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Welcome to Supporting Communities 98th 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.



**Leadership
Conference &
Awards 2018**



At the CO3 Leadership Awards on Thursday 3rd May 2018 the **'Leading People Award'** was won by **Colm McDaid, Chief Executive of Supporting Communities** pictured right with Jill Mills, Senior HR Consultant, Personnel & Training Services who were the sponsors for this award.

Colm is passionate about empowering people and under his leadership the organisation has become one in which the staff have been empowered to think for themselves and deliver a quality service to customers and clients alike.

On receiving his Award, Colm commented;

"Those who know me long enough will know I'm not into personal accolades, however on this occasion, I was delighted that the Supporting Communities Board had taken time to nominate me as I saw it very much as a nomination for the organisation and the whole staff team.

I don't particularly see the Award as 'Leading' People, rather I see it more about 'Supporting and Encouraging' staff to fulfill their potential and aspirations.

Therefore I was honoured to receive the Award on behalf of all staff as without them to invest in there would be no Supporting Communities past, present or future.

(l-r) - Jim Whitten, SC Board Member; Theresa Patton, SC; Lorraine Campbell, SC Board Member with Colm McDaid



Congratulations!



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Housing Benefit transitional payment for Universal Credit claimants



Back in November 2017, Chancellor for the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond, announced a £1.5 billion package to address some of the concerns which have been raised in relation to Universal Credit.

One of the main measures introduced was the concept of a “Housing Benefit transitional payment for Universal Credit claimants”.

The regulations which introduce this Housing Benefit “run-on” were laid before Parliament on 17 April 2018 and will not come into operation until 8 May 2018.

However, in Northern Ireland, extra statutory approval was given to allow the payment of Housing Benefit to continue for two weeks after a claim for Universal Credit has been made from the 11 April 2018.

This change means claimants who have been receiving Housing Benefit immediately prior to claiming Universal Credit would receive a transitional payment of two weeks housing benefit “run-on” when they claim Universal Credit, without it affecting Universal Credit entitlement.

The claimant will receive both the housing benefit and the Universal Credit housing element for those 2 weeks.

It has been confirmed that where housing benefit is paid directly to the landlord, the double payment will be offset against rent arrears and any surplus would be returned to the claimant.

It is hoped that these measures will reduce the potential for rent arrears to accrue as claimants transition onto Universal Credit.

Find out more about the Universal Credit Housing Rights have lots of training courses coming up to help you learn about the impact of Universal Credit on housing in Northern Ireland.

Universal Credit and the social rented sector 11:00 – 12:30: [24 May L/Derry](#)

Universal Credit and Housing Masterclass 11:00 – 12:30: [5 June L/Derry](#) & [12 June Belfast](#)

Universal Credit and Housing: Elements and Impact 10:00 – 16:00 [19 June Belfast](#)

You can book training online or email training@housingrights.org.uk.

Housing Rights

Supporting Communities and The Hummingbird Project Invite You to take part in a Quick Survey

- *Do you think that your committee would benefit from getting advice and support to deal with stressful situations?*
- *Do you feel that your committee needs help with building its resilience to support each other, gain the skills to know when people are struggling and signpost them to the right person to get help?*

Supporting Communities, in partnership with The Hummingbird Project, is keen to find out how Community representatives feel about these issues so that we can help to make the community groups we support to be stronger and better able to cope.



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PROJECT

We would encourage as many community representatives/committee members to please complete this very short survey about some common issues communities and committee are facing and this will allow us to see the best way we can support your committee and community association in the future.

Please go to;
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7F9ZNLPL>

Special Focus



The end of the road for the Building Change Trust **NICVA's Nick Garbutt writes**

The Building Change Trust (BCT) is due to wind up in December after ten years, during which it has distributed more than £12 million, Scope reports.

Nigel McKinney is remarkably chipper for someone who is charged with shutting down the charity he leads, a process which will involve his own redundancy.

In 2009 Big Lottery endowed the fund with £10 million to be spent by the end of 2018 with the intent that it would have a 'transformational impact' on the voluntary and community sector and disadvantaged communities.

The BCT itself is a charity, and so could have decided to carry on once the money had been spent, raising the necessary funds from elsewhere.

But this was never an option. McKinney explains: *"The board decided to wind up a long time ago. We've not been seeking to build an empire – what we have been doing is identifying key themes and issues we believe the sector should address."*

He said he believed that the trust the organisation had built up would have been eroded if it had decided to continue, and that this would have impaired the collaborative relationships it had built up.

The total invested has been even higher than the original grant – more than £12 million as opposed to £10 million. The difference is interest earned and additional funding received during the period.

The BCT is intending to finish with a flourish – looking forward rather than backwards, and outlining the key issues it believes need to be tackled to ensure a vibrant future for the Third Sector.

The paper outlining all this is intended as a legacy for others to pick up and run with. It is currently under preparation and will be published shortly.

It identifies two areas for change and development: volunteering and civic activism and five 'enabling actions': Innovation, Collaboration, A focus on outcomes and impact, Resilience and Renewal, Leadership. McKinney is especially excited about the potential of civic activism to have a transformational impact not just on the sector, but for all citizens.

This is hardly surprising because the BCT has taken a very different approach to traditional funders in this area, and its work demonstrates the potential for future funding practices.

A traditional funding model involves giving money to charities to help them to do their work. This was different. Here the BCT brought individuals and organisations together to learn from each other and international best practice. And ideas that were funded emerged from those discussions.

McKinney said: *"This was a journey of discovery and it really energised everyone involved."*

Already two potentially revolutionary ideas have emerged from it.

Participatory Budgeting is a means by which communities get a voice in how public money is spent in their areas. Now councils are getting enthusiastic. BCT has funded a training project for PB – and local authorities are starting to take up the challenge.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm amongst councils," says McKinney *"although the monies they are planning to invest at present is low."*

Building trust and support in Participatory Budgeting will be a slow process, but it is gaining traction and evidence from other countries demonstrates that it increases confidence in public bodies and engagement by both communities and individuals in local politics.

The other is the civic assembly that the BCT is funding as part of its legacy. Civic assemblies comprise of a group of citizens, usually 100 randomly selected who are brought together to deliberate on contentious issues that politicians find difficult.

They are an addition to the normal democratic process, not a replacement for it and when used well can be very powerful – helping politicians to get decisions right.

This one will take place in the absence of government, and its topic will be agreed by an advisory group, not politicians. But it will be an important experiment and a demonstration of the potential for citizens themselves to grapple with difficult policy issues and agree on how to resolve them.

McKinney cites an example from England of a parliamentary committee commissioning a civic assembly to examine how social care should be funded in the future.

A similar exercise in Northern Ireland would be equally useful, helping legislators to understand how people view a sensitive, complex and difficult issue when they are presented with the facts and the evidence.

Ten years is a long time and there have been plenty of lessons along the way. In retrospect it is hard not to conclude that the fund was a little over-sold at the start. £10 million is a lot of money, but not that much over 10 years, and the suggestion that that, of itself, would be "transformational" was a little bit over the top.

Whatever the truth of this McKinney concedes that expectation was so high for BCT that it did take a long time for a clear vision to emerge for the project and for work to get fully underway. Perhaps that was inevitable.

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And there has been good progress made in some areas which have not been picked up by others. Collaboration NI is a good example. It received £2 million for its work in stimulating collaborations and mergers within the sector and evaluations show that it did make a difference.

However once the programme closed the baton was not picked up – despite the need for more collaboration being agreed by government, funders and the sector alike.

Another disappointment for McKinney is that although government has shown great interest in the work and there is interest in supporting and developing the sector, the absence of an Executive and Assembly means that no progress on new policy can be made.

And, throughout the lifetime of the programme has hung the inability of the authorities to decide how to invest the £10 million available in dormant accounts.

McKinney believes this should be deployed as a trust fund, with the interest dispersed every year to support social finance.

Ten years on BCT's money has been spent and yet the dormant account funds are still dormant.

McKinney is desperate to help to create a lasting legacy for the sector. He most certainly does not want BCT's final report to be yet another report. He believes it needs to be picked up and followed through.

For this to happen will require a shift in thinking by either funders, government or both. It will involve going beyond the usual route of funding charities to do business as usual activities.

This means recognising that the Third Sector needs funding for research and development in order to maximise its impact on the causes it supports. This is not a big ask – after all the private sector gets this kind of support from the public purse.

Securing support for this might be the best legacy of all for the Building Change Trust.



Consultations



Revised Service Framework for Mental Health and Wellbeing 2018-2021

Department of Health

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh/mhsf/>

Closing date; 31st May 2018

Amendments to the Fire and Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006

Department of Health

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-amendments-fire-and-rescue-services-northern-ireland-order-2006>

Closing date; 3rd June 2018

DoF draft Section 75 Action Plan and Disability Action Plan

Department of Finance

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-dof-draft-section-75-action-plan-and-disability-action-plan>

Closing date; 15th June 2018

Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans (2018-2022)

Education Authority

<http://www.eani.org.uk/about-us/consultations/public-consultation-draft-equality-and-disability-action-plans-2018-2022/>

Closing date; 2nd July 2018

Publications



Provision of housing advice services one of four JRF policy proposals to tackle housing related poverty

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has recommended that independent housing advice services are provided in England, Scotland and Wales in order to improve housing affordability for low-income households.

The recommendation is one of four proposals identified in a [recently published policy report examining housing and life experiences](#).

Department for Infrastructure

Get Weather Ready Spring Summer 2018 edition is now available. Highlighting developments to enhance community resilience and shared experiences, this Ezine has been developed to help spread the positive work of the Regional Community Resilience Group.



The newsletter is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/getting-weather-ready-regional-community-resilience-group-newsletter>

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Please click the link below to access the May 2018 edition of inpartnership – the newsletter for PCSPs which highlights local events and initiatives. <https://www.pcsp.org/sites/pcsp/files/media-files/inpartnership-issue-may-2018.pdf>

Scope^{NI}

Available online, including articles such as a new oral history collection, the challenges facing older people and those facing deaf people seeking health or medical care.

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

Community Arts Partnership

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/>



Community Relations Council

The most recent editions of CRC e-News is available at;
<https://www.community-relations.org.uk/publications/enews>



NI Environment Link

The NIEL EU Matters for March 2018 is now available at;
<https://www.nienvironmentlink.org/cmsfiles/EU-Matters-March-2018.pdf>

For other NIEL publications and events, go to;
<https://www.nienvironmentlink.org/>



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/default.aspx>

Community Development & Health Network Newsletter

The latest update is available at;
<http://mailchi.mp/f1126755e86a/cdhn-news-events?e=09b1f9112e>



Community Development
& Health Network

Events

The Future of Housing Conference 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018 - 9:30 AM 11:30 PM

Park Avenue Hotel 158 Holywood Road Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 1PB ([map](#))



Join Prof. Paddy Gray and Supporting Communities as we present a conference marking the final year of the Housing Management Degree at Ulster University.

A Conference and Reunion in One!

In the morning, a half-day conference on "The Future of Housing Post-Brexit" will feature speakers from across Ireland North and South as well as further afield. We will look at the new challenges facing housing professionals in changing times.

In the evening, there will be a drinks reception from 6pm and celebration dinner marking the success of the past 30 Years of the Housing Management degree. Come catch up with friends and colleagues!

Who Should Come?

The conference event will be of interest to:

- Housing Professionals
- Housing Providers
- Social Enterprises
- Voluntary & Community Sector
- Consultants
- Students

The evening celebration dinner will appeal to past Ulster University Housing Management Graduates as we look back on 30 Years of Housing!

Housing Festival

Date: 21 June 2018
Location: The Treehouse, 38-42 Upper Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GH
Member rate: £55 +VAT Non-member rate: £80 +VAT



Housing Festival 2018 is a new type of housing event specifically for younger people working in housing and those who are new to the housing sector. It is organised by CIH NI Futures.

A new event (as in: new type, new format, new style of venue). We mean it when we say this, you have not been to a CIH event like this one.

An event where you'll get more out of it if you take part. You get out what you put in. If you come to Housing Festival 2018 you'll learn something. If you come to Housing Festival 2017 and get in the middle of it, you'll learn A LOT.

You don't have to wear the conference costume, come as you are - it genuinely helps you get in the right mind set to learn.

For pretty much everyone

CIH wants to attract as many younger and new to housing folk as possible - but CEOs and Senior Managers are welcome too.

For conference programme and to book a place, go to; http://www.cih.org/events/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/events/data/northernireland/Housing_Festival?utm_source=Chartered%20Institute%20of%20Housing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9418056_Ni%20events%2027.04.2018&utm_content=HF&dm_i=YRX,5LV00,EI48U7,LSC0H,1

Housing Rights when everyone has a *home*

Summer Shindig

The Barge, River Lagan
Friday 22 June 7pm - 12am
Live music, supper & BYOB



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The Community Development and Health Network (CDHN), in partnership with the Public Health Agency (PHA), is hosting 5 regional Networking Events themed around...What Works?

'What Works' Workshop

CDHN wants to hear about your local community...

- What works in your community?
- What works in improving community health?
- What works to get people involved?
- What could be done to make things better?
- What support do you need?



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HEALTH NETWORK

Making Connections and Networking

Meet other community and voluntary contacts from YOUR area.

Funding Workshop

After lunch, find out more about Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) funding. We will discuss what we do/don't fund, go through the application process and give you the opportunity to discuss your project ideas with our team.

Venues

- Bogside and Brandywell, Derry
- Breakthru, Dungannon
- Resurgam Trust, Lisburn
- Carlisle House, Belfast
- All Saints Parish Centre
(in association with MEAAP), Ballymena

Dates

- Wed 30th May 2018
- Mon 4th June 2018
- Mon 11th June 2018
- Tues 12th June 2018
- Tues 19th June 2018

Time: 10am – 1.30pm (light lunch will be included)

Cost: Free

To register your place, email: kerryfarrell@cdhn.org stating which event you wish to register for. Alternatively, contact CDHN on 028 3026 4606 to discuss the events.

Training



Volunteer Now Training

Keeping Adults Safe: Adult Safeguarding Champion and Appointed Person Training

Date: 23 May 2018 - 10.00am - 4.00pm
Location: Newry Library, 79 Hill Street, Newry BT34 1DG
Cost: £50 + VAT per person

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.

For more information or to book a place, go to; <http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-and-standards>

Keeping Children Safe: Training for Staff and Volunteers

Date: 7th June 2018, 10:00am
Location: Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR
Cost: £45 per person

This one day certificated training course is suitable for staff and volunteers who have regular and/or direct contact with children and young people (e.g. supervisor, leader, officer in charge).

It will cover:

- awareness of safeguarding children;
- procedures for reporting concerns;
- creating a child centred environment; and
- codes of behaviour for staff/volunteers and children/young people.

It will assist staff and volunteers with meeting good practice standards in safeguarding children and young people.

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

This training programme is a suitable foundation for attending [Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training](#).

For more information and to book places, go to; <http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-and-standards>

Housing Rights Training

Sustaining tenancies - Keeping clients in their homes

Belfast - Housing Rights - Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 10:00 to 16:00

With limited new builds, long waiting lists for social housing, and more people than ever renting privately, keeping people in the place they call home is vitally important. This one day accredited course looks at practical solutions to key issues that can impact peoples' ability to stay in and enjoy their homes.

This one day session will focus sustain tenancies across the Social, Private and Home ownership sectors and will look at:

- Rent arrears and affordability
- Anti-social behavior
- Abandonment
- Disrepair
- Suitability

Housing Rights

Universal Credit & Housing Masterclass

Seminar - Holywell Trust - Derry/Londonderry - Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 10:30 to 12:00

This session aims to offer a forum for attendees to ask questions relating to UC and housing, to our specialist panel. Universal Credit (UC) is being introduced on a phased geographical basis across Northern Ireland between September 2017 to December 2018. When introduced in an area, claimants will no longer be able to make a new claim to the benefits being replaced, and will need to claim UC. People experiencing a change of circumstances during this "roll out" period will also need to apply for UC. The managed migration of all claimants is scheduled for July 2019 – July 2022.

UC affects tenants and landlords across all tenures, it also impacts owner occupiers.

This session provides a fantastic opportunity to have any housing related UC questions answered by an expert team. It will also offer a platform to engage with other housing professionals and enhance your understanding of the emerging issues and impacts.

By the end of the session you will have a specialist understanding of the impacts of UC.

For more information on Housing Rights Training Courses and seminars and to book places, go to; <http://www.housingrights.org.uk/training-events>

NICVA Fundraising Regulation Seminar

12 June 2018 - 10:00am to 12:30pm

A free "one-stop" seminar covering everything you need to know to keep your fundraising legal, ethical and fully respectful of those who entrust their money to your organisation.

The Fundraising Regulator is England, Wales and Northern Ireland's new independent charitable fundraising regulator, supported and funded by charities as a commitment to fundraising self-regulation.

In conjunction with NICVA, the Fundraising Regulator is now inviting all NI fundraising organisations to a free "one stop" seminar aimed at explaining their role and remit and providing a deeper, more practical understanding of what constitutes good fundraising practice.

Stephen Dunmore, Chief Executive of the Fundraising Regulator, will cover:

- The Role of the Fundraising Regulator
- Benefits for Charities in working with the Fundraising Regulator
- The Code of Fundraising Practice
- Complaints and Investigations
- Levy and registration
- The Fundraising Preference Service
- Data protection, GDPR and fundraising

As well as the opportunity to meet with Stephen Dunmore, Chief Executive of the Fundraising Regulator, there will be round table discussions and a panel of experts will also be available to answer your queries on best practice in fundraising.

To find out all you need to know about best practice in fundraising please sign up below before 15th May 2018. Please note that places are limited to 2 people per organisation.

To book a place, go to; <http://www.nicva.org/event/fundraising-regulation-seminar>



Funding



Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme

The Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme takes a fresh approach to improving our local environment and building a sense of pride in our local communities.

Launched by Local Councils, the Department of Agriculture, the Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Choice Housing, McDonald's and Keep Northern Beautiful, the Small Grants Scheme provides support to volunteer projects that:

- Use innovative ways to reduce littering and dog fouling where you live
- Improve the way your local environment is looked after, whether urban, rural or coastal
- Contribute to the development of civic pride within a community with a focus on environmental improvement.
- To enhance or attract tourism to your community through environmental improvements.

Grants are available from £500 to £5,000 and are open to volunteer and community groups, all school and third level education organisations, youth groups and sports clubs undertaking civic pride projects in all Council areas. The Small Grants Scheme is also open to all Housing Association and Housing Executive residents with support from Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Choice Housing, and McDonald's throughout all council areas in Northern Ireland.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon, 28th May 2018.

For more information and application forms go to; <http://www.livehereandlovehere.org/cgi-bin/lhlh?action=viewtoapp>

Enkalon Foundation

Since 1985 Enkalon Foundation awards have been open to community groups and organisations across Northern Ireland. Historically the range of applicants has ranged from youth groups, senior citizens clubs, charities, self-help groups, animal welfare, arts and mental health groups. The Enkalon Foundation is a local grant-making trust which makes small grants primarily in the fields of cross-community, unemployment and generally helping disadvantaged people.

Scheme details

Amount Available: £200,000 (approx) - to Groups in Northern Ireland

Size of Grants: Up to £6,000 maximum.

Average grant size between £500 and £1,000.



For more information, go to; <http://www.enkalonfoundation.org/generalfundapplications.html>

Belfast City Council Small Grants Scheme

The following Small Grants are now open for applications.

- Community Festivals Fund
- Arts & Heritage Project Grant
- Policing and Community Safety Small Grant
- Good Relations Grant
- Saint Patrick's Celebration Grant
- Parks Events Grant
- Support for Sport Small Development Grant
- Support for Sport Large Development Grant
- Support for Sport Hospitality Grant
- Support for Sport Sporting Individual Grant



Belfast
City Council

The submission deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Friday 6 July 2018

For guidance notes, a list of workshops to be held throughout May and to apply online please visit the website at; www.belfastcity-grants.com

Power NI: Brighter Communities Fund

Power NI's brand new local funding initiative, Brighter Communities, makes £1000 available each month to NI community groups and individuals to help people implement innovative and creative projects which will change and improve their local community for the better.



Scheme details

The Power NI Brighter Communities programme is seeking applications from small or large community, sporting, charity, youth and all age groups who can propose a tangible project, activity or item which can be realised or executed once the funds have been received and within an 8-week timescale. Each month the winning group or organisation will get the opportunity to showcase their efforts and hard work through social media updates and reports outlining the project journey and ultimate successful actualisation.

Apply for up to £1,000 in funding to help your group reach its maximum potential – whether that is for equipment, kits or for a special project that will make a BIG impact!

Eligibility

Your group must:

- Be based in Northern Ireland
- Not have any political links
- Use the money for a tangible cause such as equipment or activity rather than running costs
- Agree to all PR & marketing activity following the journey of spending your Brighter Community Fund

For more information and to apply, go to; <https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/>

Heritage Lottery Fund: Our Heritage

Our Heritage is rolling grant programme for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK. You can apply for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £100,000.

Scheme details

Under this rolling programme, they fund applications from:

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Private owners of heritage, including individuals and for-profit organisations
- Partnerships of the above

If you are applying as a partnership, you will need to nominate a lead applicant. The lead applicant should provide a signed partnership agreement showing the involvement of each partner and how the project will be managed.

If private individuals or for-profit organisations are involved in a project, either as a partner or as the lead applicant, public benefit must outweigh private gain.

Here are some examples of the types of organisations they fund:

- Community or voluntary groups
- Community Interest Companies
- Charities or trusts
- Social enterprises
- Community/parish councils
- Local authorities

- Other public sector organisations, such as nationally funded museums
- Private owners of heritage, including individuals and for-profit organisations.

Heritage includes many different things from the past that they value and want to pass on to future generations, for example:

- Archaeological sites
- Collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives
- Cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes
- Historic buildings
- Histories of people and communities
- Histories of places and events
- The heritage of languages and dialects
- Natural and designed landscapes and gardens
- People's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history');
- Places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history
- Natural heritage including habitats, species and geology.

For more information, go to; <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/our-heritage>



Fund Supporting Summer Play Schemes is Open for Applications

Each year the Hilden Charitable Fund allocates a small budget to help community groups run summer play schemes for the benefit of disadvantaged children aged five to 18 years in the UK.

Grants of between £500 and £1,500 to support the following:

- Summer play schemes for children aged five to 18 years.
- Local schemes lasting for two to six weeks.
- Schemes with strong volunteer support.

The Hilden Charitable Fund

Some priority will be given to projects that show they are inclusive of children from refugee families and show involvement of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups.

Applications are invited from voluntary agencies in the UK with an income of less than £150,000.

For more information, go to; <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

The next deadline for applications is 1 June 2018.

Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund 2018 Opens for Round 2

The Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund provides grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations in Great Britain for projects or for equipment for people in need at the heart of local communities.

Projects can support a variety of people:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need.



Eligible projects should also be able to demonstrate that they have achieved at least one of the following Key Performance Targets for their beneficiaries:

- Decreased social isolation
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Improved resilience/coping mechanisms
- Improved life skills
- Improved opportunities

Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful. The Local Community Projects Fund is administered by seven charity committees throughout Great Britain. Please note that the programme is over-subscribed and there is huge competition for the grants available. In 2017 only 27% of eligible applications were awarded

For more information, go to; <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/>

The deadline for applications is 22 June 2018 (midnight) with decisions being announced by 17 August 2018.

CAP's Community Arts Projects 18-19 open for applications – closing 31 May

Community Arts Partnership's annual application process for the Community Engagement Programme is now open. The Community Engagement Programme, open to community groups right across Northern Ireland, is extremely wide ranging, making available free of charge, workshops in film-making, animation, carnival arts, ceramics, the ever popular eco-friendly Trash Fashion, visual arts, music, dance and drama.

CAP especially encourages applications from communities in areas experiencing high levels of deprivation or who feel that they are marginalised and facing greater challenges in life.



The programme offers participants workshops facilitated by highly skilled professional artists. We bring the workshops to participants, conducted in a familiar environment in a way which is accessible, friendly challenging and fun.

Or download [this Word Document](#), fill it in and send it to: julianne@capartscentre.com

Or download [this Word Document](#), fill it in and post it to: *The ARC, Floor 1, 7 Donegall Street Place, Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FN.*
