

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – September 2019

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

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Tuesday 24 September

Council News & Events

FODC Grant Aid – 2nd call for Applications

Applications for grant aid & bursaries opens on Monday 9 September 2019 and will close at 5pm on Friday 27 September 2019. Funding relates to projects/activities which will take place in the 2019/20 financial year, for the period October 2019 to March 2020. All funding must be spent before 31 March 2020.

Applications are invited in the categories listed below:-

Grant Aid:

- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Community Services – General
- Festivals & Events – Large
- Festivals & Events – Small
- Seeding Grants

Bursaries:

- Sports

Where possible, applicants are asked to complete the application online; the link will be available on the Council's website. Council Officers will be available to assist with this process. The Grant Aid Code of Practice and Guidance Notes will also be available to download. For further assistance contact the Funding & Investment Unit, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
Tel: 0300 303 1777 Email: grants@fermanaghomagh.com

Drop-In Grant Aid Information Sessions for Funding Streams will be held in the following locations:-

Strule Arts Centre, Omagh	Tuesday 10 September	7.30pm - 9pm
Enniskillen Museum	Monday 16 September	7.30pm - 9pm

If you are unable to attend any of the above information sessions, Council Officers will be available by appointment to provide information. Please contact the Funding & Investment Unit - see telephone number above.

Applications for grant aid & bursaries opens on 9 September 2019 and the closing date for all applications is 5pm on Friday 27 September 2019.

Late, incomplete or retrospective applications will not be considered.

Grant Aid - for Older People's Groups

When the 2nd Call opens in early September, Older People's Groups should apply directly to South West Age Partnership

Tel: 028 8225 1824 Email: afortbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk

Please note this funding will only be available to groups who have not previously received funding for activities for the period April 2019 - March 2020.

Further details will be advertised in local papers; the Council's Social Media & website; www.fermanaghomagh.com

For further information please contact the Funding & Investment Unit,

Tel: 0300 303 1777 Email: grants@fermanaghomagh.com

Strule Arts Centre Community Pantomime 2020: Alice in Pantoland

Calling all adult actors and singers!

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is now issuing a final call to all those interested in taking part in the fourth Strule Arts Centre Community Pantomime: 'Alice in Pantoland' to casting Bootcamp Auditions in Strule Arts Centre.

Due to the previous success of the Strule Arts Centre Community Pantomimes and the June Auditions, spaces for the Junior Chorus are already filled!

However, there are still spaces to be filled in the auditions for the Adult Cast from 11.30am - 12.30pm on **Saturday 7 September**.

There has already been a tremendous response to auditions for the 2020 production!

Please note that audition places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are free of charge but must be booked in advance either online at www.struleartscentre.co.uk or by telephoning the box office on 028 8224 7831. Participation in the audition is essential for participation in the Panto.

The Panto will run in Strule Arts Centre from Thursday 16 – Saturday 18 and Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 January 2020.

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council would like to thank all who have contributed to making the Strule Arts Centre Pantomime so popular and look forward to an even more successful 2020 Panto.

Key Dates for your Diary

September	
Mon 9	Applications for FODC grant aid & bursaries opens
Weds 11	CVS Representatives Forum
Saturday 14	European Heritage Open Day
Mon 16 - Sun 22	Good Relations Week
Friday 20	Culture Night
Sat 21 – Sun 22	Festival Lough Erne
Monday 23	Closing date for The Border into Brexit Survey
Friday 27	Closing date for FODC grant aid & bursaries applications
October	Positive Ageing Month
Friday 25	Deadline – Public Consultation on Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans
Weds 6 November	CVS Convention

Good Relations Week 2019

Monday 16 – Sunday 22 September

People Making Change for Peace

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

Good Relations 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. This year's theme 'People Making Change for Peace' celebrates the work that many people do throughout the year to help build peace in their local communities.

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

All events listed have received financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's good relations programme assisted by the Executive Office.

Tuesday 17 September, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

'My Bumpy Road to Peace' - Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh Interfaith group.

A public talk by Rev David Latimer based on his book 'A Leap of Faith' which reminds us all about the importance of building bridges between faiths if we are to truly share the future.

Wednesday 18 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm

'Making Change For Peace: Let's Make Democracy Democratic In Northern Ireland'

Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in partnership with Fermanagh Churches' Forum and the Irish School of Ecumenics.

A conference examining how democracy has fared in Northern Ireland in the past century and how we can help shape a democracy that is inclusive and committed to the creation of the common good. Key note speaker Dr Johnston McMaster.

Wednesday 18 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Making Time and Space for God - Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh

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

A public talk by Rev David Cupples focusing on his personal experience of completing the famous Camino de Santiago walk. This event will provide an opportunity to discuss and understand how one's personal journey can contribute to reconciliation.

Thursday 19 September, 9.30am – 12.30pm

'A Time of Change Ireland 1919–1921' conference - Omagh Library

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

A conference examining the key historical events in the years 1919 up to King George V's speech on the opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in June 1921. Speakers include Martin Snoddon, Sean Collins, Dr Myrtle Hill and will be compered by Peter Osborne.

Saturday 21 September, 1.30pm

Oidhreacht Conradh na Gaeilge - Enniskillen Castle Museum

Cuan Ó Seireadáin and Cuisle Nic Liam speak about the ongoing heritage project examining the history, heritage and legacy of Conradh na Gaeilge branches locally.

Shared History Programme - Rebels, Radicals, Royalists and Loyalists

The course 'Rebels, Radicals, Royalists and Loyalists' will cover the period in Irish history from the War of the Three Kings (Williamite War) through to the 1801 Act of Union and will be delivered by Martin Snoddon, Northern Springs. The programme will finish with a study visit which will be discussed with participants during the programme.

The programme will last six weeks and there will be one run in Enniskillen in the evening from 7pm to 9pm and one in Omagh during the day from 10am to 12pm. Participants are asked to choose which one would suit them better.

There will also be a follow-on course, 'Rebels, Radicals, Royalists and Loyalists II' which will cover the period 1820's from the challenge for Catholic emancipation and the rise of Home Rule through to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. This programme is scheduled to take place in January 2020. It is not necessary to take part in the January 2020 programme if you do not wish to do so.

The Enniskillen programme will begin on Wednesday 18 September at 7pm (venue to be arranged) and the Omagh programme will begin on Thursday 26 September at 10am (venue to be arranged). The programme is free of charge, but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To register for either programme please contact Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on 0300 303 1777 or email pauline.clarke@fermanaghomagh.com

Attention all local bands, dancers, singers, comedians, jugglers, yodelers and general entertainers!

We want you for Culture Night 2019!

On **Friday 20 September** we will have free spaces for local performers to do their thing at both [Enniskillen Castle: Fermanagh County Museum](#) and [Strule Arts Centre, Omagh](#). To register your interest simply message the page or email culture@fermanaghomagh.com and let us know what your 15-30 minute performance will entail.

Please note that we can only offer support in kind for those wishing to take part.

No Rhyme, No Reason, No Filter

Exhibition continues to 27 September

9.30am-5.00pm, Strule Arts Centre

LeeAnn is a contemporary artist from Omagh specialising in paintings of vibrant colour using various mediums and instruments to create texture and movement. She works with acrylic, oils and mixed media, building layers to create atmosphere and mood. Her paintings are inspired by nature, music, lyrics and social situations, questioning attitudes and behaviour in modern society. She deliberately keeps pieces abstract leaving the interpretation of the painting open to the viewer.

'No Rhyme, No Reason, No Filter' represents life today and how we share our lives through online platforms expressing basic human elements such as joy, anxiety, opinions and how we choose to identify ourselves.

Fun with Abstract

Saturday 28 September

10.30am-12.30pm, Strule Arts Centre (Capacity 10)

In conjunction with No Rhyme No Reason, No Filter Exhibition this free abstract art workshop aimed at children aged between 8-12 years old which encourages each child to explore techniques in their own unique way. The workshop will enable children to experiment with colour and form and encourage their creativity, enabling them to embrace their individuality.

Public Consultation – Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans

We are currently consulting on two important documents:

1. The **Draft Equality Action Plan for 2019-2022.**
2. The **Draft Disability Action Plan for 2019-2022.**

All consultation responses should be received by **5.00pm on Friday 25 October 2019.**

Both documents will provide a framework to guide Council actions until 31 March 2022 - outlining the way in which we plan to promote Equality of Opportunity, Good Relations and Disability throughout Council services and functions.

The draft **Equality Action Plan** details its actions within five strategic themes, including:

1. Establishing appropriate systems to ensure that Equality of Opportunity is included and mainstreamed at the strategic level of Council.
2. Accessible Services.
3. Spoken, Written and Signed language Forms.
4. Equality Monitoring and Data Collection.
5. Increasing awareness and understanding of Equality (for Employees and Elected Members).

The draft **Disability Action Plan** details its actions within four strategic themes, namely:

1. Disability Action Plan (Consulting, Reviewing and Reporting).
2. Increased Awareness and Understanding of the Needs of People with Disabilities.
3. Provision of Responsive and Accessible Services to Increase Opportunities for People with Disabilities to Participate in Public Life.
4. Improved Effectiveness of the Disability Advisory Group and Access & Inclusion Groups.

More information on both consultation processes can be found online at:

www.fermanaghomagh.com/consultations

You can provide a response to any, or both, consultations by

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

Email: finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com

Telephone: 0300 303 1777 ext. 21178

Textphone: 028 8225 6216

Or by completing an online questionnaire.

For more information, please contact Finbar Maguire via email at:

finbar.maguire@fermanaghomagh.com or internal extension: 21178.

New outdoor recreation survey

FODC is seeking views from users of the 46 walks which they have on their walk cards. Anyone who completes a walk is asked to let us know what they thought of it by clicking on the survey link below. A list of walks is also available via <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/residential-services/leisure/council-launches-unique-series-walking-cards/>

Link for the online survey is

<https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=17268&d=j77e3VL8PeORaaR0EYNwlltjqzxp90H40HMsQZDVGA&s=1198&u=https%3a%2f%2fconsultations%2enidirect%2eqov%2euk%2fsport-ni%2fsurvey-for-trails%2f>

Please Email countryside@fermanaghomagh.com for any additional information.

Social Economy Programme

The Social Economy Programme is a mentoring support programme available to businesses within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area with primarily social objectives. The programme aims to provide support and advice to start up as well as established social enterprise businesses and entrepreneurs in the area of:

- Sales
- Leadership
- Quality Management
- Assessing Finance
- ICT
- Export
- Recruitment
- Financial Planning
- Project Management

If you are interested in applying to this programme please contact a member of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Economic Development team on 0300 303 1777 (calls charged at local rate) or email businesssupport@fermanaghomagh.com.

Community and Voluntary Sector Register

Has your organisation registered their details? Registration will enable Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to keep you updated with important information and provide any necessary support you may require. You can download a registration form and receive further information on how we process your data on the Council website <http://www.fermanaghomagh.com/residential-services/community/community-register/>. Alternatively you can contact Community Services on 0300 303 1777 to speak to an officer who will send you a registration form and assist you with any questions you may have, or email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com for a copy of the new registration form.

Charity Support

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

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

For further information or enquiries regarding Council support to charities, please contact Louise McLaughlin, Community Services, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, on 0300 303 1777 or email louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com

Community Support Officer Areas

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

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

<https://fermanagh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/ZoneLookup/index.html?appid=7167e65bb40842c98a2a99a3ecbf3b8f>

Community News

The Elephant in the Room – Time to talk about our Emotions: creating the link between World Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Day 2019

Tuesday 10 September from 10am until 1pm
Bawnacre Centre, Castle Street, Irvinestown, BT94 1EE

The Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department of the Western Trust is linking World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September and World Mental Health Day on 10 October to encourage people to talk about the 'elephant in the room'; in other words, the things that we often choose to ignore – our emotions and how we feel.

You are cordially invited to a half day launch event to showcase the 'Elephant' interactive campaign pack and a range of resources that you can use in your community, school or workplace to start the conversation. There will be presentations from Conor McCafferty, Director of Zest and the North Star Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. Places are limited so early booking is advised. We look forward to meeting you there! [Click here to register via Eventbrite](#)

Axa Community Bike Ride in Kesh

Come join in on a cycle from Kesh Marina, departing at 6.15pm on **Thursday 12 September**. This cycle is open to all abilities. The route will involve 22km, an achievable distance for beginner cyclists and more advanced. To join, you need to register www.axacommunitybikerides.com, and select the Fermanagh location to book your place. Keep an eye out on the website for further mid-week and weekend cycles over the coming months.

RSPB NI: Enniskillen Bat Detectives

Friday 13 September, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Price: £7.50/ £6 RSPB members

Join RSPB NI for a guided walk with a difference. The 'Bat Detectives' event is a great opportunity to learn more about bats, to see and hear them and immerse yourself in their world. There will be a short introductory talk about bats followed by a night-time walk using bat detectors to identify the different species living in Enniskillen town centre. Please bring a torch.

Booking essential: Call our secure booking line 028 9064 5630 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm) or email rspbnievents@rspb.org.uk Directions: Meet at Enniskillen Castle (BT74 7HL)

Lisnaskea Historical Society

Sunday 15 September, 2-6 pm

As part of the European Heritage Open Day events, Lisnaskea Historical Society will be providing musical entertainment, with history tours/talks, and children's activities at Balfour Castle, Lisnaskea. The castle will also be open. Entry to this event is free.

Public Meeting – Slieve Rushen Area

It is proposed to form a new group to preserve and record the heritage of the Slieve Rushen and surrounding areas. The group is eager to record local memories of times past, old customs, traditions and significant sites. A public meeting will be held in St Mary's Hall, Teemore on Monday 16 September at 8pm to give further details. All are warmly invited to attend.

Fermanagh Gardening Society

New season starts on Tuesday 17 September with Hester Forde as our guest speaker. Hester writes for a best-selling magazine "The Irish Garden". This will be Hester's first visit to the Fermanagh Group and it will be a great night. Her topic will be "Container Planting", a very popular one.

***Please note we are now meeting in The Cathedral Hall, just opposite the Enniskillen Library. Time 8pm. Doors open from 7.30pm for registration. New members very welcome. Visitors and non-members come as you are for the night, only £3. Enjoy a cuppa, catch up with old friends, meet new ones. "It's good to talk".

Further information available by emailing fermanaghgarden@outlook.com or find us on Facebook at Fermanagh Garden Society or telephone 028 6632 5608

Omagh Photography Club

First meeting of the new season in Omagh Library at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17 September. New members always welcome.

The Club aims to promote the use of photography as both a form of leisure and as an art form. Through our meetings which are held twice monthly, we try to encourage, educate, enjoy and share with fellow photographers the joy of photography. We organise, promote and provide an annual programme of photographic activities and events, and liaise with other local, regional and national photographic organisations and related societies. Membership is open to any person interested in learning more about photography. Reduced subscriptions for under 18's. (Under 16's must be accompanied by a parent/guardian/carer on all club occasions).

Amazing Multiples

Free monthly group in Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

Home-Start Lakeland are calling all preschool Fermanagh twins, triplets and more. 10am-12 noon **Wednesday 18 September**, Wednesday 9 October, Wednesday 13 November, Wednesday 11 December

For little ones - Come along for play activities and a snack.

For parents - Sit down, have a cup of coffee and link in with people who understand what it's like to parent twins and more.

Information on speech & language, potty training, benefits & other parenting issues.

Parents expecting twins or more are very welcome.

Find out about parenting services and support locally

To find out more or to register, contact Diane on 028 6634 6818, or contact the Home-Start Lakeland office email info@homestartlakeland.com

This project has been supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Straw Craft Workshop

Saturday 14 September, 10am-4pm, Barrack Store, Enniskillen Castle Museum

Join The Mummers Foundation supported by The Lough Erne Landscape Partnership to learn heritage skills in straw and rush craft, taught by a team of experienced Fermanagh based craftspeople. Learn the art of straw and rush weaving and have the opportunity to make your own mummung costume, Brigid day rush craft and corn dollies. Participants are guaranteed to leave with having crafted either a Mummer Hat, Harvest Knot or Corn Doll.

For further information please contact Jim Ledwith on 07971 075955 or email

jim.ledwith@btconnect.com

Charles Bonnet Syndrome

Information Afternoon

Charles Bonnet Syndrome is a condition which can affect someone who has a sight loss. It causes visual hallucinations and can be very disturbing for those who experience it.

These hallucinations can range from seeing patterns on walls and floors to seeing people, cars, buildings that aren't really there.

Do you or someone you know or care for have Charles Bonnet?

Sensory Services have planned a free event on **Wednesday 18 September** 2pm – 4pm at Drumcoo Centre, Enniskillen

This is an opportunity to meet with Mr John Delaney, one of the founding members of Fighting Blindness Ireland who will share his own experience of living with Charles Bonnet.

If you would like to attend or would like further information, please contact Mary Kells – Sensory Services on 028 6632 4400

Drumquin Methodist Church and Air Ambulance

Harvest Vintage Day

Saturday 28 September, 11am-4pm

Omagh Show Grounds, Drumquin Road, Omagh

Vintage tractors, cars, lorries, motorbikes, bicycles; Farms tools/farm machinery, stationary engines; Model displays etc; Auto jumble – car boot sales; Dog Show

Contact Ethel on 07719 934219

Exhibitors Free; Trade Stalls/Car boot £10.00

Admission: Adults £3.50, Primary School Children – free

Aware NI

Free 6 week Life Skills course in the Omagh area “Living Life to the Full”

This six week course has been developed by Dr Chris Williams, Professor of Psychological Medicine, University of Glasgow, a recognised expert and trainer in cognitive behavioural therapy. This programme can make a big difference to your life as it can help you sleep better, feel happier, have more energy, gain confidence, get out more and enjoy better relationships and can help you manage your feelings when you are stressed, worried or depressed and learn simple practical skills to help you cope with life's challenges.

Mondays 7, 14, 21 October; 4, 11, 18 November, 10.30am – 12pm

Omagh Library, 1 Spillars Place, Irishtown Road, Omagh BT78 1HL

To register to attend contact Linda Wade on 028 7126 0602 or linda@aware-ni.org

Can you help someone living with sight loss in the Fermanagh area?

In Fermanagh there are people with a visual impairment who really need your support to get out and about, try new things and engage again with their local community.

Guide Dogs NI needs volunteers to help improve the confidence and independence of people with a visual impairment. Some of those hoping for a volunteer have been waiting for several months, so getting involved could really help change someone's life.

When someone loses their sight, the world can become smaller and it's easy to lose confidence and become isolated. Matching someone with a My Guide volunteer can be so transformative; a volunteer can help someone to regain confidence and connect again with the wider world.

The My Guide service matches blind and partially sighted people with a trained volunteer to work on an activity plan. Volunteers will spend a few hours a week, guiding their partner on trips out to activities that the pair will agree at the start of their relationship. Journeys could be to the shops, to

a café or maybe a sports event or any other activity the blind or partially sighted person wants to take part in.

If you have a few hours to spare and really want to make a massive difference to someone living with sight loss in your local area then become a My Guide volunteer. For more information contact Paula.mclarnon@guidedogs.org.uk Tel 07766 526873 or apply online www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteering

Could you foster?

The Health & Social Care Trusts are seeking to recruit foster carers who enjoy being with, caring for and are able to support vulnerable children and young people from a range of ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural backgrounds.

Unaccompanied children from Eastern Europe, the middle East, Africa and Asia arrive into Northern Ireland without a parent or responsible adult. Most of these children, who are mainly teenagers, are separated from their families and are in a new country with different customs and language.

These children have many reasons for entering Northern Ireland including that they are fleeing danger and war, that they have been victims of trafficking or exploitation, or that their parent or carer may have disappeared.

We need to find these children a safe and supportive home environment where they can receive emotional and practical support. We want to help them integrate into local community life where they can make new friends and learn English. We also want to find homes where there is a current, or potential, understanding of their heritage, culture and religion.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Regional Adoption and Fostering Service on telephone 0800 0720 137 or go online to www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net

Lough Erne Yacht Club

As a first step in 'L.E.Y.C. Sailability', we are holding weekly sessions on a Monday, (not Bank holidays) hopefully continuing until the end of September. (Evening/Weekend sessions may be held in the future).

This provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to enjoy water sports.

We can accept up to eight people per session, aiming to offer a minimum of half an hour on the water sailing (weather permitting).

If you have any specific queries, please phone John at 07792 390394.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

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

Action on Hearing Loss

“Hear to Inform and Connect” NI project is to ensure older people feel better informed about how to manage their hearing loss or Tinnitus, and where to access further support in their local area.

Our team are delivering presentations to community groups/senior citizen's groups/businesses on the following:

- Introduction to Action on Hearing Loss
- **Free** hearing checks
- Services and support we provide locally

- How to improve communication
- Equipment to help with everyday living

Geraldine Keys, Regional Information Officer based in Omagh Community House, would be delighted to visit and make a presentation on this project and services to organisations/groups/businesses on any or all of the above. Please contact her if you require any further information or wish to make a booking on 07393 232833.

The B-Friend Hub Project

The B-Friend Hub Project offers Free Telephone & Home Befriending to older people living in Omagh, Strabane & Fermanagh.

If you or an older person that you know would like to register for the service in Fermanagh please contact Rita on 028 6698 0027 or 07591 386189 or Email rita@thebefriendhub.org.

Please also contact Rita if you are interested in volunteering in Fermanagh with the B-Friend Hub Project

Action For Children Floating Support Service

This provides support to young people across Fermanagh and Omagh who are experiencing homelessness, are at risk of homelessness and/or are leaving the Care System. We aim to tackle underlying issues that can lead to homelessness. We provide a 1:1 service, taking a holistic approach, meeting young people when and wherever it suits them. We provide support enabling young people to feel safe and secure wherever they live. We operate 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

In Fermanagh we support young people aged 16-25

In Omagh we support young people aged 16-18

As an organisation we are keen to challenge the stigma of homelessness, raise awareness of the issue of youth homelessness and promote the services available locally that provide housing support to young people aged 16-25. We can offer a 10-15 minute presentation on the service at team meetings or training days. We also offer short workshops around homelessness, which engage the audience to explore their own views around youth homelessness and become more informed on local services and support networks.

To get more information or to book a workshop, please contact Sonya Johnston on 028 8225 9495 or email sonya.johnston@actionforchildren.org.uk

The NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) has launched the Sports Parents Promise as part of their annual awareness raising campaign - Parents in Sport Week (7-13 October).

The Promise outlines all the ways in which parents can be the best sports parents they can be by ensuring their child has safe and enjoyable experiences of sport.

From today, parents can make the Promise online and in return, they'll get a certificate they can show off to the world and on social media to help promote positive parenting in sport.

Show your child you support them taking part in sport by making the promise at <https://thecpsu.org.uk/parentspromise> and spread the word using #SportsParents

If you're a sports club, talk to parents in your sport and encourage them to make the Promise today.

Volunteer Now

New updated training leaflet available www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/4/
Some courses are taking place within the Fermanagh and Omagh area.

Enniskillen Athletic ABC

We are a cross community based boxing club based on Corporation Street, Enniskillen that are affiliated to the IABA and Ulster Boxing Association. We have kids, ladies, beginner adults and Amateur boxing classes 3 days a week.

We specialise in training and developing boxing to members of the community no matter what their background or beliefs may be. Whether it be to compete in the future or whether it be solely for fitness and confidence building.

We are very approachable and dedicate our time to ensure a safe and enjoyable workout. For those wishing to compete in the future we already have teams travelling to England and all over Northern Ireland competing for various Ulster titles.

Feel free to contact Mark Gaffney for more details. Email markgaffney@live.co.uk

Free Trees from the Woodland Trust

We want to make sure that everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree so we're giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities.

Our online application form for March 2020 delivery will reopen soon. If you cannot wait until then, tree packs can be purchased in [our shop](#) all year round.

For more help and advice, [Tree Tools for Schools](#) has everything you need to plan, plant and care for your tree pack, whether you are a school or community group.

Full details available via <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/>

Alzheimer's Society – United Against Dementia

Volunteering Opportunity - Side by Side in Fermanagh and Omagh

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

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

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

How to apply: If you have any questions about the role or would like to apply, please contact Rosario Mc Hugh, Volunteering Officer at rosario.mchugh@alzheimers.org.uk

You can also get in touch with our Volunteering Support Team on 0300 222 5706 or at volunteeringsupport@alzheimers.org.uk We'd love to hear your thoughts, questions or feedback.

Aisling Centre, 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7DP
Tel 028 6632 5811 Email info@theaislingcentre.com www.theaislingcentre.com

Mindfulness Meditation

Monthly Drop in / Taster Sessions 7.30pm – 9.00pm; Suggested donation £5
Tuesdays 24 September, 29 October, 26 November

AA

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

ADHD

Adult support group. 1st Thursday of the Month 7pm – 9pm
For information contact Niall Greene or Emma Weaver
t: 07729618563 | 07724916770 | e: niaadhd@gmail.com

AWARE

Self-help support group for people affected by depression or bipolar disorder (manic depression).
Alternative Tuesdays 7.30 - 9pm. For information contact 0845 120 2961 e: help@aware-ni.org

Escapists

Support group for carers - Every Wednesday morning 10.30am – 1pm
For information contact Catriona Allen 07851 341466

Forget Me Not

Support group for people bereaved by suicide - 1st Monday of the Month 7.30pm – 9pm
For information contact Collette Cullen 07826 535199

SWEDES (South West Enabling Deaf Encouraging Sign)

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

Ethnic Communities Support Group

Free advice & advocacy service - Available by appointment, every second Tuesday 10am – 4pm
For information contact Karolina at OECSG on 028 8224 9750 Email: oe CSG2@yahoo.co.uk

Island Artists

Mondays 7.30pm – 9.30pm & Wednesdays 2pm – 4pm. Contact Maura Newman 07968 225704

Yoga

Mondays 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Contact Alasdair McKay 07776 290903
Thursdays 11.30am – 1pm. Contact Jenni Brown 028 8954 1994
Thursdays 6.30pm-7.30pm. Contact Christina Cornyn 07722 550040

Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR

Telephone 028 6632 0210 www.fermanaghhouse.org

The Samaritans – Drop In volunteer recruitment evening Monday 9 September 7-10pm. Find out more about becoming a Samaritans volunteer - Anyone can be a Samaritans volunteer: you don't need to have been through a particular life experience or be from a certain walk of life. Anyone who's over 18, wants to help others, and is tolerant and open-minded is welcome. Be there for people who need someone. Contact eileenternan@hotmail.co.uk

Cancer Focus NI's 'Zest for Life' course – with Helen Murphy – Tuesday's from 10am-1pm, starting on 15 October and running for 6 weeks. For further information and booking please contact Helen Murphy helen.murphy@westerntrust.hscni.net Mobile 07525 896904

Community Foundation NI 'The Community Innovators Programme' –

Thursday 19 September 10-11.30am. Free access for voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations who would like support to explore and develop new solutions to a real world social, economic or environmental challenge. All organisations who complete the Community Innovators Programme will be eligible to apply for a grant from the Foundation's Social Innovation Seed Fund to help them deliver the ideas they develop through participation in the programme. With our support you can develop a new solution to a social, economic or environmental challenge. To register please go to <https://bit.ly/30oiKNy>

New 'Tiny Life' Support Group – 10.30am-12.30pm every 4th Thursday of the month. Tiny Life is Northern Ireland's only premature and vulnerable baby charity; they are dedicated to reducing illness, disability and death in babies born here and providing support for families who have been affected by such circumstances.

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

Action on Hearing Loss – Free Help & Support drop in session on Thursday 5 September and 3 October, 10am-11.30am. Hearing checks, hearing loss services advice, new batteries & ear mould tubing, help with cleaning etc. Please contact Mary Cruickshank on 07918 767640 or Email mary.cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk

St John's Ambulance - 3 day course on 3, 10, 17 September, 9am-4pm.

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

Western Area Childcare Partnership –

Fire Safety Training Course, Thursday 12 September 7-10pm. This course is for Practitioners designated as a Responsible Person, who are accountable at a managerial and operational level for fire safety within the childcare environment. Upon completion, the practitioner will be knowledgeable in the new fire regulations within Northern Ireland and their impact on the Early Years/Childcare Sector. The course will meet current (at time of delivery) legislative requirements.

Paediatric First Aid Refresher Course, Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 October, 7-10pm.

Paediatric First Aid Full Course, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 5 & 6, 12 & 13 November 7–10pm.

Designated Child Protection Officer Training Course on Thursdays 17 & 24 October 7–10pm.

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

Tel 028 9536 1042/028 9536 1033 Western Office or Email Childcare.Info@hscni.net

WHSCCT Stress Management Course - 6 week course Tuesdays 17 September to 22 October, 6.30–8pm. Further details and booking go to <http://www.westerntrust.hscni.net/about/3772.htm>

or visit the Stress Control NI Facebook page, the Western Trust Website www.westerntrust.hscni.net or contact roisin.laverty@westerntrust.hscni.net
The spring course will run from Tuesday 4 February 2020 to Tuesday 10 March 2020

Volunteer Now Training Events –

Developing a Volunteer Strategy – Tuesday 10 September
Attracting and Selecting Volunteers – Wednesday 2 October, Thursday 3 October
Managing and Motivating Volunteers – Wednesday 23 October, Thursday 24 October
Train the Trainers Day 1 – Wednesday 6 November
Train the Trainers Day 2 – Thursday 7 November
Train the Trainers Day 3 – Thursday 21 November
Developing a Volunteer Programme – Wednesday 4 December
For further details and booking go to <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/>
or contact Nicole.gorman@volunteernow.co.uk Tel 028 9023 2020

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

Adele Paton Mother & Baby Group – 1st Monday of each month from 10am-12noon.
For further information please contact Adele on 07816 758780

Meghan's Yoga Classes – Mondays 6.30-8.30pm, Tuesdays 5.30–6.30pm, Thursdays 11am-12 noon. For further details/booking tel 07837 562516 or email nutt_meggs@hotmail.com

U3A Choir - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 11am-12.30pm;
U3A General meeting - 2nd Monday of the month 11am-12.00pm;
U3A Poetry group - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 2–3.30pm;
For further information see <https://u3asites.org.uk/erne/page/71430>

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

Sarcoidosis Support Group – meet first Monday of the month from 7-9pm
For further information contact WendyWatson27@yahoo.com

St Michael's Bridge Club – meet Monday evenings 7.30-10pm

Mum's Wellness Drop in Group - Every Tuesday 10–11.30am.
For further details contact Ursula at Mindwise 028 6632 4334 or 07760 627428

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

Headway – The Northern Ireland Brain Injury Association - outreach group each Wednesday from 10.30am–12.30pm. Further information at <https://www.headway.org.uk> or email Joanne Aiken on joanne.aiken@headway.org.uk

Drinkwise Age Well run a support group on Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30pm.

For further details please go to <https://www.drinkwiseagewell-training.org.uk/>

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

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

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

Fermanagh Board Game Group meet alternate Wednesday evenings. Contact Chris Fawcett at paddyfawcett@hotmail.com

Fermanagh Military Models meet Thursdays 6pm - 8pm. They specialise in different Military genres from WW1 through to the Afghanistan conflict in various models from Aviation, Military vehicles, Ships, Dioramas. Classes are being offered for novice or hobbyists. Lessons in building, painting, weather, and presenting for shows and competitions. Contact Michael White on 00 353 8303 21216 or email michawlwhitecleo@gmail.com

Victim Support - an independent organisation - not part of the police, courts or any other criminal justice agency. Appointments available via 028 9024 3133 or email info@victimsupportni.org.ni

Addiction NI – A community addiction service providing treatment and support for people who are dependent on alcohol or drugs. Also give confidential support for people affected by someone else's drinking or drug use. Tel 028 9066 4434 or email enquiries@addictionni.com

Tara Centre, 11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT9 0AH

Tel: 028 8225 0024 email: info@taraomagh.com www.taraomagh.com

“All Illness Begins in the Gut – Connecting Lifestyle, Health & Well-being.

Dr Aileen O’Kane MD

Saturday 7 September, 10am - 4pm (Registration 9.15am – 10am)

The Green Platform – Simply Life Changing

Declan Coyle (2-day workshop)

Dates: Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, 10am - 4pm (Registration 9.15am-10am)

An Introduction to Ayurveda (Part 1 & Part 2)

Dr Aileen O’Kane MD

Dates: Saturday 21 September and Saturday 2 November

Times: 10am-4pm each day (Registration 9.15am-10am)

Pathways from a Troubled Past

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

Dates: Wednesday 2, 9, 16 & 23 October and 6 Nov

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

Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) - An Empowering Tool for Emotional Freedom

Bridin McKenna

Saturday 5 October, 10am - 4pm (Registration 9.15am - 10.00am)

Transforming Stress & Anxiety into Vitality – Bio-Energy Healing

Michael O'Doherty (2-day workshop)

Dates: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 October

Times: Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm (Registration 9.15am - 10.00am)

Sunday 9.30am – 4.30pm

A Bio-Energy Healing Clinic - Michael O'Doherty

Michael O'Doherty has established his one-to-one Bio-Energy Healing Clinic here at the Tara Centre. All enquiries and transactions in relation to attending Michael's clinic are to be made by direct contact with Michael's clinic in Ennis, Co. Clare.

Contact: 00 353 65 6841844 / info@michaelodoherty.com

Dates: Monday 21, Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 October

Extending the Boundaries of Therapy –

Professional Development Day for practising Counsellors/Psychotherapists

Jim Cogley

Thursday 28 November, 10.00am – 4.00pm (Registration 9.15am - 10.00am)

Healing the Family Tree – Understanding Transgenerational Healing

Jim Cogley

Dates: Friday 29 & Saturday 30 November

Times: 10.00am – 4.00pm (Friday) (Registration 9.15am - 10.00am)

10.00am – 1.00pm (Saturday)

Soul of Healing Seminars

Maura Twohig and Mary Daly

Dates: Saturday 21 September & Saturday 9 November

Times: 11.30am – 5.30pm (Registration 11.00am – 11.30am)

Christmas Meditation – Connect with the true meaning of Christmas

Maura Twohig and Mary Daly

Saturday 14 December, 3.30pm – 8.00pm (Registration from 3.00 – 3.30pm)

Craft Fair – In The Spirit of Christmas

A Fundraising Event – Proceeds in Aid of the Tara Centre

Saturday 23 November, 11.00am – 5.00pm

Yoga for Beginners & Intermediates

Heather Kemps

Beginners – Wednesday 25 September to Wednesday 4 December (10.30am - 12.00pm)

and Thursday 26 September to Thursday 5 December (7.00pm - 8.30pm)

Intermediates – Wednesday 25 September to Wednesday 4 December (12.00pm – 1.30pm)

and Thursday 26 September to Thursday 5 December (8.30pm – 10.00pm)

Meditating Together

Self-Facilitated Group

Dates: Tuesdays starting 3 September (10.30am - 12.00pm)

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

The Border into Brexit – Survey 2019

Listening to Local Communities

The Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) Ltd – the cross-border group of local authorities for the Central Border Region – together with a small team from Queen’s University Belfast is conducting a third research project on the impacts of Brexit and the possibilities of a ‘No Deal’ scenario, for people living and working in this Region. This initiative is funded through the Reconciliation Fund from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and follows on from the ‘Bordering on Brexit’ (November 2017) and ‘Brexit at the Border’ (June 2018) reports.

The ‘Bordering on Brexit’ report revealed the views of local communities one year on from the referendum result. The follow-on study, ‘Brexit at the Border’, highlighted the hopes and fears of border citizens in a post-Brexit world and the overriding need to protect a hard-worn and valued peace.

This latest initiative, ‘The Border into Brexit’, is again a non-political and non-partisan study. We are keen to gather responses from the widest possible group of people from the Central Border Region. The purpose of the study is to provide an opportunity for the voices of local people on both sides of the border to be heard.

All data from the survey and focus groups will be gathered in accordance with strict research ethics and will remain anonymous.

QUB and ICBAN will complete an Interim Report ahead of the next European Council meeting on 17-18 October and this will also be presented along with a final report to both the UK and Irish governments, as well as to EU structures involved in the Brexit process.

To complete the 15 minute survey click on <https://tinyurl.com/TBIB19>

Closing date Monday 23 September at 5pm.

Responses welcomed from anyone living or working in the areas of Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon; Cavan; Donegal; Fermanagh and Omagh; Leitrim; Mid Ulster; Monaghan; and Sligo.

Training Opportunities

Rouskey Community and Development Association

Hopes to facilitate **Child Care Course Level 3** through South West College
10 people needed to start the course in September in Rouskey Community Centre
Contact Bridie on 07591 047556

Community Development and Health Network

Working together to build healthier communities

Free Elevate training in the Fermanagh and Omagh area

Focusing on community development as a way to reduce health inequalities, this training is for anyone with an interest in community development and health inequalities including staff and volunteers in voluntary organisations, community groups, councils, health and social care and government agencies. Please note there are limited places. Click [here](#) for dates and to book.

Free Community Leader Training (Health Literacy)

The Self-Care Pharmacy project is offering this training to Community Leaders and Groups with an aim to improve the knowledge and understanding of self-care for minor ailments through a health literacy approach. To book a place or find out more click [here](#).

Rural Community Network are hosting three Training Sessions over September and October that local community groups can attend.

Better Funding Applications: Wednesday 25 September from 7pm-9pm

Our "Better Funding Applications" Workshop will provide groups with tips and advice on how to develop better and more effective funding applications.

The workshop will enhance your knowledge of the current funding environment and the challenges groups face when applying funding. And learn about the common mistakes that groups make when submitting funding applications.

Making Your Voice Count - Lobbying & Campaigning for Community Groups:

Wednesday 9 October from 7pm-9pm

Our 2-hour session will provide background on what influences and shapes Government policies in Northern Ireland, explore the impact of policy by local councils, health trusts and others on local communities and how this links to community development & give an insight into how to effectively lobby and campaign on an issue.

Succession Planning for Community Groups Seminar:

Wednesday 16 October from 7pm-8.30pm

Every community group we work with is driven by passionate committed people who are determined to make a positive difference in their community. But what happens when the key members are no longer able to be part of the workforce? We are encouraging Community Groups to look at succession planning as a way of thinking about how to future proof their organisations. RCN will host a discussion event on this issue providing tips and ideas about how local groups can think about encouraging new members and training existing members to take on positions of responsibility. The benefits of succession planning are clear: it provides steadiness for your group at times of member turnover, a clear plan for progression and replacement of leadership roles and provides recognition and reward for existing members as they mentor new members and share their knowledge.

Each event will be held in our premises in Cookstown. All events are free for RCN Members & £20 for non-members for the Fundraising and Lobbying Workshops, £10 for the Succession Planning seminar. Tea & Coffee will be provided along with workshop materials.

To register email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or ring 028 8676 6670

Peace and Conflict Transformation

Calling all women!

Join the PACT Project today!

A PEACE IV project that is specifically targeted to empower, engage, transform and connect women aged 16+ in counties Derry, Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim and Sligo.

This is a **free** course which offers an ILM assured digital qualification in Peace and Conflict Transformation with an opportunity for women to progress to a Level 3 ILM qualification in Leadership and Management.

Modules include:

- Conflict Transformation
- Communication Traditions and Cultures
- Equality and Diversity
- Empowered and Enabled Communities
- Leadership

It is a really innovative, bright, unique and enjoyable course with lots of opportunities for learning and empowerment.

Step One is the completion of a brief personality test

(<https://survey.twnonline.com/index.php/212515>) and then the course will be delivered to participants in-person in locations across Derry, Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim and Sligo during autumn 2019.

For more information contact Foyle Women's Information Network on 028 7126 6291

Email info@fwin.org.uk

Sowing the Seeds of Hope – Harm Reduction Program

HURT (Have your tomorrows) Drug and Alcohol Service

Community Education Awareness Workshop

The workshop can be delivered over 3 weeks (1hr) or a 3-hour session and covers the following:

- Drugs - Their effects, Categories & Classification
- Current drug trends
- Needle use, dangers associated, overdose and prevention
- Mixing drugs and alcohol, including prescription drugs & illegal drugs
- Blood born viruses – HIV, Hepatitis C awareness
- Effects of substance on our mental health & wellbeing
- An understanding of addiction, intervention and support referral.

If interested in the program please contact Natasha on 07591 964536 or 028 7136 9696

Email kipandmeg@yahoo.ie Check our website www.hurtni.org.uk

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

Level 1 course for the Community and Voluntary Sector

Learn more about the impact of adverse childhood experiences throughout the life course. These free courses are being offered to people working in the voluntary and community sector to raise their awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Informed Practice (TIP). Register for courses through <https://www.ascert.biz/training-consultancy/community-training> where information on each event can be viewed, including those taking place in the Fermanagh and Omagh area.

This training has been commissioned by the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland as part of the Early Intervention Transformation Programme.

Western Drug & Alcohol Connections Service - Drug & Alcohol Responder Training

For members of the local community drawn from a range of backgrounds, perhaps working in job centres, taxi firms, community organisations or anywhere else that has a front-facing role, or those involved in community or church groups, sports clubs, or foodbanks etc.

Responders will undergo a comprehensive two-day accredited training programme where they will receive training in basic alcohol and drug awareness, how to have effective conversations etc.

If you would like to take part in the next cohort of training please contact the Western Connections Service connections@wdact.info Tel 0800 2545 123

Funding Opportunities

Grant Opportunity - Wesleyan Foundation

Deadline for Applications: Monday 2 September 2019 at 1pm

Grants of up to £2000 will be considered from charities, constituted voluntary and community groups that focus on:

- Education - Charities or projects that enhance learning and develop career opportunities
- Health – Promote health and wellbeing.
- Social – Provide local solutions to meet local needs, promote community cohesion and develop sustainable and supportive communities.

For full information, please visit <https://www.communityfoundationni.org/wesleyan-foundation-grants>

Funding Opportunity

Community Relations Council

Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Scheme is now open with a new online application system.

- All projects in receipt of CRCD funding must be completed within this financial year
- Grants up to £10K maximum for project costs only. (Average grant is £2-£5K)

The Community Relations Council, with the support of Government, has established a fund of approximately £400,000 to spend each year on community relations projects. This funding is intended to help community/voluntary groups throughout Northern Ireland develop their capacity to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake. Full details available via www.community-relations.org.uk/community-relations-cultural-diversity. **Deadline date: 13 December 2019**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a proposal prior to submitting an application please contact a member of the Funding & Development Programme. Phone 028 9022 7500 or email funding@nicrc.org.uk

The Big Lottery Fund

now The National Lottery Community Fund

www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland

Got a funding idea?

Contact Helen Hill from our funding team with your project ideas.

Email helen.hill@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk Telephone 028 9055 1436

2020 GSK IMPACT Awards - Core funding and free training for health charities

GSK's IMPACT Awards reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with income between £80,000 and £2.5 million. Up to 20 awards will be made ranging from £3,000 to £40,000 plus free training valued at up to £9,500. Organisations will also have a film made, receive help with press and publicity and be given a set of promotional materials.

To apply or to view winners' films go to: www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Closing date: **Monday 23 September 2019**

View film of 2019 Northern Ireland winner – [Positive Life](#): Belfast based Positive Life is Northern Ireland's only charity solely dedicated to working for people living with or affected by HIV. It provides one-to-one peer and family support, advocacy, advice and information services, a confidential helpline and rapid HIV testing. It works to influence policy and raise awareness to eradicate the stigma surrounding HIV in Northern Ireland.

Building Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) funding

BCPP is a partnership between Community Development and Health Network (CDHN) and the Health and Social Care Board. The programme aims to promote and support local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists to address local health and social wellbeing needs using a community development approach.

BCPP projects are very diverse and engage with many different communities on a variety of issues such as poverty, bereavement, mental and physical health. The programme brings people, communities and pharmacy together to achieve positive change using their own knowledge, skills and lived experience around issues they face in their own lives.

BCPP funding is open to constituted community/voluntary organisations and community pharmacies based in Northern Ireland. Projects must be a partnership between a community/voluntary organisation and a community pharmacy. Either can be the lead applicant but both partners must be named in the application form.

The next Level 2 funding round is due to close on **7 November 2019**. For full information, including project examples, please see <https://www.cdhn.org/bcpp>

If you have an idea for a project and would like some support, please contact a member of our BCPP team on 028 3026 4606 or email bcpp@cdhn.org