



Fermanagh & Omagh
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Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – September 2017

The Community Support Newsletter is published on a monthly basis.

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

or email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Thursday 21 September.

Please ensure that you send your information in on time for this deadline
as groups have indicated they prefer to receive only one email per month.

Council News & Events

Changes to Household Bin Collection Service

Changes to the household bin collection service in the Fermanagh and Omagh district will come into effect **from Monday 4 September**.

Bin collection routes have been reviewed across the district to provide residents with a more cost effective and efficient waste collection service.

As part of this review, a significant number of households across the Fermanagh and Omagh district will see a change in their collection day from Monday 4 September 2017.

The extension of the food waste collection service to an additional 24,000 households across the district will also commence from Monday 4 September.

To check what day your bin will be collected on from Monday 4 September:

Visit www.fermanaghomagh.com

Telephone 0300 303 1777, press option 1 (calls charged at local rate)

Text Phone 028 8225 6216

Temporary relocation of Council's Public Services Centre

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Public Services Centre, Omagh is temporarily relocating to the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh on Tuesday 29 August while refurbishment works take place at its current premises on 16 High Street, Omagh.

For further information or to contact the Public Services Centre please telephone 0300 303 1777, Text Phone 028 8225 6216 or email publicservices@fermanaghomagh.com.

2nd call for Grant Aid 2017/18

A call for the Council's 2nd round of grant aid funding will open from Monday 4 September until Thursday 28 September 2017 at 5.00pm.

Applications are invited from voluntary clubs, societies, community and sporting organisations; bursaries are also open to individuals for Art & Sport. The group/individual must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. The grant aid funding relates to projects/activities in the 2017-2018 financial year.

Applications are invited in the categories listed below:-

Capital Grants - The maximum level of funding is up to 75% of eligible expenditure up to a maximum grant of £20,000 (To extend over 2 years)

Arts, Culture & Heritage

Community Services - General

Festivals & Events - Large

Festivals & Events - Small

Good Relations

Policing & Community Safety - PCSP

Seeding Grants

Sport NI Every Body Active 2020 Programme - *NEW*

Ulster Scots in the Community

**Bursaries - Arts, Culture and Heritage
Sports**

***Grant Aid changes for Older Persons Groups**

South West Age Partnership (SWAP) is now responsible for the delivery of Council Grant Aid for older persons groups, with the exception of Good Relations Grant Aid. Older Persons Groups must apply directly to the South West Age Partnership (SWAP) for Grant Aid which will open in September. For further information or to apply for Grant Aid please contact:-

Allison Forbes Tel: 028 8225 1824 or Email: aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk

Further information is available in the community newsletter on both the Older Persons Groups and Sport NI Everybody Active 2020 Programme.

Applications from all other groups must be made on the Council's official application form.

Application forms and guidelines will be available to download from

www.fermanaghomagh.com between Monday 4 September 2017 - Thursday 28 September 2017 or by contacting the Funding & Investment Unit, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (Tel: 0300 303 1777, Email: grants@fermanaghomagh.com)

Please note retrospective applications will not be considered. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Information sessions for grant aid are outlined below:

Enniskillen Museum - Tuesday 12 September 2017, 1pm - 3pm

Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown - Tuesday 12 September 2017, 7.30pm - 9pm

Castlepark Centre, Lisnaskea - Wednesday 13 September 2017, 7.30pm - 9pm

Strule Arts Centre, Omagh - Thursday 14 September 2017, 1pm - 3pm

Council launches new grant aid pilot scheme for Older Persons groups

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has launched a new pilot scheme aimed at improving the grant aid application process for older persons groups within the district.

The Council is working in partnership with South West Age Partnership (SWAP), an umbrella organisation representing approximately 70 local age sector groups across the Fermanagh and Omagh area, who will deliver the pilot scheme on its behalf.

Commenting on the new pilot scheme, the Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Stephen McCann said "This scheme demonstrates Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's continuing commitment to improving the service it provides to the people of the district. The Council has listened to feedback from older peoples groups with regard to the grant aid process for this sector and the aim of the new pilot scheme is to improve the grant aid process and result in a wide range of activities and programmes becoming more accessible to older persons groups".

The call for applications will open in early **September** with a closing date of 28 September 2017 at 5pm. Please note late applications will not be considered.

Further information on how groups can apply for grant-aid is available by contacting Alison Forbes, South West Age Partnership on 028 8225 1824 or by email at aforbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk. SWAP will provide support to successful applicants to assist with the delivery of their projects.

Sport Northern Ireland's Every Body Active 2020 Small Grants programme

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has secured over £30,000 of funding from Sport Northern Ireland to deliver the Every Body Active 2020 small grants programme.

The Every Body Active 2020 small grants programme is aimed at encouraging participants to be more active as well as increasing community participation in sport and physical recreation. There is a particular emphasis on under-represented groups i.e. women and girls, people with a life long illness or disability, and people living in areas of social need.

Groups can avail of up to £1,000 funding towards the expenditure to provide physical activities and programmes.

In September 2017, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will put out a call seeking applications from voluntary clubs, governing bodies of sport and sporting and community organisations to avail of small grants.

Sport Northern Ireland Chair George Lucas commented:

"Sport Northern Ireland is pleased to continue our work with local councils to help communities get more active more often through the Every Body Active 2020 Programme.

This £593k investment through the Small Grants strand of the EBA2020 Programme will support councils in delivering their local community plans, helping people enjoy the physical, mental and social benefits of participation in sport and physical activity.

We look forward to seeing the impact of this work in encouraging everyone, and particularly women and girls, people with a disability and those in areas of greatest social need, to enjoy, engage and excel in sport"

For more information, please contact Ryan Hanna Leisure Recreation and Sport Officer or Keith Collen, Recreation & Projects Manager ; Telephone: 0300 303 1777 or email:

ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com or keith.collen@fermanaghomagh.com.

Fermanagh and Omagh PEACE IV Local Action Plan – Information Events

Interested in finding out how to get involved?

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is hosting a series of information events to publicise and promote the range of programmes that will be delivered through the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACE IV Local Action Plan.

Funding of £2.6m has been secured to lead on promoting peace building and reconciliation within the district through the delivery of the Local Action Plan. The Plan will support 15 programmes or initiatives across three key themes – Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations.

To find out more about the Action Plan and how to get involved please come along to an information event. Events will take place as follows:

- Owenkillew Centre, **Gortin at 7.00pm on Thursday 14 September 2017**
- Fermanagh House, **Enniskillen at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20 September 2017**
- Lakeland Healthy Living Centre, **Belcoo at 7.00pm on Monday 25 September 2017**
- Ecclesville Centre, **Fintona at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27 September 2017**
- Castle Park Leisure Centre, **Lisnaskea at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 September 2017**
- Tara Centre, **Omagh at 7.00pm on Monday 2 October 2017**
- ARC Healthy Living Centre, **Irvinestown at 7.00pm on Thursday 5 October 2017**

Tea/Coffee available from 7.00pm with events commencing at 7.30pm sharp

For further details on the information events or the PEACE IV Programme, please contact Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's PEACE IV Programme Co-ordinator, Deborah McCartan by telephoning 0300 303 1777 or email deborah.mccartan@fermanaghomagh.com

This initiative is supported by the EU PEACE IV Programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body. For further information on the PEACE IV Programme please visit www.seupb.eu.

Job Fairs 2017

Tyrone Jobs Fair - Thursday 7 September

Location: Main Hall, Omagh Leisure Complex

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 Schools ONLY 12:00 – 15:00 Public

Overview: The first part of the event will give GCSE and A level students an opportunity to browse round the stands of the exhibitors and speak to perspective employers. During the hour there will also be a break out area where speakers from several local businesses will be giving a talk on their business and outlining any future career opportunities. The second session, which is open to all, invites you to come and speak to the numerous businesses about their current and future job vacancies. This is a great opportunity to further your career.

Fermanagh Jobs Fair - Thursday 28 September

Location: Main Hall, Fermanagh Lakeland Forum Time: 12 noon – 3pm

Overview: The session is open to all and invites you to come and speak to the numerous businesses about their current and future job vacancies. This is a great opportunity to further your career.

Public Consultation

Draft Equality Action Plan 2017-2019

Draft Disability Action Plan 2017-2019

Consultation Closing Date: Friday 20 October 2017

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is currently seeking your views on:

1. The **Draft Equality Action Plan 2017-2019**.
2. The **Draft Disability Action Plan 2017-2019**.

The Council recognises the importance of consultation in all aspects of the implementation of its statutory Equality and Disability duties and invites you to take part in this public consultation exercise.

You can obtain copies of any, or all, of the documents from the Townhall (Enniskillen) or The Grange (Omagh), or by:

Downloading the documents from the Council's website – www.fermanaghomagh.com

Telephoning the Council on 0300 303 1777 ext. 21178, Textphone: 028 8225 6216

Emailing finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com

All documents are available in alternative formats upon request.

Consultation Responses

You can respond to this consultation by:

Letter: Public Consultation, Policy and Strategic Services, Townhall, Enniskillen, County Fermanagh. BT74 7BA.

Email: finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com

Telephone: 0300 303 1777 ext. 21178

Textphone: 028 8225 6216

Or you can complete an **online questionnaire** available at www.fermanaghomagh.com

Alternatively, if you prefer a meeting in which to give your comments face-to-face, we will do our best to meet your request.

Irish Language

One Day Intensive Language Course - Saturday 9 September

10.00am – 4.00pm, Enniskillen Castle / Dún Uladh, Omagh

Give your Irish a kick start this autumn with an all-day Irish Language class.

Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Classes available. Cúpla focal, fáinne airgid and fáinne oir exams and awards available.

To book a place for Enniskillen, email: fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com
or telephone 0300 303 1777

To book a place for Dún Uladh, email: eolas@dunuladh.ie
or telephone 028 8224 2777

Irish Language classes begin again in the Strule Arts Centre and Enniskillen Castle.

For more details visit this link

<http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/residential-services/arts-and-culture/language-classes/>

Pantomime Casting Bootcamp at Strule Arts Centre

Calling all aspiring performers... would you like to get involved in a Community Pantomime at the Strule Arts Centre?

Following the huge success of the first community pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' back in January, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is organising another pantomime at the Arts Centre and is encouraging members of the local community to take part.

The pantomime is based on the well-known fairy tale 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and performances will take place at the Strule Arts Centre from Thursday 11 until Sunday 14 January 2018. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites people of all ages and from all sections of the community to take part in this exciting production.

A Pantomime Casting Bootcamp will be held in the Strule Arts Centre on **Saturday 9 September** for actors, dancers, musicians and singers. Children's casting will take place from 10 am until 12 noon and adult casting will be held from 1 pm until 3 pm. No previous acting experience is necessary. Getting involved in the pantomime is an exciting way to meet new people and learn new skills while having fun.

For further information, please contact Strule Arts Centre on 028 8224 7831 or email strulearts@fermanaghomagh.com

European Heritage Open Day 2017

Strule Arts Centre is offering a number of **free events** for European Heritage Open Day Weekend which takes place on **Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September**. European Heritage Open Day (EHOD) is an annual Europe wide event which aims to promote public interest in historic and modern buildings. This year the theme is 'Heritage and Nature: A Landscape of Possibilities'. This provides the perfect opportunity to explore not only built heritage but natural heritage and how the two complement each other.

Enjoy the built heritage of Omagh's churches during a walking tour with guide and historian, Vincent Brogan on **Saturday 9 September** at 11am starting from Strule Arts Centre. 'Capturing Omagh' is a fascinating visual presentation and talk featuring old images of Omagh and the buildings that make up the history of the town at 3pm.

On **Sunday 10 September** get on board the EHOD bus tour and experience the natural heritage and landscape as you get out and about and visit some interesting heritage sites in Omagh, Gortin, Creggan, Carrickmore and Sixmilecross. The events reflect the theme for European Heritage Open Day 2017 combining built and natural heritage which offers an interesting way to find out more about Omagh and the surrounding areas.

All activities are free however **booking is essential**. To book go online at www.struleartscentre.co.uk or contact Box Office on 028 8224 7831.

Culture Night

Friday 22 September

A celebration of culture, creativity and the arts. Venues across the Fermanagh and Omagh area are all set to entertain you - and it's all FREE! From 2pm -10pm, enjoy film, art, crafts, drama, dance, poetry, walking tours, music, languages and more.

This year Culture Night takes place in Community Relations & Cultural Awareness Week. This year's theme is 'Safe space, shared place' and is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of our culture and heritage, to promote cultural diversity and to tackle sectarianism and racism.

Don't miss this unique chance to get creative and experience our cultural highlights!

To view the full programme of activities visit www.fermanaghomagh.com

Korea-Ireland Conference 18-19 September

Peace Processes and Borders in a Changing Geopolitical Context: Ireland, Korea and Beyond.

Venue: Ulster Museum, Belfast

Attendance is free but registration is required. For more information and to register please contact the organising committee in Ireland, Dong Jin Kim, kimdj@tcd.ie or David Mitchell, damitch@tcd.ie. **Please register by Monday 11 September.**

Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week

Monday 18 – Sunday 24 September

‘Safe space, shared place’

A programme of free public events will take place across the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area as part of Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week.

Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week is a high-profile initiative aimed at celebrating all aspects of our culture and heritage, challenging sectarianism and racism and promoting understanding and respect among all sections of our community. It provides a platform for organisations and groups across a variety of sectors to demonstrate innovative approaches to good relations and examples of how we can build a united and shared community.

This year's theme is 'Safe space, shared place'. It will focus on how we can create a community where everyone feels safe and secure while showcasing the range of shared spaces at our disposal.

To find out more about public events taking place in the Fermanagh and Omagh district during Community Relations and Cultural Awareness Week please visit www.fermanaghomagh.com or contact Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on 0300 303 1777.

People and Politics: Engaging with Politicians for the Common Good

Monday 18 September 2017

Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with Omagh Churches' Forum.

Facilitated discussion on how people and churches can engage with politicians to help build a better society. Music and refreshments included.

For further details please contact Pauline Clarke at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com or ring 0300 303 1777.

'On the Front and Here at Home 1917 – 1918'

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Omagh Library 9.30am – 12.30pm

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with Rural Community network and Libraries NI.

A conference examining the key historical events of 1917, both on the battlefields and back home in Ireland. Guest speakers include Dr Marie Coleman (QUB), Philip Orr (historian) and Seamus Farrell (The Junction, Derry/Londonderry).

The event will be compered by Peter Osborne, Chair of the Community Relations Council. There will also be an exhibition of World War One memorabilia and music by world renowned fiddle player Tracey McRory.

Admission is free but places are limited. Please contact Pauline Clarke at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to register your interest: pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com or ring 0300 303 1777.

Working together to promote greater understanding

Wednesday 27 September 2017

Tir Navar, 8 Creamery Road, Derrygonnelly 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with West Erne Churches Forum, Derrygonnelly.

Talk by guest speaker, Alan McBride, Centre Co-ordinator of the WAVE Trauma Centre in Belfast and lead Human Rights Commissioner concerning transitional justice. Alan, who is a victim of the troubles, will talk about his experience in relation to peace building and reconciliation.

For further details please contact Pauline Clarke at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com or ring 0300 303 1777

Civil Society Engaging with Politics Conference

Thursday 21 September 2017

Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fermanagh Churches Forum and Irish School of Ecumenics in association with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

A Conference with input from speakers and facilitated workshops and interactive discussion. This conference will explore the ideas of common good, equality and democracy as key to the flourishing and wellbeing of all the people of Northern Ireland.

For further details please contact Pauline Clarke at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com or ring 0300 303 1777.

Féach: Bearblann agus Bóthar Iarainn

Saturday 23 September 2017

Headhunters Barber Shop and Railway Museum, Enniskillen 11.00am – 12.00pm

Bilingual tour of Headhunters Barber shop and Railway Museum Enniskillen. A unique opportunity to explore the Railway heritage of Fermanagh and further afield. Come along and experience the impact railways had on people's lives. Discover crests, lamps, timetables, photographs and much more. Suitable for all ages and levels of Irish.

For further details please contact Fiona Crudden at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council: fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com or ring 0300 303 1777.

'The Legend Ted Keenan – Triple Channel Swimmer (1934 – 2013)' exhibition

An exhibition documenting the achievements of Enniskillen born long distance swimmer, Ted Keenan, will be on display at Fermanagh County Museum **until Sunday 24 September**. Museum opening times are Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am-5pm. Normal admission rates apply.

For further information please contact Fermanagh County Museum at Enniskillen Castle by telephoning 028 6632 5000 or visiting www.enniskillencastle.co.uk

Festival Lough Erne, Enniskillen Castle

Saturday 23 (11am-6pm) and Sunday 24 (12noon - 6pm) September

Food stalls, chef demonstrations, music and fun for all the family

£2 per person (u12s free)

www.festivallougherne.com

Get out to the Gortin Glens

Saturday 30 September 12noon - 5pm

Gortin Glen Forest Park / Gortin lakes / Gortin Activity Centre

FREE outdoor activities including, foot golf, foot darts, archery, climbing wall, pony & trap rides and much more.

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/event/get-gortin-glens/>

Contact Tourism Development team on 0300 303 1777 ext 20402 or alternatively email: tourismdevelopment@fermanaghomagh.com

“Explore Omagh and the Sperrins” Discount Voucher Booklet

A new discount voucher scheme booklet has been launched recently in the Strule Arts Centre for the Omagh and Sperrins region. The “Explore Omagh and the Sperrins” discount voucher booklet is part of a marketing campaign aimed at attracting an increased number of visitors to the area and encouraging them to shop locally and visit some of the many attractions and activities in the area.

The booklet includes vouchers for more than 20 local businesses including shops, restaurants, attractions and activity providers. It will be available in all participating outlets including local hotels and attractions and will also be available in Visitor Information Offices across Northern Ireland. The booklets were also made available to all visitors attending the recent Omagh Food Festival.

The voucher booklet is the first in a series of marketing initiatives promoting the Omagh and Sperrins area. A new website, www.exploreomaghsperrins.com has been set up to support the initiative and marketing campaigns incorporating social media are being developed around some of the events in the area. The extensive marketing plan is funded by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and co-ordinated by Fermanagh Lakeland Tourism. A working group of local providers will also be meeting regularly to develop networking opportunities and co-ordinate activities to promote the region.

For further information or if any local providers wish to get more involved in future activity please contact us by emailing – info@omaghsperrins.com.

Disability Sailing on Lough Erne

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is working in partnership with the Public Health Agency, Disability Sport NI, Sport NI and Lough Erne Yacht Club to provide sailing opportunities on Lough Erne for people with disabilities through the Sailability Project.

Four specialised and adapted sailing boats have been purchased through the Sailability project and are available for use at Lough Erne Yacht Club. The boats are also ideal for use by older people.

The project is led by Disability Sport NI and is part of a wider ‘Active Living: No Limits 2021 Action Plan’. The aim of this initiative is to improve the health and well-being of people with disabilities in Northern Ireland through participation in sport and active recreation.

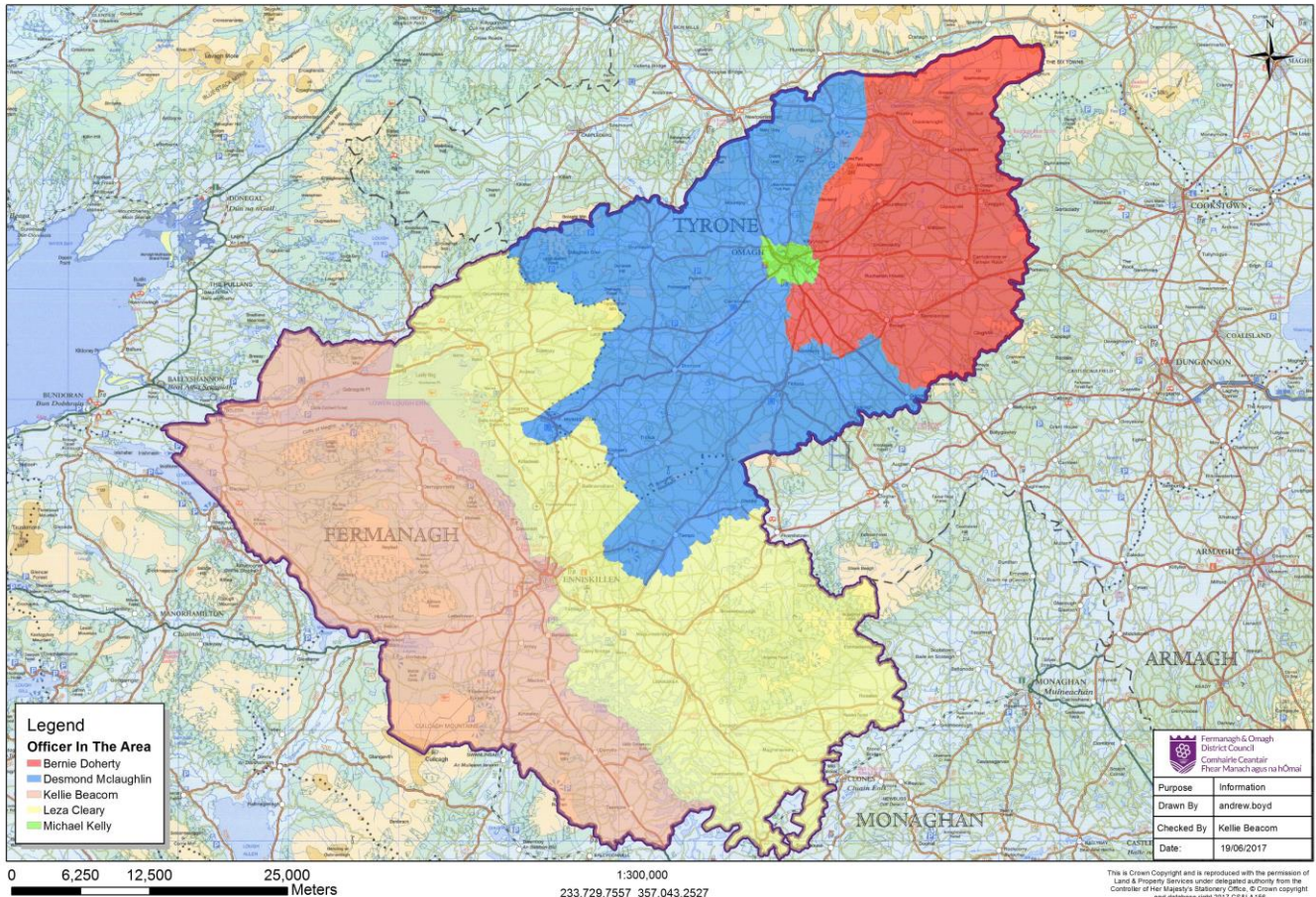
For more information on how you can get involved in the sailing programmes please contact Tom Bailey at Lough Erne Yacht Club by telephone on 028 6638 8432, email info@leyc.net or look on the club website www.leyc.net.

To enquire about sailing opportunities generally within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area please contact Imelda McCarron by calling 0300 303 1777 or email Imelda.mccarron@fermanaghomagh.com

Community Support Officer Areas

The Community Services Department offer 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 or map 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.

Community Services Officer Areas



<https://fermanagh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=298ff71ef2fc4cacb4eb2f5ee703c291b>

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 on the Council web site

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

Contact us on 0300 303 1777 Ext 21217 Email: alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com

Waste and Recycling

It is vital that we understand what happens to our waste – this helps us to think about how we can reduce and recycle our rubbish. By learning more about waste and recycling we can all do our bit for the environment.

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council believe in working with this and future generations to help improve our recycling and recovery rates. The recycling education officers are available to educate people about our facilities; the role everyone plays in recycling; and the benefits for the community.

If you are interested in an activity for your youth group or community group, please send a brief email outlining the dates you are interested in and details of your group to **claire.mcdermott@fermanaghomagh.com** or **anthea.owens@fermanaghomagh.com** and we will get in touch to discuss organising a bespoke session for you.

Please donate unwanted furniture and paint

Residents are encouraged to bring unwanted bulky items including wardrobes, tables and chairs etc to recycling centres located at Gortrush, Omagh, Fintona, Carrickmore, Drummee, Enniskillen, Irvinestown, Kesh and Lisnaskea. These items are collected by third sector organisations, refurbished and reused for social enterprise in your community.

Residents can also donate unwanted, usable paint that is then made available free of charge to residents and community groups throughout Fermanagh and Omagh District to use in the home, garden or on community projects.

For further information please contact Anthea Owens, Recycling, Education and Grants Officer, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on 0300 303 1777.

Elite Athlete Gold Card Scheme

The Elite Athlete Gold Card Scheme supports sports men and women from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area who have attained International or National success in their chosen sport. Fermanagh & Omagh Sports Forum has responsibility for assessing and administering the scheme.

Athletes will, subject to a successful application, be included in the “Elite Athlete Gold Card” Scheme and will be permitted to use identified recreation facilities owned and managed by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. These include:

- **Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown** – fitness suite.
- **Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea** –fitness suite.
- **Fermanagh Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen** – fitness suite, swimming pool and athletics track.
- **Omagh Leisure Complex, Omagh** – fitness suite, swimming pool and athletics track.

The “Elite Athlete Gold Card” will be issued to athletes for a maximum period of 12 months, subject to terms and conditions of use.

Further information, including eligibility criteria, conditions and an application form can be obtained via <http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/residential-services/leisure/elite-athlete-gold-card-scheme/>

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 contact Louise McLaughlin, Community Services, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, on 0300 303 1777 or email louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com

Community News

Leadership and Good Governance Awards 2017

Organised by the VSB Foundation in partnership with CO3 and Volunteer Now, they recognise voluntary organisations, which are working hard to improve their governance. We would like to build on the success of last year's awards and encourage organisations to apply for the awards before **Friday 8 September**. Click on the following link for full information:

<https://www.co3.bz/news/governanceawards>

Women Making Waves - Boccia programme

Tuesdays in Lakeland Forum

2.30pm - 3.30pm every second week, Tuesday 12 September to Tuesday 19 December.

New members are always welcome – just turn up at the Forum - we start sharp as we only have an hour each session to enjoy the craic. For further information, contact eileenwmw@gmail.com

The Forge Family Resource Centre

'Feel Good Follow Up' – Pettigo Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing

Information Evening **Wednesday 13 September** in Pettigo Methodist Hall 7.30pm -- 9.00pm.

Links people with sources of support within the community to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

Further information available from The Forge Family Resource Centre (00353) 71 986 1924. No booking necessary.

Free Parent Workshop

Pauline Hunter (B.ED, MA, NDT, JST) will provide a fun-filled and educational workshop for parents which will cover, in a very interactive and practical way, topics such as how children learn, improving self-esteem in children and how exercise improves learning.

The Workshop will take place on **Thursday 21 September** at 7pm in Pettigo Methodist Hall.

To book please contact The Forge Family Resource Centre (00353) 71 986 1924 or email theforgefrfc@gmail.com

Maguiresbridge Who Dares Wins Fundraising Event!

What is it? We are inviting up to 16 people (or groups) to 'Pledge a Dare or a Challenge' and raise much needed funds for Fermanagh Women's Aid. You can either do your 'Dare' or 'Challenge' live at the event on **Saturday 16 September** in the Enniskillen Hotel or you can video capture some of the action and we will show it on the night! We have spaces for 8-10 challengers on the night and 8-10 to be shown on video on the night.

The 'Abbey Road Crew' in Maguiresbridge want to do something positive in honour of our dear friend and neighbour Connie Leonard and raise funds for Fermanagh Women's Aid. If this event helps one woman find inner strength to reach out for help then that's an amazing achievement!

There are plenty of things you (or a group of friends) could try such as Shave off your beard, Sing a song on stage, Eat a really really hot curry, Run a half-mile, Get your chest waxed, Cut off your hair, Get your feet tickled with a feather duster, Run your fingernails down a blackboard etc.

The person or group who raises the most money for their challenge/dare will win:

First Prize: An overnight stay for two including dinner and breakfast at the Enniskillen Hotel!

Second prize: your choice of 4 x 1 hour circuit classes or spin classes or 4 one to one personal classes from Pulse Fitness Gym!

Third prize: a delicious Sunday Lunch for Two at the Enniskillen Hotel!

How do I register my challenge and raise money? Email us at maquiesbridgewdw@yahoo.co.uk and once we have approved your challenge/dare we will issue you with a sponsorship form.

Leonard Cheshire Disability – Omagh Branch 028 8224 8118

Charity Dinner and Dance featuring Cliona Hagan and her band

Saturday 16 September - Mellon Country Inn, Omagh

3 course Dinner served 7.30pm. Tickets £25 available from Mellon Country Inn Tel 028 8166 1224.

Dance only at 9.30pm £12. Raffle on the night

Lisnaskea Historical Society

Monday 18 September - 8.00pm in the Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea

Dr Eileen Murphy from the Archaeology department in Queens University will be giving the talk 'Cillini in Ireland – the burial grounds used by Catholic folk for unbaptised babies after the Counter Reformation.' Even though this may be very emotive for many people, it is a way to show that we have not forgotten these babies.

Fermanagh Garden Society

New season of 2017/2018 starts on **Tuesday 19 September** in Enniskillen Library at 8.00pm.

Our first speaker will be Ann Fitzsimmons, who is a keen gardener and is a regular panel member on BBC Ulster's 'Gardeners Question Time' programme on Saturday mornings. This should be a great night and everyone is welcome. We welcome new members, or come the first night and have a taster!

Further information from fermanaghgarden@outlook.com

An Evening with Paul McVeigh – Belfast award winning author

Tuesday 19 September

7pm – Enniskillen Library.

Free event. Booking essential. Tel 028 6632 2886. Email enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk

The Goodwill Gifts Support Group Charity

Provides support to combat isolation experienced by majority members of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups

New and old members meet and greet at our community services office **every Saturday** at Goodwill Gifts Charity Shop, 6 Georges Street Omagh or telephone Rose for a one to one appointment on 07881 347716.

We invite people who are very interested in singing and dancing to join our Multicultural Choir and Dance Troupe, regardless of age and cultural background.

You are all invited to our "Multicultural Week" Meet and Greet with members of Goodwill Gifts, Women Of the World, Ederney Ladies Group, Women Making Waves and Family.

Tea/Coffee and sandwiches will be served and a friendly chat with new and old friends within Ederney & Enniskillen Multicultural groups. Become a member and meet up with new friends in different nationalities.

Tuesday 19 September - New Street Inn, Ederney 6.30-8.30pm

Friday 22 September - Fermanagh House, Enniskillen 6.30-8.30pm

To confirm your attendance, please ring Eileen on 07864 635639 or Rose at 07881 347716

Trillick Cycling Club

Sunday 24 September

Fundraising cycle for Trillick Leisure Centre, 30 mile/60 mile routes. £10 entry.

Registration from 9am. Start time 10am from Trillick Leisure Centre.

Refreshments Served. Food Stops at 15 miles and 30 miles.

Western Trust Area

Campaign Launch - PANTS The Underwear Rule

Tuesday 26 September, 10 am-12 noon, Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

The NSPCC in partnership with the Health Improvement Department, WHSCT and funded by the Public Health Agency, would like to invite you to Save the Date for the launch of the Western PANTS campaign. The event will be of interest to those supporting parents/carers of young children and those with an interest in safeguarding and child protection. The campaign will promote the following resources across the Western Trust area www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

Further information and booking forms for the event will follow– if you have any immediate queries please contact margaret.gallagher@nspcc.org.uk

Omagh Mood Walk

Sunday 1 October at 2.00pm

The AWARE Mood Walk is a key event in the calendar for people throughout Omagh. Anyone can take part in the Mood Walk and you can choose to walk (or run) 5k or 10k. The Mood Walk will begin from the Youth Sports Centre and go through Lovers Retreat and back to the Youth Sports Centre for some afternoon entertainment. **Registration opens at 12.30pm.** All money raised from the AWARE Mood Walk is put back into AWARE to help improve mental health services in the area. Register now and walk #milesformentalhealth and help make a real difference in your area.

To register, visit www.aware-ni.org/mood-walks.html or call AWARE Belfast Office 028 9035 7820.

Delivering Together and Health and Social Care Transformation

- An opportunity to contribute to the development of a Strategic Framework for expanding community development approaches to reducing health inequalities.

The Fermanagh and Omagh event will be held on **Tuesday 10 October** 2017 from 7-9pm in the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown although you may attend any event that suits your diary.

Please respond to Sharon.kelly@hscni.net stating which event you would like to attend, on or before Friday 29 September.

Autumn Social Innovation Workshops

Do you want to learn more about social innovation? What it is and how you can use it to improve what you do and how you do it? NICVA are running a further round of 11 workshops throughout Northern Ireland in the last quarter of 2017 including **Fermanagh House, Enniskillen on 26 October.**

Full details available on <http://www.nicva.org/article/autumn-social-innovation-workshops>

Drink Wise Age Well

Are you concerned about your drinking? Are you aged 50 or over and feel your drinking is causing problems in your life? Drink Wise Age Well offer free support throughout the WHSCT area on an individual or group basis to help you. Are you concerned about a family member's drinking? Are they aged 50 or over? Contact us on 028 8283 9240.

Come along to our weekly support group for free and confidential support.

Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm, Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR
Telephone 028 6638 1714

Thursdays 11.00am-1.00pm, Omagh Community House, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT78 1DP
Telephone 028 8283 9240

RNIB Connect

This is a community for everyone affected by sight loss; the aim is to bond and strengthen an already vibrant community to share experience and stories, knowledge and skills so the community works for and with each other to grow independent connections.

Connect NI will be starting local meaningful engagement in Autumn 2017 - Get involved, join Connect by calling the Connect team on 0303 123 4555; emailing connect@rnib.org.uk or through our website www.rnib.org.uk/connect

Action on Hearing Loss hopes to offer local support to every town in Northern Ireland.

Do you or someone you know have a hearing loss and or Tinnitus? Could you be a **Local Community Champion**? We need volunteers to champion support in their local area.

Do you think you could support local people with a monthly hearing aid user session, an information stand, a Tinnitus support group or an isolated older person with a much needed befriender? Just 2 hours per month could deliver either of these services.

Do any of these roles sound like something that would interest you? Why not join our Campaigns team or help us raise much needed funds with our fundraising team? There are roles to suit everyone, full training provided and expenses paid.

Should you require further information on Action on Hearing Loss support in the area or to receive a volunteer application pack please contact Laura Murphy on telephone 028 9023 9619 or e-mail volunteering.ireland@hearingloss.org.uk or visit www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

Can you lend a hand?

Have you parenting experience – a mum, dad, grandparent? Would you like to share this experience? Can you spare 2-3 hours a week? If so, we could really do with your help.

We have lovely young families who just need a friend, someone who understands what it's like being a parent, someone to talk to, someone to lend a hand.

If you are interested in volunteering **please contact Home-Start Omagh District**, Macca Resource Centre, 21a Knockshee Pk, Omagh BT797PH
Phone: 028 82240902/ Mobile: 078 9530 7598 e-mail: homestartomagh@btconnect.com

Voices of the Troubles - Building Positive Relations

People from Cavan and Fermanagh sharing their experiences of conflict in Northern Ireland

In 2017 Cavan County Council will embark on an audio project to record the voices of people from border areas in counties Cavan and Fermanagh. Participants will tell their stories of how 30 years of conflict affected their lives, their families, their educational prospects and lifestyles.

Have you a story to tell? Would you like to take part?

Cavan County Council is looking for suitable candidates from Cavan and Fermanagh border areas to contribute to this project which will run to March 2018.

Small groups will meet locally on weekly basis.

For information contact:

Tom Sullivan, Cavan County Library

Email tsullivan@cavancoco.ie Phone 00 353 49 4378517

Savina Donohoe, Cavan County Museum

Email sbdonohoe@cavancoco.ie Phone 00 353 49 8544070

This project/initiative is supported by the EU's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

Family Wellness Project

Parent & Carer Support Group monthly meetings.

The Family Wellness Project is an early intervention project for children aged 5-12 who are experiencing emotional health & wellbeing difficulties, and their families. The project is funded by the Big Lottery Fund Reaching Out: Supporting Families fund and is delivered by MindWise in partnership with Action Mental Health, AWARE, Parenting NI, CAUSE and the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) teams within the Western (Fermanagh & Omagh only) & Southern Trusts.

If you are interested in attending one of our groups in your area, please contact Charmaine McCorry (Family Wellness Project Support Group Facilitator) on 07740 410169 or charmaine@cause.org.uk to complete a referral form.

Visit our website for more information on the Family Wellness Project and to access resources on children's emotional health & wellbeing <http://www.parentingni.org/family-wellness-project>

Several programmes are available through Action Mental Health and AWARE Defeat Depression partnerships with the Family Wellness Project for community groups to avail of including Mood Matters x 2 hours, Living Life to the Full x 6 weeks, Supporting Children with Anxiety, Healthy Me and Mindfulness. To book the programmes contact Carmel Rooney, Acting FWP Co-ordinator Tel 07773 221 967.

Free Hearing Aid Support Sessions in Enniskillen

If you're having trouble with your hearing aid, need new batteries (they are free for NHS aids), need the ear mould tubing changed, or just need some advice about how to get the best from your hearing aid, come along and talk to an Action on Hearing Loss volunteer. They'll be glad to help with any problems you are having with your hearing aid/s. No need to make an appointment. Sessions are held in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen on the first Thursday of the month.

For further information contact Mary on 028 7132 0167/07918 767640

Alzheimer's Society

Volunteer opportunity in Enniskillen: Legacy Giving Support Role

The Legacy Giving Team provides the information and means for those wishing to leave a gift in their Will or donate in memory of a loved one. You will volunteer closely with the local Legacy Giving Officer (LGO), who will make sure that you have the required information and training to enable you to carry out a range of activities - which may include distributing leaflets, arranging appointments, maintaining relationships and keeping records.

The role will suit you if you have an interest in supporting people with dementia, have good communication skills, can act professionally and volunteer with minimal supervision.

Volunteer opportunity in Omagh: Volunteer Leader in our Engagement Service

--- One day per month on an ongoing basis (this could be one or two hours a week).

Support staff and volunteers with the coordination, engagement and organisation of volunteers in recruitment, identification of training needs, and provision of social and peer support.

You don't need experience, but you will need to have the ability to treat others with respect, have good communication and listening skills, be perceptive, and be keen to learn about dementia.

If you would like to find out more about these roles, or other volunteering opportunities, please contact Rosario Mc Hugh, Volunteering Officer (rosario.mchugh@alzheimers.org.uk /028 7138 4570) or visit our website at www.alzheimers.org.uk.

Sports Clubs Get Online as Clubmark NI Scheme is Relunched

Sport Northern Ireland is inviting local sports clubs to register online for its Clubmark NI accreditation scheme.

The Clubmark NI scheme provides accreditation to clubs which demonstrate minimum operating standards in the areas of coaching, management, safety, community engagement and safeguarding. Over ninety local sports clubs currently hold Clubmark NI status, helping them to be recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages to enjoy sport and stay involved throughout their lives.

Sport Northern Ireland has now launched a new online portal for the scheme, streamlining the process for clubs who wish to gain accreditation.

Clubmark NI is delivered in partnership with the eleven local authorities and twenty-two governing bodies of sport, who will guide and support registered clubs through the process towards accreditation.

Sports clubs can gain more information on the Clubmark NI, and register for the scheme, via the Sport NI website www.sportni.net/clubmarkni

For further information, contact Francis Casey, Sport Northern Ireland 028 9038 3217

Lough Erne Heritage - an organisation formed over two years ago to promote and preserve the history of the traditional boats of Lough Erne. Click on the following link for further information: <http://afloat.ie/inland/inland-waterways/item/36925-lough-erne-heritage-is-preserving-history-of-traditional-boats> Email info@lougherneheritage.com

Ulster University Evaluation of Community Development Degree

WRDA (Women's Resource and Development Agency) are currently undertaking a piece of evaluation work for the University of Ulster on their Community Development Degree. This is a good opportunity to evaluate the degree in terms of whether it is still fit for purpose with a view to overhauling it if that is what is required after feedback from this activity.

Questions will focus on:

- Are people aware of the degree? If they are – who in their organisation did it?
- Did the course provide the underpinning skills and knowledge to do the job they are doing?
- Is there particular skills/knowledge that would be more useful?
- What are the core skills/knowledge competencies needed for community development?
- In terms of the structure of the course, it is 1 day per week over 2 semesters which equates to 24 full days. This can be a big ask especially for smaller organisations.
- Is there other structures that might suit e.g. residentials, twilight hours, e-learning?

The evaluation will be completed by the end of September.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Kellie O'Dowd Tel: 028 9023 0212 Mob: 07740362060 Email: kellie.odowd@wrda.net Website: www.wrda.net

The Fermanagh Genealogy Centre

Volunteer run advice centre open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 1.30-4.30pm in Enniskillen Castle Museum, booking essential via <http://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/explore-more/fermanagh-genealogy-centre/>

Member talks on third Saturday of month September to April in Enniskillen Library 1.30-3.30pm. Programme details from centre notice board or face book page.

Omagh's Hard of Hearing Club - Monthly Meeting

Running for over 20 years the Omagh Hard of Hearing club has been supporting members of our local community.

Hearing loss and deafness can create difficulties in communicating with friends and family, and can lead to isolation. People with hearing loss often report that they no longer go out socially, attend events, or even go shopping as often, because they struggle to hear and conversation can be difficult. The aim of the Omagh Hear to Meet Group is to meet other people who understand what it is like to live with hearing loss, take part in fun filled activities and meet others over a cuppa.

The club is for people who have a hearing loss or wear a hearing aid. The group is **free** of charge and meets in Omagh Library. For more information please contact Mariette Mulvenna at 028 9023 9619 or by email: mariette.mulvenna@hearingloss.org.uk

The Community Family Support Programme - Enniskillen Knitting Group

Starts Tuesday 5 September 11.00am – 12.30pm.

Would you like to learn how to knit or share your knowledge with someone else over a cuppa?

Tea/Coffee and Cakes provided. Limited places. Contact Ciara 07739 651585

Eligibility criteria for the programme

Reconnect is a registered charity which offers support to adults with acquired brain injury (ABI) through specialist training and rehabilitation programmes. As part of its unique service, Reconnect is currently delivering bespoke gardening workshops which serve to promote psychological, physical and emotional well-being.

The workshops are delivered by Caroline Lennon, a qualified Horticulture Therapist and trainer who is also responsible for the development and expansion of Reconnect's Horticultural Outreach services across Northern Ireland.

Workshop placements are now available to adults with ABI who wish to experience gardening for the first time or are seasoned gardeners who would like to learn new skills -

- Seed sowing of flowers, vegetables & herbs
- Care and maintenance of plants
- Designing and planting up hanging baskets containers
- Propagation of plants by cuttings & root division
- Crafts e.g. container art, hazel basket making, flower arranging

All workshops are designed to meet the needs and abilities of the individual and will be delivered in a style and format such as 'table-top & chair', which can accommodate those who have issues around mobility.

Training for recognised qualifications - Access to accredited OCN courses in Horticulture is on offer to those who are interested in undertaking a recognised qualification. The course work will be led by the trainer who will support learning by compiling a portfolio of evidence, knowledge and understanding.

For more information please contact Caroline Lennon, Reconnect Horticulture, Outreach Co-ordinator on 07789 740725

Lisbellaw South Fermanagh WW1 Society

The society is open to all sections of the community and we will be looking at the involvement of all in various battles. Contact lisbellawsouthfermwwarsociety@gmail.com

Citizens Advice Fermanagh currently seeking volunteers

The work of Citizens Advice Fermanagh would not be possible without volunteers. There are many ways to get involved. You can support our front-line service by training to be an advisor, help streamline the office administration systems, use your IT skills, language skills or knowledge of local communities, or you can fulfil strategic roles and sit on the management committee and help with fundraising, publicity or our social policy work.

Voluntary work for Citizens Advice provides excellent opportunity to gain invaluable experience for paid employment. You will receive 100% support, full training and your expenses paid. We are committed to equal opportunities for our workers and clients, and welcome volunteers regardless of race, gender, sexuality or disabilities.

For further information please contact Siobhan Peoples, Manager, Citizens Advice Fermanagh, Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR, e-mail fermanaghcab@citizensadvice.co.uk

Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR

Telephone 028 6632 0210

Up and Coming Events in September:

Free Macmillan Training: SAGE & TYME 3hr workshop on **14 September** from 1-4pm teaching: A memorable structured approach for getting into and out of a conversation / How to empower patients/carers who are worried or distressed / Communication skills that are evidence based. Book your place by telephoning 028 9070 8610 or Email: nilearning@macmillan.org.uk

Free Awareness Session for charities – The Charity Commission, in conjunction with Inspiring Impact NI & Community Evaluation NI, are running a 2hr practical & interactive session on 'Good Impact Practice and the Public Benefit Requirement' on **26 September** from 10.30am–12.30pm. To book – Email: aongus@ceni.org or phone 028 9024 8005.

Free RNIB Course – A six weekly confidence building workshop beginning **7 September** 9.30am-3.30pm. For more information contact Richard Craig, the Living with Sight Loss Facilitator, Looking Forward Project on 028 9033 4144 or email richard.craig@rnib.org.uk

Fermanagh Film Club will be showing **THE MAN CALLED OVE** on **13 September** 8-10pm, **'BEST'** on **22 September** 8-10pm, **SCRIBE** on **27 September** 8-10pm, **'JUMP'** on **4 October** 7pm-late, **'CERTAIN WOMAN'** on **11 October** 8-10pm. Annual Membership £28, Students £16 & Non Members pay £5, students £3 on the night. For further information email: fermanaghfilmclub08@gmail.com or go to their website: www.fermanaghfilmclub.com

St John's Ambulance - Three day first aid course on **5, 12 & 19 September** and a two day course on **3 & 10 October**. For further details or booking please contact District office Belfast -Tel: 028 9079 9393 EM: districthq@ni.sja.org.uk Website: www.sja.org.uk/sja/training-courses.aspx

Our Regular Groups:

- **Sarcoidosis support group** – first Monday of the month from 7-9pm
- **St Michael's Bridge Club** - every Monday at 7.30pm September - May.
- **Family Mediation** – assisting families experiencing the trauma of separation. For an appointment in Fermanagh House call 028 9024 3265 or email enquiry@familymediationni.org.uk
- **U3A** – leisure and learning co-operative of older people. Choir, drama and poetry. Call 028 6632 0210
- **Downs Syndrome Support Group** – first Wednesday of month Oct-May at 8.00pm. Contact Catherine Dunne on 028 6638 8409
- **Autism NI Support Group** - 8-10pm 4th Wednesday of the month (*not July or Aug*). Contact Michelle Higgins 07834 484229
- **Victim Support** - a charity who supports people affected by crime. They offer a free and confidential service, whether or not a crime has been reported and regardless of how long ago the event took place. We are an independent organisation - not part of the police, courts or any other criminal justice agency. Tel 028 9024 3133 or email info@victimsupportni.org.uk
- **Addiction NI** - a community addiction service/registered charity providing treatment and support for people who are dependent on alcohol or drugs. We provide tailor-made treatment programmes for people with drug or alcohol problems, delivered in community settings. We also give confidential support for people affected by someone else's drinking or drug use. For more details ring 028 9066 4434 or email enquiries@addictionni.com

Omagh Ethnic Community Support Group are providing a free advice and advocacy service to members of ethnic communities in the area. This service is being provided by specially trained advisors and also includes interpreting for major languages, especially Polish, Hungarian and Chinese. Available on Wednesdays by appointment only.

For further information contact Omagh Ethnic Community Support Group on 028 8224 9750

Women of the World are looking for new members!

To volunteer with Women of the World, call secretary Eileen Drumm on 07599 813482 or Rosa on 07881 347716.

Music in Fermanagh

We are now a properly constituted Charitable Trust, so if any of our friends and neighbours feel like helping us financially, there will be tax benefits!!! We have already established excellent relationships with The Arts Council and with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and are in contact with musical societies all over Ireland, both North and South, to exchange ideas and opportunities. We are anxious to share the management of our organisation with younger people, from teenagers through to middle age, so get in touch with us if you feel like joining in! And, of course, we're keen to expand our contact list, so send your email address to Richard Pierce at richard.folly@icloud.com

Choice housing currently have 3 x 1 bedroom bungalows for people on the Housing Executive waiting list aged 50+ in Carn Court, Rosslea, Co Fermanagh.

Sheltered housing enables older people to live independently and privately in their own dwelling within a safe, friendly and supportive environment. All of our sheltered dwellings are linked to a 24 hour emergency call centre and tenants can have a pendant alarm if required. A scheme co-ordinator support service is available on site five days a week. Our aim is to ensure tenants feel safe, enjoy their privacy and independence, and have the opportunity to participate in social events and activities.

For further information contact Charlie Temple on 0300 111 2211 or email Charlie.Temple@choice-housing.org

Shopmobility Omagh Does Event Mobility

Shopmobility Omagh is now in a position to attend rural events at **no cost** to the organisers or potential users. This project is to ensure people who would otherwise be isolated in their own home have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities just like everyone else.

We are now booking dates to attend any events within Omagh and surrounding areas, on a first come, first served basis. So make sure you don't miss out on this **free** service and ensure your event is accessible to everyone. All we ask of the organisers is that you advertise in flyers/posters that we will be in attendance at your event. (Please confirm booking beforehand).

Shopmobility Omagh also offers a **free** daily "Meet & Greet" service whereby you ring us from any of the town car parks and we will bring the equipment to you....and collect it again when you're finished with it.

Tel 028 8224 0991/07517 953536 or email shopmobilityomagh@outlook.com to book your event or find out more.

Shopmobility Enniskillen

We require a volunteer manager to support our recruitment of volunteers. The role will consist of Managing and recruiting volunteers, attending volunteer events, developing appropriate volunteer roles, promoting volunteering externally, organising rotas and providing inductions.

This opportunity will give the suitable volunteer great experience in management and full training will be provided. **Call 028 6632 9965 Email eniskillensm@live.co.uk**

Active Female Competition

The Female Sports Forum in partnership with O'Neills Sports have a new **monthly** 'Active Female Competition' to highlight the contribution of women and girls in sport and physical activity across Northern Ireland.

Nominate a participant, coach, volunteer or administrator who has had recent individual and/or team success and/or made an exceptional contribution to their sport in the previous month. After all the nominations are in, the Female Sports Forum will shortlist three of the nominees and post online their reason for nomination on their social media platforms for the public to then vote for the most deserving female who will win a £50 voucher from O'Neills Sports.

For more information and to nominate, please visit

<https://femalesportsforum.com/2017/02/active-female-competition-association-oneills-sports/>

Telephone: 028 9038 3825

Facebook: Female Sports Forum **Twitter:** @FemSportsForum

Instagram: @femalesportsforum

Omagh Gardening Society –

For further details email info@omaghgardeningsociety.org www.omaghgardeningsociety.org

Set Dancing Omagh - Omagh Traditional Dancing Club Set Dancing Classes held every **Monday from 8.30pm – 10.30pm in Dun Uladh Heritage Centre, Ballinamullan, Omagh.**

Tel Marie 07786 982988 for more information

Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex

Can you spare a few hours each week? If you are enthusiastic and enjoy helping others, we may have the role for you! Training and Support is offered. Roles will include:

- Meet and Greet/Signposting
- Ward support
- Macmillan Information Point

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, **please contact the Omagh Volunteer Centre as soon as possible on 028 8224 0772 or email omaghvc2@yahoo.co.uk**

Mencap are the voice of learning disability in Northern Ireland. Help support Mencap by volunteering at a local bag pack/collection. Volunteer time is invaluable and much needed to continue their fantastic work throughout Northern Ireland.

If you would like to give up a few hours of your time or find out more about volunteering for Mencap please email fundraising.ni@mencap.org.uk or call 028 9069 1351.

To find out more about Mencap NI please visit <http://mencapbigstepforward.org/>

Take the Next Step to a healthier you!

The Western Trust is working in partnership with The Public Health Agency to encourage staff to quite literally take some simple steps to better health.

'Take the Next Step' aims to highlight that by sitting less and moving more we can increase our daily steps and help reduce the risk of developing long-term health conditions such as heart disease, some cancers and type 2 diabetes. Increasing activity levels also helps maintain a healthy weight and promotes positive mental health.

You can download one of the many free apps available or buy a pedometer to measure how many steps you take, then set personal goals to increase this number. Ideally this should be done as a group challenge so why not get your friends, family, your local community group or workplace to form a team to support and encourage each other to increase your daily steps and feel the health benefits.

If you would like to 'Take the Next Step' to better health, a range of resources including a Leader's Guide and Step Log are available to download at:

www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/step-challenge-toolkit-leaders-guide-poster-certificate-etc

Please register your team on the form provided at the back of the Leader's Guide.

Hard copies of Step Challenge information leaflets for participants are also available on request by emailing: Lesley.Finlay@westerntrust.hscni.net Telephone 028 7186 5127 ext 217127.

Go on...'Take the Next Step' to a healthier you!

Dementia NI:

New Empowerment Group launched in Irvinestown for people living with dementia.

Dementia NI is a new charitable organisation which has been set up and is led by people living with a diagnosis of dementia. The aim of the organisation and Empowerment Groups is to empower and enable people living with dementia to have their voices heard on issues that are important to them. The new Empowerment Group in Irvinestown will aim to Raise awareness about dementia, Challenge the stigma of dementia, engage with service providers to influence policy and practice throughout Northern Ireland. **Group members meet every fortnight and support each other through friendship and understanding, particularly after a recent diagnosis.**

For more information or if you wish to join please get in touch with your local Empowerment Officer, Paula Canney on 07966881422

Free Debt Advice Centre covering Fermanagh and South Tyrone. Christians Against Poverty are delighted to offer their service to those of all faiths or none and clients are seen in the privacy of their own home without the need or cost of travelling to a Centre.

Please call the **FREE national appointment booking number on 0800 328 0006** (01274 760839 may be cheaper from a mobile).

Tamlaght Women's Institute

Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8pm in Women's Institute Hall, Tamlaght.

New members always welcome to share in the Friendship, learn new skills and enjoy a nice cuppa. **For further information contact irismahon@btinternet.com**

Aisling Centre, 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7DP

Telephone 028 6632 5811

Self-Harm & the Family - CLEAR Project

Advanced Registration Required. Facilitated by ZEST. Monday 2 & 9 October, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Booking information Email: claire@dhcni.com Online: www.dhcni.com/training

Mental Health First Aid - Western Health & Social Care Trust

Advanced Registration Required. Thursday 12 & 19 October, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Booking Forms at health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net, Tel: 028 7186 5127

Mindfulness Meditation with Mary Conway

MBSR 8 Week Course

Advanced Registration Required. **Information Evening** 6 September 2017 @ 7.30pm

8 Week Autumn course 11 October – 29 November

All Day Retreat 25 November 10.30am – 3.30pm (Open to MBSR 'Graduates')

Monthly Drop in / Taster Sessions

Tuesday's 7.30 – 9.00pm on 26 September, 24 October, 21 November, 12 December

Journeying Together

Support group for people who live with/have lived with a loved one's addiction

For further information please contact the Centre

Poetry Workshops with Rosemarie Keenan

An invitation to dip into some familiar lines & passages

Tuesday 3 October, 10 October, 17 October 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Everyone welcome, feel free to attend one or all of the sessions. No prior knowledge of poetry necessary

Christmas Poetry - Tuesday 12 December

For Further Information on these and other programmes visit our website –

www.theaislingcentre.com. Register to receive e-updates. Contact the Centre:- E-
info@theaislingcentre.com / T - 028 6632 5811. Follow us on Facebook or Twitter

Support Groups and Networks

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

ADHD

Adult support group. 1st Thursday of the Month 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For information contact

Niall Greene or Emma Weaver t: 07729618563 | 07724916770 | e: niaadhd@gmail.com

AWARE

A self-help support group-for people who are affected by depression or bipolar disorder (manic depression). Alternative Tuesdays 7:30pm – 9:00pm

For information contact 0845 120 2961 e: help@aware-ni.org

Escapists

Support group for carers. Every Wednesday morning 10:30am – 1:00pm

For information contact Clare McGovern 078 3011 7766

Forget Me Not

Support group for people bereaved by suicide. 1st Monday of the Month 7:30pm – 9:00pm
For information contact Collette Cullen 078 2653 5199

SWEDES (South West Enabling Deaf Encouraging Sign)

Deaf, hard of hearing, hearing and signing social network. 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For information contact Joan Thompson 028 6632 5811

Island Artists Mondays 7:30pm – 9:30pm & Wednesdays 2:00pm – 4:00pm

For information contact Maura Newman – 079 6822 5704

The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens supports, represents and promotes community-managed farms, gardens, allotments and other green spaces, creating opportunities for local communities to grow.

Our work in Northern Ireland is relatively young, but growing fast - as is the community growing movement here. There's also plenty of information available to help Northern Ireland's community growers, available from our website www.farmgarden.org.uk

We work with community groups to help empower local people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to build better communities, often in under resourced areas, and to make a positive impact on their surrounding environment. Our work contributes to creating better communities across the UK in both urban and isolated rural areas.

Download the useful publication **Sustaining Your Community Garden**, a good practice factsheet to ensure the long term sustainability of a community garden, based on research into 12 projects in Northern Ireland. It highlights how encouraging self-organisation in community growing projects can contribute to a good long term management plan.

To find out more about how we can help you visit our website

www.growingtogether.community or contact Sinead Bailie, Northern Ireland Advisor – **Growing Together** (Normally available on Tuesday) Mob: 07725 973980
sinead@farmgarden.org.uk

The Conservation Volunteers are currently running their Green Gym project across the Western Health Trust area.

The project aims to promote the health benefits of getting involved in practical environmental activities such as gardening, allotments or community development work.

The Conservation Volunteers can provide practical support, supervision and guidance as well as some funding towards materials, plants, seeds, etc.

If your group feels that they could take advantage of this or would like more information **please contact Jack Chestnutt on 07882 401455 or email jack.chestnutt@tcv.org.uk**

This Green Gym is funded by the Public Health Authority.

Tara Centre, 11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT79 0AH

Tel: 028 82250024 email: info@taraomagh.com www.taraomagh.com

Seminars, Events and Workshops - Prior booking is essential

- **Historical Coach Tour to 'Drogheda and The Pale' – Dr. Eamon Phoenix**
Wednesday 20 September
- **Loss: Transgenerational, Personal and Ancestral Healing - Father Jim Cogley**
Friday 22 September 10am – 4pm & Saturday 23 September 10am-1pm
- **An Island Divided: Northern Ireland from Partition to Civil Rights 1920-1970 (Dr Eamon Phoenix)**
This series of 5 interactive sessions will be illustrated by actual footage and will trace the history of Ireland and more particularly Northern Ireland from the establishment of partition in 1921 until 1970. Wednesday 4, 11, 18, 25 October & 1 November (7.30pm-9.30pm)
- **The Green Platform – Declan Coyle 2 day workshop**
Saturday 4 November Sunday 5 November (10.00am-4.00pm each day)
- **An Introduction to Ayurveda: A Holistic Healing Programme (A workshop in two parts) Dr. Aileen O'Kane**
Part 1 Saturday 11 November (10am-4.30pm) Part 2 Saturday 18 November (10am-4.30pm)
- **Bio Energy Information Evening – Michael O'Doherty**
An information evening for anyone interested in learning about the integration of powerful and effective healing techniques that work by rebalancing the life energy of the body
Friday 1 December (7.30pm-9.30pm)
- **Transforming Stress and Anxiety into Vitality –Michael O'Doherty** Training in Bio-Energy Healing Techniques -2 full days
Saturday 2 December (10.00am-5.00pm) Sunday 3 December (9.30am-4.30pm)

Ongoing programmes

- **Soul of Healing Seminars** – Mary Daly and Maura Twohig
Saturday 16 September, Saturday 7 October, Saturday 11 November (11.00am – 5.30pm)
Tara Centre Christmas Meditation: Saturday 16 December
- **Yoga for Beginners** 10 week programme - Heather Kemps 27 September (10.30am-12.00pm) and 28 September (7.00pm-8.30pm)
- **Yoga for Intermediates** 10 week programme - Heather Kemps 27 September (12.00pm-1.30pm) and 28 September (8.30pm-10.00pm)

Breastfriends Enniskillen is run by Ann McCrea (Lactation Consultant) and supported by Adele Paton (Volunteer Breastfeeding Peer Supporter).

Every Thursday from 10:30-12:30 mums and babies meet for tea and a chat in the **Barnabas Centre on Wesley Street** where there are comfortable surroundings with blankets and toys for the babies to play.

Mums who have difficulties such as nipple pain, low weight gain, fussiness can come and see Ann for specialist advice. All the mums and babies benefit from peer support and sharing tips about what works for them, how to get through the night feeds or the need for babies to be close. It is a lovely welcoming and nurturing group and all pregnant and nursing mums will be most welcome.

For further information contact Adele Paton, Breastfeeding Community Link Worker on 07816 758780

Autism Initiatives Western Housing Floating Support - Do you have an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) or are you awaiting assessment? Are you living independently or in the process of moving into independent living? Are you currently managing the running of your home? Perhaps you are moving to live near your college or university for the first time? If so, Autism Initiatives currently provide a one-to-one floating support service in counties Fermanagh, Tyrone & Derry/Londonderry to help empower you with the skills you need in living independently. Housing Floating Support is a person centered support for up to a period of two years depending on your needs and can support you in the areas of:

- Advice and support around home security and safety.
- Advice and encouragement in the maintenance of your home.
- Support with all daily living skills.
- Assistance and advice with budgeting and benefits.
- Support to become involved in local community and local facilities.
- Maintaining a healthy lifestyle.
- Support to access information on other services.

We accept referrals from all statutory/voluntary/community services and also accept self referrals. For more information about our service or if you wish to receive a referral form please **contact 028 7131 8172 or email dale@ai-ni.co.uk**. Alternatively you can visit the website **www.onestopshopai.org**.

Stop Smoking Clinics

Did you know that more people succeed with our Specialist Stop Smoking Service than any other way? We offer a free and flexible service to anyone keen to stop smoking provided by Specialist Stop Smoking Practitioners. They are easy to access and have a lot to offer including individual/group support, a location that suits you, specific advice and guidance, prescriptions for stop smoking products if required. Weekly Drop-in Clinics are available in your area as follows:

Strabane Health Centre	Wednesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm
Omagh, Post Grad Centre	Tuesdays 6.30 – 8.00pm
Enniskillen SWAH	Mondays 6.00 – 7.30pm

Anyone who wants to know more about stopping smoking can call the local helpline on 0800 9179388 where they can speak to a member of the Smoking Cessation Team.

Moving on, through Leonard Cheshire Disability, support young disabled beneficiaries to realise their ambitions and achieve their potential in life. The project is funded through the Big Lottery fund's Empowering Young People and is aimed at:

- Young people from 16-19 years old with a physical disability, sensory impairment and/or acquired brain injury.
- Young disabled people living in the Western Trust area of Northern Ireland. That is, Tyrone, Fermanagh and Derry.
- Young people who are in NEED of education, employment or training and are currently disengaged from these and classified as being NEET's.

Find out more on the **Moving on website** – Movingon.leonardcheshire.org or like us on Facebook @Moving on – Leonard Cheshire Disability Northern Ireland.
or contact **Michael Mullin**, Project Co-ordinator - Moving on, Omagh Support Services
Telephone: 02882 250539, Mobile: 07718422483,
Email: michael.mullin@leonardcheshire.org

The JAM Card allows people with learning difficulties to ask for 'Just a Minute' of patience

Social enterprise NOW Group have created an app for mobile phones called the **JAM Card** (an abbreviation of 'Just a Minute') that people with learning disabilities/difficulties can use to alert staff in retail outlets, public/private transport providers and other areas of public life they need Just A Minute of patience and time when interacting with them.

NOW Group support people with learning difficulties into training and employment and the **JAM Card** was the idea of their service users who said they often felt under pressure when they were out and about in every-day life and would like a discreet way of letting people know that they needed a little extra time.

Feedback shows that people feel more confident in public when they use the **JAM Card**. Some people who would have previously relied on their parents or taxis to travel now feel able to take public transport by themselves as they can show the bus driver the **JAM Card** and get the extra time they need to buy their ticket.

The **JAM Card** began as a plastic credit card sized card which says 'Just a Minute' on one side and 'Please be patient, I have a learning difficulty' on the other. Hundreds of people are already using the plastic card throughout Northern Ireland but NOW Group wanted a way to reach more people and felt that developing the card into a digital app would allow more people to access it and could also provide additional functionality as well as data feedback. Funding from both the Big Lottery and Nominet Trust have allowed the organisation to invest in developing the app and getting feedback from users.

The card and the app are both free. The card is available now by getting in touch with NOW Group on 028 9043 6400 or admin@nowgroup.org and the app will be available to download from your app provider from the first week in November.

Collage Collective - Local Art and Craft Gallery and Shop

Would you like to exhibit and sell your work in a gallery/shop in the heart of Enniskillen's creative centre situated in **The Buttermarket, Enniskillen?**

Be part of the **Collage Collective** and connect with local artists, crafters and writers. Get feedback on your work and inspiration from other artists and visitors. There is no commission on work sold – only a small monthly rent contribution and the opportunity to meet the public through manning the shop for a day.

The restful ambience of the Collage Collective's retail outlet hides a real Aladdin's cave of **art and craft**, filled with an eclectic mix of beautifully handmade items, home décor and gifts and is a must for people seeking out unique, handcrafted work.

If you would also like to demonstrate and teach your skills, the Collective is organising **workshops** throughout the year on a multitude of techniques for all communities: from children's workshops to advanced classes for fellow artists.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please send an email to collage.ekn@gmail.com or contact Genevieve Murphy on 028 6634 1399 for more information.

Action for Children

The **Supported Lodgings Service** provides planned and emergency placements for homeless young people in the Western Health & Social Care Trust area.

The Supported Lodgings Service recruits Hosts who in turn provide a placement and support in their home to a vulnerable young person requiring accommodation. In return we offer –

- a generous weekly allowance
- ongoing support and training
- a chance to help a young person reach their full potential.

Youth homeless remains an issue in our society – yet there is a lack of suitable placements for young people faced with homelessness. The Supported Lodgings Service is a new service which aims to meet the need of youth homelessness whilst providing young people with support and to experience being part of a family through having a sense of belonging. This is imperative in breaking down barriers of isolation and promoting positive emotional health for young people whose family relations have broken down. Our service builds upon supporting families to reunite through adding the stability of a placement and support in the community setting at the stage of crisis.

Within the Supported Lodgings service we have a number of very caring hosts who have opened up their homes to young people and the outcomes for these young people have been very positive.

If you would like to know more, a co-ordinator is available to visit and speak at one of your groups or an information event, for example

Please contact 028 9446 7345

Email openingdoorssupportedlodgings@actionforchildren.org.uk

AMH's New Horizons Employment Programme - Briana McAteer, Employment Officer with AMH Fermanagh New Horizons supports those with mental health issues as they seek to find employment, volunteer posts or further training. If you are unemployed, experiencing mental ill health and are interested in taking that next step towards recovery, you can take part in AMH's New Horizons Employment Programme. The project, which is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020 and the Department for Employment and Learning, is open to anyone in the Fermanagh and Omagh areas.

Referrals are accepted from the Community Mental Health teams, the Condition Management teams and the Jobs and Benefits advisers. It is individually tailored to meet the needs of each client and can provide practical support such as job searching, completing application forms or creating CVs. Support is also provided to find volunteer placements and to enter other training programmes or further education.

If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to **contact Briana on Tel 028 6632 3630** Fax 07734 860337, email bmcateer@amh.org.uk, web www.amh.org.uk

The Community Family Support Programme (CFSP) is running in Enniskillen, Omagh, Strabane and Derry/Londonderry. CFSP is funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Department For Employment and Learning (DEL).

CFSP support families (with at least one person aged 16 - 65 years Not in education, training or full time employment) to develop their capacity to reach their full potential by addressing the health, social, economic, educational, employment and training issues that impact on their daily lives.

One to One Support provided on the programme is directly matched to each family's needs and may include:

Family and Education Support: – Advice and Guidance, confidence building, motivation and social skills. - Parenting skills. - Encouraging better family relationships. - Improving health and emotional wellbeing. - Money management and benefits advice.

Employment and Training Support (Employment Engagement Officer) - Developing skills to find work. - Creating CVs. - Preparation for interviews. - Employment opportunities. - Training opportunities. Family and Education Support Employment and Training Support.

The Family Liaison Officer (FLO), in partnership with specialist support organisations, will help families get any specialist support they need, such as help for drug/alcohol misuse, debt management and counselling.

The Employment Engagement Officer (EEO), in partnership with employers and training organisations, will help families engage with employment and training. We are always running Free courses for families to increase skills.

Entry to the CFSP is voluntary and recruitment of families to the programme is sought from a range of sources including the local network of Family Support Hubs, the relevant Health and Social Care Trusts and other family support agencies/organisations in the voluntary and community sectors. Families can also self-refer from within their local community.

For further information contact:

Enniskillen office (situated in the Find Centre, 2 Quay Lane, Enniskillen) Ciara 07739 651585
Omagh Office, Omagh Enterprise Centre, 07921 833832 Ann McBrien

Al-Anon Family Groups provide support to anyone whose life is, or has been, affected by someone else's drinking, regardless of whether that person is still drinking or not. Al-Anon does not offer advice or counselling, but members give each other understanding, strength and hope. **Meetings take place the last Friday of the month @ 1pm** in the ARC Healthy Living Centre, Sallyswood, Irvinestown. Everyone welcome.

The Enniskillen Foodbank is situated in The Lakes Vineyard Church, 6-8 Cross Street, opposite the Buttermarket, next to Hanna Electricals.

If you require assistance please come in. We are open Mondays 6pm - 8pm; Wednesdays 10am - 12pm; Fridays 2pm - 4pm

We also have collection points for those wishing to donate food in Asda, Tesco and Rooney's Spar. If you want to donate financially please call in, or **for more information call Paul on 07706 499724.**

New support services from MAN for Men

Call for male and female volunteer counsellors to help deliver and expand a range of new services for men in your area

For over 21 years Men's Action Network (MAN) has offered safe, supportive spaces to hear, support and enable men and boys to find a way forward with the life issues they experience associated with:

Addictions, Abuse, Anger, Crisis, Depression, Isolation, Suicidal Feelings, Self Esteem, Self-Development, Domestic Abuse/Violence, Sexual Abuse/Violence, Relationship Breakup, Family Breakup, Child Contact Issues, Emotional Well Being, Sexuality, Fathering Issues, Lifestyle Difficulties.

MAN are looking for local committed, passionate and professional counsellors to help us deliver professional support/counselling to the, often most hard to reach group, men in your area. We are committed to providing service users with a quality service in which every man is treated with respect and courtesy, receives fair, reasonable treatment, receives the highest quality of support to meet their needs and receives clear, accurate, timely and relevant information or help towards this end.

If you are a qualified counsellor with a minimum of a recognised Diploma in counselling and with 100 hours' post-graduation practice, we would like you to join our team to support men in your local area.

To find out more about MAN, our services, the counsellor/job requirements, or to download an application form, please go to our website www.man-ni.org or call us on 028 7137 7777.

Players Wanted

Fermanagh Concert Band is a local band based in Enniskillen. We play all types of music ranging from marches/classical through to contemporary pop/jazz and have a diverse number of members from all backgrounds and ages. Practices are weekly on Thursdays in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Lough Shore site from 7-9pm and we are always on the lookout for new members to join. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, **please contact Shane on 07811 489834** or look up our Facebook page.

Action for Children Foster Care NI is currently recruiting Foster Carers in your area to provide a safe and caring home to vulnerable children.

If you feel you can give a vulnerable child the support and care they need; have experience in working with young people and have a spare room you could transform the life of a child in your community.

Please contact Action for Children Foster Care NI for more information.

Tel: 028 6632 4181 Email: fostercareni@actionforchildren.org.uk

Leonard Cheshire Disability

In the west of the province, we offer a number of community-based services to people aged 18+ with a physical disability, sensory impairment and/or acquired brain injury. These services are person centred and outcome based, with the aim of improving people's quality of life and supporting them to achieve their own individual goals. The key support services we provide are:

1. Housing Floating Support (*Omagh, Enniskillen & Surrounding Areas*)

The main objective of our floating support service is to enable people to move towards independent living. Support offered includes:

- Access to local health services, GP/Dentist etc.
- Develop skills to deal with repairs, maintenance and safety within your home
- Developing essential daily life skills e.g. budgeting, shopping, etc.
- Increased access to the local community
- Support through a move

2. Day Opportunities (*Omagh & Surrounding Areas Only*)

Our Day Opportunities service aims to increase social opportunities for people with disabilities through establishing links with other services within the local community. Support offered includes:

One-to-One/Individual to access

- Employment and volunteering opportunities
- Education and training
- Transport
- New groups, activities and/or interests

Group

6-8 week workshops to develop knowledge and skills in accessing the local community such as:

- Resilience
- Self-Determination
- Assistive Technology

For further information regarding our services, **please contact 028 8224 8118.**

Fermanagh Women's Aid

Volunteers needed

Fermanagh Women's Aid are seeking compassionate and committed female volunteers to become part of an on-call rota for admissions to services and other duties. For an application form please **contact Denise Crudden on 028 6632 8898 or email denisec@fermanaghwomensaid.com**

Fermanagh Women's Aid is a women only organisation in which being female is a genuine requirement within the exemption stated in Article 10 (2B and 2E) of sex discrimination (NI) order 1976

Shelter NI - The SLATE Project

A temporary accommodation and Housing Floating Support provider in Omagh have opened their Supported Living, Advice and Tenancy Engagement 'SLATE' Resource Centre in Campsie, situated in the heart of Omagh town centre. The Resource Centre is a free space for young people, a safe haven to come and relax and talk to experienced staff. We provide services and support for young people aged 16-25 in partnership with other key agencies. We are managed by Shelter NI, a well-established local charity committed to addressing homelessness, social and economic disadvantages across Northern Ireland.

The Resource Centre is also somewhere where young people and their families can access information, guidance or support too. Our experienced team are always on hand to listen to any problem you may have and look at your options and help point you in the right direction. You might have a housing or benefits problem; you may want some support with an issue at home or you might be worried that you have a drugs or alcohol issue. We will keep what you tell us in the strictest of confidence unless you or someone else is at serious risk of harm.

Currently we accept referrals for our Housing Floating Support Service for young people aged 18-25 providing support in the community for young people with housing needs, mental health issues, learning difficulties, addiction etc. and we can provide temporary, furnished accommodation for young people aged between 16-25, for a maximum period of 2 years.

If you are interested or may be worried about a young person then please either drop in at our Resource Centre at 76A Market Street (beside AXA) or **contact us on 028 8226 7010** or email nigel@shelterni.org.

Breakthru DICE (Drug Intervention and Community Education) Project: We offer individual and group work support to young people (10-21) suffering from the effects of hidden harm. Hidden harm is the impact of other people's substance misuse on young people. We provide information, education, mentoring and fun activities. This project is open to young people in the Omagh and Fermanagh council area.

We are also raising awareness of hidden harm throughout the community and can provide training to professionals involved within community life so they can recognise the signs and symptoms of hidden harm and know what to do if they suspect it.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch...

Michaela – 07769 261533 or Michaela@breakthru.co.uk
Breigeen – 07769 2694334 or Breigeen@breakthru.co.uk
Breakthru HQ – 028 8775 3228

NAS (National Autistic Society) Parent Support Group – Meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in **Fermanagh House 10.30am-1pm**. Any parents/carers affected by ASD welcome to come along for support and friendship. For further information please contact **Fermanagh House on 028 6632 0210** or email **Gemma at gemma@fermanaghhouse.org**.

Erne Speakers – Meet in **Fermanagh House, Enniskillen** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month to support and encourage self confidence in speaking skills and leadership skills for all ages. For further information, please contact **Christine Rusk on 07570 803516**.

Western Adult Autism Advice Service

This service is aimed at young people aged 16+ and adults with ASD and those who care for them (parents/carers/professionals). It will be facilitated 4 times per year from 1.30pm – 4.30pm in the local libraries on the following dates:

1 st Thursday in March	Strabane Library
1st Wednesday in June	Enniskillen Library
1 st Thursday in October	Derry Central Library
1st Thursday in December	Omagh Library

You do not need to make an appointment. Just call in and someone will be available to speak with you.

For further information or enquiries please contact Right 4 U Project Officer, The Cedar Foundation, Dromore, Co Tyrone. Telephone 028 8289 7772

Do you have Asperger's or high-functioning autism (HFA)?

Are you interested in meeting other young adults who are similar to you?

A monthly social group is being set up to provide independent young adults (16yrs-25yrs) with Asperger's or High-Functioning Autism the opportunity to meet other like-minded individuals, share experiences and build-up a social network.

The group will offer:

- a social focus
- opportunities to meet other young adults with similar experiences
- a supportive environment to form new friendships and to participate in a wide-range of leisure activities

For further information and application form please contact:

Caroline Bogue 07917 266487 or Janice Ferguson 07762 447789

Volunteer With Samaritans - Could you touch another person's life when it really matters?

Omagh Samaritans have opportunities for volunteers. Our volunteers are changing lives every day and developing valuable skills and friendships along the way. We're behind you all the way with the training and support you need for the volunteer role you take on. Your training will show you how to give your whole attention to each person you're supporting and empathise with their feelings, without being overwhelmed yourself. Benefits of becoming a Samaritans volunteer are:

- Change peoples' lives.
- Contribute and share existing skills.
- Develop new listening and communication skills you can use in all aspects of your life.
- Meet new people from all different kinds of backgrounds and cultures.
- Improve your CV.
- Give something back to your local community.

You'll be surrounded by people with the same motivation as you. Whether you want to become a listening volunteer, or use your other skills to support us in a different role, Omagh Samaritans welcomes your support. There are many other skills required to run Omagh branch of Samaritans. Support volunteers help with the many other branch activities including fundraising, outreach, publicity, IT Support and finance. We are not a religious organisation and we positively welcome enquiries from all sections of the community. You don't need to have previous experience or qualifications, but you do need to be interested in other people and be open-minded. You also need to be over 18 years old. For further information please contact

07437 980466 or visit www.samaritans.org/volunteer.

The Hangout/FIND Centre

2 Quay Lane, Enniskillen BT74 6AG Activities/Clubs for young people aged 11-25 including open mic nights, jamming sessions, personal development, homework club, help with CVs, UCAS personal statements, searching for local jobs.

Youth Club – Tuesday nights 5-7pm (11-12 years) – Air hockey, pool table, trips away + more!

Drop In – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm; Wednesday-Friday 3.30-5.30pm (11-17 years)
Follow us on FB/INSTA/Twitter for regular updates.

STIG – Social Teen Inclusion Group is a group for young people aged 16-25 years who are on the autism spectrum can come together and take part in planned activities, workshops, trips and programmes under supervision. **Every 2nd Thursday 7 – 9pm**

Information, advice and support – All staff are fully trained so if you have ANY issues that you feel you need help with please drop in or give us a call. **Telephone 028 6632 5559**

Email us on stacey@thefindcentre.com or dwayne@thefindcentre.com

Aware Support Groups are for people affected by depression including relatives, carers and friends who want to know more about depression and how they can help someone recover.

An AWARE Support group will bring you together

- with other people experiencing similar problems
- so you can support each other and help one another
- to learn more about your own illness and the treatments available
- to share experiences and develop self-help strategies and coping skills that will help you manage depression

The groups are very informal where individuals may talk about their experiences, share information and ask questions. No member is obliged to speak and short periods of silence are normal. There is no charge for attending.

We have support groups near you in:

- **Enniskillen** – Aisling Centre, at 7.30pm on Tuesdays (fortnightly)
- **Omagh** – Omagh Library, at 6.45pm (weekly)

No need to book just turn up.

Information on Aware's support groups can also be found at www.aware-ni.org

If you want more information contact Caroline on 028 7126 0602 or caroline@aware-ni.org

Details of the fundraising calendar can be found at www.aware-ni.org/events

Omagh Volunteer Centre (OVC)

Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh

Tel: 028 8224 0772

Email: omaghvc2@yahoo.co.uk

Our Services include:

For VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteer recruitment/registration
- Source volunteering opportunities
- Referral of volunteers to match opportunities
- Volunteer support
- Volunteer recognition activities

For ORGANISATIONS

- Promotion of volunteering opportunities
- Volunteer recruitment/referrals
- Help in identifying roles/writing role descriptions
- Help to set up a volunteer programme/improve an existing one
- Help/guidance with good practice in volunteer management e.g. with developing policies and procedures
- A free volunteering “health check”

TRAINING

- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults (SOVA)
- Child Protection
- Befriending & Mentoring
- Help to source training e.g. Disability awareness & First Aid

SMALL GRANTS FOR VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME (DfC)

- We are the local delivery partner for this programme which includes promotion, training, support and guidance.

ACCESS NI CHECKS

- We are the local umbrella body for the Access NI vetting service
- Access NI guidance/support and process applications

GOOD MORNING OMAGH

- Telephone befriending service – 5 days per week

Training Opportunities

Changes to the Benefit System - How will it affect local people?

Free Half Day Session in RCN, Cookstown - Tuesday 12 September from 10am-1pm

Universal Credit is a new payment for working age people, aged 18 to 64, who are on a low income or out of work. It will be introduced in Northern Ireland on a phased geographical basis from September 2017.

How will it affect you and the groups/communities that you work with?

Delivered by Advice NI, this **free** half day training session focuses on the most significant reform to Social Security since the inception of the Welfare State. It provides participants with an overview of which means tested benefits Universal Credit replaces, how entitlement is calculated, how it works for different groups of people interfacing with the benefit and when it will be implemented in the different geographical areas of Northern Ireland.

The session is free and open to all of our members and Community/Voluntary groups working with those affected by Welfare Reform (e.g. Advice Agencies, Rural Support Networks, Community Groups, Housing Associations, Food Banks, Faith Groups etc.).

To book your place on this, contact Conor on 028 8676 6670 or email conor@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

The ASPIRE Employability Programme

Register now for Literacy and Numeracy Essential Skills Training

As we have approached the start of a new school term, this may be an opportune time for parents to think of their own skills, particularly in relation to supporting their children with homework. The Literacy and Numeracy classes don't just help when seeking employment but can enable parents to cope with some of the practicalities of everyday life.

Achieving an Essential Skills Qualification could open up a wide range of opportunities and can help individuals to fulfil their potential, gain confidence and achieve their goals.

ASPIRE also offer free opportunities in

- NVQ Level 1 Qualifications
- Work Experience Placements
- Graduate Programme
- CSR Cards
- Forklift Licence Training
- First Aid Certificates
- Classroom Support Package
- Sounds Write Linguistic Phonics

To be eligible for the ASPIRE Employability Programme you must be unemployed or working less than 16 hours per week.

Omagh Tel: 028 8224 6535 The Sperrin Centre, 1 Market Street, Omagh, BT78 1EE

Enniskillen Tel: 028 6632 6478 FRCl, 56 Tempo Road, Enniskillen, BT74 6HR

The ASPIRE Project is part-funded by the European Social Fund and Department for the Economy.

Get into Retail with Marks & Spencer

18 September – 13 October

Are you 16-24? Looking for work? **Taster/Selection day Wednesday 13 September**

Placements in Newry, Armagh, Banbridge, Omagh, Enniskillen and Cookstown.

If you are not currently in full-time employment, education or training, come and meet new people, learn new skills and gain work experience as part of this programme. We'll also help you with your CV. All training provided. Travel expenses paid on programme. Doesn't affect your benefits.

Boost employability skills. Up to 6 months of mentoring support.

After 4 weeks work placement, there is potential to be offered a 12 week paid contract with M&S.

To join the course or find out more: Search 'Prince's Trust'; Text 'Call me' to 07983 385 418;

Call for free on 0800 842 842; Email: outreachni@princes-trust.org.uk

Team Up with the Prince's Trust

The next Team starts Monday 25 September

The programme is FREE for unemployed young people aged 16-24. It's a full time course that won't affect your benefits. Childcare allowance available. Public Transport costs reimbursed.

Week 1 – **Planning for Progression** – work alongside 10 other members of your team.

Week 2 – **Go on residential for Teamwork...**

Week 3 to Week 5/6 – **Community Project** - Get out and meet the community, help with a project that you get to choose, painting & decorating, landscape gardening and make a difference!

Week 6/7 and Week 8 – **Work Experience** - What do you want to do, try a new skill, sample a new opportunity or look for a career?

Week 9 - **Career Planning** - Let us help you to put together a CV on our job search week. If you want to work and are not sure what to do then you should join our **Team**

Week 10 & 11 - **Supporting Others** – Get to know who is around you, speak to local groups, organise days away, ten-pin bowling, sports and fun

Week 12 - **Presentation Skills** – Finish off your qualifications, present yourself to your family and friends at an end of Team Programme get together

Qualifications – your work will achieve results

Prince's Trust – A Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills

Also – Level 2 Certificate - First Aid in the Workplace

For further information contact Catherine @ South West College, Enniskillen Campus, BT74 6AE

Tel: 07523 273 865. Email catherine.donaghy@swc.ac.uk

Course to Deliver Self-Management Programme for People Living with a Long Term Health Condition

Action Mental Health in partnership with the Western Health and Social Care Trust will be providing this '**Train the Trainer**' Course in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh.

The course will take place over 4 full days **from Monday 2 – Thursday 5 October.**

There is no charge for attending. Attendance will enable you to deliver the Managing the Challenge Course to your patient / client group. Those trained will be required to deliver a minimum of 2 courses per year in their local area (Course delivery: 1 x 3 hour session per week over a 6 week period).

To book your place or for more information please contact Programme Co-ordinator Brenda Burns on 07545 206367 or email mtc@amh.org.uk for more information.

Basic book-keeping for small charities

Tuesday 7 November 7-9pm, Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

A free two hour practical workshop for treasurers, or those that keep the financial records, of small charities to help them establish appropriate financial systems. For further information please refer to <http://www.nicva.org/article/basic-book-keeping-for-small-charities>

Network Personnel – Together Towards Employment

Free Level 1 qualifications to individuals aged 18 plus who are economically inactive or working less than 16 hours per week.

We offer: • Help to find a job • Self-Employment Support • Confidence Building & Personal Development • Employability Skills • FREE Accredited Training including Level 1 Qualifications • Food Safety • Manual Handling • CSR card • Forklift licence • First Aid • SAGE • Level 1 ICT. To register, call us on 028 7963 1032 - Eligibility criteria apply.

Network Personnel Ltd., Omagh Community House, 2 Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT78 1DP
Tel: 028 8283 9311 www.networkpersonnel.org.uk

Breast, Cervical and Bowel screening Awareness Programme

The Women's Resource and Development Agency in association with the Public Health Agency is currently providing training across Northern Ireland. **The Breast, Cervical and Bowel Screening Awareness Training Programme** takes place over 3 two hour sessions and is available to individuals and organisations working with hard to reach groups **across Northern Ireland**. These programmes are provided at no cost to groups.

The sessions cover:

Breast awareness and Breast Screening, including a practical demonstration on how to check your breasts and the signs and symptoms to look for

Cervical Screening, including what happens at a smear test the types of results and what they mean

Bowel Cancer Screening, including the signs and symptoms to look out for and how to take the screening test

WRDA Programmes are delivered by experienced trainers qualified to Level 3 in Training and Development through WRDA's Community Facilitators Training Programme and provide employment for local women whilst building Community Capacity.

If you are in contact or associated with a local community or women's group that would benefit from this training feel free to get in touch with **Katherine Robertson** by calling **028 9023 0212** or by emailing Katherine.robertson@wrda.net for further details.

Jobmatch is open to those aged 18 and upwards who live within the Omagh area. It is targeted at those who are unemployed, economically inactive or working less than 16 hours per week. Within the programme we can offer training such as CSR, Forklift, Manual Handling, SAGE, IT and various others, as well as career guidance and counselling, cv developing, interview skills and so on.

For further information contact Claire Yakub on 028 8283 9311 or Mobile 07855 108608
Email: claire.yakub@networkpersonnel.org.uk web: www.networkpersonnel.org.uk

Rutledge Recruitment & Training are one of the largest training and recruitment agencies in Northern Ireland with over 25 years' experience in the field.

We are now enrolling on the exciting new Training for Success programme for September courses. All school leavers will be entitled to £40 per week on top of their travel expenses.

As well as providing qualifications in their chosen occupational area, English and Maths, the young person will gain the work experience necessary to better equip them for the next stage in their career.

In addition we provide further support to meet their wider needs including preparation support and expenses for Driving Theory Test, Bonus Payments for attendance, Trips, Breakfast club and Hairdressing Kits.

Please call or drop into your local branch Monday – Friday between 9am-5pm:

Enniskillen Office: Michelle 028 6632 9858 mbaker@rutledgegroup.co.uk
Omagh Office: Patricia 028 8224 0333 pkelly@rutledgegroup.co.uk

Step Up To Sustainable Employment+ (SUSE+)

SUSE+ is an employment solutions programme that helps participants to become more job ready by up skilling or reskilling. Based at the Southwest College the programme covers the Fermanagh-Omagh district council and Mid Ulster council areas. It is aimed at those aged 16-65 who are unemployed - including those working under 16 hours or who are economically inactive. SUSE+ offers a variety of accredited Level 1 qualifications all gained within a maximum of 12 weeks - these can include Health and Social Care, Horticulture, Welding, Multiskills Construction, Retail, Customer Service, Employability, Essential Skills ICT, English, Maths. Participants can also avail of 1 day training courses that can include First aid at work, Manual Handling and Food hygiene. Each participant has a dedicated mentor who will provide guidance and support in completing a CV, Work placement, Job applications, Interview skills, Budget management, Careers guidance and Computer skills. Mentors have built up strong links with local employers which further develops the participant's journey into employment.

If you would like to meet with the team in your local area to discuss or sign up to the programme please contact:

Omagh : Tracy Sharkey 074 3653 3475 or Darrell Law 077 3995 1970

Enniskillen : David Taylor 074 4253 1667 or Dermott Feely 077 3428 1029

CRAFT Training offer a number of training opportunities for young people to learn new skills and gain qualifications so that they can get ahead in their career.

Through the Training for Success programme or the Apprenticeships NI Programme, young people can gain the skills they need to get employed and start their career.

For more information **telephone 028 8225 9377** **www.craftrecruitment.com**

Going Places Programme

The Going Places Team support the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRA) within Fermanagh & Tyrone with the aim of signposting, referring and providing a wraparound support for NRA residents aged 16+ who want to gain entry into Education, Training or Employment.

The Going Places Team provide NRA residents access to any Level 2 and above provision offered within South West College; alongside the vocational area of their choice residents will also get the support of a mentor to assist them on their journey to the World of Work.

If you feel that you would like to explore your career journey opportunities with the support of a mentor please contact a member of the Going Places Team on: 077 3428 1030 or 077 0815 2879 or 078 5638 1535

Some of the **Free Courses** available now for residents in a Neighbourhood Renewal Area are:

Hotel & Tourism / Hospitality

Food Safety in Catering

Emergency First Aid in the workplace

CSR

CV Building & Interview Skills

For more information or to book a place on any of these courses contact a member of the Going Places Team on the above numbers.

Mental Health Resilience Workshops - Action Mental Health has recently been commissioned by PHA to deliver fifteen Mental Health Resilience workshops for 14-17 year olds and fifteen Mental Health Resilience workshops Lot 2 (adult) in the Western Trust area. These workshops entitled Mindset will run continuously throughout the year. The programmes will be delivered in youth and community settings for groups of eight to twenty people. Duration 3 ½ hours. The aims of the workshops are:

- To raise awareness and increase knowledge and understanding of Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing.
- To raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of mental ill health.
- To promote self-help/resilience techniques and how to maintain a safe level of positive mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- To promote self-care.
- To provide information and/or resources on mental health support organisations available both locally and regionally.

To book a programme contact **Action Mental Health MensSana Project Worker Brenda Burns** on 07885 407092 or 028 6632 3630 or email mindset@amh.org.uk.

Free Driving Theory Support Course - Are you or someone you know struggling with their Driving Theory? The Community Family Support Programme are offering a free Driving Theory Support course to participants. All information is provided and classes are held on a Wednesday morning. **Please contact Ciara on 07739 651585 for further information.**

The Alzheimer's Society - Training for Informal Caregivers

Do you provide unpaid care and support for a family member, neighbour or friend living with a dementia? Do you care for a loved one in an informal basis? Would you like to meet with other informal carers? Would you benefit from finding out more about dementia, coping mechanisms, legal/financial issues, basic communication skills? Are you aware of all the dementia services available in your area?

Well this **free training** is for you! We are flexible and can run evening or weekend courses. We can also offer the training to family groups within their own homes if necessary. **Please call: Carla Mulholland 07718 322726 or e-mail carla.mulholland@alzheimers.org.uk**
Roisin Flynn 07484 507178 or e-mail roisin.flynn@alzheimers.org.uk

Exploring Enterprise3 Programme - This is a free programme that helps participants take the first steps to gain employment or explore a business idea. All participants gain a free accredited qualification within the programme. This adds to a CV and helps to break down barriers to employment or self-employment. Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd will be delivering this programme in Fermanagh, they have friendly and experienced advisors who will offer advice and assistance and offer access to main stream support options. The Exploring Enterprise3 Programme will help participants:

- Gain a QCF Understanding Business Enterprise Qualification.
- Improve skills for business and employment.
- Meet new people.
- Get back on track.

For eligibility details and more information please contact **Fionna Martin on 028 6632 3117 or email fionna.martin@fermanaghenterprise.com**.

The Way2Go Project is a new, province wide initiative supported by the Big Lottery Fund planning to improve knowledge and understanding of the impact of alcohol on individuals, families and communities, as well as identifying risks associated with excessive alcohol consumption.

The content of the workshop raises awareness of statistical information on the impacts of alcohol in Northern Ireland; will increase knowledge about risks associated with drinking alcohol and getting home safe; also looks at alcohol and offending, alcohol and health, alcohol and the media, and raises knowledge about impacts of alcohol and the risks of homelessness. Within the workshop we will also provide information regarding getting help for someone who is misusing alcohol.

Our workshops will be offered free of charge to schools and youth settings throughout the province. The quality assured workshops are tailored according to the age group and needs of each group. Sessions are fully interactive using PowerPoint presentation, booklets, group work, activities and discussion to fully engage young people.

Way2Go directly link with the core of the 'Model for effective Practice', aims to compliment education and service provisions to aid the personal and social development of young people ensuring they have opportunities to participate effectively in society.

If you would like to book a free workshop for your School or Youth club, or to discuss any aspect of the project, please contact First Housing Aid and Support Services, 7 Queen Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7JR Tel 07715 629658 Email shirleydonaldson@first-housing.com

Funding Opportunities

UnLtd Spaces for Change

Expression of interest deadline 30 October

For 16-24 year olds up to £5000 Cash Award & Support

Spaces for Change (S4C) is a UK wide programme that will find, fund, support and connect young people aged 16-24 to start and run social ventures that unlock the potential of unused or under-utilised spaces for the benefit of the local community, especially other young people.

Awards will be available for young leaders consisting of up to £5000 project funding, a dedicated award manager providing tailored support, cohort support, and peer to peer networking opportunities for sharing knowledge and learning.

Young people aged 18–24 will also have the opportunity to crowd fund alongside their award with support from Spacehive. This will enable the young person to demonstrate tangible support from the local community for their idea, learn valuable skills, as well as increasing the chances of sustainability of the social venture.

To apply for a Spaces 4 Change please go to <http://youngunltd.org.uk/looking-for-support/spaces-4-change/> and complete an Expression of Interest.

For further information please contact Nuala Smyth, Award Manager UnLtd

Tel 028 9094 1619 / 07545 933 816 Email nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk

ESB – Energy for Generations Fund

The ESB has a fund for projects that focus on Suicide Prevention, Homelessness and Education Access and Support. For information and an application form, please click on the link below. The **deadline for applications is Monday 4 September**

<https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>

The Architectural Heritage Fund

Rita Harkin has been appointed as the Northern Ireland Support Officer to develop Growing Community Enterprise Through Heritage - a two year project, funded by the Department for Communities' Historic Environment Division and The Pilgrim Trust.

If any community groups in the area are involved in trying to find a sustainable use for an historic building at risk, please get in touch with Rita at: rita.harkin@ahfund.org.uk or call 0300 121 0342. Also have a look at www.ahfund.org.uk for information on the work of the Fund, which provides grants, loans and advice.

GrantNet Funding Conference: Thursday 14 September at NICVA's Offices, Belfast

Free event for all RCN Members

With funding becoming ever more competitive we all need to increase our sustainability through more effective fundraising especially if we want to continue making a real difference to the lives of those we serve. This is a free event for NICVA and RCN members to help you to get a key funding skill under your belt, i.e. making successful grant applications.

What will be happening?

The day will start with refreshments at 9.45am followed by 2 very short presentations on the new system of Fundraising Regulation in NI/The Code of Fundraising Practice and Developing a Fundraising Plan.

Participants can then attend one morning and one afternoon workshop where individual funders will take them through what makes a "good" application for them.

The five funding workshops available will be:

1. [Halifax Foundation for NI](#) (Charities only)
2. [Big Lottery Fund \(Awards for All\)](#)
3. [Big Lottery Fund \(People in Communities\)](#)
4. [Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#) (Charities only)
5. [Heritage Lottery Fund \(Sharing Heritage\)](#)

There will also be extended coffee and lunch breaks so that participants can meet other key NI funders including [Community Foundation for NI](#), [BBC Children in Need](#), [Enkalon](#), [Big Lottery Fund](#), [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) and others...

Places are limited to 2 people per organisation (subject to availability) and are made available specifically for NI voluntary and community sector organisations.

To register, please click on this link <http://www.nicva.org/event/grantnet-funding-conference> or ring Conor on 028 8676 6670

Social Housing Enterprise Investments awards - The Education, Training and Business Start-Up Grants are open year round (awards up to £1000, limited number).

The link below provides additional information and a link to the application forms:

http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/community/community_social_housing_investment_scheme.htm

Building Better Futures Loan Fund

The Ulster Community Investment Trust (UCIT) is a Charity which was set up to provide loans to charities, community organisations, sports clubs and social enterprises. Since this time the organisation has approved loans totalling in excess of £50 Million to over 400 third sector organisations.

UCIT has recently partnered with Belfast Charitable Society and Building Change Trust in the provision of a new fund for the third sector which provides smaller, tailored, unsecured loans ranging from £1,000 to £25,000.

Loans are available for many purposes including property – purchase, construction or renovation, equipment, renewable energy projects, bridging funding gaps, restructuring existing debt, working capital and funding shortfalls in larger grant assisted projects.

UCIT's core loan fund provides loans from £25,000 to £500,000+ to third sector organisations including community associations, rural development initiatives, churches and faith-based organisations, energy and environmental initiatives, childcare schemes and housing associations.

As a registered charity, all profits generated by the Trust are recycled for reinvestment into the community sector.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss your requirements informally please don't hesitate to **contact UCIT on 028 90315003 or info@ucitltd.com**

Do It For Real – Apply for up to £2,000 to start your social enterprise. Omagh Enterprise Company in partnership with UnLtd, Comic Relief and Spirit of 2012 is delivering Do It For Real, an exciting new youth programme to help people across Northern Ireland become social entrepreneurs. The programme will give young people (aged 16 – 30) the skills to develop their social ideas while having fun and helping to improve their community. We currently offer two support packages:

- Test It Award – Apply for £500 cash and receive mentoring from one of our dedicated Award Managers to explore, plan and try out your social idea.
- Do It Award – Turn your idea into a real venture by applying for up to £2,000 cash funding and receive one-to-one support and expert advice to help create a positive social impact.

You can find more information about the Do It For Real programme, including how you can apply, eligibility criteria and FAQ on our website www.omaghenterprise.co.uk/social-enterprise/