



Welcome to Supporting Communities 105th 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.

Data Breaches Among Charities Doubles

The introduction of GDPR is seen as a key factor in a dramatic increase in the number of reports of data breaches to the Information Commissioners' Office.



[Joe Lepper](#) Charity Digital News

The number of reports of data breaches among charities has doubled over the last two years, according to latest figures. In 2017/18 there were 148 data security incidents referred to the [Information Commissioners' Office](#) (ICO) by charitable and voluntary organisations – a 100% increase over two years.

The increase in the number of reports across all sectors over the past two years is 75% and the biggest hikes are among general businesses (215% increase) and education and childcare organisations (142% increase).

The sector with the most data breaches in 2017/18 is health, with 1,214 reports. The figures have been collected by risk management firm [Kroll](#) via ICO data and Freedom of Information Act requests.

GDPR a key factor

According to Kroll, a key factor in the increase of reports is that organisations across all sectors have increased their transparency around data breaches

ahead of May's introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which imposes a duty on organisations to report data breaches.

Andrew Beckett, Managing Director and EMEA Leader for Kroll's Cyber Risk Practice, expects to see a dramatic increase in reports over the coming year now that reporting is mandatory.

"Reporting data breaches wasn't mandatory for most organisations before the GDPR came into force, so while the data is revealing, it only gives a snapshot into the true picture of breaches suffered by organisations in the UK," he said.

The recent rise in the number of reports is probably due to organisations' gearing up for the GDPR as much as an increase in incidents. Now that the regulation is in force, we would expect to see a significant surge in the number of incidents reported as the GDPR imposes a duty on all organisations to report certain types of personal data breach."

Supporting Communities Website Survey: Tell Us What You Think!

Do you use the Supporting Communities website?

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We're interested in learning what you think of it.

- *Is it easy to use, can you find what you need?*
- *Does it look nice?*
- *What else should be on the site that isn't now?*

We'd really appreciate your thoughts! Please take a few minutes to fill in a short survey to help us improve our site.

[Take the survey here!](#)



Ending Homelessness Every Day Throughout Northern Ireland

by [Hannah O'Hagan](#) Simon Community NI

Simon Community NI launches campaign to change perceptions of homelessness by highlighting overlooked casualties of the crisis. We have officially launched a new campaign aimed at promoting greater awareness on the often-forgotten faces of homelessness. The campaign, sheds light on the thousands of Families, Young People and people with Mental Health conditions who are currently experiencing homelessness and encourages politicians, businesses and the public to take a societal response to the problem.

Often viewed as a winter crisis; homelessness is, in fact, a daily issue in Northern Ireland with statutory figures having grown by 32% in the past five years and evolving into an issue that targets people from all walks of life. Aware of a growing issue, Simon Community NI, who support almost 3,000 people each year across 22 services, has been particularly concerned with the number of families, young people and those with mental health conditions presenting to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and their services as homeless.

Speaking about the campaign, Jim Dennison, Chief Executive at Simon Community NI, said: *"Every day, Simon Community ends homelessness for someone, but we are only scraping the surface. It is a fallacy to think that we can end homelessness without legislative changes from a functioning Stormont and without buy-in from local councils and the wider public. Our campaign aims to showcase the true faces of homelessness by representing the individuals that it impacts."*

Issues such as overcrowded homes, run-down property, expensive private rental market and family breakdowns can all lead to homelessness. Often an invisible group, currently 6,000 families and 3,500 young people in Northern Ireland are classified as homeless, with 35% of Simon Community NI's client base aged 16-25. The implications of homelessness on these people can have long-term effects with poorer health, education, emotional wellbeing and opportunities in life being linked to childhood homelessness.

Speaking about the growing pattern, Karen McAllister, Head of Young People Services at Simon Community NI said, *"We only need to look towards Dublin to see a glimpse of a possible future – families living out of cars and hotel rooms while young people find shelter on the streets. If we are looking to end homelessness then we, as a society, must work to break the cycle at the earliest stages. To do this, we urgently need government departments to work collectively to tackle the root causes that bring people to a place of homelessness."*



Decent affordable housing must be at the heart of any strategy for improving the life chances of children and young people and reducing child poverty."

Homelessness and mental health are intrinsically linked with serious conditions such as schizophrenia, bipolar and post-traumatic stress disorder, which are more common among homeless people. At Simon Community NI, 69% of clients have mental health issues often brought on by or worsened by things like poor housing, rough sleeping and sofa surfing. Furthermore, over a third of Simon Community NI's clients have a substance dependency – often linked to mental health conditions. Acting as a catalyst, homelessness can make it harder for these people to recover from a condition, maintain a job, develop relationships or manage their home.

Delighted to be raising awareness around homelessness and mental health, Eoin Ryan, Head of Health, Wellbeing and Practice Development Services at Simon Community NI stated: *"Being homeless is a difficult experience whether it be rough sleeping, hostel living or being in an overcrowded home. Mental wellbeing and treatment may be the last thing on a person's mind as they focus on paying rent, finding food or securing a bed for the night. Once in the cycle of homelessness and poor mental health, it's often easy for individuals to see alcohol and drugs as their only option, which only exacerbates the situation. My hope is that this campaign will help to bring about change in public perception by dismissing the myth that homelessness is a choice."*

For more information on Simon Community NI or to find out how you can help end homelessness in Northern Ireland, [click here](#).

£10 could provide activities at one of our hostels, helping other young people combat loneliness and improve poor mental health.

Please donate today, by clicking the Donate Now button below. Thank You!

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The Patient and Client Council can come out and speak to your group to tell you...

- ▶ How you can get more involved in Health and Social Care?
- ▶ How to get support and advice when you wish to make a complaint about a Health and Social Care service?

Contact the involvement team to find out more and arrange a talk for your group.

Call David on 07766138810

Patient and Client Council

Your voice in health and social care

Special Focus

Sharing this place I call home

Chief Commissioner Dr Michael Wardlow asks "Do we still need Pride?"



Every year about this time the Community Relations Council sponsor Good Relations week, a series of events encouraging people to "engage and foster new relationships". This annual focus allows us to offer or take part in an activity which is aimed at trying to build a better shared future. The issue of "good relations" is of vital importance for Northern Ireland and, if we are to make any progress in this contested area, we need to have a common understanding on what we mean when we talk of building a "shared future" in this place I call home.

Let me be clear, for me this would mean a society in which my future would include yours, and where we can work together to create better opportunities for our children, grandchildren and others who choose to come and live amongst us.

It is all too easy to place this work in the "too hard box", justifying our stance by referring to the current political stalemate, the plethora of stories, on radio and television, newspapers and social media, where shared and generous attitudes are absent. I am not denying this rather negative context, but I am heartened by the fact that such incidents are increasingly being condemned by people from all sections of our community.

This, to me at least, is clear evidence that most of us want to live and work together in peace and safety. The reality is that to create such a space needs work - and work which must involve all of us, as well as our politicians.

We cannot afford to see public discourse reduced to "it is their responsibility" or "it is their fault". That is a self-deluding narrative, which absolves each one of us from our responsibility to create and defend that shared future. We cannot simply opt out, and be bystanders while our future is being shaped by others.

Good relations, as a term, is much talked about, but rarely explained, and in this "creative ambiguity" there lies a number of potential problems. The suggestion that good relations can sometimes be seen as a threat to equality presumes that the advancement of one might preclude growth in the other. It has been suggested, for example, that our society can deliver good relations for all only when equality is fully achieved and firmly embedded. Of course, equality is an essential prerequisite for good relations, but the focus on one should not be allowed to set aside the importance of the other.

Any misunderstanding of the interdependence of equality and good relations holds the risk of delaying work to create shared and safe places until we have established a society free from discrimination. In fact, both are essential elements which must operate together. That is the only way to create an environment where discriminatory attitudes are reduced and better relationships between everyone here develop more fully.

The challenge to pursue these two goals together is not new. Over the past four decades many of our employers have worked hard to create good and harmonious workplaces - spaces where people from a wide variety of backgrounds can work together safely, free from discriminatory practices. Good practice in Northern Ireland workplaces has seen good relations and equality working in partnership through often challenging difficulties. The lesson learned has been that the vigorous application of one does not preclude the good work of the other.

Our strong equality legislation underpins such approaches, but the law needs to be supported by positive leadership and good example from all those in positions of power and influence if we are to create that truly shared future we all desire.

Consultations

Classification of Registered Housing Associations in Northern Ireland: Consultation two – The Future of the House Sales Schemes

This public consultation document is the next stage of the Department's work in response to the decision by the Office for National Statistics to reclassify Registered Housing Associations to the public sector. The House Sales Schemes are Northern Ireland's equivalent to the Right to Buy Schemes in other jurisdictions.

For more information and to respond to the consultation, go to:

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/classification-registered-housing-associations-northern-ireland-consultation-two-future-house-sales>

Consultation on unduly lenient sentences Department of Justice

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-unduly-lenient-sentences>

Closing date; 2nd October 2018

NI Future Agricultural Policy Framework

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/northern-ireland-future-agricultural-policy-framework>

Closing date; 10th October 2018

Publications

Publication of road safety issues in Northern Ireland 2016/2017

Topics:

- Road users
- Statistics and research
- Statistics



The Road Safety Issues in Northern Ireland 2016/2017 report is now available.

This report, produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), presents findings from the 2016/2017 Continuous Household Survey (CHS) and this is the first year that this question set was included in the CHS.

The publication is available on the ASRB website at:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/statistics-and-research/road-safety-research>

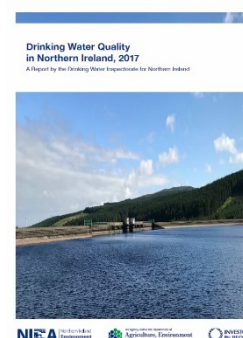
Drinking Water quality remains high across Northern Ireland

The safety and quality of drinking water in Northern Ireland remains high, a new report has confirmed.

However, Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Chief Executive David Small warned that despite the positive results, there is no room for complacency. Every year Northern Ireland Water carries out thousands of tests to check that our tap water complies with all the stringent water quality standards set by European and national legislation. The results are based on samples taken from water treatment works, service reservoirs and consumers' taps. And the latest DWI report reveals that in 2017, overall compliance was reported as 99.88% in Northern Ireland.

Speaking following the publication of the report, Mr Small said: "The Drinking Water Inspectorate's latest report is reassuring for consumers and confirms that the standard of our drinking water, which must meet strict regulatory standards, remains consistently high.

The full report is available at:
<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/drinking-water-quality-remains-high-across-northern-ireland-0>

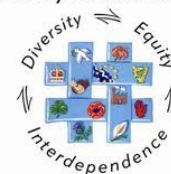


Walking, Cycling and Public Transport in Northern Ireland 2017/18

This report presents findings from the 2017/18 Continuous Household Survey in relation to public attitudes to walking, cycling and public transport in Northern Ireland.

For the full report and digest of findings, go to: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/walking-cycling-and-public-transport-northern-ireland-201718>

Community Relations Council



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



NI Environment Link

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

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



Community Arts Partnership

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

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

Rural Community Network

The latest edition of the Rural Policy Link is now available from the RCN. To access the publication, go to: <http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/publications/default.aspx>



Events

How will Brexit affect housing, housing demand and house building?



About the event:

Date: 1st October 2018 - Webinar style: Webinar special
Time: 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Speakers: John Perry, Policy Adviser, Chartered Institute of Housing

Benefits of attending:

This webinar will cover "what do we know about the Brexit deal so far – and how might it affect housing?"

- effects on the economy and public services
- how it might affect the housing market and housing investment
- could housing gain from reduced 'red tape'?
- how will it affect construction and social care?
- what about post-Brexit immigration and housing demand?
- will it affect entitlement to benefits?
- how can social landlords keep in touch with events and how they affect them

Social Security Law in Practice 2018:

A welfare rights conference for social security practitioners and policy professionals.

When: Wednesday 24 October, 9.15am - 4.30pm
Where: Skainos Centre, 241 Newtownards Rd, Belfast BT4 1AF

As the roll-out of Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment continues, this conference provides a comprehensive overview of key changes to date as well as those to come.

As the social security system continues to change at rapid pace it is essential that advisers stay abreast of the changes. The conference will support advisers to remain up to date with the key legislative and policy developments.

This conference will be interactive throughout and will provide delegates with multiple opportunities to share knowledge and experience ask questions and develop and enhance their skills as welfare rights practitioners and policy professionals.

Morning Panel Discussion: This panel discussion will provide delegates with an important analysis of the changes to social security in Northern Ireland to date. Confirmed speakers: Professor Grainne McKeever (Ulster University, SSAC); Fran Bennett (Oxford); Tom Royston (CPAG); Carl Emmerson (IFS, SSAC)

Confirmed practitioner workshops:

- Best practice at PIP tribunal;
- Complaints and disclosure: what you need to know;
- Challenging the welfare reform agenda (facilitated by CPAG Barrister, Tom Royston)



Afternoon Panel Discussion: This panel discussion will equip delegates with everything they need to know about developments in social security including, the impact of Brexit, migration to Universal Credit and the end of the Northern Ireland mitigation package. Confirmed speakers: Goretti Horgan (Ulster University); Judith Paterson (Advice and Rights, CPAG Scotland)

Confirmed practitioner workshops:

- Social security and Brexit
- Maximising the mitigation package
- Making sense of sanctions (facilitated by Matthew Oakley and Jamie Thumder, Social Market Foundation)

You can book your ticket [online](#)

Early bird bookings can avail of 10% off until 14 September.

Law Centre are offering a number of bursaries for the conference for volunteers and those who are unwaged. Please email admin.belfast@lawcentreni.org to express your interest.

Energy Efficiency in the Home

Getting the most from the energy we use

NEA is offering a FREE two hour interactive workshop on energy efficiency in the home for community groups.

The following topics are included:

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



Action for Warm Homes

These workshops are focused on making energy efficiency come alive for those who attend.

For further information and for booking please contact
Nichola MacDougall nichola.macdougall@nea.org.uk
Tel 028 9023 9909

The workshops are supported by the Housing Executive

Good Governance and Charity Reporting Seminar, Newry & District

26 September 2018 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Over 6,000 charities are now registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and as such, must adhere to the reporting requirements for all registered charities.

Unfortunately, not all charities are aware of the requirement to submit an annual monitoring return, annual accounts and a trustee's report to the Commission within a specified time.

The Confederation of Community Groups of Newry And District in association with the Developing Governance Group and the Charity Commission would like to invite you to a free seminar focusing on the annual reporting requirements. The session will also look at the Charity Commission's new guidance on fundraising and data protection.

This seminar will also focus on the importance of good governance and present how the newly revised Governance Health Check can be used to help charities adhere to regulations and good practice.



Developing
Governance
Group



**Confederation of
Community Groups**
Newry & District

**The Charity
Commission**
for Northern Ireland

Live Here Love Here

Live Here Love Here is a positive, people powered campaign focused on improving our local environment and building a sense of pride in our local communities and is about creating pride.



**LIVE
HERE
LOVE
HERE**

About loving where you live.

About caring for your surroundings, feeling responsible for the landscape around you and creating a better environment for our communities.

It's your Northern Ireland, so why not get involved today!

Through Live Here Love Here we can all do one small thing to help make a big difference in our communities.

Adopt A Spot

Adopt a Spot is a scheme that formally enables volunteer groups across Northern Ireland to adopt an area and look after it. You can choose any area you like. It could be a mile of beach that always seems to be full of litter, an area covered in graffiti, an urban park or your local forest or even the street you live on....anywhere is possible!

If you think there is an area that could do with a bit of TLC, why not adopt it?

If you are interested in instilling a pride of place in your community and busting that grot, or simply would like more information, please contact Karina Magee at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful on 028 9073 6920 or email:

karina.magee@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org.



The Right to Work: Right to Welfare group (R2W) & Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) invite you to attend 'Conscious Cruelty: social security, the economy and human rights' on Wednesday 17th October 2018

Registration 9.30am

A light lunch will follow

Spectrum Centre

331-333, Shankill Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT13 3AA



The right to social security is deliberately frustrated in the name of 'welfare reform'.

While government might claim that unemployment is falling, the number of people who are long term unemployed continue to grow, alongside the rise of underemployment and precarious work.

Private companies replace publicly accountable bodies to enforce 'back to work' schemes providing neither income nor dignity, while people who are sick, disabled and unemployed are subjected to cruel and degrading assessments processes before arbitrarily removing their social security.

On 17th October 2018, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, R2W will launch the findings of their monitoring with people who have had direct experience of back to work schemes and assessment processes. The event will be chaired by [Maggie Beirne](#), and the following panel of human rights and economic experts will reflect on their findings:

[Dr. David Webster](#), Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Urban Studies, University of Glasgow

[Prof. Siobhan O'Neill](#), School of Psychology, University of Ulster

[Goretti Horgan](#), Social Policy Lecturer, University of Ulster

To register, go to; <http://events.eventzilla.net/e/conscious-cruelty-social-security-the-economy-and-human-rights---2138948981>



Training

Volunteer Now Training



Developing a Volunteer Programme *NEW DATE*

Date: 25th September 2018
Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Location: Volunteer Now, 34 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast BT2 7DB
Cost: £40 + VAT



BEAT THE CLOCK OFFER EXTENDED!

We have extended our BEAT THE CLOCK offer until Friday 21 September! Save 50% on the booking fee! (was £80+VAT, now £40+VAT)

An interactive masterclass that explores the key areas to consider when developing a volunteer programme. It is for both those who want to develop a new volunteer programme/project as well as those who want to reflect upon and review an existing programme.

It will give much needed reflective time to plan and consider the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for your new idea.

A Certificate of Attendance is awarded at the end of this masterclass.

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

Housing Rights Training

Differences between Housing Benefit & Universal Credit

Belfast- Housing Benefits
Monday, October 22, 2018 - 10:00 to 13:00

Housing Rights

The Welfare Reform (NI) Order 2015 represents the biggest shake up of the social security system in Northern Ireland, since the creation of the welfare state. Its implementation is highlighting significant changes on how people access and maintain their housing. This course will give you better understanding of Universal Credit Housing Costs and ensure you are better equipped to advise clients on the changes from the Housing Benefit (Legacy system).

The course will:

- Help you understand Universal Credit Housing Costs
- Update your knowledge on Welfare Reform and the impacts on the housing situation of vulnerable and low-income households in Northern Ireland
- Highlight the types of accommodation and groups of people who will remain on Housing Benefit in the short term.

Who should attend?

- Both new and experienced advisers who are involved in Welfare Reform and the impact these changes will have on the current benefits system and people's ability to pay for their accommodation.
- Housing providers
- Constituency office workers
- Community/residents groups

For more information of Housing Rights courses, including costs, or to book places, go to; <https://www.housingrights.org.uk/training-events>

#selfie - Cookstown

Are you interested in a programme about women empowering women?

Self Esteem - Leadership - Friendship - Influence - Empowerment

Venue: Rural Community Network, 38a Oldtown Street, Cookstown BT80 8EF

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Programme commences Thursday, 4th October and runs every Thursday until 8th November.

Site visit: Wednesday, 24th October.

Would you like to feel more confident, meet new friends and develop new skills?

Then this is the programme for you.

Rural Community Network in partnership with NIRWN through the St Stephen's Green Trust are offering you the opportunity to engage in a 5 week programme with an additional best practice visit and overnight residential. We can offer you fun, social activities, health and wellbeing workshop, inspirational guest speakers, exploring good relations etc.



If you are interested please contact Charmain Jones at Rural Community Network on 028 8676 6670 or email charmain@ruralcommunitynetwork.org to complete an expression of interest form.

- * Preference will be given to those living in rural areas
- * An expression of interest form does not guarantee you will secure a place on the programme as spaces are limited

This programme has been supported and funded by the St Stephen's Green Trust



Dates for 2018

Thursdays 18th, 25th October & 1st, 8th November 2018 from 10.00am - 4.00pm

All training days will be held at: CFC, Belmont Rd, Belfast

Topics Include:

- Practical communication skills
- Talking about puberty & sexual health
- Dealing with conflict
- Rights & Needs of Parents & Teens
- Recruitment for parenting programmes
- Training and Facilitation skills

Criteria

Applications are welcome from those who have EITHER successfully completed Level 2 Parent/Teen Communication course OR can demonstrate experience of working with parents or young people.

More information linked below...

[/sites/default/files/Level%203%20Parent-Teen%20Flyer%202018.pptx](#)

Funding

Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018

This Scheme is funded under the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme.

Micro Capital grants of between £200 and £1,500 are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation.

The total project cost must not exceed £3,000. Projects must clearly address an issue of rural poverty and / or social isolation and applicants must provide a minimum of 15% match funding.

The scheme is being delivered by the Rural Support Networks on behalf of DAERA. Application forms, guidance notes and further advice and information is available from the Rural Support Network in your council area, details below.

Key Objectives

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018 has been designed to:

- Help rural community-led, voluntary groups to address local issues of access poverty, financial poverty and social isolation; and
- Improve the lives of rural communities, and in particular the wellbeing of isolated individuals.

Projects must focus on one of the following three themes:

- Modernisation (of premises / assets)
- Information Communication Technology (ICT)
- Health and Wellbeing



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018 will be open for applications from Monday 10 September until 4pm on Friday 5 October 2018. For further information about the Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2018, please contact the Rural Support Network for your council area.

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Co Down RCN

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Tel: 028 4461 2311

Social Innovation Fund

We are delighted to announce that we have three new issue-based funds open for applications until the 18th January 2019:

Click [here](#) for full information about the Arts to Impact Fund.
Click [here](#) for full information about the Early Childhood Fund.
Click [here](#) for full information about the Sports to Impact Fund.

Please note that while each fund has a different goal and different advantageous criteria, our core criteria always apply:

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland (it may also have potential internationally, but this is not a requirement)
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and make its main impact in the Republic of Ireland
- Applicants must come from an entity that has a not-for-profit legal form e.g. charity, company limited by guarantee, trust etc.

- For more info - <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/open-for-applications/>



**SOCIAL
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Sustaining great ideas

NIE Networks Charity Fund

Who are we?

Our staff and pensioners have been contributing to the NIE Networks Charities Fund' for more than 20 years and during that time in excess of £1million (including annual support from the company) has been distributed to local charities.



The charities committee is made up of employees and pensioners and it meets quarterly to allocate funds. Donations to the fund are received directly via salaries or pensions.

Essential criteria:

- Must be a registered charity
- Must be based in Northern Ireland
- It has been at least two years since any previous support was given

The Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers you the chance to get funding for causes important to your community. It's open to everyone, whether you have a connection with Aviva or not. We want you to enter a project for your community and tell us what a difference these funds could make.

Get enough votes from friends, family and supporters in your community and your project could make it to the Finals, where a judging panel will award the funds.

What makes a good entry?

Your project is right for the Aviva Community Fund if it:

- will make a positive difference in your community
- is associated with a community organisation or charity, and will take place in the UK
- will be completed or well underway before 31 December 2019
- can ideally be completed with the requested funding alone.

To suit projects of different sizes, the funding levels you can apply for are:

- Up to £1,000
- Up to £5,000
- Up to £10,000
- Up to £25,000

You can enter your project into one of these three categories:

- Environment
- Health & Wellbeing
- Skills for Life

What do we fund?

- We like to support tangible benefits like special equipment, IT apparatus, promotional goods etc. that will improve and enhance lives in Northern Ireland
- We actively support the advancement of education, health or saving of lives
- The advancement of citizenship or community development
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- Other charitable purposes

Please note our funding can range from **£200 to £750**, although we reserve the right to make awards of a higher value depending on the circumstance.

Online application form here -

<http://www.nienetworks.co.uk/community/charities-fund/apply-for-funding>



+++++Creating and submitting your project is easy. Just follow these four simple steps:

1. Identify a project that will have a positive impact in your community. You can submit a project for or on behalf of any not-for-profit community organisation.
2. Enter it in the Aviva Community Fund - you'll have to register on our site.
3. Add photos and videos to paint a better picture for the public.
4. Get your friends, family and more to vote for your project. Promote it by getting in touch with them, by using Facebook, Twitter, community events or any other way that will get attention.

Voting

Once voting opens on 23 October 2018, start sharing your project with as many friends, family and community supporters as possible to get their votes. The projects with the most votes will become finalists.

Anyone who lives in the UK and registers on the Aviva Community Fund website can vote for projects between 23 October and 20 November. You don't have to have submitted a project to vote.

You'll get 10 votes which you can use at any time during the voting phase. You can support as many projects as you like with your votes. Spread them around or use them all to support one project – it's your choice.

You can submit your project as soon as the Aviva Community Fund launches on 11 September until midday on 9 October 2018 by completing our online entry form - <https://community->

Grant Aid applications now open!

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites applications from voluntary clubs, societies, community and sporting organisations. Bursaries are also open to individuals for Sport. The group/individual must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. The grant aid funding relates to projects/activities in the 2018-2019 financial year.

Applications for grant aid are now open and will close on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 5pm
Applications are invited in the categories listed below:

Grant Aid:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Community Services – General
- Festivals & Events – Large
- Festivals & Events – Small
- Seeding Grants
- Sport NI – Everybody Active 2020 Programme

Bursaries:

- Sport

Application forms are available here - <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/funding-and-grants/council-grant-bursary-programme/>

The completed application form should be returned by email or post to:

grants@fermanaghomagh.com

OR

Funding and Investment Unit
The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Omagh.
Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL

Funding and Investment Unit
Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen,
Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA

Late, incomplete or retrospective applications will not be considered.

T: 0300 303 1777 or

E: grants@fermanaghomagh.com



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Awards for All NI

Giving groups a quick and easy way to get small National Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000.



Area - Northern Ireland

Suitable for - Voluntary or community organisations, Public sector organisations

Funding size - £300 to £10,000

Application deadline - Ongoing

Who is eligible?

- All voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations are eligible to apply.
- Funding is available between £300 and £10,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months.
- Awards for All is an open programme, which means there are no closing dates for applications.
- Applications from groups who have received an Awards for All grant within the last 2 years will be lower priority.

We want all the projects we fund to embrace the three key themes of:

- **People-led** – This means the people you'll be working with will be meaningfully involved in the development, design and delivery of your project. Have you spoken to people in your local community about what they need and what's important to them? Have you listened to what they've said and used it to develop your project
- **Strengths-based** – We'd like to support people and communities to build on the knowledge, skills and experience they already have to make the changes they want. What is working well in your community? How will your project help to build on these successes and make the most of the resources the community already has?

For more information or to apply
<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland#section-3>

