

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

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

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Wednesday 25 March

## **Council News & Events**

## **Opening of customer Connect Centre**

and relocation of Council services to County Buildings, Enniskillen

A Council customer Connect Centre is now open at County Buildings, East Bridge Street, Enniskillen BT74 7BW (beside Enniskillen Courthouse).

A number of Enniskillen based public facing Council services are relocating to the newly refurbished premises at County Buildings on a phased basis to improve access to Council services.

The following services are operating from County Buildings:

- Customer 'Connect Centre' (replacing reception at the Townhall)
- Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships
- Registry opening hours only: Monday-Friday 9.30am-12.30pm,
   1.30pm-4.30pm (closes 4pm Fridays)
- Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
- Funding and Investment
- Building Control
- Licencing (including Dog Licencing)

## **During week commencing Monday 2 March**

- Planning
- Community Services
- Economic and Tourism Development
- Rural Development Programme
- Neighbourhood Renewal

## **Opening hours**

Customer Connect Centre, Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm \*Please note opening hours for Registry above

Tel: 0300 303 1777 (calls charged at local rate) Text Phone: 028 8225 6216

W: fermanaghomagh.com

E: info@fermanaghomagh.com

## **Celebrating International Women's Day**

We invite women in the community & voluntary sectors to come & celebrate International Women's Day with us at our Energising & Celebrating Women in our District event on **Monday 2 March** in the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen for an afternoon of learning and networking with other likeminded professional women. For more details visit bit.ly/3bRx9bq

## **Draft Corporate Improvement Objectives Consultation**

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council is seeking your views on its draft Corporate Improvement Objectives 2020/21 and commenced a Public Consultation on Monday 17 February that will conclude on Friday 10 April.

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

The document is available in different formats upon request. You can obtain copies of our Corporate Improvement Objectives from the Townhall, Enniskillen or The Grange, Omagh, or by:

- Downloading the document <u>here</u>
- Telephoning the Council on: 0300 303 1777
- Emailing the Council at: <a href="mailto:cathal.browne@fermanaghomagh.com">cathal.browne@fermanaghomagh.com</a>
- Completing the survey online <u>here</u>

The Council is happy to receive feedback by:

- Letter: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, County Tyrone. BT79 7BL
- Email: cathal.browne@fermanaghomagh.com

## **Local Development Plan Timetable**

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Council has published a revised Timetable of the Local Development Plan process. It contains indicative timescales for the key stages in the production of the Plan and accompanying documents including public consultation exercises.

The revised Timetable can be viewed online at the Council's website at <a href="https://www.fermanaghomagh.com">www.fermanaghomagh.com</a> It can also be inspected during normal office hours in the Council Offices at The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Omagh or Town Hall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen or any of the two planning offices at Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh or 7 Shore Road, Enniskillen.

Copies can be obtained by writing to the address above, or by email from <a href="mailto:developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com">developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com</a> or telephone 0300 303 1777.

**Key Dates for your Diary** 

March 2020				
Monday 2	International Women's Day Event, Ardhowen Theatre			
Friday 6	Age Friendly Conference			
Sunday 24 May	Emergency Services Day, Fermanagh Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen			

## **Training opportunities for Community and Voluntary Sector Groups**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Community Services has limited places available on the following free courses:

### **Level 3 First Aid for Work**

At the end of the course delegates will be able to demonstrate how to provide first aid to an unresponsive casualty (including use of automated external defibrillator), choking, external bleeding, shock (including anaphylaxis and epi-pen) and minor injuries. Numbers are limited to 1 per group. Accredited by Qualsafe.

**Enniskillen:** Saturday 28 March, West End Community Centre, 9.45am-4.30pm **Omagh:** Monday 6 April and Tuesday 7 April (must attend both evenings), CKS Community Centre, 6.30pm-9.30pm

## **Safeguarding – Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults**

Monday 30 March, Arc Healthy Living Centre, Sallyswood, Irvinestown, 6.30pm-9.30pm. Numbers are limited to 2 per group.

## **Fundraising Options for Groups**

A practical session for groups to review their existing fundraising, develop alternative income sources and setting fundraising goals. Numbers are limited to 2 per group. Tuesday 24 March, Omagh - venue TBC, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Booking essential, contact Alison Gilmore on 0300 303 1777 or email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com

#### **Lent and Lunch**

Thursday 19 March, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

**Strule Arts Centre** 

Reflection @ 12.45pm

Everyone welcome. Free hospitality

Opportunity for conversation, friendship and spiritual reflection.

This event has been organised by Omagh Churches' Forum in conjunction with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Good Relations section.

## **Volunteer at Castle Archdale Country Park**

## Thursday 19 March - Meet at 10.30am in the Courtyard, Hostel room

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invite you to volunteer at a Rhododendron Bash –

- Learn to identify different invasive plants
- Get hands on with cutting and removing Rhododendron and other invasive species on site
- Find out about the Aliens of the Lough project and how you can help tackle Invasive Alien Species in your area.

There will be a short presentation in the Hostel Room with light refreshments followed by our guided walk and practical work – light lunch will be provided at approx 1 pm (please indicate dietary requirements when booking).

Suitable for all ages, but adult supervision is required. Please wear suitable clothing for outdoor working.

For more information and to book your place contact <u>sarahjane.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com</u> or phone 0300 303 1777.

Supported by the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership through funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

## Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP - Social Alarm Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Home Safety Visits**

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

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

#### Coach Education 2019 - 2020

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

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

For further information regarding the Coach Education Programme 2019 – 2020, please contact Chris Elliott, 0300 303 1777 or <a href="mailto:chris.elliott@fermanaghomagh.com">chris.elliott@fermanaghomagh.com</a>

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

## **Community and Voluntary Sector Register**

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

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

Alternatively you can contact Community Services on 0300 303 1777 to speak to an officer who will send you a registration form and assist you with any questions you may have, or email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com 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

For further information or enquiries regarding Council support to charities, please email <a href="mailto:communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com">communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com</a>

before the date requested, to allow sufficient time for the application to be considered.

## **Community Support Officer Areas**

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

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

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

## **Community News**

### Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 March.

1.30pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm.

St Mary's College, Lisnarick Road, Irvinestown on Friday 6 March.

2.15pm - 4pm & 5.15pm - 8pm.

South West College, Omagh Campus on Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 & Friday 20 March. 1.45pm – 4pm & 5.30pm – 8pm.

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

## **Cancer Focus Enniskillen**

## **Look Good, Feel Good Ladies Night**

Thursday 5 March, 7.30pm – Cathedral Hall

Includes a cookery demonstration with nutritional advice and a skincare demonstration.

Recipe booklet, food sampling and spot prizes on the night.

Further information from Violet 07754 234378, Barbara 07788 192858 or Denise 07703 354800

## **DAWN Women's Group**

As part of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Remembrance and Commemorating a Decade of Centenaries, DAWN Women's Group are hosting **a talk on Women in Politics** over the last century. This will take place in Derrygannon Hall on International Women's Day **Sunday 8 March** at 3pm. Siobhan Currie is our guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served.

## Fermanagh Gardening Society

Tuesday 10 March, 8pm, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

"Pruning Made Simple" is the topic this month when it will be a workshop night.

Scott Fallis, local horticulturist, will take you through pruning roses, shrubs, climbers and the time to do so. A night not to be missed. Tea and a chat after.

## Saturday 28 March, 1.30pm, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

## 54th Annual Daffodil and Spring Flower Show

(which includes Floral Arrangements, Paintings/Children's Art and Plant Sale)

Admission £5 which includes afternoon tea. Children free.

Schedules for the Spring Show are available by emailing <a href="mailto:fermanaghgarden@outlook.com">fermanaghgarden@outlook.com</a> Find us on Facebook.

## **Axa Community Bike Rides in Omagh**

These free, social adult bike rides are being led by local ride leader Joan Potts and take place weekly up to 4 April. You just need a roadworthy bike and helmet to participate. Joan is an enthusiastic leisure cyclist keen to see more people cycling in her area - "This is a great way to meet new friends and clear the head, plus have a bit of fun!"

For more information and to register online for any of the upcoming bike rides, please visit www.axacommunitybikerides.com/rides

## **Axa Community Bike Rides in Fermanagh**

Come and join us on an Axa Community Bike Ride in Fermanagh. These rides will be led by a qualified ride leader and cater for beginner and more advanced cyclists, covering a distance of approximately 30km.

Upcoming cycles are as follows:

**Saturday 7 March** at 10.30am departing from Kesh **Sunday 29 March** at 9.15am departing from Tempo

To take part, please register on <a href="www.axacommunitybikerides.com">www.axacommunitybikerides.com</a> and select the Fermanagh location to book your place.

Keep an eye out on the website for mid-week and weekend cycles over the coming months. If you complete the registration process on the website you will be notified of new rides by email.

## Fermanagh's St Patrick's Day Parade and Fun Day returns to Enniskillen on Tuesday 17 March!

The streets of our county town will be transformed with colour, music and dancing as we celebrate this year's theme: 20/20 Vision: Future, Space & Science.

The craic starts at the Broadmeadow with a free family fun day and a host of live entertainment acts starting at 1.30pm with the hugely popular, Hand Me Downs. Enjoy a range of free activities from Sand Art to Climbing Walls, Balloon Modelling to Bouncy Castles, mingle with Dinosaurs and Disney Heroes. We've got Face-painting & Flotillas and free tasty treats with chocolate fountains, green candy floss and famous themed gelato all generously sponsored by Lilley's Centra & PSP. For those wishing to grab prime pole position there will be live music, pre parade on the Diamond in Enniskillen town centre with a live performance from Full Moon Fever at 2pm as well as walkabout characters to keep you entertained. And for those who would prefer a less boisterous viewing platform; Fr Raymond Donnelly is providing again this year, a 'Quiet Space' at St Michael's Parish Centre – booking essential. You can always take time out too to view the entries to our children's 20/20 Vision Art & Photo Competition in the Legion while enjoying traditional music and dancing performances.

Supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Enniskillen BID and local businesses, this year's spectacular parade is one not to be missed. Led off at 3.30pm by 2020 Grand Marshalls; OMG Foundation, the parade features a range of traditional and carnival style floats, vintage & futuristic vehicles, acrobatics, live music as well as the most amazing opportunity to meet Trex the interactive dinosaur and his baby Rex plus much, much more. Check out last year's wildly popular 'Crew the Curragh' taster sessions, and other water activities that make celebrating St Patrick's Day in Ireland's Only Island Town, a unique experience.

Given the 'visionary' theme of this year and thanks to Balcas Energy, there will be giveaways on the day that will help us bigger kids see the future more brightly...

Brought to you by a very small team of Project St Patrick (PSP) volunteers for the 9th year, you can keep up to date on everything on our Facebook page including details of fringe events on St Patrick's eve; not least a magical and much anticipated illuminated flotilla by Inland Waterways Association Ireland.

\*There maybe traffic disruptions in the immediate area so please plan your parking ahead as there will be no entrance to the Lakeland Forum except for disabled badge holders. Additional disabled parking behind the Townhall. We would appeal to drivers to respect the efforts of our volunteers and not to park on the parade route for safety reasons.

Contact Project St.Patrick - info@projectstpatrick.com

## **Fermanagh Genealogy Centre**

**Open Afternoon: Saturday 7 March,** 1pm – 4pm, Enniskillen Castle Museum.

Come along and chat to some of our volunteers to see if you would like to join the team; learn about the free service we offer; find out how you can join us as a Member for talks, events and trips.

Talk: Saturday 21 March, 1.30pm-3.30pm upstairs in Enniskillen Library.

Members free, visitors £5 inc refreshments.

'The 3rd Earl of Enniskillen Saint or Revolutionary' - Speaker: David McNulty.

## **Fermanagh CCE County Board**

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

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

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

## **Call for Participants!**

## **How Parents Organise Work and Childcare**

The University of Lincoln is conducting a study exploring parenting and employment arrangements. The project is funded by the Nuffield Foundation.

**Who**? Parents living together and have at least one shared biological child (age 0-11).

**Why**? We aim to identify means to better support couples' childcare through workplace policies and legislation around parental leave.

**How**? You are invited to complete an online survey (approx15-20 mins) by following this link <a href="https://unioflincoln.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_8j0aqOTMLaxT8bP">https://unioflincoln.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_8j0aqOTMLaxT8bP</a>

Participation is voluntary and all data collected will be made anonymous.

For more detail please see <a href="https://organisingworkandchildcare.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/">https://organisingworkandchildcare.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/</a>
Or contact Dr Emma Long <a href="mailto:elong@lincoln.ac.uk">elong@lincoln.ac.uk</a>

## **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**

## Opportunity to hear how you can recognise volunteers

Wednesday 22 April, 10.30am-12pm - Youth Action, 14 College Square N, Belfast BT1 6AS

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest civil Award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It is the MBE for volunteer groups. Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the Award. An information session to promote the Award and explain the nomination process is being organised by Volunteer Now for potential nominators and interested groups. It will be an opportunity to meet those involved in promoting the Award and hear from someone who has been through the process.

Volunteering is at the heart of our communities; why not raise its profile and achieve recognition for the difference that volunteers make? Nominations are open for the Award from April – September each year. RSVP by 20 April to <a href="mailto:nicole.gorman@volunteernow.co.uk">nicole.gorman@volunteernow.co.uk</a>

## **Cuilcagh to Cleenish**

The schedule of events and activities for Spring 2020 has now been published. Walks, talks, training, reminiscing, recording and more. Visit www.c2c.org.uk

## **Pharmacy First Service**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further information and event ideas can be found at <a href="www.veday75.org">www.veday75.org</a> or by contacting Selwyn Johnston at <a href="mailto:info@headhuntersmuseum.com">info@headhuntersmuseum.com</a>

Tara Centre, 11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT79 0AH

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

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

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

Michael O'Doherty (2-day workshop)

Dates: Saturday 29 February & Sunday 1 March

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

## **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.

Continues: Wednesdays 4 & 11 March

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

## **Yoga for Beginners & Intermediates**

**Heather Kemps** 

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

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

## **Meditation – A Way of Life**

Soul of Healing Seminars

Maura Twohig and Mary Daly

Dates: Saturday 28 March

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

## **Meditating Together**

Self-Facilitated Group

Dates: Tuesdays (10.30am - 12.00pm)

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

### **Common Ground NI**

## Walking .... Talking .... Making .....

A Nature Based Therapy Group for Anxiety and Depression

Facilitator Robbie Breadon PhD – Psychotherapist and joined by Art Therapist Trainee.

The Walking-Talking-Making programme is designed to use each participant's creativity levels and joy of the outdoors to help improve mental health and general well-being. Taking time to talk within the group or individually with the facilitators will enhance the therapeutic benefits of being outdoors and creating art. A range of mindfulness techniques will also be included. The group will meet every week for 10 weeks on Thursday mornings starting on 12 March, 10am - 1pm.

For a full description of the programme open this leaflet - <u>Walking - Talking - Making - Group for Anxiety and Depression</u>

If you would like to make a referral or self-refer to this service see the Referrals Page.

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

Tel 028 6632 5811 Email info@theaislingcentre.com www.theaislingcentre.com

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month 7.30pm – 9pm For information contact Collette Cullen 07826 535199

## **Ethnic Communities Support Group**

Free advice & advocacy service - Available by appointment, every second Tuesday 10am – 4pm For information contact Karolina at OECSG on 028 8224 9750 Email: oecsg2@yahoo.co.uk

#### **Island Artists**

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

## Yoga

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

## **Common Ground NI**

## **Horticulture Therapy for Anxiety and Depression**

Robbie Breadon PhD – Psychotherapist

Anja Rosler - Community Gardener and Conservation Consultant

The Common Ground Horticulture Therapy programme is designed to use the activity of growing plants to help improve mental health and general well-being. Taking time to talk within the group or individually with the facilitators will enhance the therapeutic benefits of gardening. A range of mindfulness techniques will also be included.

Common Ground has been running these groups since the spring of 2016. The groups are kept small so participants will have a lot of individual support. Activities are coordinated with the individuals' care team and/or family input.

The 2020 spring group starts on 10 March 10am-1pm for 12 weeks. Full information available at <u>Horticulture Therapy for Anxiety and Depression</u>. You can access the service using the referral link - Referral /Self Referral to Common Ground

## Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR Telephone 028 6632 0210 www.fermanaghhouse.org

### **Latest News – March Events**

Enterprise Month Workshop for Businesses - As part of Fermanagh & Omagh Enterprise Month, Gel Ltd will be running a workshop on Tuesday 3 March from 10am-1pm, which has been designed to provide information on the systems, and processes your business will need to develop in order to win new work with both the public and private sector. The workshop will provide you with easy steps to register on tender websites, how to express an interest in upcoming opportunities, how to interpret tender documentation and how to build your tender response. The workshop will also provide you with hints and tips on how to increase the visibility of your business with customer organisations.

Any interested businesses will need to register their attendance with Melissa or Janis by telephone on 028 8772 4389 or email melissa@gelltd.com and janis@gelltd.com

**Fermanagh Trust - Free Workshops** aimed at management/committee teams involved in running and managing Community and Voluntary Organisations. 8-10pm at Fermanagh House on: Wed 4 March - 'Getting your message across - engaging your community', will showcase a range of techniques for groups to communicate their activities. It will explore a number of media approaches and outlets, providing insights and useful tips.

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

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

**Thrive with Niall Training Programme –** 4 Fridays 6 & 20 March, 3 & 17 April, 9.30am-12pm. This includes one or two 1:1 follow up sessions following the intense training sessions (if applicable). Attendees will learn the insights, skills and resources that will enable them to take control of their mental well-being, overcome unhelpful symptoms, and become the best version of themselves.

Between each session you will be given regular help and support - a free consultation appointment to anyone interested in attending. So if you are interested, get in touch and arrange a suitable time. During the consultation appointment, finals costs and suitability are determined.

There are limited spaces available so book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information contact Niall on 07738 493622. Email <a href="mailto:info@thrivewithniall.co.uk">info@thrivewithniall.co.uk</a> or go to <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/thrivewithniall">www.facebook.com/thrivewithniall</a> or <a href="mailto:www.thrivewithniall.co.uk">www.thrivewithniall</a>.co.uk

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

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

Two day course, First Aid at Work Regualification: 31 Mar & 7 April; 21 & 28 July;

29 Sept & 6 Oct; 24 Nov & 1 Dec

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

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

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

- Grant Application Training 5 March, 7-10pm.
- Trauma, Informed Approach 10 March, 7-10pm
- Physical Play 11 March, 7-10pm

• Safeguarding & child protection refresher course - Thursday 4 June, 7-10pm. For further details and booking go to http://childcarepartnerships.hscni.net/training-quality/

Action on Hearing Loss – Free help and support drop in session on Thursday 5 March and 2 April, 10-11.30am. Hearing checks, hearing loss services advice, new batteries & ear mould tubing, help with cleaning etc. Please contact Mary Cruikshank, Outreach Development Officer on Tel: 028 8225 1446/07553 353980 or Email: mary.cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk

## Spring Recovery College –

4 March - Understanding Depression 10.30am - 12.30pm

11 March - Managing Setbacks 10.30am - 12.30pm

18 March - Getting a Good Night's Sleep, 10.30am - 12.30pm

26 March - Food and Mood 10.30am - 12.30pm

1 April - Living With and Managing Anxiety 10.00am – 1.00pm

8 April - Finding Hope After Bereavement 10.00am – 1.00pm

22 April - Asserting Yourself 10.00am - 4.00pm

29 April - WRAP (2 Weeks, Week 1) 10.00am - 4.00pm

6 May - WRAP (2 Weeks, Week 2) 10.00am - 4.00pm

13 May - Understanding Personality Disorder 10.30am - 12.30pm

20 May - Getting the Most Out of Your Appointment 10.30am - 12.30pm

27 May - Journaling for Wellness 10.00am - 1.00pm

Enrolment for courses and workshops is essential, Telephone: 028 8283 3292 or email olive.young@westerntrust.hscni.net or Download an enrolment form

at www.westerntrust.hscni.net/services/3363.htm

Early enrolment is recommended as courses fill up quickly, and places are allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. Places will be confirmed approximately two weeks before the beginning of each course.

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

**New Dementia Support Group** – Martin Bradley from the Alzheimer's Society is starting a Dementia Support Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2-4pm. Tel 028 9068 6768 for further information or email martin.bradley@alzheimers.org.uk

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

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

For further information contact Carla Smyth, Epilepsy Action Northern Ireland <a href="mailto:csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk">csmyth@epilepsy.org.uk</a>, phone 07885 778585 or Johny Turnbull, Headway Brain Injury Association <a href="mailto:johny.turnbull@headway.org.uk">johny.turnbull@headway.org.uk</a> phone 07826 909110.

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

**Dunlewey Gambling Support Service** – Mondays 10am-4pm. Free and confidential advice, information and counselling for adults over 18 who are directly or indirectly affected by problem gambling issues. For further information please contact 028 9039 2547,

Free gambling helpline 0800 0886725 Website: www.dunlewey.net

**U3A Choir** - 1st & 3rd Tuesday 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 <a href="mailto:enquiry@familymediationni.org.uk">enquiry@familymediationni.org.uk</a>

**Sarcoidosis Support Group** – meet regularly. For further information contact WendyWatson27@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Addiction NI** – A registered charity providing treatment and support for people who are dependent on alcohol or drugs. Also give confidential support for people affected by someone else's drinking or drug use. Tel 028 9066 4434 or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@addictionni.com">enquiries@addictionni.com</a>

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

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

Issues to be discussed: Governance issues Development planning Application form filling

## Funding opportunities Any issue relevant to your group!!!

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

Date	Time	Venue	Address	Link
09/03/2020	10am- 5pm	Fermanagh House	Broadmeadow PI, Enniskillen BT74 7HR	Fermanagh House
12/03/2020	5pm- 10pm	Ecclesville LOL	Craigavon Road, Fintona	Ecclesville Orange Lodge
18/03/2020	5pm- 10pm	Belcoo Community Ctre	68 Lattone Road, Gorteen, Belcoo. BT93 4EA	https://doodle.com/poll/6g22659s7q6nsh6m
19/03/2020	5pm- 10pm	Wark Hall	Main Street, Belleek, BT93 3FY	Wark Hall, Belleek
23/03/2020	5pm- 10pm	Drumquin Youth & Comm. Ctre	Manse Road, Drumquin, Omagh BT78 4SD	Drumquin Youth & Community Centre
26/03/2020	12pm- 5pm	Roslea Community Ctre	Church St, Roslea, Enniskillen BT92 7DD	Roslea Community Centre
31/03/2020	5pm- 10pm	Gortin Masonic Hall	Culvacullion Road, Gortin. BT79 8NJ	<u>Gortin</u>
01/04/2020	5pm- 10pm	Kesh Enterprise Ctre	Mantlin Road, Kesh, Co Fermanagh, BT93 1TU	Kesh Enterprise centre
07/04/2020	11am- 5pm	Teemore Shamrocks	Gortmullen, Teemore, Enniskillen BT92 9AU	Teemore Shamrocks
09/04/2020	5pm- 10pm	Larganess Centre	28 Larganess Centre Mill Road, Florencecourt, Tully Two, Enniskillen BT92 1FN	Larganess Centre - Killesher
16/04/2020	10am- 5pm	Omagh Forum	Omagh Comm. Hse., 2 Drumragh Ave, Omagh BT78 1DP	Omagh Forum
22/04/2020	11am- 5pm	St. Molaise Park	Bridge Street, Irvinestown BT94 1EW	St. Molaise Park, Irvinestown
28/04/2020	11am- 5pm	Archdale Centre	Main St, Lisnaskea, BT92	Archdale Centre, Lisnaskea

## Redeeming Our Communities (ROC)

## **ROC Conversation in Enniskillen on Tuesday 19 May**

ROC is a national faith-based community engagement charity with 195+ partnership projects meeting a range of social needs across the UK. Our mission of 'empowering people of goodwill to work together for safer, stronger communities' underlines all that we do. ROC works in partnership with churches, statutory agencies, community groups, charities, faith-based groups and residents to transform communities in innovative and meaningful ways.

ROC's considerable experience hosting over 200 ROC Conversation community engagement events across the UK, is both simple and effective. We bring together those who live, work and serve in the local community to celebrate the good work that is already taking place. Between us, we then determine where any gaps in provision may be and, critically, see what each person present can offer to bridge the gap. The conversation always leads to action and positive change in the local community.

Statutory agencies play an important role in community life. So with this in mind, we hope you can join us and be part of the Enniskillen ROC Conversation on Tuesday 19 May at 7pm in Fermanagh House (Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR). To book your free place, please RSVP at <a href="www.roc.uk.com/enniskillen">www.roc.uk.com/enniskillen</a>. The event is open to all living, working or volunteering in the wider Enniskillen area.

For further information on the ROC Conversation, please do not hesitate to contact Keeva at northernireland@roc.uk.com or on 028 9035 1020.

## **Training Opportunities**

## Free training for groups involved in stewarding events

The Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP has organised a **free** training session for groups who will be involved in stewarding events. The training is being facilitated through the South West College in Omagh and will be delivered in Strathroy Community Centre in Omagh on **Tuesday 3 March** from 7-10pm.

The training will cover four units;

- 1. The role of a steward
- 2. Managing Spectators
- 3. Controlling Entries and Exits
- 4. Dealing with injuries and illnesses, first on scene.

Places on the course are limited to 20 (max 5 per group) and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you or your group are interested in this training, please message us or contact the PCSP Office on 0300 303 1777 Ext 21233.

## Free Managing Your Condition 6-week training course

AMH Fermanagh New Horizons, Drumcoo, Enniskillen

Wednesdays from 4 March, 10am – 12.30pm or Tuesdays from 28 April, 1pm-3.30pm

Manage the Challenge of living with a long term condition: Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Back Pain, Asthma, Epilepsy, M.S., Depression, Diabetes, COPD, Stress, Anxiety ....

Learn how to manage your, pain, fatigue, set goals, build your self-esteem, make changes and improve the quality of your life!

For more information and to secure your place speak to Brenda Burns on 028 6632 3630 or 07545 206367

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

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

Action Mental Health, Drumcoo, Enniskillen on Friday 6 March Contact Marie McLaughlin, Travellers Development Officer mariemclaughlin@westerntrust.hscni.net Mobile 07584 207237

## The Preparation and Independent Examination of Charity Accounts (R&P) Training 10 and 11 March, 10.00am-4.15pm in NICVA.

For anyone who is carrying out (or considering carrying out) independent examinations. Delivered by The Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE). Full details at: https://www.nicva.org/event/the-preparation-and-independent-examination-of-charity-accounts-rp-0

## Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea

## **Public Health Agency**

Motivational Interviewing (Level 1 Foundation) facilitated by Glenn Hinds Thursday 5 and Friday 6 March, 10am-4pm

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

Phone 028 6772 3843 to book a place or, for further information, call Carol Radcliffe, CLEAR Project on 028 7138 3386 www.dhcni.com/clear

## Food for Life Get Togethers

## Wednesday 25 March, 10am-4pm Arc Healthy Living Centre, Irvinestown

Interactive one-day workshop: The Value of Sharing Food with Therapeutic Food Activities for individuals who want to bring people from different generations together through good foodbased activities and share learning with others.

This **free** workshop aims to give you confidence to bring your community together, across the generations, to experience the sharing of good food. You will be shown how this can have enormous benefits to their health and wellbeing as well as raise awareness and appreciation of home cooked, seasonal foods. Hands-on therapeutic cooking, growing and sensory activities that encourage reminiscence and engagement between generations about their food experiences, knowledge and skills.

Booking Essential - Contact award@soilassociation.org www.foodforlife.org.uk/gettogethers

## **Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd**

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

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

## Safeguarding:

Keeping Adults Safe: Adult Safeguarding Champion & Appointed Person Refresher Training - Enniskillen

Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training - Omagh OR Enniskillen

## **FREE Online Safeguarding Courses**

- 1. Keeping Adults Safe: See Something, Say Something
- 2. Adult Safeguarding Champion: Meeting the Requirements
- 3. Keeping Children & Adults Safe: An Introduction for Management Committee Members Please **click here** to register for any of these online courses.

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

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

## **Training/Learning Opportunities**

## **Risk Assessment Made Easy**

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

## Foundation Certificate in Food Safety

Monday 9 March – Tempo Stone Circle Resource Centre, 6.30-10pm

### **Scam Watch**

Thursday 12 March - Fermanagh House, 2.30-4.30pm

## **Cyber Security for small organisations**

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

To secure your place and for catering requirements please contact Claudine on 028 8225 1559 or email <a href="mailto:info@omaghforum.org">info@omaghforum.org</a> Transport can be arranged

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

## **Asist Workshop**

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

To register please contact the Oak HLC by email on info@oakhlc.com or phone 028 6772 3843.

### **Western Connections**

## **Hidden Harm Awareness Raising and Networking Event**

## Wednesday 25 March

Mellon Country Inn, 10am-1pm

Join us for some breakfast and talks from:

- Ed Sipler (SEHSCT)
- Geri O'Kane (Voices, Start360)
- Gregg Nicholl (ASCERT)

Book your place by contacting jennie@ascert.biz no later than Wednesday 18 March

### **Western Trust Health Improvement:**

## Boundaries in a Boundaryless Environment - Challenges for Safeguarding Practice in the Digital Age

Wednesday 1 April, 9.30am-3pm, Mellon Country Inn, Omagh

This free event is suitable for practitioners working directly with children and families and will focus on:

- How to maintain ethical personal and professional boundaries online;
- Exploration of the motivations and complexities when using digital surveillance in safeguarding practice;
- Understanding both the usability and 'abuse-ability' of technology and how to safeguard your digital self.

Speakers include Dr Tarsem Singh-Cooner from the University of Birmingham and Steve McNeill, Senior Social Worker.

Target audience- This event is suitable for all professionals working directly with children and families including social work, education, probation, early years, police, youth services, voluntary and community services etc.

Places are unavailable to private organisations or fee-based service providers or the general public.

Booking conditions- Click here to register your interest

Your Eventbrite ticket is provisional. You will receive an email closer to the event date to confirm if you have successfully secured a place. Those unable to demonstrate how this event relates to their direct work with children and families will not be offered a place.

Accessibility and dietary needs- If you have specific dietary or accessibility needs please advise us in advance by emailing <a href="mailto:debbie.greaves@westerntrust.hscni.net">debbie.greaves@westerntrust.hscni.net</a>

## **Funding Opportunities**

The Executive Office – Good Relations & T:BUC Division – Central Good Relations Fund (CGRF) –

NOW OPEN for 2020/21 online applications for groups who wish to apply online for a project funding grant.

The closing date is midnight on Thursday 12 March 2020. However, you must register your organisation by 2.00pm on Thursday 12 March 2020 to enable access to the online application system. Any registrations submitted after that time will not be approved.

If you have not already done so, please register your organisation now

at https://dttselfserve.digitalni.gov.uk/ExecutiveOffice/TEOPortal#/

You should read the step-by-step registration guide before you start -

<u>Step-by-step guide – Online Applications</u>

CGRF 2020/21 Guidance notes

Got questions?

Contact our team using the link below

www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/contacts/central-good-relations-funding-programme-team

Find out more information about CGRF at:

www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/cgrf

### **Reconciliation Fund**

The Reconciliation Fund awards grants to organisations working to build better relations within and between traditions in Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between Ireland and Britain.

Applications will be accepted only through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's online grant application system <a href="https://www.dfa.ie/reconciliation">https://www.dfa.ie/reconciliation</a>

The final closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday 10 March.

## The Bank of Ireland Begin Together Fund 2020

The Begin Together Fund will support new project-based activities with grants of up to €5,000 (or the sterling equivalent) for local, not for profit groups working to improve

the physical and/or mental and/ or financial wellbeing of the communities they serve across all counties on the island of Ireland.

https://communityfoundationireland.secure.force.com/forms/BOIBeginTogetherFund2020

Closing Date: Tuesday 31 March at 4pm

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

Level 1 BCPP funding for Round 38 has just closed however there is still time to apply for Level 2!

We are also delighted to announce an increase of Level 2 funding from £10,000 to £12,000 which will benefit both partners in any future projects – the community organisation and the Pharmacist. All other aspects of the grants process remain the same with no additional responsibilities for the partners.

If you would like some support with a potential project, please contact a member of the BCPP team on 028 3026 4606 or email <a href="mailto:bcpp@cdhn.org">bcpp@cdhn.org</a>. You can read more about the programme <a href="mailto:here">here</a>

### Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme

Information Session - Wednesday 4 March, 6.30-8.30pm

Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown

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

For more information and to RSVP contact <a href="mailto:Ciara.laverty@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org">Ciara.laverty@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org</a>

## **Linking Generations NI**

## All Ages April 2020 is now live!

Our long running intergenerational small grants scheme has gone from strength to strength and we anticipate another successful year.

For more information on how to apply, ideas, previous videos and reports, please click the link below. **Applications close on Thursday 5 March**.

https://linkinggenerationsni.com/portfolio-posts/allagesapril/

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

## Funding to Facilitate Accessibility and Inclusion Activities in Arts Programming Closing Date: Friday 13 March

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

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

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

This pilot programme aims to:

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

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

http://artscouncilni.org/funding/scheme/pilot-premium-payments-programme

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

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

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

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

## Call for small grant applications – U.S. Small Grants Program

The U.S. Embassy in London is once again inviting proposals for projects that have a capacity to strengthen bilateral ties between Northern Ireland and the United States.

**Applications are welcome before March 31, 2020** from individuals, non-governmental organizations, think tanks, government institutions, and academic institutions.

The process is not particularly lengthy and current priority program areas are as follows:

- **U.S. Elections**: Activities that promote an understanding of the 2020 U.S. elections and the U.S. electoral college through nonpartisan programs.
- **Security and Defense**: Activities that promote transatlantic security; combat transnational, regional, and global challenges, including cybersecurity, terrorism, and violent extremism; and encourage resistance to malign influence and disinformation.
- **Prosperity, Trade, and Investment**: Activities that encourage a nuanced understanding of U.S. agricultural practices and industries, support the expansion of U.S. exports and investments, improve the connections between U.S. and UK businesses, and/or expand economic opportunities for women, youth, and underserved populations.
- **Technology and Innovation**: Activities that support cooperation in such areas as space exploration, agricultural technology, cybersecurity, and entrepreneurship.
- **Shared Values and Interests**: Activities that promote the U.S.-UK Special Relationship and build people-to-people ties, including but not limited to VE Day and Mayflower commemorative programs.
- **Student Mobility**: Activities that promote exchanges and training opportunities for U.S. and UK higher education and vocational students.

Full application details and submission information can be found here: https://uk.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/london/ukpa/grants-programs/

Examples of small grants program projects include but are not limited to:

- -Academic and professional lectures, seminars, and speaker programs
- -Artistic and cultural workshops, joint performances, and exhibitions
- -Cultural heritage conservation and preservation projects
- -Professional and academic exchanges and projects; and
- -Professional development workshops and training.

The selection process is administered by the Embassy in London but numerous Northern Ireland entities have benefitted from the program.

## **National Lottery Heritage Fund**

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

## **National Lottery Community Fund**

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

### Got an idea for a project?

Come along and chat about your ideas with Helen Hill from our funding team. Email helen.hill@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk Telephone 028 9055 1436

## Helen will be in Omagh Enterprise Centre on Thursdays 19 March and 16 April.

Book an appointment at www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-national-lottery-community-fund-ni