

## Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – February 2020

The Community Support Newsletter is published monthly. Regular updates are also issued by email. If you wish to receive these or place an article in the Newsletter please contact Alison Gilmore on 0300 303 1777 / [alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagham.com](mailto:alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagham.com)

**The deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday 21 February**

### Council News & Events

#### **FODC Grant Aid & Bursary Programme 2020/21**

Applications are invited from voluntary clubs, societies, community, sporting organisations and bursary applications from individuals. Groups and individuals must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Projects and activities must take place during the 2020/21 financial year.

The funding call will close at **5pm on Thursday 6 February**.

For further information or to apply online, please visit the Council website at [www.fermanaghomagham.com](http://www.fermanaghomagham.com) or contact the Funding & Investment Unit, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council T: 0300 303 1777 Textphone: 028 8225 6216 E: [grants@fermanaghomagham.com](mailto:grants@fermanaghomagham.com)

#### **Grant Aid - for Older Persons Groups**

South West Age Partnership (SWAP) is responsible for the delivery of Council Grant Aid for older persons groups. Older Peoples Groups must apply directly to the South West Age Partnership (SWAP) for the Council's Grant Aid. Please note, some exceptions may apply. **Closing date is 5pm on Thursday 6 February**. For further information or to apply for Grant Aid please contact Allison Forbes Tel: 028 8225 1824 or Email: [aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk](mailto:aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk)

#### **Consumer Parliaments taking place in Fermanagh & Omagh**

**Friday 7 February**, 2-4pm - Westend Community Centre, Enniskillen

(Registration from 1.30pm)

**Monday 17 February**, 10.30am-12.30pm – Strathroy Community Centre, Omagh

(Registration from 10am)

Come along to have your say and speak to the consumer experts on:

- Managing your household budget
- Saving money on your home energy bills
- Your shopping rights
- Travel rights
- Making a complaint
- Tips to save money on other spending

These are free events; Refreshments provided.

Book your place today by phoning Alison Gilmore on 0300 303 1777 or emailing [alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagham.com](mailto:alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagham.com)

## Invitation on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh Community Planning Partnership

### NI Poverty Conference

**Monday 24 February at 10am in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh**

This One-day Conference on Poverty is a catalyst for change as it creates a safe space for well-informed, honest discussion aimed at informing local action.

The conference theme focuses on nurturing rich social capital in the Fermanagh and Omagh District and encouraging collaborative practice. Key note speakers will discuss the impact of the welfare reform and a culture of debt which is on the rise. This year will be the first of its kind in our district. Together, we'll look how 'Poverty' impacts our work and the community. The conference will examine regional approaches that impact poverty whilst highlighting local issues and experiences.

The Poverty Conference targets all of Northern Ireland community leaders, practitioners, professionals, educators, advocates and political representatives. For members of the public the event will be recorded and promoted on a range of social media platforms to view.

Key note speakers include representatives from organisations including Advice NI, Trussell Trust, Children in Northern Ireland, University of Ulster, Fermanagh Trust, Department for Communities, Department for Education and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Book tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-struggle-is-real-living-on-the-poverty-line-tickets-88646037685>

### Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – Volunteer Today

Would you like to learn new skills, gain valuable experience and meet new people? Why not volunteer today? Opportunities open to those 16 years and over:

- Meet & Greet at The Ardhowen
- Programme Assistant (Leisure, Recreation & Sport)
- Corporate Events Volunteers
- Summer Scheme Assistants

Closing date **Friday 7 February** at 12 noon.

All forms can be downloaded from the following webpage:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/arts-and-culture/volunteering/>

### Key Dates for your Diary

<b>February 2020</b>	
Thursday 6	Deadline for FODC Grant Aid Applications, 5pm
Friday 7	Closing date for FODC Volunteer Applications, 12 noon
Friday 7	Consumer Parliament, Enniskillen
Thursday 13	Aspire Omagh Open Day
Friday 14	Deadline for St Patrick's Day Omagh Expressions of Interest
Monday 17	Consumer Parliament, Omagh
Monday 24	NI Poverty Conference, Omagh
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	Age Friendly Conference
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	Emergency Services Day, Fermanagh Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen

### **Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP - Social Alarm Service**

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP is working in partnership with Radius Connect 24 to provide a 24/7 Personal Alarm Service. Regardless of your age, or if you live alone or not, there may be times you need assistance. Your Personal Alarm will provide support to those who are concerned about home safety or personal wellbeing to live safely and independently at home.

Who are Radius Connect 24? Radius Connect 24 is the leading provider of Social Alarms throughout Ireland. We provide the Personal Alarm service directly to you in your own home, providing you with peace of mind that help is always available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - Immediate Help & Reassurance at the touch of a button.

How can I get this service? Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP refer people for this service directly to Radius Connect 24 along with what equipment is to be installed into your home. This may include a smoke alarm, fall detector, carbon monoxide detector or bogus caller button. If you wish to be considered, please contact Sandra Armstrong, PCSP Office, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Tel 0300 303 1777 Email [sandra.armstrong@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:sandra.armstrong@fermanaghomagh.com)

How much does the Personal Alarm cost you? Fermanagh & Omagh District PCSP cover the cost of the installation - you will therefore only be paying a discounted rate for the monthly monitoring. Payment by direct debit is £3.75 + VAT per month or you can pay the bill quarterly without having to set up a direct debit, however this is slightly more expensive due to administration costs - this will cost you £15.00 + VAT quarterly (every three months).

### **A wee bit o' Burns**

#### **Burns Night**

**Thursday 6 February, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**  
**Fermanagh House, Enniskillen**

Every year around the 25 January, people all over the world celebrate the life and legacy of Scotland's Bard, the Ayrshire Ploughman Robert Burns. Come along to learn about his life and work, hear his poetry and songs, and find out about his relevance and connections to Ulster. Some of the traditions and formalities of a Burns Night supper will be demonstrated and explained. Featuring displays by local highland dancers, it's sure to be "a nicht o quare crack".

This event, organised by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in association with Ulster Scots Community Network, is free of charge to attend.

For further information, please contact Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: Tel 0300 303 1777, Email [pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com)

**ASPIRE Omagh** would like to invite you to our Open Day on **Thursday 13 February** in the Connect Centre, 16 High Street, Omagh from 10am – 3pm.

It will be a fantastic opportunity to meet the mentors and IT tutors, take a tour of our offices and training rooms, find out about our accredited training opportunities, learn more about our employability support options and get any questions you may have answered.

Contact Shannon via [shannon.maclennan@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:shannon.maclennan@fermanaghomagh.com) for more information

### **Energy Efficiency Grant Schemes and Advice**

Energy efficiency grant schemes are available for owner occupiers or private renters on lower incomes. Measures can include cavity wall and/or loft insulation or heating upgrades (where the boiler is over 15 years old).

To check if you are eligible, please contact Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Health Improvement Team on 0300 303 1777.

### **Home Safety Visits**

Home Safety visits are available to those who are over 65 years old or those caring for children under 5 years of age. During these visits, our experienced officer will provide guidance on accident prevention within the home and can provide equipment where necessary.

To book a Home Safety visit please contact Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Health Improvement Team on 0300 303 1777.

### **Coach Education 2019 – 2020**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has developed a series of courses and workshops aimed at promoting excellence in local sports as part of its innovative Coach Education Programme for 2019 – 2020.

The Coach Education Programme, which also includes First Aid Training for Sport and Club Coach Sessions which have been organised in partnership with Sport Northern Ireland (Sport NI), provides local sports clubs, coaches and volunteers opportunities to further develop their knowledge and understanding across a range of topics and disciplines.

For further information regarding the Coach Education Programme 2019 – 2020, please contact Chris Elliott, 0300 303 1777 or [chris.elliott@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:chris.elliott@fermanaghomagh.com)

Full list of workshops available via <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/residential-services/leisure/whats-game-club-coach-education-programme/>

### **St Patrick's Day Omagh – 2020**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is preparing for the Omagh St Patrick's Day Parade on Tuesday 17 March 2020. The theme for the parade is '**Cultural Connections**'. The St Patrick's Day Parade is one of the main highlights of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's annual events calendar and draws thousands of local people and visitors to the district each year to enjoy a vibrant and exciting afternoon of music, song and dance. This colourful spectacle brings everyone together for a massive street celebration.

#### **2020 Parade Entry**

To take part in the St Patrick's Day Parade, you must complete a 2020 Parade Entry Form. The Council may provide a small contribution to your group; this contribution is subject to funding availability and is only available to non-profit making groups or organisations.

#### **Expression of Interest - Parade Funding Scheme**

Voluntary clubs, societies, schools, community and sporting organisations from the district, who wish to get involved in the parade also have the opportunity to apply for funding towards providing a decorated vehicle float, costumes and parade props of up to £400\*. If you wish to apply, you must complete an Expression of Interest Parade Funding Scheme Form.

\*Please note, should the scheme be oversubscribed, a random selection method will be used to allocate funding. Please also note that you will not be eligible for the parade contribution if you are successful in obtaining the parade funding.

The 2020 Parade Entry Form and the Expression of Interest - Parade Funding Scheme Form is available to download on the Council website [www.fermanaghomagh.com/events-and-festivals/](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/events-and-festivals/). Completed forms must be returned to the Events Team of the Council no later than **Friday 14 February 2020**. Completed forms can be emailed to [events@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:events@fermanaghomagh.com) or posted to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Events Team, Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BL  
For further information, please contact [events@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:events@fermanaghomagh.com) or call Emma Little, Events Team: 0300 303 1777 Ext: 20429

### **Fermanagh/Enniskillen St Patrick's Day Parade**

#### **Final Call for Parade Participation 2020**

The committee of Project St Patrick are responsible for the 2020 Fermanagh St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in Enniskillen. The theme for Fermanagh 2020 is **20/20 Vision: Future, Space & Science**. This should allow great scope for interpretation and creativity.

If you're part of a school or voluntary endeavour and interested, please message us with an expression of interest as soon as possible. We also have availability for workshops, roadshows and info stands at the Broadmeadow for the fun day activities

Note: The festival and parade will take place on Tuesday 17 March.

Please drop us an email to [info@projectstpatrick.com](mailto:info@projectstpatrick.com) to find out how you can showcase your project, club or organisation.

Project St Patrick are a small group of cross community volunteers and are grateful for the support from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Enniskillen BID and local businesses.

### **Little Culture Explorers Programme**

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council has recently developed the "Little Culture Explorers" programme, a free educational resource designed to complement and enhance the provision of multi-cultural education for young children in the area.

This programme provides voluntary, community and statutory pre-school childcare providers with the opportunity to avail of a multi-cultural play resource box for a month, free of charge.

The Little Culture Explorers programme is designed to help young children experience other cultures and languages in a fun way through stories, music, jigsaws and play figures with a view to helping them better understand other cultures and customs and the diversity of the people of the district.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, through its Good Relations programme is committed to promoting equality and good relations for everyone in the district placing equality, inclusivity and diversity at the core of all of the Council's services and actions, as it strives to work towards achieving a shared future. The Little Culture Explorers programme, supports the aspirations of the Council in supporting its commitment to improve relations and mutual understanding between and within communities across the Council area.

The Council delivers the Good Relations Programme as part of the NI Executive Office's wider 'Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)' Strategy. It is funded jointly by the Executive Office and the Council.

For further information, please contact Fermanagh and Omagh District Council good relations on 0300 303 1777, textphone 028 8225 6216, e-mail [goodrelations@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:goodrelations@fermanaghomagh.com)

### **Community and Voluntary Sector Register**

Has your organisation registered their details? Registration will enable Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to keep you updated with important information and provide any necessary support you may require. You can download a registration form and receive further information on how we process your data on the Council website

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-register/>.

Alternatively you can contact Community Services on 0300 303 1777 to speak to an officer who will send you a registration form and assist you with any questions you may have, or email [alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com) for a copy of the new registration form.

### **Charity Support**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may provide support to charities in a number of ways including the provision of grant aid; the attendance of the Council Chair or Vice Chair at photo opportunities; use of Council facilities and the illumination of Council buildings to mark specific days of significance to a chosen charity which is associated with a particular colour.

Please note, applications for the use of Council facilities or the illuminating of Enniskillen Castle and Strule Arts Centre in a particular colour, should be submitted to the Council at least 6 weeks before the date requested, to allow sufficient time for the application to be considered.

**For further information or enquiries regarding Council support to charities, please email [communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com)**

### **Community Support Officer Areas**

The Community Services Department offers support to individuals and organisations within the community and voluntary sector promoting community action. Officers within the Community Services Team are available to assist community groups and voluntary organisations make as big a difference as possible to local lives and issues.

The link below can help you find your local Community Support Officer - please contact us for any assistance you or your organisation may require on 0300 303 1777

<https://fermanagh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/ZoneLookup/index.html?appid=82210c413ab74bcd8da1750af0321163>



## Community News

### Western Health and Social Care Trust

#### Local Engagement Partnership Celebratory Event for Adult Learning Disability Wednesday 5 February, Omagh Leisure Complex

The Local Engagement Partnership (LEP) is a partnership made up of a range of stakeholders involved in improving services for Adults with a Learning Disability. It includes representatives from the statutory agencies, community, voluntary and independent sectors as well as parents, carers and individuals who use the service.

The aim of the event is to provide information about the work of the Local Engagement Partnership. The event is also an opportunity to come along and see the range of services on offer for people with a Learning Disability and to hear from some of our service users about their experience.

If you are an Adult with a Learning Disability or a parent/carer of an Adult with Learning Disability, we would love to see you there!

To register your interest, please contact Majella Townley, Project Manager, Adult Learning Disability Services on 028 7186 4361 Email: [majella.townley@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:majella.townley@westerntrust.hscni.net)

When booking your place please advise if you have any specific requirements such as dietary, transport, access, mobility issues.

**Please note a similar event is planned for Fermanagh on Thursday 12 March;** further details to follow in due course.

### Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Community Centre, 48 Mullydoo Road, Greencastle on **Wednesday 19 February.**

The session will run from 2.30pm – 4pm & 5.15pm – 8pm.

Please check out <http://www.nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/where-to-donate/> for Scheduled Donation Sessions. Telephone 028 9032 1414

### One Friend Combat Loneliness Group

**Information Session Saturday 8 February**, 11am-1pm in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen  
Please feel free to drop in, chat to existing members and have a cup of tea/coffee.

Are you lonely? In need of company? We wish to inform you about a local group based in Enniskillen which is trying to play its part in reducing loneliness/isolation felt by some of its members.

We started out as a group for individuals who have been bereaved, separated, divorced or just singles who are experiencing loneliness or social isolation. However, the group is not restricted to those on their own. Some members are in relationships but just want to make new friends or link up with others interested in similar activities. Others want to be a friend to call on if somebody just wants a chat. We are a total mix of folks, currently ranging in age from 27-80 years. In February 2018 we were a group of 5 and now we have 35 members.

We arrange events in the Enniskillen area such as going to the cinema/theatre, going for coffee/lunch/meals, and visiting local places of interest.

Weekly regulars are walking on Tuesday evenings 7.00pm (summer time) and Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm (winter time) and meeting for coffee every Thursday at 12 noon.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Pauline on 07972 375795 or Roisin on 07815 194032 or email [cornmillcottage@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cornmillcottage@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Fermanagh CCE County Board**

**Youth Session** on the first Sunday of each month from February to May 2020

5-7pm, Gaels Club, Brewster Park, Enniskillen.

All young musicians welcome (you don't have to be a CCE member)

### **“Fermanagh Women’s Voices”**

**Saturday 15 February**, 11am-1.30pm

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

Be inspired, empowered and motivated by local women making a difference! Join us to hear the stories of three Fermanagh Women who have worked hard and overcome the odds to make a difference in their communities and beyond.

This is a **free** event open to everyone, but especially women of all ages living in the Fermanagh, Tyrone and Border areas. Light Refreshments will be served.

For further information and to book click on:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fermanagh-womens-voices-tickets-86729659747?aff=ebdssbeac>

### **Lisnaskea Historical Society**

**Monday 17 February**, 8pm in Castle Park Centre

Willow/Basket Weaving Talk and Demonstration by craftsman Sean McGeough of the Lisnaskea Men's Shed. All welcome and refreshments served.

This event is funded by the Clear Project and supported by PHA. Free admission.

### **Fermanagh Gardening Society**

**Tuesday 18 February**, 8pm, The Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

We are delighted to have Claire Woods, Head Gardener at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens. This will be a wonderful opportunity with Claire for us to view the majestic and beautiful gardens and surrounds at Hillsborough. One opportunity not to be missed. Everyone welcome. Members, and visitors £3 for the night. Enjoy a cuppa, chat and bickie after. It's good to talk!

### **Home-Start Lakeland**

**Celebrating 20 years of supporting families in Fermanagh**

We are calling all current and past Home-Start Lakeland Families, Trustees and Home Visiting Volunteers to join us on **Saturday 22 February**, 2.00-4.00pm, in the Westend Community Centre, Enniskillen for a family friendly fun day with entertainment and refreshments.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP to 028 6634 6818 or [info@homestartlakeland.com](mailto:info@homestartlakeland.com)

This event is part funded by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

### **Exhibition of watercolours, oils and pastels**

**Enniskillen Library, 17-29 February**

This exhibition is of paintings in a range of media by local amateur artist Pat Deering. Pat works mainly in watercolours but also in oils and pastels and is inspired by Irish landscapes and nature. She has been a member of **Ardess Art Society** for many years and enjoys the friendship of the members and the tutoring received there.



### **Epilepsy Action**

Are you, or someone you care for, living with epilepsy or brain injury?

Epilepsy Action NI and Headway, the brain injury association, work in partnership to deliver free, community-based counselling services in Omagh and Enniskillen. The Counselling service is for people over the age of 18 who are affected by epilepsy and/or brain injury **or** are the parent/carer of someone living with epilepsy/brain injury.

If you would like to find out more information or to access the counselling service, please visit

<https://epilepsy.org.uk/involved/branches/nireland>

or contact Carla Smyth on 07885 778585 Email [csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk](mailto:csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk)

### **Introducing the new Community Voices Podcast!**

The Community Voices Podcast is part of Omagh Community House's 'New Beginnings – Community Voices' project. This podcast aims to use social media and technology in a way that encourages community discussion whilst addressing issues that affect local people.

We also provide our listeners with some information regarding events that will be held in the local community. We are very proud to say that not only will this section of the podcast be in English, it will also be translated into Polish and Hungarian.

If you have an event/issue/business that you think is important to the local community and would like to discuss/promote, please do not hesitate to contact Cara Flanagan on

[communityvoicesoch@gmail.com](mailto:communityvoicesoch@gmail.com) or alternatively call 07809 151593.

### **The Review of Urgent and Emergency Care**

You may be aware that the PCC recently launched 'Make Change Together', an important partnership initiative. This voluntary recruitment and support programme is designed to facilitate collaboration between members of the public and Health and Social Care Northern Ireland in the future transformation of services.

There is now an opportunity for you to help shape thinking in the Department of Health's Review of Urgent and Emergency Care.

There are three main groups identified as regular users of Urgent and Emergency Care services that we wish to speak with; these are Older people, those living with Mental Health issues and Infants, children and young people.

If you are one of these groups or the carer of, please come along to the Workshop

**Where: Sliverbirch Hotel, 5 Gortin Rd, Omagh BT79 7DH**

**When: Monday 17 February 2020.**

This event will kick off at 1pm with Lunch and finish at 4pm.

To register your attendance please follow this link ( <https://patientclientcouncil.hscni.net/get-involved/make-change-together/the-review-of-urgent-and-emergency-care/> ) or Call 0800 917 0222

Out of pocket expenses such as travel or caring costs will be reimbursed and support provided before during and after the workshop.

## Action on Hearing Loss

### Hear To Inform and Connect

Need Information about Hearing Loss or Tinnitus? Our team provides a range of free information services in your local community

- Information about hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing or buzzing in your ears)
- Free Hearing Checks
- Talks to local and voluntary groups that you attend
- Help to connect to other local information and support services
- Information about equipment for your hearing loss and/or tinnitus
- Information stands in your local community

If you would like to hear more about our service or wish to book, please contact Geraldine Keys, Regional Information Officer on 07393 232833 Email: [geraldine.keys@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:geraldine.keys@hearingloss.org.uk)

## Free Business Support Programme from the Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN)

Spot-Lit is an exciting new project aimed at helping small businesses and cultural organisations to develop new products through Literary Tourism.

This opportunity will be of interest for sole traders, micro businesses, small and medium sized enterprises and cultural groups. All sectors of the local economy are welcome to apply to join this free programme.

Tap into the business potential of Literary Tourism

The business opportunities linked to the great writers of our Region (Yeats, Beckett, Wilde, Heaney, Friel, Kavanagh and many more) are still relatively under-developed. Spot-Lit can put your business on the Literary Tourism map with the following resources:

- For participating businesses, a year long support programme offering business support and mentoring
- Innovation Vouchers to the value of €10,000 per business for those developing a new Literary Tourism product or service
- Access to international markets linked to the project including those in Finland, Scotland, Republic of Ireland
- Our new digital app for mobile phones connecting your business to customers and other cultural attractions and businesses across the Region

To find out more about how your business can benefit from Literary Tourism watch the video here:

<https://www.spot-lit.eu/>

For more information about the opportunities for your business in Spot-Lit call Andy on 028 6634 0710 Mobile 07841 781161 or email: [andy@icban.com](mailto:andy@icban.com)

## Pharmacy First Service

**Ask your pharmacist first for free and confidential advice and treatment for sore throats, colds or flu-like illness. Save time and avoid waiting to see a GP!**

The Pharmacy First Service is a service whereby patients are encouraged to consult with a participating community pharmacy rather than their GP for a defined list of common conditions. The pharmacist will give advice and (if appropriate) supply medication from an agreed formulary or refer the patient to the GP if necessary.

Medicines, when deemed necessary, are supplied **free of charge**.

## **VE Day 75 (8-10 May)**

When VE Day dawns on 8 May it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace, mourn their loved ones and to hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict until 15 August when it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary will provide an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period. To commemorate this important time, Enniskillen will be the most westerly location in the UK to participate in the VE Day 75, three-day international celebration that will take place from 8 May to 10 May. It will be an opportunity for us all to remember the enormous sacrifices that were made at home and abroad and to joyously celebrate as people did 75 years ago, the arrival of Peace in Europe. Friday 8 May has been designated by the Government as a Bank Holiday and it is hoped that communities will join in the VE Day Celebrations.

Celebrations in Enniskillen over the VE day weekend (8-10 May) will include services of thanksgiving, family fun day, beacon lighting, music, gun salute and much more. Volunteers from a number of organisations within the community are working together to create an exciting programme of events, music and activities. There is an opportunity to support these events or organise your own in local towns, villages, libraries and schools. Groups or organisations may be eligible to apply for grant funding to support their own event, tea party, exhibition, concert or celebration. So why not start a conversation about how you would like to celebrate VE Day 75?

Further information and event ideas can be found at [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org) or by contacting Selwyn Johnston at [info@headhuntersmuseum.com](mailto:info@headhuntersmuseum.com)

## **The Alzheimer's Society – United Against Dementia**

### **Volunteering: Side by Side**

**What's involved?** You'll be helping a person living with dementia to take part in their favourite activities or even try new ones; from joining a local club or going to the library, to going to the football, or just for a stroll in the park. You'll complete a short profile of yourself with information about you and your interests for a person living with dementia to look at. You'll be paired with someone and meet regularly to accompany them in their chosen activities.

**About you:** You don't need experience in a health or social care setting to be a great companion. You just need to be willing to learn about dementia care and the experience of living with dementia, and to follow important policies and procedures. You'll be supported by a role manager throughout your journey with us and receive our first-class training in supporting people with dementia.

**The impact you'll make:** Dementia can make it harder to keep up with social life and the things you enjoy, but simple measures can make a big difference to combat isolation and grow the confidence of a person living with dementia. You'll be providing your paired person with companionship and freedom, and you'll help them stay active, and stay positive

**Interested?** If you would like to find out more about this or any of our volunteering opportunities please contact Rosario Mc Hugh, Volunteering Officer [rosario.mchugh@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:rosario.mchugh@alzheimers.org.uk)  
Phone 028 7138 4570 or visit our Get Involved page on our website at [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

## **AXA Community Bike Rides**

Become an AXA Community Bike Ride Leader! Access free training and support and earn lots of rewards!

For more info and to register: <https://www.axacommunitybikerides.com/get-involved/volunteer>

**Tara Centre, 11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT79 0AH**

Tel: 028 8225 0024 email: [info@taraomagh.com](mailto:info@taraomagh.com) [www.taraomagh.com](http://www.taraomagh.com)

### **Workshops, Seminars and other Events on offer this term**

#### **Transforming Stress & Anxiety into Vitality – Bio-Energy Healing**

Michael O'Doherty (2-day workshop)

Dates: Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 February

Time: Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm (registration 9.15am - 10.00am); Sunday 9.30am – 4.30pm

#### **Temper Your Anger**

Bernard Henry (3-day programme)

Interview Date: Friday 31 January (20 minute Interviews)

Workshop Dates: Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 February & Saturday 7 March

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm (registration 9.15am - 10.00am)

#### **Pathways from a Troubled Past**

Dr. Éamon Phoenix returns to Tara to continue the Wednesday evening series of interactive seminars on the historical context in which we live our lives on this part of the island of Ireland. The aim of the workshops is to promote a reconciled society through an informed understanding of our shared history.

Dates: Wednesdays 12, 19, 26 February & 4, 11 March

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Registration from 7.00pm – 7.30pm)

#### **Yoga for Beginners & Intermediates**

Heather Kemps

**Beginners** – Wednesdays to 25 March (10.30am - 12.00pm) and Thursdays to 26 March (6.30pm - 8.00pm)

**Intermediates** – Wednesdays to 25 March (12.00pm - 1.30pm) and Thursdays to 26 March (8.00pm - 9.30pm)

#### **Meditation – A Way of Life**

*Soul of Healing Seminars*

Maura Twohig and Mary Daly

Dates: Saturday 22 February & Saturday 28 March

Time: 11.30am – 5.30pm (registration 11.00am – 11.30am)

#### **Meditating Together**

*Self-Facilitated Group*

Dates: Tuesdays (10.30am - 12.00pm)

(Open to anyone who has followed the Tara Centre Meditation/Mindfulness Course for Beginners)

#### **The Executive Office Disability Action Plan**

The Department has published its draft Disability Action Plan 2020 – 2025 and would like to invite stakeholders to comment on it. **We would welcome comments by 14 February.**

The Draft Disability Action Plan and the comments form have been placed on the Departmental website at [www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/executiveoffice-disability-action-plan](http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/executiveoffice-disability-action-plan)

If you have any queries please contact Peter Neill on 028 9052 8370.

**Aisling Centre, 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7DP**  
Tel 028 6632 5811 Email [info@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:info@theaislingcentre.com) [www.theaislingcentre.com](http://www.theaislingcentre.com)

### **Mindfulness Monthly Drop in / Taster Sessions**

Next MBSR 8 week course starting February 2020.

### **AA**

3 meetings per week. For information contact the Aisling Centre – 028 6632 5811

### **ADHD**

Adult support group. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7pm – 9pm

For information contact Niall Greene or Emma Weaver

t: 07729618563 | 07724916770 | e: [niaadhd@gmail.com](mailto:niaadhd@gmail.com)

### **AWARE**

Self-help support group for people affected by depression or bipolar disorder (manic depression).

Alternative Tuesdays 7.30 - 9pm. For information contact 0845 120 2961 e: [help@aware-ni.org](mailto:help@aware-ni.org)

### **Escapists**

Support group for carers - Every Wednesday morning 10.30am – 1pm

For information contact Catriona Allen 07851 341466

### **Forget Me Not**

Support group for people bereaved by suicide - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month 7.30pm – 9pm

For information contact Collette Cullen 07826 535199

### **Ethnic Communities Support Group**

Free advice & advocacy service - Available by appointment, every second Tuesday 10am – 4pm

For information contact Karolina at OECSG on 028 8224 9750 Email: [oeosg2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oeosg2@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Island Artists**

Wednesdays 2pm – 4pm. Contact Maura Newman 07968 225704

### **Yoga**

Mondays 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Contact Alasdair McKay 07776 290903

Thursdays 11.30am – 1pm. Contact Jenni Brown 028 8954 1994

Thursdays 6.30pm-7.30pm. Contact Christina Cornyn 07722 550040

### **Live Here Love Here News**

The deadline for the public discussion on the **Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland has been extended to 5 February**. If you haven't done so already, you can take part online at <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-neq/esni/> or email [esni@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:esni@daera-ni.gov.uk).

**To make it easier for you and to give you some ideas we have included our responses on our [website](#). Just click the button below!**

Do not miss this chance to have your say and make a difference! Please share this with your family, friends, work colleagues and networks. The climate emergency requires urgent action - everyone needs to raise their voice, everyone needs to play their part.

**Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR**  
Telephone 028 6632 0210 [www.fermanaghhouse.org](http://www.fermanaghhouse.org)

### **Latest News – February and March Events**

**New 6-week Pilates Class** – Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm and Friday mornings 9.30am-12 noon

**The Samaritans Information Evening** – Would you like to be a volunteer with the Samaritans? Please come along to their information evening at 7pm on Monday 24 February.

**Free NHS Stress Management Classes** - Open to everyone. Tuesdays 4 Feb–10 March, 6.30-8pm. Contact [Roisin.Laverty@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:Roisin.Laverty@westerntrust.hscni.net). Come along and bring a friend.

**New Dementia Support Group** – Martin Bradley from the Alzheimer’s Society is starting a Dementia Support Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2-4pm – next one 13 February. For further information ring 028 9068 6768 email [martin.bradley@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:martin.bradley@alzheimers.org.uk)

**St John’s Ambulance** – A variety of training courses are held on Tuesdays throughout the year, 9am-4pm. The following courses are planned for 2020:

One day course, Emergency First Aid At Work: 12 May & 20 October

Two day course, First Aid at Work Requalification: 4 & 11 Feb; 31 Mar & 7 April; 21 & 28 July; 29 Sept & 6 Oct; 24 Nov & 1 Dec

Three day course, First Aid at Work: 18, 25 Feb & 3 Mar; 2, 9, & 16 June; 1, 8 & 15 Sept; 3, 10 & 17 Nov

To book go to <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/training-courses/first-aid-courses/search-for-training-courses.aspx>

**Western Area Childcare Partnership** - Spring Training Courses are open for booking:

.Supporting Children’s Social & Emotional Behaviour in Early Years Setting (0-4yrs) - Tuesday 4 February, 7-10pm.

.Understanding Child Development for older children - 19 & 26 Feb, 7-10pm

.Grant Application Training - 5 March, 7-10pm.

.Trauma, Informed Approach - 10 March, 7-10pm

.Physical Play - 11 March, 7-10pm

For further details and booking go to <http://childcarepartnerships.hscni.net/training-quality/>

**Action on Hearing Loss** – Free help and support drop in session on Thursdays 7 February and 6 March, 10-11.30am. Hearing checks, hearing loss services advice, new batteries & ear mould tubing, help with cleaning etc. Please contact Mary Cruickshank, Outreach Development Officer on Tel: 028 8225 1446/07553 353980 or Email: [mary.cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:mary.cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk)

**'Basic Book-Keeping' Workshop** - Tuesday 11 Feb, 7-9pm. This is for rural voluntary sector groups and places are limited. Contact Mary T Conway, Omagh Forum on 028 8225 1559 email: [info@omaghforum.org](mailto:info@omaghforum.org)

**Recovery College** – 25 M For further details and booking Phone 028 7129 6183 or Email [recoverycollegewest@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:recoverycollegewest@westerntrust.hscni.net) Website link [bit.ly/Prosp2019](http://bit.ly/Prosp2019)

### **Groups who meet regularly in Fermanagh House**

**Relate NI** - Appointments available at Fermanagh House. Phone line open 9am-5pm, Monday - Friday 028 9032 3454. They can help to enhance emotional wellbeing in individuals, couples, families and communities by delivering professional counselling and therapeutic services.



**Headway/Epilepsy Action Northern Ireland** - Deliver community-based counselling for people affected by epilepsy and/or brain injury who are over the age of 18. This could include those affected, parents or those caring for someone affected. The service is free of charge, usually delivered for 50 mins a week over six to eight weeks.

For further information contact Carla Smyth, Epilepsy Action Northern Ireland [csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk](mailto:csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk), phone 07885 778585 or Johny Turnbull, Headway Brain Injury Association [johny.turnbull@headway.org.uk](mailto:johny.turnbull@headway.org.uk) phone 07826 909110.

**New Epilepsy Support Group** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 11am-12.30pm. No booking needed, just turn up on the day. For adults affected by epilepsy and/or brain injury, carers, parents.

**'Tiny Life' Support Group** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Tiny Life is Northern Ireland's only premature and vulnerable baby charity; they are dedicated to reducing illness, disability and death in babies born here and providing support for families who have been affected by such circumstances.

For further information please contact Bernie Carlton on 028 9081 5050 or 07702 684873, Email [info@tinylife.co.uk](mailto:info@tinylife.co.uk) or go to <https://www.tinylife.org.uk/>

**Dunlewey Gambling Support Service** – Mondays 10am-4pm. Free and confidential advice, information and counselling for adults over 18 who are directly or indirectly affected by problem gambling issues. For further information please contact 028 9039 2547, Free gambling helpline 0800 0886725 Website: [www.dunlewey.net](http://www.dunlewey.net)

**Meghan's Yoga Classes** – Mondays 6.30-8.30pm, Tuesdays 5.30–6.30pm, Thursdays 11am-12 noon. For further details/booking tel 07837 562516 or email [nutt\\_meggs@hotmail.com](mailto:nutt_meggs@hotmail.com)

**U3A Choir** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 11am-12.30pm;

**U3A General meeting** - 2nd Monday of the month 11am-12.00pm;

**U3A Poetry group** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 2–3.30pm;

For further information see <https://u3asites.org.uk/erne/page/71430>

**Family Mediation** – assist families experiencing the trauma of separation. Appointments available Monday and Thursday mornings. Call 028 9024 3265 or email [enquiry@familymediationni.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@familymediationni.org.uk)

**Sarcoidosis Support Group** – meet regularly. For further information contact [WendyWatson27@yahoo.com](mailto:WendyWatson27@yahoo.com)

**St Michael's Bridge Club** – meet Monday evenings. Play starts promptly at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome. For further details contact Susan Henshall at 028 6634 1676

**Fermanagh Genealogy Centre** - Volunteers meet for training on the second Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the Fermanagh Genealogy Centre you can call into Enniskillen Castle Museum when we are open Mon, Wed, Thurs 2-4pm and we will show you around. If you wish to join as a member to attend our talks & trip program, email us at [fgc2012@hotmail.com](mailto:fgc2012@hotmail.com)

**Drinkwise Age Well** run a support group on Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30pm. For further details please go to <https://www.drinkwiseagewell-training.org.uk/>

**Autism NI Support Group** meet from 8-10pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For further information contact Michelle Higgins 07834 484229

**The Macular Support Group** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 11am-1pm.  
For further information contact Doris Cutler on 028 6634 1404

**The Downs Syndrome Support group** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 8-10pm.  
For further details contact Catherine Dunne on 028 6638 8409.

**Victim Support** – a charity supporting people affected by crime - not part of the police, courts or any other criminal justice agency. Appointments available via 028 9024 3133 or email [info@victimsupportni.org.ni](mailto:info@victimsupportni.org.ni)

**Addiction NI** – A registered charity providing treatment and support for people who are dependent on alcohol or drugs. Also give confidential support for people affected by someone else’s drinking or drug use. Tel 028 9066 4434 or email [enquiries@addictionni.com](mailto:enquiries@addictionni.com)

**One-to-one Governance and Funding support sessions for local groups in the Fermanagh & Omagh District area**

Omagh Forum for Rural Associations in conjunction with South West Rural Development Service are inviting you to attend one of our “One to One” workshops across the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area. This is a follow on from our earlier very successful sessions and is part of our approach to support groups across the district

- Issues to be discussed:**  
**Governance issues**  
**Development planning**  
**Application form filling**  
**Funding opportunities**  
**Any issue relevant to your group!!!**

Spaces are limited so early registration is advised. You can do so by picking one of the venues below, clicking on the link and then register for the available slot on view. If your preferred slot is not available, please look at availability at one of our other venues.

Date	Time	Venue	Address	Link
04/02/2020	5pm-10pm	Camgart Hall	215 Clabby Road Camgart Clabby Tempo. BT75 0RD	<a href="#">Camgart Hall</a>
06/02/2020	11am-5pm	Derrygonnelly Harps	Canon Maguire Park, 40 Glenlevan Road, Sandhill, Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen BT93 6ER	<a href="#">Derrygonnelly Harps</a>
13/02/2020	5pm-10pm	St. Mary's Parochial Hall	20 Brookeborough Road, Maguiresbridge. BT94 4LR	<a href="#">St. Mary's Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge</a>
25/02/2020	5pm-10pm	Belcoo Community Ctre	68 Lattone Road, Gorteen, Belcoo. BT93 4EA	<a href="#">Belcoo Community Centre</a>
02/03/2020	10am-5pm	Fermanagh House	Broadmeadow Pl, Enniskillen BT74 7HR	<a href="#">Fermanagh House</a>
12/03/2020	5pm-10pm	Ecclesville LOL	Craigavon Road, Fintona	<a href="#">Ecclesville Orange Lodge</a>
19/03/2020	5pm-10pm	Wark Hall	Main Street, Belleek, BT93 3FY	<a href="#">Wark Hall, Belleek</a>

<b>23/03/2020</b>	5pm-10pm	<b>Drumquin Youth &amp; Comm. Ctre</b>	Manse Road, Drumquin, Omagh BT78 4SD	<a href="#"><u>Drumquin Youth &amp; Community Centre</u></a>
<b>26/03/2020</b>	12pm-5pm	<b>Roslea Community Ctre</b>	Church St, Roslea, Enniskillen BT92 7DD	<a href="#"><u>Roslea Community Centre</u></a>
<b>31/03/2020</b>	5pm-10pm	<b>Gortin Masonic Hall</b>	Culvacullion Road, Gortin. BT79 8NJ	<a href="#"><u>Gortin</u></a>
<b>01/04/2020</b>	5pm-10pm	<b>Kesh Enterprise Ctre</b>	Mantlin Road, Kesh, Co Fermanagh, BT93 1TU	<a href="#"><u>Kesh Enterprise centre</u></a>
<b>07/04/2020</b>	11am-5pm	<b>Teemore Shamrocks</b>	Gortmullen, Teemore, Enniskillen BT92 9AU	<a href="#"><u>Teemore Shamrocks</u></a>
<b>09/04/2020</b>	5pm-10pm	<b>Larganess Centre</b>	28 Larganess Centre Mill Road, Florencecourt, Tully Two, Enniskillen BT92 1FN	<a href="#"><u>Larganess Centre - Killesher</u></a>
<b>16/04/2020</b>	10am-5pm	<b>Omagh Forum</b>	Omagh Comm. Hse., 2 Drumragh Ave, Omagh BT78 1DP	<a href="#"><u>Omagh Forum</u></a>
<b>22/04/2020</b>	11am-5pm	<b>St. Molaise Park</b>	Bridge Street, Irvinestown BT94 1EW	<a href="#"><u>St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown</u></a>
<b>28/04/2020</b>	11am-5pm	<b>Archdale Centre</b>	Main St, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen BT92 0JB	<a href="#"><u>Archdale Centre, Lisnaskea</u></a>

## Training Opportunities

### **Community Family Support Programme (CFSP)**

Help to individuals/families addressing the employment, educational, training, health, social and economic issues which are causing problems getting into education, training or employment. Want to find out more? Talk to a member of your local team today by calling 028 8244 0197 (Omagh) or 028 6633 0512 (Enniskillen) - we are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Upcoming Level 1 Awards in Managing Personal Finances; Vocational Skills; Parenting Skills; Substance Abuse; Peer Mentoring for Young People; Retail Business; Office Skills (different to Business Admin); Community Development; Personal and Social Development; Youth Work Practice; Healthy Living; Personal Success and Wellbeing; PTE; Employability Skills; Diversity and Good Relations; Business Administration; Stress Management

[www.customizedtraining.co.uk](http://www.customizedtraining.co.uk)

### **Fermanagh Community Transport**

**Calling all Community, Voluntary, Charitable and Not-for-Profit Groups and organisations in Fermanagh**

If your group would like to be able to hire on a self-drive basis a Fermanagh Community Transport 16-seater or 10-seater fully accessible minibus, then this workshop is for you. Groups who have volunteer drivers trained in MiDAS can take advantage of our highly affordable group transport hire.

#### **MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme)**

**½ day workshop on Saturday 29 February, 9.30am-1pm** at Fermanagh Community Transport, 42 Enniskillen Business Centre, Lackaghboy Industrial Estate, Enniskillen

Cost £50 per person (includes Workshop, Practice Drive, Learners Manual, Morning Tea & Coffee and Lunch)

Participants in the workshop will need to hold a D1 entitlement (Grandfather Rights) on their Licence or a hold a D Licence by Test.

D1 is a category on your driving licence that permits you to legally drive vehicles of between 9 & 16 seats. If you passed your test before 1 January 1997, you'll automatically have category D1 on your licence. However, if you passed your test after this date, you will need to apply to have D1 added to your licence.

Groups are required to become members of Fermanagh Community Transport in order to be able to hire a vehicle on either a self-drive or with driver basis. Annual membership for a group is £20.

Any groups interested in this training or for further information please contact [info@fermanaghcommunitytransport.com](mailto:info@fermanaghcommunitytransport.com) or call 028 66 324260.

**Training Opportunities - Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department of the Western Health and Social Care Trust**

**Solid Start Weaning Programme – 10am-2pm**

Venue TBC, L'Derry area, Tuesday 4 February

To increase knowledge of the practical aspects of weaning and encourage, develop skills and confidence in the ability to provide healthy weaning foods for babies.

The one-day course provides information and skills on running the 4 week programme in a group setting.

**Walk Leader Training – 9.30am-4pm**

South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen on Tuesday 11 February

To equip adults with the skills and knowledge to confidently lead health walks in their local community or workplace

**Traveller Cultural Awareness – 10am-1pm**

Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh on Friday 14 February

Action Mental Health, Drumcoo, Enniskillen on Friday 6 March

Contact Marie McLaughlin, Travellers Development Officer

[mariemclaughlin@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:mariemclaughlin@westerntrust.hscni.net) Mobile 07584 207237

**Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea**

**Western Health and Social Care Trust**

**Virtual Dementia Tour**

**Monday 24 February**

9.15am-1.15pm or 12.45pm-4.45pm

The Virtual Dementia Tour is a scientifically proven method of helping you to understand what people with dementia experience every day and is 'your window into their world'. It is perfect for anyone coming into contact with or caring for people with dementia including health care staff.

To register a place please email [Davina.ohlc@btconnect.com](mailto:Davina.ohlc@btconnect.com) or phone 028 6772 3843.

**Public Health Agency**

**Motivational Interviewing (Level 1 Foundation)** facilitated by Glenn Hinds

**Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March, 10am-4pm**

This 2-day workshop is designed for everyone who wishes to develop their skills in supporting people change their behaviour. It will be of particular interest to those assisting people who wish to change their thinking or behaviour including diet, substance use, exercise routine, medication adherence, criminal behaviour, or any other health or lifestyle behaviour.

Phone 028 6772 3843 to book a place or, for further information, call Carol Radcliffe,

CLEAR Project on 028 7138 3386 [www.dhcni.com/clear](http://www.dhcni.com/clear)

### **Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd**

From planning the strategic direction of your programme, up skilling your volunteers, to equipping day to day supervisors of volunteers with vital management skills – our training has it all!

To view our full training calendar, please go to <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/>

#### **Safeguarding Training**

##### **Keeping Adults Safe: Implementing Standards for Good Practice**

Tuesday 18 February 2020, Enniskillen. Click on [Enniskillen](#) to book.

##### **Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training**

Friday 28 February, Omagh. Click on [Omagh](#) to book.

Wednesday 25 March, Enniskillen. Click on [Enniskillen](#) to book.

We have an expert team of staff who are committed to quality and effective customer relationships providing a service which is tailored just for you. We would love to hear from you about how we can help - you can email us on [enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:enterprise@volunteernow.co.uk), call 028 9023 2020 or tweet us [@VNEnterprise](#)

### **South West Rural Community Development Service**

#### **Training/Learning Opportunities**

##### **Risk Assessment Made Easy**

Tuesday 3 March - Omagh, venue to be confirmed, 7-9.30pm

##### **Foundation Certificate in Food Safety**

Monday 9 March - Dromore Sports Complex, 7-10pm

##### **Cyber Security for small organisations**

Wednesday 25 March - Omagh Community House, 7-9pm

To secure your place and for catering requirements please contact Claudine on 028 8225 1559 or email [info@omaghforum.org](mailto:info@omaghforum.org)

##### **Transport can be arranged**

Supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

### **Asist Workshop**

There will be an Asist workshop held in the Oak HLC, Lisnaskea on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March, 9am-5pm on both days. This is a 2-day intensive, interactive and practice dominated course designed to help caregivers recognise risk and learn how to intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

To register please contact the Oak HLC by email on [info@oakhlc.com](mailto:info@oakhlc.com) or phone 028 6772 3843.



## **The Fermanagh Trust**

### **Training and Support for Community and Voluntary Groups**

Our latest series of workshops are aimed at people involved in running and managing Community and Voluntary Organisations - to help management committee members, staff and others in their role.

All workshops are free and will take place at 8pm in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen. You can register by contacting [hazel@fermanaghtrust.org](mailto:hazel@fermanaghtrust.org) / Tel: 028 66 320 210. You can book a place in one or more of the workshops.

Tuesday 25 February - 'Successful fundraising and exploring income options', will give practical examples and advice for funding applications.

Wednesday 4 March - 'Getting your message across – engaging your community' will showcase a range of techniques for groups to communicate their activities. It will explore a number of media approaches and outlets, providing insights and useful tips.

Wednesday 18 March - 'Keeping the costs down – getting greater value for money' will provide guidance on cost management and getting greater value for money which is particularly important with the ever increasing need to be sustainable.

Thursday 26 March - 'Risk management' will give tips on managing risk and good governance including managing financial risks.

## Funding Opportunities

### **The Executive Office – Good Relations & T:BUC Division – Registration now open for Central Good Relations Fund (CGRF) 2020/21 applicants**

Registration is now open for groups who wish to apply for a Project Funding grant under the Central Good Relations Fund 2020/21.

This is the first stage of the new online application process and will be followed by an online application form in February 2020.

Register now at <https://dttselfserve.digitalni.gov.uk/ExecutiveOffice/TEOPortal#/>

You must read the following guide before you start:

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/publications/step-by-step-guide-register-your-organisation-cgrf-202021-funding>

To register, you will need:

- your contact information as the admin user (can be changed later)
- details of your organisation, including address and organisation type
- a copy of your organisation's constitution (WORD or PDF)
- a default password (used as the initial login for all of your organisation users)

If applicable, you will also need the Unique Reference Number of your organisation's Government Funders Database account. Don't worry if you don't have an account, it's not mandatory at this stage but if you are successful you will need one.

#### **Application form summary available now**

To allow you plenty of time to prepare, a summary of the application form is available to download from the CGRF webpage at the link below.

This summary contains the questions you will be asked so it's really important to have a read, but please note this is for preparation purposes only, and cannot be submitted to The Executive Office.

[www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/publications/central-good-relations-fund-202021-application-summary](http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/publications/central-good-relations-fund-202021-application-summary)

You can find out more information about CGRF at [www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/cgrf](http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/cgrf)

### **The Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland**

#### **Grant Programmes 2020-2023**

"A Vision for the Future – Our Strategy 2020-2023 has seen the creation of 4 exciting new grant programmes – Small Grants, Medium Grants, Large Grants and Special Initiatives. The grant programmes have been streamlined to ensure charities can spend more time delivering their essential work, rather than completing lengthy application forms.

The closing date for Large Grants and Special Initiatives is **Friday 28 February**.

Full details available via <https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/funding-opportunities>

### **Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership**

Closing dates for next funding round:

Level 1: Thursday 20 February

Level 2: Thursday 26 March

If you would like some support with a potential project, please contact a member of the BCPP team on 028 3026 4606 or email [bcpp@cdhn.org](mailto:bcpp@cdhn.org). You can read more about the programme [here](#)

## **Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme**

### **Information Session**

**Wednesday 4 March**, 6.30-8.30pm

Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown

We'll be telling you all about how to apply in April 2020 and how to write that grant winning application!

For more information and to RSVP contact [Ciara.lavery@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:Ciara.lavery@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org)

## **DCSDC – Funding Information (Arts and Culture)**

### **Funding to Facilitate Accessibility and Inclusion Activities in Arts Programming**

#### **Closing Date: Friday 13 March**

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Pilot Premium Payments Programme, which is provided through investment by the Department for Communities, offers funding to smaller not-for-profit organisations with an annual income of less than £500,000 to enable them to provide a wider and more diverse group of people access to a high-quality arts experience.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to assist with activities that will encourage the engagement of one or more of the groups of people who fall under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 in exchequer- or lottery-funded arts activity (regardless of the programme that the support was provided under).

Under this legislation equality of opportunity is promoted between the following groups: people of different religious beliefs, political opinions, racial groups, ages, marital status or sexual orientation; between men and women generally; between people with a disability and without; and between people with dependants and those without.

This pilot programme aims to:

- Increase engagement in the arts by each of the nine Section 75 categories.
- Support arts organisations diversify audiences/participants.
- Respond to project-level need in a timely and systematic way, enabling engagement with existing or planned arts activity.
- Target small- to medium-sized arts organisations without dedicated capacity or resources to facilitate the engagement of Section 75 categories.

Any applications that seek to increase access to Section 75 groups will be considered and funding can be used towards any relevant costs including signage, captioning, transport, childcare, translation or support worker costs. Funded projects must be completed by 31 March 2020.

For more information, guidance and application forms, see:

<http://artsCouncilni.org/funding/scheme/pilot-premium-payments-programme>

## **Creative Paths..... bringing art to your group!**

Play Resource arts outreach programme 'Creative Paths' offers children and young people high quality visual art experiences that enhance their learning and development.

We give member groups in Northern Ireland access to high quality and affordable Arts projects delivered by experienced Artists in their local areas. Bursaries are available to groups in rural areas and areas of social need of 60% towards Artist fees.

Full details available via <http://playresource.org/arts-outreach/>

**National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Here is the link on the site relating to how to get funding: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding>.

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