collapsed in the Students' Union at Queen's University in November last year.

He took one ecstasy tablet and died later in hospital. Jamies's parents, William and Lesley are now taking their grief and their message to parents, to young people, to youth and community groups across greater Belfast and beyond.

The campaign was initially supported by the North Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership and has gathered considerable momentum in the last 6 months.

The family said their campaign is born out of grief and a determination to make young people in Northern Ireland aware of the dangers of taking drugs.

Jamie's mum, Lesley Burns, has previously said: **"We don't want any other family to go through this heartache and devastation."**

Politicians, the police and football clubs are among the hundreds of people backing this plan to try and prevent more drug deaths in Belfast and beyond.



A new mural (see below) has been unveiled at the Ardoyne interface as both sides of the community unite to battle this growing problem.



In relating the impact of the tragedy on the family, William said: **"The purpose is to educate parents, trying to educate the kids that all it takes is one pill. People don't realise that one pill can be completely different from the other."**

In thanking William for bringing his message to the Housing Community Network, Patricia McQuillan remarked that people are aware of the dangers of just one pill, one moment of misadventure. Ian McLaughlin expressed the general consensus that the Housing Community Network should actively seek to ensure this message reaches as many parents, young people and youth and community leaders as possible.

The Campaign can be joined at:
<https://twitter.com/hashtag/1pillwillkill>

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Following tragic events in London, Housing Executive offers advice to high rise residents



Housing Executive

A spokesperson for the Housing Executive said: *“Amidst all of this, our continuing thoughts are with the victims, families and all those affected by the fire in Grenfell, London. We once again want to reassure our tenants that their safety is taken extremely seriously by the Housing Executive.*

In 46 years, we have never had a major incident of this type in any of our high rise buildings. We have robust fire safety regimes and carry out regular inspections in all of our 32 high rise buildings and inspections were completed recently. Follow up checks were undertaken yesterday and today. Our high rise building design includes fire breaks on every floor - all blocks have fire resistant staircases with fire doors and smoke alarms in the communal areas. Every resident in every Housing Executive high rise building will also receive a [fire safety leaflet](#) ( 997 KB) today.

We will meet with NIFRS this afternoon to discuss any further action that needs to be taken. The Service uses our tower blocks for training. It would be wrong to speculate as to the cause of the London fire. We will await the preliminary findings before drawing any initial conclusions. If there are lessons to be learned from the investigation we will take those on board and as a responsible landlord, we will undertake any actions that are required to ensure the safety of our tenants.

We have also arranged meetings with the manufacturers of the cladding used on the tower blocks to receive extra reassurance. Our system has been rigorously tested and is in line with all relevant regulations.

Fire safety advice for tenants of high rise buildings is available on our website: www.nihe.gov.uk/highrise_buildings or we would ask them to contact their local office.”

Housing and communities key inequalities: Equality



Commission NI statement

The Equality Commission has published a ‘Statement on Key Inequalities in Housing and Communities in Northern Ireland’, its assessment of inequalities and differences in experiences of housing faced by people from different equality categories.

The Statement draws on a wide range of sources and highlights seven areas where the Commission considers key inequalities persist. These are:

- longer waiting times for Catholic applicants for social housing;
- limited access to appropriate accommodation for Irish Travellers;
- vulnerability to racial attacks of the homes of minority ethnic and migrant groups;
- susceptibility of migrant workers to tied accommodation with poor conditions;
- limits on the opportunity for people with a learning disability to live independently;
- people with disabilities living in homes inadequate for their disability-related needs;
- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people who can feel harassed and unsafe in their homes and neighbourhoods.

Dr Evelyn Collins, Chief Executive of the Equality Commission, said: *“We acknowledge that progress has been made to improve housing stock and develop access to suitable accommodation across Northern Ireland over the past decades, but there is compelling evidence that work still needs to be done to address enduring inequalities, which continue to affect people across our community. Ensuring that everyone has access to a sustainable, secure home and enjoys the right to independent living; that the specific housing needs of particular equality groups are addressed; and the development of shared, safe communities are essential building blocks to a successful, flourishing Northern Ireland. As a society we must not ignore inequalities in this crucial area. Unchallenged, they will continue to affect the lives of many people across Northern Ireland and the life chances of future generations. A revised Programme for Government should provide an opportunity to develop actions to address these inequalities. At its heart must be the aim of meeting objective need whilst ensuring equality of opportunity.*

Of course, we recognise that not all of these issues can be successfully addressed by housing policy changes alone. They need a focus from politicians and policymakers across all Government departments and agencies, as well as organisations within the wider community, to prioritise actions and interventions to address these persistent inequalities.”

See more at: <http://www.equalityni.org/Footer-Links/News/Delivering-Equality/Housing-and-communities-key-inequalities-Commissionio#sthash.ndZlcss8.dpuf>

Groundwork

Changing Place Changing Lives



PUBLIC URGED TO NOMINATE COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

A community charity is asking the public to nominate community groups to receive a national award at an awards ceremony recognising their work in making their local areas better places to live.

The charity, Groundwork, say it has launched the Groundwork Community Awards as a way of honouring small community groups making a big difference to everyone's quality of life in their local area and to celebrate and reward groups who often get little recognition and support.

Visit the awards website: www.groundwork.org.uk/communityawards

The **deadline for nominations is 25 August** and the awards are simple to enter via an online system where community groups can highlight their own achievements – or can be nominated to receive an award in one of 10 categories reflecting the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers.

Shortlisted community groups will be invited to attend a national awards ceremony in central London on the evening of 2 November.

Groundwork's national Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"There are fantastic examples of community groups who work selflessly and tirelessly to improve their neighbourhoods. Thanks to their efforts our parks and open spaces are better looked after, libraries and heritage centres are being kept open, food banks and furniture projects continue to help people meet their basic needs and communities are blazing a trail in recycling and renewable energy.

These achievements are seldom noticed beyond the neighbourhood or the people directly benefiting. We thought it was time to change that and to celebrate the power of community action.

Whatever political change and challenge we see in the next few years we believe that we need to prepare our communities to be more resilient and better informed about how things happen in their neighbourhood and better supported to take control of local assets and services. The Groundwork Community Awards will shine a light on what's

already being achieved so that even more communities might be encouraged to get organised and get active."

Respected BBC Broadcaster and Landscape Designer, Mark Lane, will be hosting the awards on 2 November. Mark, who also acts as Groundwork's Health, Wellbeing and Community Ambassador, commented:

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents, groups, workers, charities, volunteers, and individuals to be recognized for the extraordinary work they put in to improving, sustaining and building their own health and wellbeing, by taking positive action, achieving goals, supporting one another and becoming an integral part of a community. It is these people that uplift and make a difference to their own and to the life of others.

We all live busy lives and the Awards are a way of championing, thanking and highlighting the amazing contributions made. As Groundwork's Ambassador, I am truly honoured to be hosting the Awards and I wish everyone all the very best."

Explaining their decision to sponsor the 'Community Group of the Year' award, Jindi Pank, Community Partnerships Manager at Marks & Spencer, added:

"Community has been a big part of our Plan A efforts for a number of years and we have worked with and learnt from some truly inspiring community groups. We'll continue to do this through our Plan A 2025 programme which aims to help play a transformative role in communities.

We want to enable local economies to thrive by helping to build socially connected communities and improving local environments, an important part of this is recognising the great work that's already going on which is why we're proud to sponsor Groundwork's award for Community Group of the Year."

Groundwork is also seeking additional sponsorship of the awards.

More information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/communityawards/Pages/sponsors-aw>

Special Focus

Charities face more bad news as lottery revenues tumble

NICVA's Nick Garbutt writes:



HMS Caroline lovingly restored thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, picture: Wikipedia

Lottery operator Camelot has just ordered a review of its operations after ticket sales slumped by 8.8% in the last financial year.

This is very bad news for charities, already grappling with reduced investment from public bodies, and especially bad news for those based in Northern Ireland. Here we already face a perfect storm for funding with the double uncertainties around Stormont's budget and the implications of Brexit.

It has translated into a 14.4% drop in monies available for Good Causes. The best known distributors of Good Causes monies are the Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and the Sports Lottery.

Big Lottery is the fund most accessed by charities. It does not give year-by-year figures for its funding here but based on four-year reports previously published the figure is probably between £17 - £20 million. Contingencies are built in to the planning process to mitigate the impact of downturns in sales but the impact will be felt. Given Camelot's downbeat future predictions there is no immediate prospect for recovery. The situation will be similar for the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The reason why Good Causes suffer what appears to be a disproportionate loss is as a result of three factors: it gets more money from draw based games like Lotto and these have seen significant downturns in sales; the second is the mix of sales between shops and online, with retailers entitled to a cut of sales in their stores, and monies redistributed as a result of unclaimed prizes.

Camelot are clearly concerned. The slump is significant: 8.8% is a big number, particularly when you bear in mind the number of lost tickets that involves. The investigation is to be led by the incoming chief executive Nigel Railton. When business reviews are led personally by the boss you know that they are serious.

We cannot anticipate any immediate upsurge. The company believes that this current financial year will be just as challenging.

Some of the shortfall is explained by the rise of alternatives like the Health Lottery and various Postcode Lotteries which we [have previously analysed](#). As these do not operate in Northern Ireland we cannot expect additional funding to find its way here from those sources. Furthermore whilst Big targets money at the most vulnerable, the insurgents, for marketing purposes, tend to plump for more populist causes. They also have significantly higher overheads than Camelot, which means that less money ends up supporting causes, more going to the operator.

Doubtless the review will be far-reaching and effective remedies will be found to turn the situation around. However this will take time.

There is a way in which short term problems for funders might be addressed. At Westminster charities are beneficiaries of dormant bank accounts. To date £360 million has been redistributed. The government is currently considering proposals to expand the scheme to include dormant stocks and shares and other investments. This would boost the pot to £2 billion. In Northern Ireland a fund has been created and currently sits at around £7 million. However this dormant account is itself dormant with no monies redistributed. Unlocking it to bridge the shortfall until lottery revenues recover would be a simple and effective means of resolving the problem. We will explore this issue in more detail in a future Scope article.

There is another imperative as well. Many organisations are quick to publicise the good work they do and to acknowledge the source of the funding. This is important. Lottery players are entitled to know how their money is spent and seeing it put to good use is important.

British Olympic success, to take just one example, is a direct result of lottery funding and therefore directly attributable to lottery players.

However there are other recipients who are happy to take the money but not so proactive in celebrating or even acknowledging its source. This is not just ungracious it is ultimately self-destructive.

Consultations



Take the NI Co-Ops Survey!

Whether you know a little or a lot about co-ops we would love to know your opinions - we are asking you to participate in a new survey about co-ops in Northern Ireland.

Co-operative Alternatives hope to measure the perception and understanding of co-operatives in Northern Ireland and would really value your input.

Please help by taking this survey now – it should only take you about five minutes! CLICK [HERE](#) TO TAKE THE SURVEY.

Co-operative Alternatives open this survey to coincide with Co-operative Fortnight, the annual celebration for all co-operatives starting on the 17th June with the encouraging theme “Time to Co-operate!”

Charity Commission Consultation on Serious Incident Reporting



The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has opened a public consultation on draft *Serious incident reporting* guidance for Northern Ireland charities. The guidance, and information on the consultation, can be viewed on the [Current consultations](#) page of the website.

The Commission would like to hear from charity trustees, organisations and professionals which help charities, and members of the public who are interested in the good governance of charities. Your views and feedback will shape the final guidance, informing the Commission of gaps and areas for improvement.

The consultation will be open for 8 weeks from 17 May 2017 until 5pm on 11 July 2017.

Fawcett Society: sex discrimination law review

The Fawcett Society has launched a sex discrimination law review which will include a consideration of the sex equality legislation in NI.



Submissions should be sent to the Fawcett Society at lawreview@fawcettsociety.org.uk before 3 July 2017.

See more at: <http://www.equalityni.org/Footer-Links/News/Delivering-Equality/Fawcett-Society-sex-discrimination-law-review#sthash.cqQWSI5p.dpuf>

Review of Road Safety Strategy

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

<https://www.nifrs.org/consultation/>

Closing date; 28th July 2017

Publications

citizens
advice

Understanding Money Skills - report from Citizens Advice

In their recent report, Understanding Money Skills, Citizens Advice surveyed over 1,000 clients on their money skills. Their clients represent some of the most disadvantages and vulnerable people in society. In their findings, they discovered a range of strengths and weaknesses in people's money skills.

- Most people need support in at least one money skills area (63%) - while a significant minority - 1 in 10 - need help in all money skill areas.
- People primarily need support in being confident about taking action on their money matters (49%), knowing the main information about their money services (42%), as well as acting to stay informed about this (45%).
- Core money skills are where clients do well, in how often they keep track of money (58%) and in their knowledge of controlling spending (58%).

However, high capability doesn't preclude the need for support. There can be notable differences between what people know and how they act. A range of fixed and transient factors play a role in people's money skills, e.g. demographics, related needs and life events. Some people need more help than others, for example because of ill-health or being a renter. Their findings show that services and advice should be tailored to help the vulnerable with their money management.

See more at: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/Global/Public/Impact/Understanding_money_skills.pdf

NI Environment Link Publications

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

The European Environmental news bulletin is available at;
<http://www.nienvironmentlink.org/cmsfiles/EU-Matters-April-2017.pdf>

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/>



Community Arts Partnership

The most recent edition of Community Arts Weekly is available at;

<http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b8a8a675fc3c8c08286c7e4ee&id=51323912f1&e=f98d0fc214>

Here you will get access to up to date information on local community arts events, projects and funding.

There is more information and updates on the Partnerships' website at; <http://comartspartner.org/>



Scope^{NI}

Available online, including articles such as; changing the Lobbying Act, the need to reform stroke services and Early Years and the absence of men, redressing the imbalance.

Scope can be accessed at; <http://scopeni.nicva.org/>



Please click the link below to access the May 2017 edition of inpartnership – the newsletter for PCSPs which highlights local events and initiatives.

<https://www.pcsp.org/sites/pcsp/files/media-files/inpartnership-issue-june-2017.pdf>

Law Centre

The most recent E-bulletin can be accessed at;

<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ae690a33dc6a1581f08bf755b&id=3de12ab91b&e=c2b6ae91b3>

<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ae690a33dc6a1581f08bf755b&id=3de12ab91b&e=c2b6ae91b3>



Law Centre (NI)

Community Development & Health Network Cook it! Newsletter

<http://www.cdhn.org/sites/default/files/Summer%20Newsletter%202017.pdf>



Community Development
& Health Network

Rural Community Network

The latest edition of the Rural Policy Link is now available from the RCN. To access the publication, go to;

<http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/publications/publicationdocument.aspx?doc=10624>

Events

Health and Housing 2017

14 & 15 September 2017, La Mon, Belfast
Creating a shared vision for health, housing and social care



10% Early Bird discount available until 24 July!

Housing plays a central role in offering vulnerable people and those with complex needs the independence that enhances life opportunities. This conference will explore how housing, health and social care can work together to deliver housing and health options for the future, to lessen the pressure on services and deliver positive outcomes. Delegates will leave with strategic and practical solutions which they can apply in their own organisations and communities.

Day one will explore how health, social care and housing can work together to design and deliver better services, which promote positive health outcomes. Bringing together experts from across the three sectors, delegates will have the opportunity to explore a range of options.

Day two will explore ways to listen, understand and respond to people's changing health and housing needs. Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from the experts about sustainable options for the future which will offer people appropriate and secure homes in desirable environments.

Conference sessions will include:

- Creating a shared vision for housing, health & social care
- Place based approaches to care and support
- Homes fit for the future
- Housing options for older people
- Meeting the needs of people who are vulnerable
- A number of interactive master-classes

Exhibition & sponsorship

For further information on sponsorship and exhibition please contact Edel Hughes on 028 9077 8222 or [email](mailto:edel.hughes@radiushousing.com)

Booking information

Book by Monday 24 July and receive ten per cent early bird discount.

Radius
HOUSING

A vibrant poster for a 'World Record Attempt 2017' for 'drink wise & jive'. The central graphic is a large blue circle with 'WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT 2017' written around the perimeter. Inside the circle, 'drink wise & jive' is written in white and pink. Below the circle is a yellow banner that says 'LARGEST JIVE DANCE'. The date '1st July 2017 (1pm)' and location 'EBRINGTON SQUARE' are prominently displayed. A green circle indicates 'Must be aged 16+'. A pink circle shows 'Tickets £10'. The text 'Derry/Londonderry' is flanked by four stars. At the bottom, it says 'Should be able to dance basic jive steps for 5 minutes' and 'Free jive classes available at various locations (Places limited)'. Logos for 'drink wise age well' and 'LOTTERY FUNDED' are in the top right. Registration information is at the bottom: 'Register online register.primoevents.com/ps/event/DrinkWiseJive or contact Drink Wise Age Well on 028 8283 9240 for further information on how to get involved.'



Social Enterprise



Social Enterprise Awards 2017



Social Enterprise NI

The Social Enterprise NI Awards Nominations for 2017 are currently open with the **closing date for applications set as 30th June.**

There are twelve categories including One to Watch, Social Impact and Housing Association of the Year.

For a full list of the categories and to apply, follow the link: <http://www.socialenterpriseni.org/social-enterprise-awards-application-form>

UnLtd is the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in the UK and offers the largest such network in the world. UnLtd resources hundreds of individuals each year through its core Awards programme.



There are currently three awards that you can apply to:

UnLtd GROW IT AWARD – NOW OPEN

£15,000 Cash Award & Support

Expression of Interest deadline: 3rd August 2017

You're a social entrepreneur creating compelling impact and you want to scale.

The Grow It Award is for social entrepreneurs looking to scale their venture providing tailored support, access to workshops and networks, and up to £15,000 cash.

UnLtd DO IT AWARD – NOW OPEN

Up to £5,000 Cash Award and Support

Expression of Interest deadline: 3rd August 2017

Do you have an idea to address a social or environmental issue?

We may be able to help with an UnLtd Do It Award

SPACES FOR CHANGE – OPENING: 3RD JULY 2017

For 16-24 year olds up to £5,000 Cash Award & Support

Spaces for Change (S4C) is a UK wide programme that will find, fund, support and connect young people aged 16-24 to start and run social ventures that unlock the potential of unused or under-utilised spaces for the benefit of the local community, especially other young people.

For further information please contact:
Nuala Smyth, Award Manager UnLtd
Room 112, City East Business Centre
Tel: 028 9094 1619 / 07545 933 816
Email: nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES SOCIAL ENTERPRISE COURSES

- ◆ Considering starting a Social Enterprise?
- ◆ Having Trouble Accessing University?
- ◆ Just want to learn more about Social Enterprise?

If the answer to any of the questions above is 'Yes', then our suite of courses may well be for you!

You can attend a scheduled course as an individual or book us specifically for your organisation and we will deliver the programme in your local area.

The Following Courses currently have spaces available:

Understanding Social Enterprise Level 2 (6 to 8 weeks, one session per week)

- Understand the purpose and function of a Social enterprise
- Be aware of a range of social enterprises
- Recognise the challenges and opportunities for the development of social enterprises

Venue and Dates: Derry/Londonderry Social Enterprise Hub commencing in September 2017

Developing Social Enterprise Level 3 (12 weeks, one session per week)

- Identifying your Model, Structure and Governance
- Market Research, Market Testing and your Business
- An Introduction to Marketing
- Preparing for your Business Plan
- Finance, Investment and Growth

Venue and Dates: Lisburn and Castlereagh, The Bridge Community Centre commencing in September 2017

For more information, to register for either of these courses or for any other enquiries, please contact:

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Training



Chartered Institute of Housing Training

The Chartered Institute of Housing is the independent voice for housing and the home of professional standards

Mental Health and Housing

Thursday 29th June 2017

Housing teams dealing with housing management often struggle to understand mental illness, personality disorders and learning disability. This full day workshop aims to increase understanding of mental illness (including hoarding disorder) and learning disability, the effect on housing and the practical tools and responses available to the housing professional.

Learning Outcomes/objectives:

- ◆ clarify what is meant by personality disorder and the implications for housing providers
- ◆ understand psychosis and consider practical helpful responses
- ◆ recognising mental illness and learning disability in customers at an early stage
- ◆ understanding lessons from serious case reviews e.g. Fiona Pilkington
- ◆ the law; an understanding of mental health, safeguarding and equalities legislation in Northern Ireland
- ◆ clarify services, assess criteria and interventions related to mental health needs and how to effectively access them, including:

- ◆ confidence in using Risk Assessment Matrix to assess vulnerability
- ◆ use of Community Care and Mental Health Assessments
- ◆ family Intervention Projects
- ◆ the Office of Care and Protection
- ◆ explore relevant case law

Who should attend

This course is aimed at frontline housing staff including housing management, tenancy sustainment, income recovery and repairs.

Trainer Info - Jack Moore

Following a successful housing career, with a BA (Hons) in Housing, Jack is principal diversity trainer for (and a Fellow of) the Chartered Institute of Housing. He is an affiliate of the Institute of Equality & Diversity Practitioners. He is also an assessor for various awarding bodies from Level 1 to Level 5 on equality and diversity.

Dates & Locations

When: 29 June 2017

Where: CIH Northern Ireland, Carnmoney House, Edgewater Office Park, Belfast, BT3 9JQ

Price: £95 (members) / £110 non-members

For more info visit:

http://www.cih.org/training/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/training/data/NI/Mental_health_and_housing_29May

Level 2 Certificate in Housing Practice

Commencing September 2017



The Level 2 Certificate in Housing Practice provides a general introduction to the housing sector, and includes the following 4 mandatory units:

- Housing provision & housing organisations
- Customer care in the housing context
- Careers and opportunities in housing
- Developing skills for working in housing

Who is it for?

- ◆ People who are new to housing or work in a frontline housing role and want to improve their understanding of housing
- ◆ People not currently working in housing but considering working in a frontline housing role.

Level 3 and 4 Certificate Training Courses are also available.

For more information and to register, go to the CIH website at; <http://www.cih.org/qualifications>

Chief Officers 3rd Sector

CO3 offers a range of training programmes and networking events designed to support Chief Officers and Senior Managers to build their leadership development and help create new connections.

Strategic Planning with Roger Courtney

Friday, September 8, 2017 - 09:30 to 16:30

CO3 Offices, 34 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB

This one day workshop strategically planned for October, for those of us who will be launching new Strategic Plans in April 2018, will support leaders to develop their strategic and operational planning processes to enable organisations to achieve their potential. It will be led by Roger Courtney who has facilitated hundreds of Third Sector executive teams in developing their strategic plans.

Most Third Sector organisations have a strategic plan these days, but the evidence suggests that in most cases the plans are of little use in guiding the development of the organisation, or helping to make difficult decisions. The process of drawing up the plan, also often leaves many people who will be delivering it less than enthusiastic. This workshop will ensure that your strategic and operational planning processes enable your organisation to achieve its potential. It will be led by Dr Roger Courtney one of the UK's leading writer's on strategy in the Third Sector.

Cost: £99 CO3 Member £130 Non Member

To book contact: Sarah@co3.bz or tel. [028 90245356](tel:02890245356)

For more information on CO3 events and courses, go to; <http://co3.bz/>



Volunteer Now Training

Adult Safeguarding Champion:

Theory into Practice - 4th July 2017

The Adult Safeguarding Champion (ASC) role combines responsibility for strategy, operations and oversight for an organisation in relation to adults at risk of harm under "Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership" (2015) and the "Adult Safeguarding Operational Procedures" (2016).

Some organisations will also have Appointed Persons, with delegated responsibility for day to day adult safeguarding operations. This is a full day's training for Adult Safeguarding Champions and Appointed Persons.

It covers:

- ◆ The role and responsibilities of the Adult Safeguarding Champion/ Appointed Person
- ◆ The safeguarding adults structure for Northern Ireland

- ◆ Determining the correct course of action in relation to safeguarding concerns
- ◆ Consent, capacity and coercion
- ◆ Organisational and Trust responsibilities
- ◆ Monitoring and reporting duties of the ASC.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited to a maximum of 5 per organisation.

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Location: Volunteer Now, 34 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, Co. Antrim BT2 7DB

Cost: £50 per person

For information on Volunteer Now courses, visit the website at; <http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-and-standards>



Free Research Training for Beginners

Date & Time: Wednesday, 19 July 2017 - 10.00am to 1.00pm

Venue: Ulster Rugby, 134 Mount Merrion Ave, Belfast



NICVA is running a free research training session in partnership with Ulster Rugby on 19th July from 10am-1pm. The training will be held at the Kingspan Stadium and is open to anybody who currently works or volunteers in the voluntary and community sector. The training is designed for those with a limited background in research.

For more information and to book your place visit the [NICVA website](http://www.nicva.org.uk)



Action for Warm Homes

Free workshops for community groups

Energy Efficiency in the Home **Getting the most from the energy we use**

NEA is offering to hold a limited number of workshops on energy efficiency in the home for community groups in Northern Ireland

The two hour interactive workshops are focused on making energy efficiency come alive for those who attend

The following topics are included:

- Energy and where we use it
- Energy efficient heating
- Controls on the central heating system
- Energy efficient lighting and appliances
- Keeping the heat where it is needed – reducing heat loss
- Comparing and switching energy suppliers

For further information and for booking please contact Paul Wallace paul.wallace@nea.org.uk Tel 028 9023 9909

The workshops are supported by the NIHE





Prince's Trust

Todds Leap are now
delivery partners
with Prince's Trust
for the Team
Programme.



Are you a 16-24 year old?

Would you like to uncover your hidden talents?

Would you like to work within the Housing Executive?

Would you like to meet new people and make friends?

Would you like to complete a work placement and develop skills
in an area you are interested in?

Would you like to have a Residential at Todds Leap

Then Team Is for you!

It won't cost you anything and you won't lose your benefits

Team is a 12 week course, which will help you meet new challenges
and gain new experiences.

Don't miss out. Sign up to the next Team today.

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Or email princestrust@toddsleap.com

Do More . See More . Be More



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Funding



Live Here Love Here - Deadline Extended

Do you have an idea for a great environmental project that will benefit your community? 

Live Here Love Here are providing grants from **£500 to £5,000** and are open to any groups undertaking environmental community based projects across the country!

DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION PACK

 /liveherelovehere

www.liveherelovehere.org

Grants are available from £500 to £5,000 and are open to volunteer groups in the following Council areas:

- ♥ **Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council**
- ♥ **Ards and North Down Borough Council**
- ♥ **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**
- ♥ **Belfast City Council**
- ♥ **Derry City and Strabane District Council**
- ♥ **Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**
- ♥ **Mid and East Antrim Borough Council**
- ♥ **Mid Ulster District Council**
- ♥ **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**
- ♥ **Choice Housing (all Council areas)**
- ♥ **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (all Council areas)**
- ♥ **McDonald's (all Council areas)**

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
12 noon – Wednesday 28th June 2017

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ARN Foundation

The ARN Foundation is an independent Charitable Trust set up with the intent of supporting good causes across Northern Ireland. The fund will be managed by the Community Foundation. The ARN Foundation supports organisations who will deliver projects in support of people with a learning disability.

The ARN Foundation will offer grants of up to £10,000 to projects based within Northern Ireland that meet the following criteria:

- The ARN Foundation welcomes applications for projects working with people with a learning disability.
- Priority will be given to projects supporting people aged 18 - 25 with a learning disability.
- Projects must take no more that 12 months to complete from the date of the first payment.

Examples of types of projects that may be supported by The ARN Foundation:

- Education, training and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability.
- Initiatives to improve community facilities for those with a learning disability.
- Projects promoting creativity and self-expression through drama, music or the arts for people with a learning disability.

The closing date for applications is by 21st July 2017 at 1pm

It is recommended that you read our Grant FAQs before starting your grant application. Should you have any further questions please contact the Grants Team on 02890 245 927.

For further information visit, <http://www.communityfoundationni.org/arn-foundation>

Community Relations Council (NI) Launches Media Grant Scheme



The Media Grants Scheme is intended to support a range of media projects that promote peace, civil society, and safe, diverse communities in Northern Ireland.

Commercial, sole traders and voluntary groups are eligible to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 that may support a range of products including digital content projects, infographics, television, radio, video and podcasts. The scheme is primarily for the creation of new material but may include the diversification of existing resources to increase use with appropriate audiences.

Groups must work towards one or more of the Council's objectives, which are to:

- Encourage the engagement of civil society to underpin the peace process and promote change in terms of:
 - ◇ Addressing the issues of cultural identity, flags, emblems, parades and protests.
 - ◇ Encouraging respectful cultural expression.
 - ◇ Developing greater understanding around issues of shared housing and shared education, and enhancing community safety.
 - ◇ Tackling alienation.
 - ◇ Disengaging Paramilitaries in society.
 - ◇ Sustaining survivors.
- Support the development of a more diverse society by giving voices to people of ethnic minority and minority faith backgrounds, young people and women, and address hate crime (primarily sectarianism and racism).

Applications must include a sample of previous work not exceeding five minutes and a Curriculum Vitae for the writing and production team.

The Community Relations Council is also currently accepting applications for the Publications Grant Scheme and the Community Relations/Cultural Diversity scheme.

The deadline for applications is 9 August 2017.

For further information visit, <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/>

ESB: Hunters Hill Wind Farm Community Fund

Managed by Omagh Forum, this fund was established by ESB to help the communities neighbouring the wind farm to become more sustainable through supporting local initiatives and activities.

Applicants must be within a 7.5km radius of Hunters Hill Wind Farm, Fintona and the typical award value is between £500 and £5000.

Closing date for applications is 5pm Thursday 29 June 2017

Successful applicants will be notified by end of August 2017

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



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