

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – November 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 ext 21217 / email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Wednesday 25 November

Council News & Events

For COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information, advice & Council services, visit:
<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/covid-19-coronavirus-information-advice-council-services/>

Grant Aid Support Call for Applications - 2020/21

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites applications from voluntary clubs, societies, community and sporting organisations. Groups must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Projects and activities must take place before 31 March 2021.

The funding call will close at 5pm on Thursday 5 November 2020.

Applications are invited in the categories listed below:-

- **Good Relations**
- **Irish in the Community**
- **Policing & Community Safety Partnership - PCSP**
- **Remembering & Commemoration - Decade of Centenaries**
- **Seeding Grants**
- **Ulster Scots in the Community**

Guidance Notes can be viewed on the Council's website.

For further information or to apply online, please visit the Council website at www.fermanaghomagh.com or contact the Funding & Investment Unit on

T: 0300 303 1777 Text phone: 028 8225 6216 E: grants@fermanaghomagh.com

Please note retrospective funding is not eligible.

Grant Aid - for Older Persons Groups

On this occasion Older Persons Groups must apply directly through the Council for funding.

Council Officers are available to assist with any queries you may have regarding the application process or funding criteria. Please ensure to contact an officer well in advance of the closing date to avoid disappointment.

Please see Guidance Notes for officer email contact details.

Grant Aid Support The “Recover” Fund Programme 2020/21

Applications are invited from voluntary clubs, societies, community and sporting organisations. Groups must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Projects and activities must take place before 31 March 2021.

The funding call opened on a rolling basis and the last remaining closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 20 November at 5pm**. Funding is subject to availability.

For further information or to apply online, please visit the Council website at <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/funding-and-grants/>

Council Officers are available by telephone or email to provide guidance and support to groups who wish to apply to this fund.

Please contact Community Services on 0300 303 1777, Text phone 028 8225 6216. Please see Guidance Notes for email contact details.

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 this funding.

For further information or to apply for Grant Aid please contact Allison Forbes Tel: 028 8225 1824 or email: aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk

Training Opportunities for Community and Voluntary Sector Groups

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council’s Community Services has places available for the following free online courses for community and voluntary sector representatives based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District:

'Blunders with Funders'

Thursday 19 November, 7pm-8pm, online

A practical guide to completing funding applications.

Numbers are limited to 2 per group however further places may be available on request.

Booking essential. To book online: <https://form.jotform.com/202642794367059> or contact Kellie Beacom on 0300 303 1777 ext 21201, Mobile: 07761 029732 or email kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com

Key Dates for your Diary

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5 Nov	Grant Aid Support Funding Call closes 5pm
19 Nov	Workshop 'Blunders with Funders' – A practical guide to completing funding applications
20 Nov	RECOVER Fund Programme closes 5pm

ASPIRE - Free Employability Support

Has the Covid-19 crisis affected your employment? Immediate support to find employment is available through the ASPIRE Programme. Contact us today for help to secure work.

Immediate support includes:

- One-to-one job search
- CV development
- Assistance to complete job application forms
- Preparation and practice for interviews
- Reskilling opportunities - qualifications, skills training, work placements, mentoring, health and wellbeing support.

For more information contact ASPIRE now at aspire@fermanaghomagh.com

Tel: Enniskillen 028 6632 6478 and Omagh 028 8224 6535, Mob: 07799 471448

or visit ASPIRE on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AspireEmployabilityProgramme/>

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 complete an online form at <https://form.jotform.com/202643203667048> or 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 for a copy of the 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

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

Fermanagh Community Transport

Rural Dial-A-Lift Service

Operating necessary trips only for members of the Rural Dial-a-Lift Service

No unnecessary travel should be undertaken

Free collection and delivery of prepaid groceries for members and non-members

Free collection and delivery of prescriptions for members and non-members

Disability Action Transport Scheme (Enniskillen Town)

Operating necessary trips only for members of the Disability Action Transport Scheme

No unnecessary travel should be undertaken

Free collection and delivery of prepaid groceries for members and non-members

Free collection and delivery of prescriptions for members and non-members

For more information, please ring 028 6632 4260 or visit www.fermanaghcommunitytransport.com or follow us on facebook or Twitter.

The Aisling Centre

Mindfulness Meditation Weekly Drop-In Sessions

On-Line Group - **Wednesdays 7-8pm** running to 2 December

Sessions will be delivered via Zoom. Booking essential.

For further information e-mail info@theaislingcentre.com or telephone 028 66 325811

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Please note that donation sessions are now by appointment only; to book an appointment, please call 08085 534 653 between 10am and 4.30pm.

Many thanks for your continuing support - it is greatly appreciated.

Check out <http://www.nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/where-to-donate/> for further Scheduled Donation Sessions.

Organ Donation Northern Ireland

Most people would accept an organ if they needed one. Not surprising really. Yet only 47% of us have signed the NHS Organ Donor Register.

Last year 11 people died in Northern Ireland waiting for an organ transplant. By signing the register and talking to your family about your decision you could help save the lives of up to nine people.

See below link to find out more on how to register to become an organ donor

<https://www.organdonationni.info/>

The Flu Vaccine

This year we are facing the double threat of COVID-19 and influenza. Early studies show that for some people with both COVID-19 and flu virus there is an increased risk of complications and death. Each year the flu vaccine protects against the most common strains of flu likely to be circulating. Currently there is no vaccine against COVID-19 and it is more important than ever to be sure to get the flu vaccine this year.

If you are pregnant, suffer from a medical condition or are aged 65 or over, it's more important than ever for you to get the flu vaccine.*

Contact your GP surgery to find out the arrangements for flu vaccination in your practice.

* For details of other groups who should get the vaccine go to www.nidirect.gov.uk/stay-well

Parent/Carer Support Sessions - Online

This group is aimed at any Parent/Carer of teenagers who would like some support around the following:

- Week 1 - Adolescent brain
- Week 2 - Family Bonds
- Week 3 - Setting Limits
- Week 4 - Communication
- Week 5 - Drugs & Alcohol
- Week 6 - Health & Wellbeing

Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 3 November – 8 December from 7pm-8.30pm.

For more information and access, join the closed Facebook Group here:

www.facebook.com/groups/parentcarersupport/

Public Health Agency

A useful guide to mental and emotional wellbeing resources has been published with easily accessible links to relevant websites and information. The guide includes links to the Minding Your Head website, the free online Stress Control classes, the Healthcare Apps Library, the virtual CovidWellbeingNI Hub, free Psychological First-aid E-learning module, free Towards Zero Suicide training module, bereavement resources for those who have been bereaved during the COVID-19 pandemic and many more.

To access the guide click on <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/useful-guide-mental-and-emotional-wellbeing-resources>

Volunteer Now

Follow the link to view our up to date volunteering opportunities throughout Northern Ireland [CLICK HERE](#) These opportunities are updated all the time.

If your organisation would like to avail of this platform to advertise any opportunities, then you can open a Be Collective Account on our Website. This site is free to use.

If you would like any assistance, please contact Lynn Johnston, Volunteer Support Officer, Volunteer Now, Fermanagh House, Enniskillen BT74 7HR

Mobile 07467 486638 Email Lynn.johnston@volunteernow.co.uk

www.volunteernow.co.uk

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Volunteer Information Evening

Monday 2 November, 6.30pm via Zoom

- Benefits of Volunteering
- Current Opportunities
- How to get involved

To register email volunteer@omaghvolunteercentre.org

Volunteer Mentors Needed

From the beginning of lockdown way back in March we witnessed a surge of community support and assistance throughout the council area of Omagh and Fermanagh. Coupled with a sense of pride and care, people hit the ground running to support and look out for our vulnerable neighbours. What unfolded was indeed great acts of kindness and it is with that in mind we wish to harness that tremendous community spirit and keep the momentum going. You have demonstrated how important your community is to you by the support shown, however there are groups in our district that would love your input to making where they live a stronger and vibrant community.

You may think you have nothing to offer, or that you don't want to be bogged down with attending endless committee meetings, but have you considered that your skill could assist them get back on their feet? Maybe you could assist them with their social media platforms, to communicate what's happening in the area, typing up a newsletter, being part of the distribution team to ensure that your wee cul de sac is notified: have you book-keeping skills that you could share a few hours a month to upskill one of the committees? The opportunities are endless, and it can be only a few hours of your time but the rewards of giving back to the district is powerful.

We are looking for mentoring volunteers to assist community groups bridge the gap of their skills - if you think that is something you have to offer please contact Omagh Volunteer Centre, Anderson House, 41c Market Street, Omagh BT78 1EH or email info@omaghvolunteercentre.org

We look forward to hearing from you.

Invitation to Enniskillen ROC Conversation - Booking now open!

Redeeming Our Communities invite you to the online Enniskillen ROC Conversation on Thursday 19 November

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) is a national faith-based community engagement charity with 220 partnership projects meeting a range of social needs across the UK. Our mission of 'empowering people of goodwill to work together for safer, stronger communities' underlines all that we do. ROC works in partnership with churches, statutory agencies, community groups, charities, faith-based groups and residents to transform communities in innovative and meaningful ways. We have hosted over 200 ROC Conversation community engagement events across the UK, including one earlier this year in Omagh. We bring together those who live, work and volunteer in the local community to celebrate the good work that is already taking place. Between us, we then determine where any gaps in provision may be and, critically, see what each person present can offer to bridge the gap. The conversation always leads to action and positive change in the local community.

The ROC Conversation was originally planned to take place in May but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope you can join us on Thursday 19th November via Zoom. There are two sessions to choose from - the afternoon session (2pm to 3.30pm) or evening session (7pm to 8.30pm). At each session there will be an opportunity to discuss key issues in break-out rooms:

Community Connections - how do agencies, churches and community and voluntary groups serving the local community work together? How can we effectively communicate with one another? How can we improve partnerships and collaborative working in Enniskillen? Join us in this break-out room to explore further.

Community Safety - scams, crime and fear of crime have an impact on the community as a whole. Join us in this break-out room to explore how we can work together to reduce crime and the impact of crime in Enniskillen.

Families - rising issues of poverty, debt and family breakdown are having life changing impacts on families. Join us in this break-out room as we discuss the needs of families and explore how we can work together to support families facing these.

Health & Well-being - this year, more than ever, we're more aware of the importance of the health and well-being of all members of our communities. Join us in this break-out room as we identify rising health issues and explore how we can work together for a healthy community.

Young People - children and young people play an important role in our communities yet are often blamed for their issues and problems. Join us in this break-out room as we identify issues relating to young people and explore how we can effectively support and help the youngest members of our community.

To book your free place at one of the sessions and to choose your break-out room preference, please RSVP [here](#) or call the ROC Office on 028 9035 1020. The event is open to all living, working or volunteering in the wider Enniskillen area.

www.northernireland.roc.uk.com

Here and Now Older Peoples Health and Well-being Arts Festival for 2020/21

Life's Road Trip - Here & Now and Planning ahead

Inspired by the theme of Celebrating and Reflecting the many stages of Life through the Arts – music, dance, drama, visual arts, poetry, art exhibitions, film-making etc.

If you or your group are inspired to take part in this year's 10th Anniversary Festival or would like more information about the Festival Programme of Arts please contact

hereandnow@artscare.co.uk for an expression of interest form or call 028 9031 1122.

Access to Wheelchairs during COVID-19

Despite the current Covid-19 pandemic, the British Red Cross are still operating to hire wheelchairs to those in need. The use of a wheelchair can make a huge difference to someone recovering from an accident or has reduced mobility due to an illness. It can allow someone to remain independent, speed up their recovery time as well as to improve mental health and wellbeing.

This service relies on volunteers who provide advice and support to people who need to hire a wheelchair for short term use and making sure they know how to operate them safely. Due to the pandemic, their current deployable volunteers have decreased meaning some areas aren't able to operate normal hours.

Their Enniskillen branch are currently recruiting for customer service volunteers to help, especially during this pandemic. If you would like to find out more about volunteering for their Mobility Aids Service please visit www.redcross.org.uk/wheelchairvolunteer or email

wheelchairvolunteer@redcross.org.uk or call 03000 040309

Reopening your community facility

As restrictions change and organisations look to reopen community facilities, **Omagh Forum for Rural Associations** has put together practical guidance to assist you in preparing to bring your community facility back into use.

Join us on Zoom as we discuss:

- A practical guide as restrictions ease
- Planning for re-opening your community facility: A step-by-step approach
- Sample Covid-19 risk assessment for your facility
- Covid-19 secure guidelines
- Social distancing within a community facility
- Cleaning and encouraging good hygiene
- Sample hiring agreements
- Day to day procedures
- Procedures if someone becomes unwell with Covid-19

Participants may be eligible for a free resource pack to assist with reopening their facility.

To register your interest, please contact Mary T Conway at Omagh Forum for Rural Associations maryt.conway@omaghforum.org Tel: 028 8225 1559

This project has been supported by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland through The New Needs Fund.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

Have you installed an electric vehicle charge point in your home? If so, NIE Networks is asking all residents in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area who have installed, or plan to install, an electrical vehicle charger, to notify them.

It comes as statistics show that although there are almost 3,500 electric vehicles registered in Northern Ireland, NIE Networks have only received notification of one third of domestic charge points.

The utility needs to be notified if a customer plans to install a domestic charge point, or even if they just plan to charge the vehicle via a normal 13amp plug, so it can invest in the electricity network where needed and ensure the network has sufficient capacity. It is also critical for safety and ensuring a property does not exceed the supply capacity.

As Northern Ireland works towards the target of a net zero carbon economy by 2050 the electrification of transport will play a fundamental role in meeting that target. NIE Networks wants to ensure that through the right planning and investment, it can minimise costs for customers and support them in their efforts to cut emissions and live a more sustainable life.

At present we are able to make the financial investments needed and if the electricity supply isn't adequate for a domestic charger to an existing dwelling we will carry out network reinforcement for customers free of charge, so we aren't asking customers to contribute.

If customers have installed, or plan to install, an electrical vehicle charger, they can submit their notification to NIE Networks online in just a few minutes by visiting nienetworks.co.uk/connections/low-carbon-technologies

Training Opportunities

Western Trust Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department Latest Training Brochure running to March 2021

COVID-19 has presented challenges to how we deliver our training. We are pleased to be able to offer a range of courses via Zoom. While we are aware that delivery of training online may present difficulty for some, we appreciate your understanding as we work to develop our programmes safely within the current challenging situation.

Access the Training Brochure via <https://westerntrust.hscni.net/new-health-improvement-training-brochure-for-october-2020-to-march-2021/>

Parenting NI Workshops

Being a parent can be challenging at times, especially now with Covid-19. Parenting NI supported by funding from the Public Health Agency CLEAR Fund are providing the following **free** online workshops for parents:

Children's Emotional Health - We want our children to have positive emotional health & wellbeing. This workshop encourages parents to recognise the importance of their children's mental health, exploring how we can provide opportunities for emotional development & helping to equip parents with the skills to help improve their children's emotional health & wellbeing. Thursday 12 November from 7-8.30pm. To register: <http://bit.ly/CEH-12thNov>

Parenting in the Pandemic - Parenting within the current climate can be extremely challenging for families. This workshop explores these challenges for parents during Covid-19 and looks at the impact of stress on the parent and the effect this can have on the parent and children's emotional health and wellbeing.

Wednesday 18 November from 10-11.30am. To register: <http://bit.ly/PP-18thNov>

Helping Children Manage Change during the Pandemic - With the uncertainty during the pandemic and changes to family lives, this may be having an impact on our children. This workshop explores these changes, their effect on children & parents, and will support parents to develop strategies to help reduce the impact of change for both them and their child.

Thursday 19 November from 7-8.30pm. To register: <http://bit.ly/HCMC-19thNov>

CAWT Mental Health Innovation Recovery

November 2020 Online Course Timetable

A list of recovery courses being delivered online via Zoom can be accessed at

<http://cawt.hscni.net/projects/eu-interreg-va-programme-2014-2020/mental-health-innovation-recovery-i-recover/>

The Oak Healthy Living Centre in Lisnaskea is a partner organisation with this cross-border project and if anyone is interested in enrolling on any of the courses they can contact the Oak for an email enrolment form and any assistance required. All courses are free.

Email info@OakHLC.com Tel 028 6772 3843

Futures Youth Project - Online Programme

The Futures Project is a youth programme run in partnership between NI Housing Executive, Belfast Met and Start360.

The course is aimed towards 16-24 year olds who are perhaps looking for some direction. The programme has recently moved to an online format due to the current pandemic. Our next course will be **commencing on Tuesday 12 January** and will be run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, across a 3-6 month period.

Participants will receive £8 for each day of the course and will also obtain an OCN Level 2 Qualification in Personal Success and Wellbeing (comparable to GCSE A-C) upon completion. The course can offer a taster for life at Belfast Met and support is also offered with transition into education, employment or training at the end of the programme. The project is delivered in an informal environment involving fun activities with weekly tasks while the course content will focus mostly on team building, understanding feelings & emotions, communication skills, drugs and alcohol, cyber-bullying, peer pressure, discrimination and so forth.

Aside from qualifications and other incentives, this is an enjoyable course which offers a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and the chance to work on a community project. Recent participants have made a video which outlines what day to day life on the course looks like – this can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3qLkvdzO10> .

Young people can be referred by organisations or register themselves by contacting us at futuresproject@nihe.gov.uk or contacting us on 07920 518125.

AWARE – Overcoming Depression. Changing Lives Living Life to the Full – Online Life Skills Programmes

We're delighted to be able to offer a range of Living Life to the Full programmes online. To register visit <https://www.aware-ni.org/booking-living-life-to-the-full/>

About the Course:

The Living life to the Full programme will be delivered via zoom over 6 sessions lasting approx. 2hrs each. This is a programme that can make a big difference to your life. It can help you manage your feelings when you are stressed, worried or depressed and learn simple practical skills to help you cope with life's challenges. It looks more closely at the ways in which mental health can be impacted by life events and unhelpful thinking styles which may also then affect our physical health and overall enjoyment of life.

Western Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team Drug and Alcohol Awareness Sessions

We can deliver 1-2 hour awareness sessions on various drugs and alcohol related topics. If you then want to move to more in-depth information, we can signpost you. All of our sessions include details of local support services and how to access them.

We can come to you or deliver sessions online via Zoom.

Email connections@wdact.info or Telephone Peter 07545 928225 or Jennie 07761 282849

Action Mental Health

We have been out in communities across Northern Ireland delivering our 'Mindset' Programme both face to face, with socially distanced groups and also remotely to groups connecting on-line. This training has been delivered to both groups of adults and also to young people aged 14 to 17.

'Mindset' is a mental and emotional health and well-being awareness programme that examines the following themes:-

- What is Mental Health
- Exploring Attitudes
- Challenging Stigma and Misconceptions
- Mental ill-health

- What is Stress
- Identifying positive coping strategies for reducing stress
- What is resilience and why is it important
- Techniques for building Personal Resilience
- Mindfulness

- Sources of Support
- Identifying Support Networks
- Signposting Sources of Support

Mindset is funded by the PHA so there is no cost to those participating (session can be delivered over one three hour session with breaks, or two 90 min sessions, tailored sessions to suit Adults and Young People (timings are slightly less for on-line delivery). Our only requirements are a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 18 per workshop. There is no limit on the amount of workshops that can be delivered.

For further information email amhmenssanani@amh.org.uk or telephone 028 9442 5356

Listen Share Change Programme

A partnership between the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Verbal

This is a four year Peace IV-funded project running until 2022, bringing communities together with shared reading and conversation aiming to build positive relations between people from different ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The Listen Share Change Programme is facilitated by the Verbal Arts Centre and is centred around books; using them as a way of engaging and starting conversations.

<https://www.theverbal.co/listen-share-change>

We are aiming to provide large groups with 12 tablets & sim cards to help us deliver the Listen Share Change programme.

Groups would have to agree to deliver 3 cohorts of 12 participants to complete the Listen Share Change programme. Each cohort needs to complete 20 hours contact over 10 weeks.

The group would then keep the 12 tablets once the programme is complete.

Please contact Dr. Sean Brennan, South Co-Ordinator – Listen, Share, Change PEACE IV Project NIHE Community Cohesion Unit via T: 028 9598 3200 or M: 0788 405 0909

Mindfulness for Teachers

The Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department of the Western Health and Social Care Trust are delighted to offer teachers (primary and post primary) the opportunity to experience and learn mindfulness in a 6 week programme delivered via Zoom. These sessions will last 45 minutes each and will allow you to practice mindfulness for yourself which will help to build your own resilience for the year ahead.

Also if you continue to practice, there is a plan next year that we will offer practitioner training to allow you to bring this skill into the classroom.

We would ask that if you choose to enrol, that you commit to completing the six sessions and the home practice assignments every week.

Please note: This course was previously advertised for during school hours, but following feedback from teachers we have made the decision to amend the course times to after school hours.

The course dates and times are below:

11 November – 16 December: 6 Wednesdays 4pm – 4:45pm

7 January – 11 February: 6 Thursdays 4pm – 4:45pm

Because of the nature of the training, places are limited to 20 per course and we would encourage one place per school so as many as possible can be accommodated.

To apply for the training please contact health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net
Telephone 028 7186 5127

Omagh Forum and the South West Rural Community Development Service Winter Training Programme

We want to alleviate some stress and worry about the incoming autumn and winter season, and to that end, are able to offer some **free** classes to local people across the Omagh and Fermanagh area.

The classes can be online or face-to-face if government guidance allows and if your building is able to accommodate social distancing and all safety precautions. You can also avail of our “Re-opening Your Community Facility” programme to gain this knowledge and possibly a resource pack to help with items needed in re-opening when it is safe to do so.

Classes might include:

Yoga/Tai Chi
Meditation/Mindfulness
Flower Arranging
Arts and Crafts
Stress Management
Language Classes
Painting

Or if you have something else in mind, we can consider it. Omagh Forum can pay the tutor and the local group recruits the participants.

Please contact Carol in Omagh Forum info@omaghforum.org to discuss. Email is best as staff are working remotely.

This project has been supported by The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland through The New Needs Fund.

Do you need help with any digital issue or device?

Go ON NI makes getting online easy.

For further information visit <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/go-on-ni>

Funding Opportunities

The National Lottery Community Fund

Virtual Support Session Tuesday 17 November, 7pm-8pm

TNL Community Fund are hosting online sessions for charities and community groups across NI. If you would like to contact the team to chat about your project idea or to find out more about funding programmes click on [Virtual Support Session for Fermanagh and Omagh Council area](#) to register. This session will give you the opportunity to meet the team working in the FODC area and find out more about funding opportunities for your project idea. The team will also give you some tips and advice on applying for funding.

Grant applications for British Science Week 2021 are now open

This grant scheme offers £500-£2000 for community groups that work directly with audiences who are traditionally under-represented in science activity.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 9 November.

Full information available at https://www.britishtimeeweek.org/about-us/grants/bsw-community-grant-scheme/?fbclid=IwAR2c_T7n14MdAuyXFc_ywUJbljQ4JYy7QDazN-I7Q6WLJLum7vgCiT9So3E

Sports Hardship Fund

Sport NI in partnership with the Department for Communities have reopened the Sports Hardship Fund. It will prioritise new applications for £2000 but previous applicants can apply for £1000.

Closes Thursday 5 November 2020

<http://www.sportni.net/news/sports-hardship-fund/>

Community Foundation NI

Telecommunity Fund

Grants of up to £2000 to organisations and projects that directly and specifically support Young people, Older people & People with disabilities. This is a rolling programme.

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-telecommunity-fund-grant/>

Trees on the land campaign

Trees on the Land is a cross-border initiative working to establish young native trees across the 32 counties of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Various packages of trees are available at a small fee for delivery and in some cases a fee for tree packs.

See below a summary but follow the website link to find out all the details and apply directly online at <https://www.treesontheland.com/>

Applications are open to farmers, smallholders, councils, community groups, schools, colleges, sports clubs, golf clubs, gardeners and other landowners.

Ordering Your Trees: Tree packs can be ordered online by following the instructions online. Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis. All applicants are issued with an application number when their order is complete and kept up to date with project news and information by email.

Tree Pack Schemes: We have the following schemes for 2021 tree planting:

All Landowners - Small Tree Packs - Up to 250 Trees.

All Landowners - Larger Tree Packs - Over 250 Trees (Application Deadline has now passed)

Schools & Colleges - Sponsored and Donated Trees - Free of Charge.

Farm Tree Challenge - Trees for farms - Sponsored trees available.

Community Tree Challenge - Trees for communities - Sponsored trees available.

Application Deadlines:

Sunday 15 November, midnight - Applications for Small Tree Packs - up to 250 trees.

This deadline applies to all landowners including schools and colleges.

Halifax Foundation NI Community Grants Programme

Supporting charities to REACT to this pandemic, PREPARE to reopen services or adapt their services accordingly, and to RESTORE/RENEW their operations in order to deliver what may be for many, a new way of life. Programme is rolling & average grant is £2500.

<https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/programmes/community-grant-programme>

Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Small Grants Scheme

This funding is intended to help community/voluntary groups throughout Northern Ireland engage in Community Relations work.

Full details available at: https://www.community-relations.org.uk/community-relations-culturaldiversity?mc_cid=842b315766&mc_eid=20ad8a81f7

Closing Date: 4 December 2020

Funding to connect your community through food

Food for Life Get Togethers harnesses the power of good food to connect and bring together people of all ages and from different backgrounds.

We're offering small grants of £150 to April 2021. The grants are to support community led food growing, cooking and sharing activity and Get Togethers.

For further information visit <https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/get-togethers/get-involved/small-grants>

Play Resource Belfast Centre of Creativity

100% Bursaries now available for Creative Paths Arts Programme.

For more information contact Bridget Lindsay, Arts Manager on 028 9035 7542

<http://playresource.org/arts-outreach/>

New Heritage Recovery Fund Northern Ireland

Grants from £3,000 to £250,000 will be available to heritage organisations to help them respond to the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 crisis and support their future sustainability.

Application Guidance available via <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/ps55m-heritage-recovery-fund-northern-ireland-launches-today>

We will begin accepting applications on Monday 2 November.

You will have until Friday 27 November to submit your application.