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# E-Zine



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Welcome to Supporting Communities 205th 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

## All Ireland Tenant Engagement Conference

Attention social housing providers, participation practitioners, community members and tenants who want to make a difference! Get ready for the first-ever All-Ireland Tenant Engagement Conference, taking place on **13th June 2023** at the **Carrickdale Hotel & Spa**, located between Newry and Dundalk.

Supporting Communities is excited to bring you this island-wide event featuring involved tenants, leading housing professionals, and customer engagement experts to discuss the latest trends and best practices in tenant participation.

Whether you are a landlord looking to improve your services and increase satisfaction rates, or a tenant seeking a better living experience, this conference is for you. You will have the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals, participate in interactive sessions, and hear from industry leaders on topics such as:

- Why Tenant Engagement is Important to your Business
- A Customer-Centric Experience: Putting Yourself in your Tenant's Shoes
- Tenants Speak: Why I am an Involved Tenant
- The Journey of a Small Voluntary Housing Body Embracing Tenant Engagement
- The Evolution of Tenant Participation

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn, network, and be part of shaping the future of tenant engagement in Ireland.

We are adding more information about the event online, and tickets will be on sale soon. Be sure to mark your calendar!

**DID YOU HEAR?**

**The first all-Ireland  
Tenant Engagement Conference  
is coming soon!**

Carrickdale Hotel  
County Louth  
Tuesday 13 June

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# Consultations

## What Is The Understanding Of The Financial Reporting Requirements In The Charity Sector In Northern Ireland

Tony Clarke and a group of Students from QUB have devised a short survey to gather some key pieces of information. We are hoping you can take the time to complete on financial reporting in the charity sector in NI.

In the last number of years, a lot has changed within the community and voluntary, charity and or 3rd sector. With the establishment of The Charity Commission for NI, revised SORP, small groups being told they need to report and have their accounts examined. From originally having to complete an annual monitoring return, to not having to complete the return, to now having to complete.

Confused? We understand why this may be the case. As small groups, we understand that not everyone joining a board / committee have experience or knowledge in financial reporting.

We are asking you to take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire about your understanding of the Financial reporting requirements in the charity sector in N.I.



Tony Clarke and a group of Students from QUB have devised a short survey to gather some key pieces of information. We are hoping you can take the time to complete.

Click here to complete the short survey:  
[Research Questionnaire: Financial reporting requirements in the charity sector in N.I](#)

If you have any questions or comments on the survey, you can email Tony Clarke directly on [tony@cabbs.co.uk](mailto:tony@cabbs.co.uk)

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## Charity Commission Strategic Plan and Engagement Strategy Consultation deadline extended

The Commission has extended the deadline for responses to its consultation on a new [strategic plan and engagement strategy](#). Both are designed to reflect the recommendations of the Independent Review of Charity Regulation commissioned by the Minister for Communities in January 2021. The consultation will now close at 5.00 pm on Monday 6 March 2023.

An online consultation event will take place on Wednesday 1 March, 10.00 am-12Noon. To book your place email: [events@charitycommissionni.org.uk](mailto:events@charitycommissionni.org.uk).



Other ways to provide feedback are available on the [Current consultations](#) page of the Commission's website.

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### Autism Strategy 2023-2028

Department of Health

[Autism Strategy 2023 - 2028 Consultation | Department of Health \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Closing Date; 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Principles for Vocational Qualifications in NI

Department for the Economy

[Principles for Vocational Qualifications in Northern Ireland | Department for the Economy \(economy-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Closing date; 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Action Plan

Department for the Economy

[Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Action Plan | Department for the Economy \(economy-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Closing date; 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# Policy and Practice Focus



## Guest Blog: The Chartered Institute of Fundraising in Northern Ireland

Paul Montgomery, Chair of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising Northern Ireland gives an overview of the work they do and how you can get involved.

### What is the Chartered Institute of Fundraising (CIOF)?

The Chartered Institute of Fundraising is the professional membership body for UK fundraising. We champion our members' excellence in fundraising and support fundraisers through professional development and education. We connect fundraisers across all sectors and skill sets to share and learn with each other, so that together we can best serve our causes and communities.

The Chartered Institute has a website full of information to support your fundraising and help you become the best fundraiser you can be. If you haven't visited the [Guidance and Resources](#) page before, get it bookmarked in your browser! It's going to answer a lot of the questions you have in the months and years ahead.

It's a national organisation, with a big local focus - but we also operate locally in Northern Ireland.

### What does CIOF Northern Ireland do?



Chartered Institute of Fundraising Northern Ireland

I've volunteered on the [Chartered Institute of Fundraising's Northern Ireland committee](#) for a number of years now. We're professional fundraisers, volunteering our time and experience to help build and support the local fundraising community. There's real excellence across fundraising in Northern Ireland and we're here to give it the focus it deserves, connecting fundraisers and sharing those skills so we can all support wider society.

We're passionate about fundraising and bringing the local fundraising community together. We do that by ensuring we get involved in the right discussions to help shape the environment for local fundraisers. We also

host networking and training events and we're working hard to bring back our annual conference and Fundraising Awards post pandemic.

### How can people get involved?

We try to do as much as we can, as well as we can, but we're a small group and we know our limits! We're currently looking for more brilliant people to join our team.

We're here for all professional fundraisers in our local sector. So, to make sure we're getting the right content for members, we try to include a broad mix of voices in our planning. We need people with all types of skills and from all kinds of backgrounds. Our committee volunteers come from both local and national charities, sole fundraisers to department heads and directors, representing a wide range of causes from health to the arts.

We have a wealth of experience in the team, but are fully aware that experience doesn't count for everything. In our latest round of [volunteer recruitment](#) we're particularly keen to bring in the voice of those new to fundraising. No matter where we are in our careers, we all have something to offer.

I work with a national charity, so I volunteer because I want to feel part of a local community. It puts me outside of my comfort zone sometimes, but in return I learn loads from the amazing people around me and get the chance to connect with lots of fundraisers across the sector, both locally and right across the UK and Ireland. If you've ever considered getting involved, I'd recommend it to anyone. There's no better time than the present, so please visit [here](#) or send me a message if you'd like to hear more about joining our local team.

## Ken Gibb: Britain's economic slowdown, the role of housing and land, and what to do about it

Professor Ken Gibb reflects on two recent newspaper articles which discuss unaffordable homes, mortgage debt reliance and land value tax.



In the last few weeks, two eminent broadsheet columnists coincidentally produced dovetailing pieces about the strategic need to remake housing policy. [Will Hutton, in the Observer](#), detailed the nature and wider significance of our wasteful housing (Hutton compared the ossifying declines and policy mistakes in sixteenth

century Venice and eighteenth century Spain as precursors for what is going on in the UK now). [Martin Wolf in the Financial Times](#) recognises that many of these weaknesses stem from government (and, with exceptions, economists) resistance to thinking seriously about land as a factor of production and makes an

economic and moral argument for Land Value Taxation (LVT), one backed by recent international econometric research.

Unaffordable homes and mortgage debt reliance, but no effective policy levers

Hutton argues, first, that downsizing to release equity, to help fund children into otherwise unreachable home ownership, is now a multi-billion pound annual wealth transfer that relies on baby boomers' good fortune to be recipients of long term rising real house prices. Your age and associated access to unearned housing wealth appreciation has never been more important in determining housing tenure. While it is the over 55s who now own the vast majority of housing equity, consider those future retirees who will now never own, will have to continue to pay rental costs in their retirement, and magic up sufficient pension income to get by.

Hutton contends that rising property costs and required increases in savings are leading to many households deferring children. This may help to explain declines in the UK's fertility rate which is well below replacement levels. He calls this a 'gathering social disaster'.

The blame is also placed on the Right to Buy (still forging ahead in England), which he argues should be suspended, as and until 'failsafe mechanisms' are found for replacing lost social sector homes one-for-one. We may wait a long time for that guarantee to be realised. Hutton reiterates long-standing themes in [his writing](#) that the UK needs a sustained programme of large-scale housebuilding including essential social and affordable housing.

At the same time, more broadly, he argues that the UK financial system is 'organised around' property lending that serves to support bank profitability and balance sheet 'soundness', for which reform, which will not be easy, is long overdue. Hutton also rails against the un-revalued council tax and the failure to make the most of land and property in our tax base. The political challenge remains one of facing down status quo vested interests, despite the belief that such voices do recognise that this is all unsustainable and driving the country inevitably onto the rocks. This is the inherent problem with [our form of residential capitalism](#). It cannot sustain but politically no leaders will allow the necessary changes to commence.

A case for land value tax?

Martin Wolf is a longstanding supporter of the land value tax. He thinks it is both efficient and morally just. However, a coalition of landowners and owner-occupiers has made it politically a non-starter. His argument for it now is in several stages.

First, the economic context requires a widening of the tax base (and redistribution of the sources of our tax burden) if we are to build economic growth, support public finances, stabilise our financial system and start to address inequality and intergenerational tensions. Echoing the financial points made by Hutton, Wolf

argues that because credit markets finance land ownership, rents on land become 'interest on unproductive debt' and, because of this tight relationship with debt finance, speculative-led land price volatility can seriously distort the macroeconomy.

Second, the moral case rests on the unearned nature of land value increases which are in large part due to the efforts of all the people who made a given local area richer, including the public and their taxes. 'A large part of the agglomeration value of productive cities is in this way captured by those who happen to own the land'. These were arguments we also made in the recent [Shaping Futures](#) report as part of an international study of remaking housing policy.

Third, while capital (and labour) is highly mobile and hard to tax, land is, by definition, fixed and easy to tax, and its supply is not so affected by its price. As Gareth James and I have argued [elsewhere](#), widening the tax base in this way could, on a revenue neutral basis, increase the tax take from an LVT but at the same time reduce marginal tax rates on mobile e.g. labour income taxes. Wolf reports a [2021 CEPR](#) paper that models a balanced budget approach, increasing the tax rate on land value from 0.55% to 5.55%, while at the same time cutting taxes on produced capital (by 28%) and labour (by 10%). Relative to trend, this is simulated to increase output by 15% in the model. This is an important validation of the underlying idea.

Like Hutton, Martin Wolf recognises the huge political challenges of the actual and perceived losses that landowners and owner-occupiers confront, also pointing out that the LVT may impact on hitherto agreed mortgage valuations. He makes three proposals: only introduce the LVT on future values above those of today's levels; phase the tax in slowly; actively compensate losers in the spirit of welfare economics models (which one could argue the balanced budget tax redistribution idea above would do).

The two provocative columns do us a useful service. They provide a sober appraisal and diagnosis of many of the key things that are wrong with the housing system (arguably, they could have also drawn out the link to [reduced productivity](#)). Second, they argue the case for a different approach and try to respond to the likely challenges from those opposed. It is a formidable political task that requires an articulate framing of the benefits and costs, and yes, compensation for losers, as well as stressing the importance of resetting the course of our economic system away from the rocks of excessive reliance on the flawed siren of Anglo-Saxon residential capitalism.

Prof Ken Gibb is director and principal investigator of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE). He is professor of housing economics (urban studies) within the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow.

*This article was originally published on the [CaCHE website](#)*



# Publications

## Live Here Love Here is Northern Ireland's largest civic pride programme



It's about loving where you live... and feeling empowered to take positive environmental action. Examples include: creating a community vegetable patch, organising a beach clean, or starting up a tool swap scheme.

Create your profile [here](#) and join us in doing something positive for your community today.

Sign up for the e-bulletin here; [Live Here Love Here - Show your support](#)



Please click the link below to access the latest edition of Inpartnership – the newsletter for PCSPs which highlights local events and initiatives; [Inpartnership Issue 12 \(pcsp.org\)](#)



The Environmental news bulletin is available at [ENRA-January-2023.pdf \(nienvironmentlink.org\)](#).

For other NIEL publications and events, go to; [www.nienvironmentlink.org](#)

## Signpost Express



Welcome to the latest issue of Signpost full of updated news for February 2023 with all the latest updates on information and activities relevant to older people and organisations supporting older people this month. [Age NI Signpost Express - February 2023 \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

## Chartered Institute of Housing Briefings



The cost of living crisis is having a huge effect across society, with social housing tenants some of the hardest hit. Our aim in creating this cost of living briefing series is to provide a succinct, insightful summary of the latest research and statistics alongside resident voice and sector response.

We hope you find these briefings useful to inform your understanding and help inspire innovation across the sector in dealing with the crisis.

[Cost of living crisis briefings - Chartered Institute of Housing \(cih.org\)](#)



Catch up on what's been happening at the Board in [Policing Matters February 2023 | Northern Ireland Policing Board \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](#) and the Human Rights Report of the Policing Board is available at; [Human Rights Annual Report 2021/22 \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](#)



RCN produces a range of publications including Rural Brief, a regular update of news and views affecting rural communities as well as Consultation Responses and Policy updates. A range of RCN publications is available at [Publications Archive - Rural Community Network](#)

## Scope<sup>NI</sup>

Available online, includes a series of important articles on a range of matters including the potential costs of hospital log-jams, the role of charities in all our futures and continuing failure in responding to children with special educational needs; Scope can be accessed at; <http://scopeni.nicva.org/>

# Events

## Fundraising Forum

Due to the success of Charter Institute of Fundraising NI Forum in November 2022, they are organising a Spring event focusing on two areas of fundraising we think you'll be interested in:



- Digital Fundraising – trends and best practice
- Success with Trusts and Foundations fundraising

### Facilitators:

The Digital Fundraising session will be delivered by Catriona Taylor – Co- Founder of Flourish Consulting. Flourish are an experienced partnership with over a decade working in the charity sector with a passion for supporting charities and the wider third sector across the UK. The Success with Trusts and Foundations session will be delivered by CIOF NI members, Jimmy Laverty and Treasa Rice who both have vast experience with funding applications, income generation strategies and implementation of organisational objectives.

**DATE:** Thursday 2 March 2023, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

**VENUE:** T3 Conference Centre, House of Vic-Ryn Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RF

**COST:** £10 Chartered Institute members - £18 non members

Join by registering at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spring-fundraising-forum-tickets-533785836807>.

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## Creating Safer Spaces: Raising Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) In Our Communities

'Raising Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) In Our Communities'. These events are aimed at all those working within the night time economy, be it hospitality transport or security, council staff and volunteers.



Event 1 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 9.30am – 11am at Holiday Inn Express, Antrim. Breakfast will be provided

Event 2 – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 9.30am – 11am at The Lodge Hotel, Coleraine. Breakfast will be provided

Please confirm place to [Julie.Pollock2@hscni.net](mailto:Julie.Pollock2@hscni.net) by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as places are limited.

## East Belfast Funding Fair

Wednesday, 8th March, 2023

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

East Belfast Network Centre,  
55 Templemore Avenue  
Belfast,  
Northern Ireland,  
BT5 4HP

Come to our East Belfast Funding Fair to meet funders face to face, find out what they have to offer, and discuss your ideas!

Supporting Communities and the Housing Executive are hosting this event at the East Belfast Network Centre, 55 Templemore Avenue.

The funders in attendance will be:

- National Lottery Community Fund
- Halifax Foundation
- Children in Need
- Keep NI Beautiful
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- and more to be confirmed!

### More Information

Contact Anita Doonan, Supporting Communities Funding and Social Value Officer  
email: [anita@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:anita@supportingcommunities.org)  
Tel. 07840849453



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# ALL-IRELAND TENANT ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

We're raising the standard of tenant participation. Join us!

## TUESDAY 13 JUNE

# Training

## Volunteer Now Training Sessions in March 2023

Volunteer Now has both safeguarding and volunteer management courses with places still available taking place in March. We have places on Keeping Children & Adults Safe: Policy Development on 1 March, Diversity, Equity & Equality Session 3 on 7 March, Volunteer Strategy on 15 March and Keeping Adults Safe: Recruitment, Selection & Management to name a few.



We also have 2 free VOLT Sessions in March – Engaging Students as Volunteers on 16 March and Volunteer Involvement of the Over 50's on 30 March.

To find out what's available and to book onto any of our courses, please click here – [www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/)

**Volunteer Now** Email: [info@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:info@volunteernow.co.uk)  
Tel: 028 9023 2020



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## Housing Rights Training

[Financial support and funding available to maintain your home](#)



**Online via Zoom**  
**Wednesday 8th March 2023 from 10am to 1pm**

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

This 3 hour zoom session will look at the various forms of discretionary support, financial assistance and charitable support that is available to your clients, in the interests of alleviating poverty and promoting greater security of tenure.

Housing Rights has found that affordability is consistently one of the top issues encountered by clients and is escalating with the ever growing Cost of Living Crisis. Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI) has also found that those living in both the social and private rented sectors are at risk of poverty after housing costs are met. This is particularly the case for low-income households in the private rented sector, who face a particularly high housing cost burden and a high risk of poverty.

This session will highlight possible funding avenues available to your clients to assist them in addressing their cost of living issues.

### Who should attend?

This course will be of benefit to:

- those working in the social housing sector
- private landlords and agents
- advice agencies who regularly deal with housing queries

Outcome of the housing training course:

By the end of this course, you will understand the various forms of discretionary support, financial assistance and charitable support that is available, in the interests of alleviating poverty and promoting greater security of tenure.

This course will take place online via Zoom.

### TRAINING COURSES

[Supporting people with housing rental debt](#)



## Reporting to the Charity Commission NI - Lunchtime Special Training

### Monday 27th February 2023 from 12 noon to 12.30 pm

How would you rate your understanding of the reporting requirements for the Charity Commission NI? Get a better understanding of the reporting guidelines and learn what you need to prepare for your annual report. Whether you need a quick refresher or just want a peek at the topic before committing to a longer course, our lunchtime taster sessions are perfect for you!

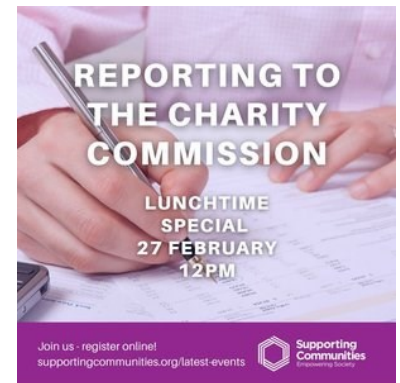
In just 30 minutes over your break, you can catch up on this important topic and be confident that your group's governance is getting a look in!

#### Register your place

**Please note, that this session is designed for community groups in Northern Ireland.**

This session will be held on Zoom. To register, [please fill in this form.](#)

If you have any questions, contact Aidan Kearney by email at [aidan@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:aidan@supportingcommunities.org).



## Writing Successful Funding Applications (Online Session)

### Wednesday 15th March 2023 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Join us for this short session looking at planning and completing a successful funding application. Learners will gain:

- an understanding of the key processes of a successful funding application
- increased confidence when approaching funders
- enhanced fundraising skills and knowledge

#### Register your place

To register for this course, [please fill in this form.](#)

**Please note, this session is designed for community groups in Northern Ireland.**



## Tenant Participation Awareness (Online Session)

### Wednesday 15th March 2023 from 12 noon to 1.00 pm



In this short session, we will raise your awareness of what tenant participation really means and why it is so important.

Whether you are a tenant yourself or work in housing, come along to get a better understanding of what we mean when we talk about engagement and meaningful participation.

We will touch on the following topics:

- The benefits of tenant participation
- Tenant participation approaches
- How to make it work

#### Register your place

**Please note that this session is designed for community groups in Northern Ireland.**

This session will be held on Zoom. To register, [please fill in this form.](#)

If you have any questions, contact Aidan Kearney by email at [aidan@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:aidan@supportingcommunities.org).

## Tenant Participation & Community Development (OCN Level 2)

6 Weeks from Wednesday, April 26, 2023 to Wednesday, May 31, 2023

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

This 6-week course looks at the intersection of tenant participation and community development. It is suitable for social housing staff and community workers who engage with social housing providers in **Northern Ireland**.

(We'll be offering another course aimed at housing providers and community workers in the Republic of Ireland as well - check back soon!)

This course will ensure participants can:

- Understand what tenant participation is
- Understand the policy context within the UK
- Know the tenant participation requirements in Northern Ireland
- Be aware of the range of approaches to tenant participation
- Understand the components of a good tenant participation strategy
- Understand what community development is
- Know the different approaches to community development
- Understand the community development process
- Be aware of the governance requirements
- Understand the links between tenant participation and community development

**Course Dates:** 6 Wednesdays from 26th April - 31st May 2023

**Time:** 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

**Venue:** Zoom

**Cost:** £337.50 per person

*This course requires a minimum of 8 participants to run.*

### To Register

Please contact Siobhán O'Neill at [siobhan@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:siobhan@supportingcommunities.org)



# Funding

## Cost of Living Grants

Cash for Kids has funds to support 2,800 children across Northern Ireland through the cost-of-living crisis, as part of £1 Million of Help we're distributing across the UK.

In response to the crisis hitting so many families right now we've launched this new fund, to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling.

These could include food, clothing and household energy costs, but we'll also consider anything that helps meet children's most basic needs.

Grants are £50 per child per household, and we aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible.



Please note that applications **must** come on behalf of a family from professionals within a governing body (e.g. social services, GP, teacher, charity, community group etc.) - families **cannot** apply directly.

For more information please visit [Grants | Cash for Kids | Helping the children that need it most](#)

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## Council Grant Aid Programme

Applications for Mid Ulster Council's Grant Aid Programme 2023/2024 have opened, closing date for majority of programmes is 16th March 2023 -

- Small Development Grant
- Community/Sports Venue and Facilities Grant
- Strategic Arts and Culture Development Grant
- Strategic Sports Development Grant
- Strategic Community Development Grant
- Strategic Events Grant
- Good Relations Grant (rolling programme)
- Community Festival Grant (rolling programme)
- Sports Representatives Grant Club/Teams (rolling programme)

- Sports representatives Individual Grant (rolling programme)
- Irish Language Activity Funding Grant
- Deontas do Ghníomhaíochtaí Ghaeilge
- MUDC Regional and Minority Language Bursary
- Sparánacht do Theanga Mionlaigh nó Réigiúnda CCLU



Comhairle Ceantair  
**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council

There is also a new online system to help improve the process for all those groups and clubs applying for funding. Give your project a boost by visiting <https://www.midulstercouncil.org/grants>

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## McCarthy Stone Foundation Small Grants Programme

The Foundation awards one-off grants to registered charities and community organisations working towards the primary focus of our charitable outcomes. We're keen to give grants to grassroots and volunteer led charities helping to make a difference in the community.

We are also running a Winter Warm Spaces grant programme, with 40 grants of £750 available for local groups providing a regular, warm meeting space for people over 65. [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.](#)

We know that many small organisations don't have the resources for complex or extensive grant applications and monitoring, so we will do our best to work with you to make the process simple, transparent, and fair. We will also work with you to help report on the impact the grant will have. You can also find out more in our [Grant Making Policy](#) that covers the processes and criteria in greater depth.

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## UK Youth – Cost of Living Fund

The cost-of-living crisis is having a profound and devastating effect on young people and the youth organisations they depend on as they struggle to keep up with the rising cost of inflation.

Already youth organisations are having to cut back on delivery or staff costs and in some cases, are closing their doors. This will result in a vital part of the youth ecosystem falling apart, unable to provide critical support to young people and impacting the key stages of young people's lives.

This new fund is a three-year unrestricted grant programme aimed at mitigating the devastating impact the cost of living crisis is having on the youth sector. The UK Youth Fund in partnership with Pears Foundation will provide targeted funding to youth organisations delivering high quality youth work to ensure doors stay open, bills get paid and youth workers receive the salaries they deserve. This will help to ensure young people continue to be supported at this most difficult of times by the youth organisations and youth workers on whom they've come to depend.

The Cost of Living grant programme is open to youth organisations based and delivering

high quality youthwork in the UK, with an annual turnover of £500,000 or less. The grant programme will offer 3-year unrestricted grants, of approximately 10% of current turnover of applicant organisations to reflect the current rate of inflation. However, applicants will have an opportunity to explain why they might need funding above and beyond this.

We are looking to identify and support youth organisations delivering high quality youth provision whose work is being hindered, curtailed or cut back due to rising core costs or a need to address unprecedented demand.

The application process is now open – and will stay open whilst funds remain to be distributed.

For more information and to apply please visit [The UK Youth fund in partnership with Pears Foundation - UK Youth](#)



## Move More and Eat Well

Up to £1000 of funding is being offered to local communities under a project developed by Council's Active Belfast partnership with the Public Health Agency.

The 'Move More and Eat Well – to Feel Better' funding opened for applications on Monday 6 February and takes a participatory budgeting approach.

This format encourages residents to pitch and vote on small-scale projects that will have a positive impact on physical activity and healthy eating in their area.

Chair of Belfast City Council's People and Communities Committee Councillor Micky Murray is keen to encourage applications and said: "Groups can apply for up to £1000 for ideas that they think their community will benefit from - as long as they're based around moving more and eating well as the title of the scheme suggests.

"Physical activity and healthy eating remain priority areas within the refreshed Belfast Agenda and our new draft action plan includes a clear commitment to trial and pilot participatory budgeting in the city.

"The fantastic part about this fresh initiative is that it is completely led by local people and allows them to identify their own needs and wants in their own communities. It gives residents a voice, brings people together and perhaps most importantly, enables them to have the final decision on which projects are brought to life."

David Tumilty from the PHA and Chair of the Active Belfast Partnership (ABP) said:

"In line with the Belfast Agenda and on behalf of Belfast Community Planning Partnership (BCCP), ABP is committed to delivering the first 'test & learn' pilot of participatory budgeting in Belfast, providing a way for local people to make decisions about how public money is spent.

"We are delighted to be running 'Move More and Eat Well – to Feel Better' and I want to thank all the community, voluntary and statutory partners who have worked together to make this happen. We hope this initiative will be a success, and that we and others will be able to learn from its development and delivery to inform the development of future participatory budgeting approaches."

Active Belfast is a partnership that includes a wide range of stakeholders from statutory, community and voluntary sectors who support the physical activity and healthy eating agenda in Belfast.

For more information on the funding guidelines and to submit your application, visit the Your Say Belfast website at <https://yoursay.belfastcity.gov.uk/>





## Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon - Coronation Community Event Grant

Grants are available to support the delivery of community events in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon that will celebrate the coronation of His Majesty the King in May 2023.

The funding is intended to provide financial support to local voluntary and community groups wishing to deliver events to celebrate the coronation during the period Friday 5th to Monday 8th May 2023.

Grants of up to £400 are available.

### Who Can Apply

Applications are accepted from organisations that:

- Are community based and have 90% of beneficiaries in the Council area.
- Are not for personal profit.

### Eligible Expenditure

The funding is used to support local, small-scale



community events or activities to celebrate the Coronation.

The types of event the Council may fund include:

- Tea parties.
- Exhibitions.
- Talks.
- Social events for young and old.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Grant Manager \(eformz.info\)](http://GrantManager(eformz.info))

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## Funding Opportunities - ABC Council

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council is offering financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for capital projects and The King's Coronation Grant for 2023/2024:

### Funding Opportunities

#### Large Capital Project Fund 2023 / 2024

Opens for applications at 9.00am on Monday 13th February 2023 and closes at 12 noon on Friday 27th October 2023, or when the budget is committed, whichever comes first.

#### Small Capital Project Fund 2023 / 2024

Opens for applications at 9.00am on Monday 13th February 2023 and closes at 12 noon on Friday 10th March 2023.

#### The King's Coronation Grant

Opens for applications at 9.00am on Monday 13th February 2023 and closes at 12 noon on Friday 3rd March 2023



Projects must not commence before the 1st April 2023.

Groups wishing to be notified of future funding opportunities and other relevant information should request their details be added to the Council's database by emailing [fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)

Further information, including details of how to apply and dates of proposed Virtual Information Sessions is available from [www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/community-grants](http://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/community-grants)

First point of contact is Valerie Leatham 07515607480.



## Small Grant and Technical Assistance Grant Aid Programme 2023-2024

The aim of the Community Development Grant Aid Programme is to provide financial support for projects which have Community Development as a primary objective that improve the lives of local people. Projects must develop a strong, healthy and vibrant community whilst encouraging maximum participation in community life by all residents.

### Who can apply?

Only properly constituted community, voluntary & charitable groups can apply to the grant aid scheme and must be able to meet the following conditions. The group must:

- Be comprised of at least six members.
- Be democratically accountable through regular public meetings.
- Hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Be properly constituted and include a decision making process, and aims and activities that are acceptable to the Council.
- Be managed by a publicly elected committee; the office bearing positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer must be held as a minimum.
- Demonstrate a fair and equitable ethos through their established aims and objectives in accordance with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act (1998).
- Demonstrate that proposed activities are not a duplication of other activities.
- Produce an annual statement of independently verified or certified accounts, or a bank statement for new groups only.
- Agree to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's monitoring, evaluation, and training procedures if required.



Projects must take place between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, any activity outside these timescales will not be eligible for funding.

### How to apply?

Applications will be available for completion online on the Grant Manager system at <https://antrimnewtownabbey.eformz.info> from 12 noon on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

The Small Grant & Technical Assistance Grant will be available on a rolling basis subject to the availability of funding and will open in February each year. If you are applying for the Small Grant please apply up to 8 weeks in advance of your project/activity starting or when your insurance is due for renewal as all applications need to be considered at two Council meetings.

For further information, please contact:

Kerry Brady – T: 07739 609 902  
E: [Kerry.Brady@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk](mailto:Kerry.Brady@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk)

Jonathan Henderson – T: 07733 263 202 E:  
[Jonathan.Henderson@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Henderson@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk)

## Keadue Community Grants Fund

Keadue Community Grants Fund was established by a local family to provide support to local organisations tackling the growing social need in Derry City and surrounding Waterside areas.

With these grants we aim to fund local organisations who are already making a difference in the lives of people who are struggling with difficult life issues and their subsequent effects.

Grants can be used to fund any of the following activities:

- An existing support programme
- Creation of a new programme
- Staff costs including salaries, core costs and specialist training
- Small scale capital costs including premises refurbishment and the
- purchase of equipment
- Events and awareness raising activities

- Capacity building activities to address elements of organisational sustainability
- Partnership building activities to strengthen support and impact
- Volunteer costs and associated expenses



### Grants available

Grant sizes will typically be between £10k and £20k to be awarded over periods of up to two years. Organisations can re-apply in subsequent years following completion of grant evaluation and monitoring reports.

Closing date for applications is 6th March 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit [Keadue Community Grants Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://www.keaduecommunityfoundationni.org)



## Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Grant Aid and Bursaries for 2023/24

### 1st Call for Applications – 2023 / 2024

Applications for the following grant aid & bursary streams opens on Monday 13 February 2023 and will close on Friday 3 March 2023 at 5pm.



#### Grant Aid:

- Community & Wellbeing
- Community Premises Support
- Good Relations
- Irish in the Community
- Remembering & Commemoration – Decade of Centenaries
- Seeding
- Summer Schemes 2023 – July/August
- Ulster Scots in the Community
- Verti-Draining

Funding covers the financial year 2023 – 2024

For further information and Guidance Notes on [Grant Aid Streams Open](#).

#### Bursaries

- Irish Language (Gaeltacht, Minors, Adult, Family)
- Irish Language (Academic)
- Sport

For further information on Bursaries. [Click Here](#)





## East Belfast

# FUNDING FAIR

Wednesday,  
8 March

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come to our Funding Fair to meet funders face to face, find out what they have to offer & discuss your ideas!

East Belfast Network Centre  
55 Templemore Avenue  
Belfast  
BT5 4HP

For more information, contact:  
Anita Doonan, Supporting Communities  
[anita@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:anita@supportingcommunities.org)  
07840849453

### Meet the Funders

- National Lottery Community Fund
- Halifax Foundation
- Children in Need
- Keep NI Beautiful
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award

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