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# E-Zine



**Supporting  
Communities**  
Empowering Society

Welcome to Supporting Communities 219th Edition of E-Zine, bringing you Best Practice from the Community Sector; Funding and Training Updates and Policy Developments in Northern Ireland, Great Britain and Republic of Ireland

## Housing Executive launches new mobile app and payment telephone number

The new payment app and phone line has been available from 1 October 2023.

The Housing Executive has developed a new updated mobile phone App and a new telephone payment number for tenants and customers. They are a convenient way for tenants to pay their rent, service charges, damages or repairs and legal costs, and housing benefit overpayments.

The new App can be downloaded free of charge directly from the Apple App or Google Play stores, by searching 'Housing Executive' or 'NIHE.'

The App can also be used to make payments at any of the over 450 PayPoint machines in local stores across Northern Ireland. Caroline Connor, Assistant Director of Housing Services who oversees income collection for the Housing Executive, said: "The new mobile phone App and telephone system will give tenants and customers quick and convenient payment options, that can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to fit in with busy lifestyles. Over 1,200 customers have been using the previous App that was launched several years ago.

"This new App will enable tenants and customers to make payments using their mobile device, or, for the first time, by using an exclusive App barcode on their mobile device at locations displaying the PayPoint sign. With hundreds of our customers and tenants already using PayPoint to manage other household bills, we hope our new App will provide an easy to use and convenient way for our tenants and customers to manage their payments.



"Customers who prefer to make payments with us by telephone can use our new automated payment line on 03303 903 048.

"This is a low cost number which is included in a large number of free-minute bundled talk packages with many mobile telephone service providers."

Once the App is installed, tenants and customers can store all their payment reference numbers, bank card details and payment amounts so they do not have to enter them every time they want to make a payment.

Using the new app, tenants and customers can:

- Use the PayPoint App barcode to make payments in any store displaying the PayPoint logo
- Manage payment cards – customers can use the app to manage payments for several services rent and rates, service charges, Housing Benefit overpayments, damages/repair costs, legal costs, ground rent and barcoded invoice requests
- Manage their account details
- Access the PayPoint store locator
- View their payment history

## Move to Universal Credit has commenced

**The final phase of Universal Credit (UC) implementation across Northern Ireland has commenced for those in receipt of tax credits and no other benefits.**

The 'Move to UC' started on Monday October 16th when Migration Notice letters will begin to issue across all postcodes to Working Tax Credits and/or Child Tax Credits recipients who receive no other benefit.

Universal Credit has been in place here since September 2017, replacing new claims to Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment & Support Allowance, Housing Benefit (rental) and tax credits. The final stage of the 'Move to UC' involves moving those who are still in receipt of the benefits and tax credits being replaced by Universal Credit.



Deputy Secretary of Work and Health at the Department for Communities, Paddy Rooney said: "We are approaching the final implementation stage of UC with the utmost care. "We will closely monitor the impact of implementation and ensure that all of the proper help, advice and support is available to everyone throughout the 'Move to UC' process."

Migration Notice letters will be issued from the Department explaining what people need to do and will include signposting to help for those who need it. Working Tax Credits and/or Child Tax Credits recipients who receive no other benefit do not need to do anything unless they receive a Migration Notice letter from DfC.

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## Testing demand for social and affordable homes in Moneyglass in Co Antrim

Pictured in Moneyglass, Co Antrim where the organisation is conducting research into local demand for social and affordable homes is (left to right) Ruth Buchanan, Rural Housing Association, Eoin McKinney, Housing Executive Rural Officer and John Magill Housing Executive Patch Manager.

Research on the demand for social and affordable housing in Moneyglass, Co. Antrim is now being conducted by the Housing Executive and the Rural Housing Association.

Potential residents are being urged to register their interest in living in the area before Friday November 3, 2023 by calling [028 9598 2502](tel:02895982502) or emailing [rural.housing@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:rural.housing@nihe.gov.uk).

An online form has also been made available and can be accessed by visiting [nihe.gov.uk](http://nihe.gov.uk).

Housing Executive staff are very keen to engage with any potential residents who would like more information. Tim Gilpin, Rural and Regeneration Manager at the Housing Executive, explained: "A Rural Housing Needs Test is an opportunity for people in Moneyglass and the surrounding district to find out more about housing options in the area. Quite often, especially when we have very few social homes in an area, people don't see the value of coming forward to put their name on the waiting list. "But we use the local waiting list to determine housing need and to support housing associations in developing new homes, so it's vitally important that people tell us there is a demand.

"If we find there is demand for new homes, then we can engage with a housing association to examine the potential for a new-build scheme in the district. Breige Mullaghan, the Housing Executive's local Area Manager, is also urging local people to express an interest if they want to live in a social home.

She said: "This exercise will help us to determine the need for new housing in this area and I'd encourage interested local residents to get in touch.

"While the Rural and Regeneration Unit examines the potential for new housing, you will still be considered for any housing that might become available if you are already registered with us or a housing association."



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## Be Halloween Safe

Halloween can be an exciting time but it comes with an increase risk of accidental fires due to fireworks, candles, fancy dress and bonfires. These simple tips can make Halloween a safe night for everyone:

### Fireworks

Greater availability has increased the popularity of fireworks yet, despite the warnings, their use can often end in disaster with a visit to the hospital. Remember:

- Outdoor fireworks cannot be bought in Northern Ireland without a licence.
- Ensure fireworks comply with BS-EN 15947 – 2015.
- Read the instructions carefully before use and always supervise children around fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box away from the reach of children.
- Only light fireworks outside in an open space; ensure anyone watching stands well back.
- Light them one at a time, at arm's length, using a taper.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off; it could still explode.
- Keep pets indoors.

Further information can be found at [www.saferfireworks.com](http://www.saferfireworks.com) or [www.nidirect.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/fireworks).

### Sparklers

- Never give sparklers to children under the age of five.
- Always wear gloves with sparklers, 'preferably leather' and a coat if using when wearing Fancy Dress.
- Hold it at arm's length and never wave sparklers at someone else as you could burn them.
- When the sparkler has finished put it into a bucket of cold water immediately.

### Fancy Dress

Fancy Dress can be Highly Flammable and is not considered clothing but a toy in safety standards.

- As toys meet a lower fire safety standard than clothing, fancy dress MUST be kept away from NAKED FLAMES.
- Ensure fancy dress clothing has safety standard mark such as BS EN and a label: 'KEEP AWAY FROM FIRE' in red.
- If using sparklers get kids to don a coat and gloves.



Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service

- Washing fancy dress at more than 50 degrees Celsius will reduce fire resistance over time.
- Be sure everyone in fancy dress knows how to 'Stop Drop and Role' if their clothes catch fire'.
- Choose a costume and mask that doesn't restrict a child's visibility.
- Ensure children are supervised at all times.

### Road Safety

- Halloween means that there will be more children out on the streets. Drivers need to take extra care especially when driving in residential areas. Drivers should:
  - Reduce their speed in residential areas.
  - Watch out for children, many of whom will be wearing costumes with masks that often restrict their visibility and makes it more difficult for them to see when crossing the road.
  - Remember to enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
  - Reduce your distractions in the car and stay alert.

### Bonfires

- Keep bonfires to a manageable size, in a clear space, at a safe distance from buildings and overhead cables.
- The bonfire should not contain potentially hazardous material which may explode or give off toxic fumes.
- Never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin as these can produce explosive vapours.

### Tips for Parents and Carers

- Remind children to be extra careful when crossing any roads.
- Choose a costume and mask that doesn't restrict a child's visibility.
- Provide children with a torch or glow stick as part of their costume.
- Avoid using a naked flame or candle in pumpkins; use a torch or battery-operated candle.
- Tell children to stay away from any naked flames. Be sure they know how to 'Stop, Drop and Roll' if their clothing catches fire and call 999 if required.

For further information phone NIFRS HQ 028 9266 4221 or visit [www.nifrs.org](http://www.nifrs.org)

## Introduction to Digital - What the sector needs and how NICVA can help

NICVA met with digital leaders from across the UK and asked - What is digital? And what can we do to make sure our sector is maximising its potential.

Digital is a term used a lot in our sector but what does it really mean?

This week, as part of our Future Thinking Series' Digital Month, we met with experts from across the UK to talk about digital, what it means, what are its possibilities and what role does NICVA have in supporting our sector to maximise the benefits.

We heard from the authors of the [Wired Up report](#) about the current state of digital awareness and readiness in Northern Ireland.

As well as this, we heard from [SCVO](#) about their long digital journey and how they're supporting the sector in Scotland to be at the forefront of digital thinking and infrastructure.

Finally, we heard from [Catalyst](#), a UK wide digital development network who help organisations in our sector explore digital and maximise their potential.

[You can view the Catalyst slides here](#)

All of our contributors had a range of resources and information to share, all of which we've compiled below in a handy list of links.

NICVA's Robbie Best, Head of Communications, and Sandra Bailie, Head of



Organisational Development said: 'It was fantastic to hear the Wired Up? Report and get such a detailed run down on where the sector is sitting with digital at the moment. This kind of information is vital if NICVA is to make an impactful intervention.

'Hearing from SCVO and Catalyst, two undoubted experts at the forefront of this work, was not only a real privilege but also truly inspirational.

'At NICVA, we pride ourselves in being able to identify and bring these kind of speakers to Northern Ireland and we can't wait to bring even more.

'The job for us now is to build on this work and to make sure our sector is at the forefront of digital – now, and into the future'.

For more information and to access the presentation materials and background reports, go to; [Introduction to Digital - What the sector needs and how NICVA can help | NICVA](#)



# Consultations

## **Integrated Education Act Action Plan**

Department of Education

[Integrated Education Act Action Plan | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

**Closing date; 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

## **Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in NI**

Department of Education

[Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in Northern Ireland | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

**Closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

## **Review of energy efficiency requirements and related areas of Building Regulations**

Department of Infrastructure

[Consultation on a review of energy efficiency requirements and related areas of Building Regulations | Department of Finance \(finance-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

**Closing date; 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## **Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)**

Department of Education

[Relationships and Sexuality Education \(RSE\) Consultation | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

**Closing date; 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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# Policy and Practice Focus

## Subject access requests (SARs) and Privacy notices

Sandra Bailie of NICVA writes



This is a resource based on the ICO guidance on subject access requests (SAR) for organisations and how to write and communicate privacy notices.

### Subject Access Requests (SAR)

Individuals have the right to obtain a copy of their personal data (and other supplementary information). It does not entitle individuals to receive full copies of original documents. A SAR can be made in writing, verbally, or on social media. It must be provided free of charge

### Preparing for SARs

- What personal information do you process?
- Is it kept up to date?
- Is it searchable and clearly labelled?
- Do you have a retention policy?
- Are staff adequately trained?
- Do your staff use personal devices for work?
- Do any third-party service providers process personal data on your behalf?

### Exemptions

- There are several exemptions from the right of access.
- Not all the exemptions apply in the same way.
- Should be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- You should justify and document your reasons for relying on an exemption.
- [More information on exemptions](#)

### Dealing with information request

[ICO has a step-by-step guide to dealing with an information request](#)

1. Choose a data protection lead
2. Know who you're dealing with
3. Check the request is valid
4. Set reminders
5. Consider the request – what have they asked to see
6. Search for the information
7. Consider what you need to redact
8. Consider the impact of releasing information about other people
9. Prepare your reply
10. Send your reply securely and keep a record of what you've sent

### Privacy Notices

Before you begin: think about what data do you hold and map out information flows. You need to be able to answer a number of questions. This will then allow you to work out what needs to go into your privacy notice.

[Guidance on how to write a privacy notice](#)  
[Privacy notice template](#)

### How to provide privacy information

You can provide this information through a variety of media:

- Orally - face to face or when you speak to someone on the telephone (it's a good idea to document this).
- In writing - printed media; printed adverts; forms, such as financial applications or job application forms.
- Through signage - for example, an information poster in a public area.
- Electronically - in text messages; on websites; in emails; in mobile app

### Tips on presenting privacy information:

- Use clear, straightforward language.
- Adopt a style that your audience will understand.
- Don't assume that everybody has the same level of understanding as you.
- Avoid confusing terminology or legalistic language.
- Draw on research about features of effective privacy notices.
- Align to your house style.
- Align with your organisation's values and principles.
- Be truthful. Don't offer people choices that are counter-intuitive or misleading.
- Follow any specific sectoral rules.
- Ensure all your notices are consistent and can be updated rapidly.
- Provide separate notices for different audiences

### Further information and resources

ICO toolkit for small and medium sized organisations -

- [Advice for small organisations | ICO](#)
- [The right to be informed | ICO](#)
- [Right of access | ICO](#)
- [Lawful basis interactive guidance tool | ICO](#)
- [privacy-notice-checklist.pdf \(ico.org.uk\)](#)
- [privacy-template.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Contact information for ICO in Northern Ireland  
To contact the NI ICO office - Phone 0303 123 1114  
or Email - [ni@ico.org.uk](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

Subscribe to ICO e-newsletter [here](#)

[Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#)

# 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](#)



Catch up on what's been happening at the Board in [Policing Matters July 2023 | Northern Ireland Policing Board \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](#) and the Chief Constable's Report to the Policing Board June 2023 is available at; [chief-constables-report-northern-ireland-policing-board 0.pdf \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](#)



The Report "Linking the Irish Environment" is available at [Linking-the-Irish-Environment-Executive-Summary-June-2023.pdf \(nienvironmentlink.org\)](#). For other NIEL publications and events, go to; [www.nienvironmentlink.org](#)



Please click the link below to access the latest newsletter for PCSPs which highlights local events and initiatives; [PCSP Projects coming to Life | Policing and Community Safety Partnerships \(pcsp.org\)](#)



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](#)



Welcome to the latest issue of Signpost full of updated news for September 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-september-2023.pdf \(ageuk.org.uk\)](#)

Please see the list of following jobs currently available at the Housing Executive:

- 2023-176 - Team Leader – Accounts
- 2023-179 - Senior Officer - Income
- 2023-180 - Senior Officer (Development Programme Group)
- 2023-181 - Research Officer

Further information on these jobs can be found at the GetGot website which can be accessed by clicking this [link](#) and typing 'Housing Executive' into the search bar.



# Events

## Discovering the Power of Volunteering

**Date:** Wednesday 8th November 2023

**Cost:** £40 +VAT

**Time:** 9.45am to 3.30pm

**Location:** Belfast City Hall



In today's rapidly evolving world, the landscape of volunteering is undergoing a transformation. Are you ready to seize the opportunity and engage a new wave of volunteers effectively?

Volunteer Now are delighted to partner with [Martin J Cowling](#) and [Rob Jackson](#) to bring you Discovering the Power of Volunteering for International Volunteer Manager's Day in November!

This dynamic and engaging seminar is designed to equip your organisation with the insights and practical tools to attract, engage, and retain dedicated volunteers who will drive your mission forward. We'll also explore the development of methods for measuring the contribution volunteers make to an organisation and society, why you should measure volunteering and more.

*Together, let's create a powerful force for positive change in our communities.*

**Book here:** [https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/course/discovering-the-power-of-volunteering/cid\\_0/](https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/course/discovering-the-power-of-volunteering/cid_0/)

*If your organisation has an income of £50,000 or less per year, we have some free places available. Please note: this is on a first come, first served basis and we only have a limited number of free places. If this applies to you, please email [Deborah.Kyburz@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:Deborah.Kyburz@volunteernow.co.uk) to request a free place.*

Our thanks to the High Sheriff of Belfast, Dr John Kyle for the invitation to hold this event at Belfast City Hall. We are thrilled that John has chosen Volunteer Now as one of his charities this year.



**West Area  
FUNDING  
FAIR**

**Wednesday,  
22 November**  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Meet the  
Funders!**

Waterside Shared  
Village



## West Area Funding Fair

**Date: Wednesday, 22nd November 2023**

**Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Waterside Shared Village  
61 Irish Street, Londonderry/Derry,  
Northern Ireland, BT47 2DB**

Come to our West Area 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 Waterside Shared Village. If your organisation would like to take a stand at this event, get in touch with Anita!

### More Information

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



# Training

## Volunteer Now Training Sessions in November 2023

### Keeping Children Safe: Training for Staff and Volunteers



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This training will be delivered in 2 parts: **Part 1: 10.00am – 12.30pm**  
**Part 2: 1.00pm – 3.30pm**

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

It will cover:

- the legal and policy context of safeguarding children;
- what abuse is and what we know about abuse;
- procedures for reporting concerns;
- creating a safe, child centred environment; and
- code of behaviour for staff/volunteers and children/young people.

This training will be delivered in 2 parts.

This training is available for those working or volunteering in the Northern and Western Trust areas. For training in the Belfast and South Eastern Trust areas please contact the relevant Keeping Safe Initiative: <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/organisations/safeguarding/keeping-safe-initiatives/>

Alternatively, we can provide tailored training for your team (across Northern Ireland): <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/tailored-training/>

Find out more and book your places here – <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/>

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## Housing Rights Training

### Housing advice training programme



**Location; Online**

**Date: 7th November 2023—12th December 2023**

**Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm**

The essential course to give you an all-round knowledge of housing in Northern Ireland.

*Voluntary and Community from £343.00 / £410.00*

*Public and Statutory from £571.00 / £695.00*

### Book now

This course will cover all tenures of housing in Northern Ireland. It will provide a strong knowledge base to help you support your clients with their housing issues.

You will also have the opportunity to attain an OCN level 3 accreditation on completion of the course. Course fee includes OCN accreditation fee.

This course will take place over six sessions (7 November, 14 November, 21 November, 28 November, 5 December, 12 December)

**For more information on Housing Rights Training, courses and seminars, go to;**  
[Housing Rights Training](#)

# Funding



**BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK**  
8-17  
MARCH  
2024

*If your community group works with people who may not usually engage with science you may be eligible for a grant*



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British Science Association is a registered charity: 212479 & SC039236, 165 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HD.

Grants of £500 or £1000 to help community groups run activities during British Science Week for people who are underrepresented in science. These people include those who are:

- from ethnic minority backgrounds
- living in communities which face deprivation, including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income
- with a disability or long-term health condition
- living in a remote and rural location (i.e. a settlement of less than 10,000 people)
- girls and women\*.

\*For community groups working with girls and women, we prioritise those who work with at least one other underrepresented group.

Read our case studies to discover how other groups have put their grants to best use!  
[www.britishscienceweek.org/bsw-community-grant-case-studies](http://www.britishscienceweek.org/bsw-community-grant-case-studies)

Find out more and apply online by 11.59 pm on Monday 6 November 2023



Apply here: [bsa.sc/bswCG](https://bsa.sc/bswCG)

## LCCC Hardship Funding Programme 2023/24


Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has developed a Hardship Funding Programme to support constituted/legally governed community and voluntary /not for profit organisations to address hardship due to the current cost of living crisis, particularly the increase in energy and food costs. There is an overall allocation of £140,000 available.

The Hardship Funding Programme is developed in recognition of the difficult financial circumstances which currently exist in the community and voluntary sector, especially in respect of covering basic overheads which have increased substantially in cost.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon Friday 3rd November. Late applications will not be accepted.

This fund aims to assist local grass roots groups to:

- keep their community buildings operational for existing services
- provide additionality in programming for local

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community/individuals who are facing hardship

  - enhance service delivery by keeping facilities open and possibly longer during the autumn/winter months
  - provide sustenance and resources for the local community/individuals including supporting or developing community fridge initiatives, addressing fuel poverty, holiday hunger initiatives and/or meal projects
  - develop or enhance a community planting scheme for materials to grow and supply perishable goods in their community.

For more information and to apply please visit [Hardship Funding Programme \(lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk\)](https://lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk)



## Sports Group Grants

The Public Health Agency, through the Clear Project, are offering constituted voluntary sector sports clubs in the Western Trust area the opportunity to avail of training, which will help them support their members and receive up to £500 worth of relevant sports equipment for their club.

In order to receive this aid clubs must:

- Be a constituted voluntary sector sports club and enclose a copy of this document and a list of their committee members.
- Be appropriately insured or prepared to obtain appropriate insurance if awarded.
- Enclose the most recent annual accounts or statement of income and expenditure which must be approved and signed by an officeholder.
- Operate within the Western Trust area.
- Have a significant impact upon or involvement from their local community.
- Must have a minimum of 3 to 5 members attend training, either [safeTALK](#) or another relevant approved mental health programme ([Level 1 Sport NI Level 1 Mental Health Awareness e-learning module](#) and [Zero Suicide Alliance](#)).

Please note: This must be members who have a significant input / involvement / role within the club.

Equipment requested should help the club develop activities that meet the needs of the local community and support the delivery of the 'Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing'. These are five simple steps to help maintain and improve your wellbeing through the themes of 'Connect', 'Be active', 'Take Notice', 'Keep Learning' and 'Give'.

To claim funding from the Clear project clubs will be asked to:

1. Submit grant application, then once accepted complete training.
2. Seek out a quote for the equipment (quote to be approved by the Clear Project).



3. Pay the chosen supplier directly. Where a club cannot provide sufficient evidence of proper financial processes, the Clear Project will pay for direct invoices/items needed.
4. Submit an invoice made out to the Clear Project for the amount spent, accompanied with the receipt/s as proof of purchase.

If the club does not have the finances, then requests for advance payment will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any relevant sports club within the Western Trust area can apply for the funding however preference will be given to:

- Groups operating in the top 20% most disadvantaged Super output areas (SOA's).
- Those with lower capacity.

Please note: The funding award will not be released until all training has been completed, and all paperwork has been returned. All training must be completed by 31st January 2024.

*Closing date for application is Monday 6th November, at 3pm*

To apply, please download and complete an application form below:

- [Announcement Flyer](#)
- [Guidance for Applicants - Process for purchase of Sports Equipment](#)
- [Application form 2023](#)
- [safeTALK Training Flyer](#)
- [Take 5 Flyer](#)
- [List of SOA's](#)

Completed application forms and supporting documents will be accepted by email to [annemarie@dhcni.com](mailto:annemarie@dhcni.com)

## The Pink Ribbon Foundation

Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant.

To be considered for a grant in 2024, please submit your grant application to the Foundation by Friday 31st May 2024. Grants are awarded annually in late July. Please note the following:

- All applicants must be prepared to inform the Foundation of their projects progress at least twice in the year of the grant, unless it is to be used for a specific event then only one report is required.
- A set of your most current accounts must accompany any grant application.



- All organisations awarded a grant must send an email of grant award recognition to the Foundation as soon as they are in receipt of the grant.

For more information and to apply, please visit [The Pink Ribbon Foundation](#)





## Skills and Innovation Fund

We are delighted to announce the launch of the second year of the Tackling Textiles Grant: Skills and Innovation. This follows the successful pilot grant last year, where we supported five different projects across Northern Ireland.

These projects included:

- developing skills within schools and communities around repair and reuse.
- supporting vulnerable groups to access sewing classes.
- developing innovative online resources to inspire people.
- supporting a local business to bring sewing and repair skills into the community and corporate world.

We are looking for your ideas that support tackling textile waste through waste prevention, reuse, repair and reimagine.

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful is administering the grant provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Waste Prevention Policy Branch to explore ways to reduce the environmental impacts of textiles.

The production, consumption and disposal of clothing and textiles is a growing environmental issue both locally and globally. Across the UK we are throwing away over one million tonnes of textile waste with up to 300,000 tonnes ending up in landfill or incinerated\*.

According to WRAP clothing/textiles has the fourth largest environmental impact after housing, transport, and food.

We are looking for your ideas that help tackle this growing issue.

### Value of grants available

Between £500 to £2,500

We would welcome applications from the following types of organisations:

- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (under 250 employees)
- Social enterprises
- Charities

- Not for profit organisations
- Community & voluntary groups

Currently not open to:

- School and third level education organisations
- Sports clubs, churches, and youth groups
- Unconstituted groups
- Large enterprises (over 250 employees)

### What type of projects will the Tackling Textile – Skills & Innovation Fund?

We are looking for ideas that support:

1. Waste Prevention
2. Reuse and Repair Models
1. Reimagine

#### Waste Prevention

Materials and design innovation is critical to the future of a circular economy. By preventing waste at the design stage of product development, we can have consumption that is healthier and performs better for our people and the planet.

#### Reuse/Repair Models

Reuse and repair are essential in the development of a more circular economy. Reuse of products and materials is more beneficial as it retains a product's inherent value by keeping it in use for longer. This minimises waste, create jobs, has positive social impact, reduces consumption, and associated carbon impacts.

#### Reimagine

Climate change is real; we know the impact; we know we must act, and we know that we must make changes to our current model of 'take-make-dispose.' We are looking for new ways to tackle the problem of production, consumption, and disposal of textile waste with the aim of creating a more circular textile economy.

For more information and to apply please visit [Tackling Textiles - Skills and Innovation Fund \(Pilot Programme\) \(etinu.net\)](https://www.etinu.net)

Closing date for applications is Thursday 9th November 2023 at 5pm



## Renewable Energy Fund

Sport NI Renewable Energy Fund is a £1million pound National Lottery investment for 2023/24, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of sports clubs throughout Northern Ireland.

The Renewable Energy Fund has one overarching objective:

“To reduce the environmental impact of sports clubs in Northern Ireland.”

However, the programme also has secondary objectives, which reflect commitments made in Sport NI’s Corporate Plan – The Power of Sport (2021-2026), including:

- To reduce the environmental footprint of sports clubs.
- To reduce carbon emissions at sports clubs.
- To contribute to a more sustainable sports club network.
- To create a ‘greener’ sports club sector.
- To save on utility bills and reduce costs, enabling sports clubs to redirect resources back into their clubs/sport.

REMEMBER: any applicant making an application must also complete an [Environmental Sustainability Survey](#) to be eligible.

### HOW THIS PROGRAMME WILL BE DELIVERED

In 2023/24 the Renewable Energy Fund will operate as a ‘pilot programme’. Subsequently, the ‘pilot’ will not use scoring criteria and applications will not be assessed. The primary purpose of the pilot programme is to provide learning to Sport NI so that we become more knowledgeable about types of energy interventions and their impact, as well as helping to shape future rounds of the Renewable Energy Fund (subject to budget availability).

The application form takes approximately 1-2 minutes to complete. Applications to this Pilot Programme will be selected at random (process outlined in the information and guidance notes), with those selected progressing with project delivery. The programme is being delivered in two main stages:

- Project Development and Project Delivery.

At the Project Development stage, applicants will be



required to procure an energy consultant to undertake a ‘building energy survey’ which will identify potential energy projects (more information at Chapter 11). At the development stage the maximum project value will be £3,000.

At the Project Delivery stage, applicants will procure suppliers/contractors to undertake the installation works for the preferred energy project (more information at Chapter 11). At the delivery stage the maximum project value will be £30,000.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

The Renewable Energy Fund Pilot Programme will ONLY accept applications from the following organisations who either own or operate their own sports facilities:

- Sports clubs (affiliated to a Sport Northern Ireland recognised governing body of sport).

### WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED?

Sport NI are interested in taking forward the following types of energy projects within sports clubs:

- Solar Energy Systems (and ancillary equipment).
- Air Source Heating Systems (and ancillary equipment).
- Ground Source Heating Systems (and ancillary equipment).
- Sustainable Water Recycling Systems.
- Fixed Floodlight Upgrades (Specifically upgrades to LED Bulbs and Connection to Grid).

Sport NI may consider alternative interventions if recommended in your club energy audit, and if the benefits of that intervention have been clearly articulated.

For more information and to apply, please visit [Renewable Energy Fund | Sport NI](#)  
Deadline 30 October 2023 (4pm).





## EA Foundation Offers Funding to Improve Lives of Disadvantaged Communities

The EA Foundation was established in 2021 by the co-founders of Energy Aspects, a data & intelligence company headquartered in the UK. The EA Foundation has been set up to improve the lives of disadvantaged communities around the world. To date, the EA Foundation has received over £5 million of donations, which it will distribute over the coming years.

The funding is intended for charitable projects which align to at least one of the following four funding priorities:

- Provide educational opportunities, particularly for disadvantaged individuals and communities.
- Improve access to basic services and infrastructure to disadvantaged communities, including but not limited to healthcare, clean water and electricity.
- Support people in reduced circumstances, without sufficient means, or those who are experiencing times of need thereby providing important support for the relief of poverty or other forms of disadvantage such as disability.
- Address environmental challenges and promote sustainable development, both and through the pursuit of the other key areas of focus.



# EA Foundation

There is no specified upper or lower grant limits. However, based on the Foundation's current giving trends to date, the grants approved have averaged between £20,000 - £50,000 for an average duration of 12-24 months. Applicants are encouraged to operate a full cost recovery mode by including all relevant costs of their project in the budget, including proportionate costs of overheads related to the effective delivery of the project.

UK-based charitable entities can apply. Applications will be considered from a diverse range of organisations irrespective of turnover.

**The deadline for applications is 6 November 2023 (12 noon BST).**

For more information please visit [Home \(ea-foundation.org.uk\)](https://ea-foundation.org.uk)

## Funding to Help Disadvantaged Groups to Improve their Communication Skills (UK)

The Thomas Wall Trust is accepting applications from UK charities with a turnover of £10,000 to £500,000 that have been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available, and the Trust can support annual repeat funding for up to three years. The funding will support a project or running costs for a charity that equips disadvantaged people (aged 18 and over) with the communication skills ready for employment.

Priority will be given to:

- Match funded projects.
- Charities that can provide compelling evidence of impact.
- Charities working with collaborative networks.
- Self-sustainable projects, with a view to becoming less reliant on grants in the future.

## Thomas Wall Trust

Registered Charity No. 206121

There is particular interest in hearing from groups supporting people experiencing multiple deprivation or major hurdles to employment including women, people with physical, mental or learning disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers.

There is a two-stage application process.

The deadline for stage one applications is 8 January 2024 for consideration in March 2024.

For more information please visit [Thomas Wall Trust | Thomas Wall Trust](https://thomaswalltrust.org.uk)



## Community Benefit Funds administered on behalf of CFNI

The following Community Benefits are open for applications, closing date is 10th November at 1pm;

- Long Mountain Community Benefit Fund - [Long Mountain Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)
- Rathsherry Community Benefit Fund - [Rathsherry Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)
- Thornog Community Benefit Fund - [Thornog Community Benefit Fund - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)

Micro grants of up to £3,000 for small projects  
Strategic grants of £30,000 over a 2-year period for larger scale strategic partnership projects, with one lead applicant.

The fund welcomes applications from constituted community and voluntary groups that address the following areas:

- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Social, cultural or sporting benefit for the local community
- Educational issues with a sustainability angle
- Environmental benefit or economic benefit

More information is available in the following link - [Available Grants - Community Foundation Northern Ireland \(communityfoundationni.org\)](https://communityfoundationni.org)



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## Kellogg's School Breakfast Club Grants Accepting Applications for Autumn 2023 Funding Round

Kellogg's, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools across the UK to help fund breakfast clubs and ensure that children who need it most receive a morning meal.

Priority will be given to schools that either:

- Have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales); or
- Are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Only one grant per school in each academic year is available. A limited number of grants are available, and the fund may close at short notice if oversubscribed.

**Applications can be submitted at any time.**

For more information and to apply, please visit [Grants For Schools | Kellogg's \(kelloggs.co.uk\)](https://kelloggs.co.uk)



## Applications Invited for Arts Council of Northern Ireland Commissioning Programme

Funding is available for arts organisations in Northern Ireland to support the costs of new commissions for specific performances and/or other forms of public presentation.

Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Commissioning Programme is intended to enable organisations to produce new work. The finished work should be in a form capable of being presented, exhibited, published, performed and/or disseminated in its entirety at the point of completion in Northern Ireland (if applicable abroad) either live or online.

Priority will be given to applications that:

- Propose commissions of high artistic quality.
- Are planned to reach significant audiences primarily in Northern Ireland through live performance, exhibition, publication, broadcast, recording, and/or other audience channels.
- Provide for an extended life and/or extended public reach and impact for the work or project that has been created.
- Demonstrate a strong collaborative-engagement process between the commissioner, performers and the commissioned artist(s) in the development of the new work.
- Demonstrate innovation and deepen the experience

and understanding of the artform.

Grants of up to £25,000 are available for projects taking place between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

The grant supports fees paid to the artist(s) by the commissioning organisation. All other costs relating to the rehearsal, production, presentation, exhibition or dissemination of the commissioned work must be borne by the commissioner.

In addition to the maximum amount permitted, the Arts Council will also consider access costs specifically relating to the making of work by D/deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent artists. An amount of up to £3,000 each year is available within the grant for such successful applicants.

**The deadline for applications 1 November 2023 (12 noon).**

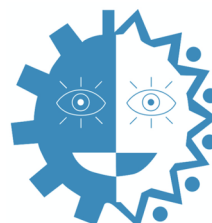
**For more information and to apply, please visit [National Lottery Commissioning Programme | Arts Council NI \(artscouncil-ni.org\)](https://www.arts-council.org/northern-ireland/commissioning-programme)**



## Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme

The Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) Programme is led by CDHN and funded by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), with strategic direction provided by a multi-agency Steering Group. BCPP supports communities and community pharmacists to work in partnership to address locally defined needs so that people make connections, listen to and understand each other better and work together to address the social determinants of health and health inequalities.

We recognise that health is impacted by much more than the everyday lifestyle decisions that we make, important as they are. Research shows that social isolation can be as damaging for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. With this in mind, our projects aim to address these wider issues and tackle the root causes of poor health. These vary greatly for different groups of people and may include mental health issues, housing issues, low educational attainment, poverty or debt. Group work and relationship building is at the core of all our projects. By sharing our assets, our lived experiences and supporting each other we can achieve great things.



Community Development & Health Network

For information on the Programme or for some support with your application, please contact a member of the BCPP team on 028 3026 4606.

### BCPP Closing Dates 2023/24

R45 - Level 2 Thursday 9th November 2023  
R46 - Level 1 Thursday 29th February 2024  
R46 - Level 2 Thursday 21st March 2024

Level 1 Application Pack - [Click here](#)

Level 2 Application Pack - [Click here](#)

Please visit [Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme | Community Development and Health Network \(cdhn.org\)](https://www.cdhn.org) for more information.



## A Million & Me – Big Sky Programme

BBC Children in Need is here to make sure that every child has the childhood they deserve and the support they need to thrive.

Our A Million & Me fund supports children aged 8-13 years old. It focuses on their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

This fund aims to provide support at an early stage, before mental health problems are established. As part of this programme, we focused on the impact of geographic isolation on children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Research by the Centre for Mental Health ([report](#)) highlights the voices of children are often absent from consultations. Dedicated support and funding should be allocated to reaching children in remote communities.

The Big Sky programme has been developed in response to these needs.

Grants are for early intervention approaches. These grants will support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children aged 8-13 years living in spatially isolated communities.

- This is an invite only programme for organisations working in rural, remote and island areas.
- As applications are by invitation only, they will be

developed through conversations with BBC Children in Need teams in each of the 4 nations and draws on our local knowledge and insight.



- We are committed to funding grassroots organisations across the UK, providing those vital positive relationships that support good emotional wellbeing and mental health.
- Funding of up to £5,000 will be awarded although we expect there to be mix in the range of grants awarded.
- Organisations can apply for up to 2 years, with no application deadlines. Applications must fit within BBC CiN localised funding plans and rural identifiers developed at a local level. Contact details for local teams are [here](#).
- Applicants may already hold a grant with us but we are keen to target organisations and groups that have not been funded by us.
- Organisations will only be able to hold one Big Sky grant.

For more information, please visit [Big Sky Programme - BBC Children in Need](#)

## Marine Litter Capital Grants Programme Accepting Applications

Funding is available for community groups, businesses and statutory bodies in Northern Ireland to purchase equipment for projects to reduce marine litter.

Live Here Love Here Marine Litter Capital Grants are provided by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through the Live Here Love Here collaborative partnership, involving DAERA, ten local councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

The programme is inviting applications from a range of voluntary and community groups and organisations, schools, statutory bodies and businesses from across Northern Ireland. The grants are not restricted to coastal areas, so groups from anywhere in Northern Ireland may apply.

The funding will support organisations and groups to purchase and install capital items to:

- Prevent litter and plastic pollution from entering the marine environment.
- Enhance the environmental management of a local area to reduce marine litter.
- Improve the health and wellbeing of communities and marine biodiversity recovery by helping to improve and/or maintain the quality of public open spaces.
- Improve the quality of their local environment by changing behaviour through creative concepts to

reduce the incidence of littering.



The level of grant depends on who is making the application:

- Constituted groups, businesses and statutory bodies - grants of between £500 and £40,000.
- Non-constituted groups - grants of between £500 and £5,000.

Applicants should note the average grant is likely to be a lot less than the maximum, which will only be awarded for exceptionally innovative or strategically significant projects. Collaborative applications are welcomed.

Council and business applicants must provide 50% match funding for their project, while schools must demonstrate how they will use any assets purchased in an educational context.

The deadline for applications is 9 November 2023 (5pm).

For more information and to apply, please visit [Live Here Love Here - Grants](#)



## Core Funding Scheme

The Community Relations Council is inviting applications to our Core Funding Scheme 2024/25.

Applications open at 1 PM Monday 2 October 2023 and will close at 4 PM Friday 17 November 2023.

If you require further assistance, please [speak to a member of the Funding and Development team](#).

### About the Core Funding Scheme

The Core Funding Scheme provides support for organisations which are considered of strategic importance in promoting community relations work across Northern Ireland.

The scheme contributes towards salary and organisational running costs.

### Key Principles of the Core Funding Scheme

1. The work must be intentional.

Regardless of the grant scheme, a programme must have a clear good relations purpose from the outset with deliberate and planned activities which directly address sectarianism.

2. It must address an identified good relations need.

All applications must be able to clearly demonstrate the good relations need they want to address and how they have identified this need.

### Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)

Applicants are required to outline the outcome in Together: Building a United Community to which the proposed project will contribute.



The [Together: Building a United Community Strategy](#), published on 23 May 2013, reflects the Executive's commitment to improving community relations and continuing the journey towards a more united and shared society.

### Information Sessions

CRC has organised a number of online information sessions at which further guidance on the Core Funding Scheme and the application process will be given. At these sessions, organisations will also have opportunities to ask questions relating to the Core Funding Scheme.

The information sessions will be held as follows:

- Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 11-12.30 PM
- Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 11-12.30 PM

To register for either of the sessions please contact Paul Killen at the following email address:

[pkillen@nicrc.org.uk](mailto:pkillen@nicrc.org.uk)

For more information and to apply, please visit [Core Funding Scheme | Community Relations Council \(community-relations.org.uk\)](#)





## Lisburn & Castlereagh Funding Fair

**Date:** Thursday 9th November, 2023

**Time:** 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Location:** Lough Moss Leisure Centre Hillsborough Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT8 8HR

The Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Funding Fair takes place on Thursday, 9th November, at the Lough Moss Leisure Centre.

The Fair will allow groups and individuals to drop in and meet with representatives from various funding and support agencies. We'll be there to help groups looking for funding and to tell them about our funding support services. Come meet funders face to face, find out what they have to offer, and discuss your ideas!

### To Register

Contact LCCC on 028 92447713 or email [community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk)

### More Information

Contact Anita Doonan,  
Supporting Communities Funding  
and Social Value Officer

Email:

[anita@supportingcommunities.org](mailto:anita@supportingcommunities.org)

Tel: 07840849453

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council invites you to our  
**FUNDING CLINICS**

Opportunities for community & voluntary sector organisations  
to meet with potential funders to discuss your projects.

<b>Maghaberry Community Centre</b> Maghaberry Road, Craigavon BT67 OJG. Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00pm	<b>Lough Moss Leisure Centre</b> Hillsborough Road, Carryduff BT8 8HR. Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.00pm
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To register, please contact:  
Community Services on 028 9244 7713 or  
[community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk)

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