



## LSP Community & Voluntary Task Group Sectoral Representation Survey

### Community & Voluntary Sector Task Group (C&VSTG)

The (C&VSTG) is made up of representatives from community and voluntary sector organisations from throughout the Derry City Council area. The Task Group is facilitated by the North-West Community Network and is the mechanism through which the seven community representatives on the LSP were elected and feedback information on the work of the Local Strategy Partnership.

### Community & Voluntary Sector Representatives

The community and voluntary sector in the Derry City Council is currently represented by seven representatives:

- Clionagh Boyle, Derry Children's Commission
- Catherine Cooke, Tullyally District Development Group
- Eamonn Deane, Holywell Trust
- Edyth Dunlop, Northern Ireland Union of Supported Employment
- Martin Gallagher, Gasyard Development Trust
- Conal McFeely, Creggan Enterprises
- Margaret Lee, Waterside Development Trust

The sector's representatives were selected through a process designed and delivered by the Community & Voluntary Sector Task Group. The original term that these

representatives was to serve has now elapsed. Through the hard work, participation and relationships that have been developed by each of our representatives the community and voluntary sector is now placed as a crucial element within the LSP.

### Process

The Community & Voluntary Sector Task Group will again manage the process through which the community and voluntary sector representatives will be selected. A survey will be carried out to gauge the opinion of the sector within the Derry City Council area on how this could be facilitated.

### Timescale

Copies of the survey will be distributed to all community and voluntary organisations in the Derry City Council area during the last week in June/first week in July. The survey will be carried out over a 2 week period with the deadline for the return of completed forms set for Friday 16th July. It is important that as many organisations as possible respond to ensure that the results reflect the range of opinions held with the sector. The results from the survey will be fed back to the Community and Voluntary Sector Task Group which will make the decision on the process, if any, to be adopted.

Further information on this survey is available from the North-West Community Network website, [www.nwcn.org](http://www.nwcn.org).

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## New Website for the Social Economy

### Gasyard Development Trust - Room to Let

The Gasyard Development Trust have a large space (2200 sq. ft.) available to rent on the first floor of the Gasyard Centre.

The Space has its own entrance and can be subdivided into a number of rooms if required.

In line with the ethos of the organisation, the Trust is keen that this opportunity be taken up by a community organisation.

For further details contact Martin Gallagher at the Gasyard Development Trust on (028) 7126 2812 or email [martyjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:martyjoe@hotmail.com).

The Social Economy Agency facilitator of the Social Economy Network (SEN) is pleased to announce that the new web site [www.socialeconomynetwork.org](http://www.socialeconomynetwork.org) is now operational.

The new web site is an important advancement for the Social Economy sector as it enables all those bodies and agencies with an interest in the development of a mixed and balanced regional economy, to access data and information relating to the social economy on a daily basis.

Network members will also have access to news, information, events, policy papers, documents and resources relevant to the sector and can use the site's conference facilities to discuss issues with other members. Members

can also publicise their activities on the site and access information on the trading activities of other members. Each month the site includes a new case study on a social economy organisation with the aim of promoting and encouraging the growth of the social economy sector.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment and the Department of Social Development and the EU Building Sustainable Prosperity all support the Social Economy Agency with funding to build an effective network for the sector.

If you want to learn more about the social economy and the network visit the site on <http://www.socialeconomynetwork.org>

## WEA - Creating Collaborative Advantage

The Workers Educational Association (WEA) is running a number of courses as part of its Creating Collaborative Advantage Project. The overall aim of the project is to support collaboration (which could be anything from partnerships to mergers) between organisations and groups.

Four courses are being offered in Belfast from September to December 2004 and in Derry/Londonderry from January to March 2005. The courses are:

**Facilitative Leadership:** developing leadership skills to engage others in achieving common goals.

**Building Successful Collaboration:** helping groups collaborate by working

fairly and effectively with others.

**Conflict Management:** focusing on group and inter-group conflict, using working examples and real-time scenarios.

**Principled Negotiation Skills:** using new approaches to negotiation to produce durable win/win solutions.

Further information is available from Lesley Morrison, WEA, 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast BT9 6AW, tel: 028 9032 9718 email: [lesley.morrison@wea-ni.com](mailto:lesley.morrison@wea-ni.com).

# Neighbourhood Statistics in Northern Ireland Information Session

Do you want to:

- obtain free access to a wide range of high quality official statistics?
- compare your neighbourhood with other neighbourhoods across Northern Ireland?
- find the statistics you need for funding applications, business plans and community audits?

To meet the increasing demand for statistical information relating to neighbourhoods, Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA) has set up the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service (NINIS).

This service aims to bring together a wide range of Government Statistics, including Census Information, which can be FREELY accessed by users over the web. The information sessions detailed below will demonstrate how to access this service, what is available and how it can be used within the community and voluntary sector. Reference will also be made to the 2001 Census and the current review of deprivation indicators in Northern Ireland. Two information sessions will be held in the North-West (see table below). Please confirm your attendance by phoning Caroline at 71860086 ext 2093.

Location	Derry	Omagh
Date	Wednesday 20th October	Friday 29th October
Time	10.30 - 12.00	10.30 - 12.00
Venue	Boardroom WHSSB 15 Gransha Park Londonderry BT47 6FN	Seminar Room Postgraduate Medical Centre Tyrone County Hospital Omagh Co. Tyrone
Places	30 places available	30 places available

## UnLtd. Millennium Awards

UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to people who have both the ideas and commitment to develop projects which will benefit their community.

It is people who are important to UnLtd - that's why the awards are only offered to support individuals not organisations.

UnLtd. know that there are thousands of people who have the ideas and the vision to make a real difference. We also know that many of them need encouragement and support, contacts with others just like them, and access to training to help them grow and give their projects the best chance of success.

That's why you don't just get money from UnLtd. If you win an award you will get a package of support designed just for you as well as financial support.

UnLtd currently offers two levels of award:  
Level One: Awards of between £500 and £5,000 (expected average of £2,000)  
Level Two: Awards of between £5,000 and £15,000 (expected average of £10,000)

For more information contact:  
Nuala McNally  
Rooms 70/71, Scottish Mutual Building, 16 Donegall Sq. South, Belfast, BT1 5JG  
Tel. (028) 9024 4007 Website [www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

## Review of Public Administration (RPA)

The Review of Public Administration team has recently published the report 'Review of Public Administration Consultation: Summary of Key Themes Emerging from Responses'.

This report can be accessed through the RPA website, [www.rpani.gov.uk](http://www.rpani.gov.uk).

## Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) Bag-a-Trix Street Theatre

### ARK - Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey

Tables of results from the 2003 Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey will be available on the Life and Times website on Monday 14th June:

[www.ark.ac.uk/nilt](http://www.ark.ac.uk/nilt)

Modules included in the survey are: community relations, political attitudes, attitudes towards disability, older people and education.

As well as tables of results, the website contains the questionnaires, technical reports, publications and the data to download.

A short piece of street theatre involving children and young people was held on Thursday 1st July 2004 outside the Derry Court House.

This event was organised to highlight concern about John Spellar's decision to go ahead with the introduction of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) despite strong opposition from children's organisations and politicians.

The Children's Criminal Justice Lobby Group which includes the Children's Law Centre, Include Youth, NSPCC, CAJ, NIACRO, Derry Children's Commission, Barnardos, Parents Advice Centre, Children in Northern Ireland and Save the Children are opposed to the introduction of ASBOs

### Kilcranny House

## Residential Peace Drama Workshop

Sole Purpose Productions and Kilcranny House plan to run a residential theatre workshop at Kilcranny House, on the outskirts of Coleraine in September 2004.

The workshop will aim to devise a piece of theatre around the theme of peace which will be performed under the direction of Sole Purpose Productions in front of an invited audience at Kilcranny House on the last evening of the residential.

The workshop will begin on 13 September and last for 5 days, and will be open to a maximum of 14 adult participants. Participants need have no prior experience of acting, but must be willing to try new things and be prepared to work as part of a group. It is essential that participants have a genuine commitment to peace and reconciliation. There will be occasions during the residential when members of the group can work in the garden and the house.

Sole Purpose Productions is a member of the Independent Theatre Council (ITC),

and have questioned John Spellar's wisdom in bringing such legislation into a Northern Ireland emerging from conflict where children identified by ASBOs may be vulnerable to paramilitary style justice.

For further information contact:

Derry Children's Commission  
(028) 7136 6339

Children's Claw Centre  
(028) 9024 5704

The Theatre Producers Group (TPG) and The Community Arts Forum (CAF). Co-Artistic Director, Dave Duggan is a writer of drama for stage screen and radio. He wrote the screenplay for the academy award nominated Dance Lexie Dance.

Kilcranny House was established in 1985 as a residential educational resource centre aimed at addressing the divisions which exist in Northern Ireland. Kilcranny runs challenging programmes for people on citizenship, conflict resolution, exploring diversity, personal development and capacity building, using indoor and outdoor games and exercises in programmes of work, recreation and discussion.

For more information on how to apply for a place in the workshop, please contact Lyn Moffett, Kilcranny House, 21 Cranagh Road, Coleraine, BT51 3NN. Tel: 028 7032 1816. Email: [info@kilcranny.thegap.com](mailto:info@kilcranny.thegap.com)

## ***The City as a Playground*** **Summer Fingerpost now available**

'The City as a Playground' is the title of the Summer edition of Fingerpost. The publication was drawn together by Derry Children's Commission, based on the experiences of children, young people and families on their days out in the city. The publication was produced in conjunction with Yes! Publications and is supported by funding from the Local Strategy Partnership for Derry City Council area.

The guide, which is priced at £3 and available from newsagents and bookshops throughout the city, is packed with useful information for children, parents and families in the form of a directory which has listings of everything available locally from summer schemes to sakteboarding, dance classes to parent and

toddler groups. Clionagh Boyle, Director of Derry Children's Commission stated at the launch, "The City as a Playground' shows the city from the perspective of children and young people and captures their insight and energy."

As well as the directory the guide is made up of a collection of stories from children and young people describing their days out in the city and is beautifully illustrated with children's art and photographs helping to bring the experience to life. This gives a unique guide to the city and district seen through the eyes of children aged from two to sixteen.

## **INCORE - New Website**

INCORE - the international conflict research unit based at Magee Campus - has launched a new website to renew its widely-used and globally-renowned online peace and conflict resource.

INCORE, which is affiliated to the United Nations University in Tokyo, is now the central co-ordinating body for all the peace and conflict related work across the University of Ulster.

This new role is reflected in the new website, which covers peace and conflict-related work across a multidisciplinary range, from politics, sociology and international affairs, to psychology, architecture, as well as outlining work undertaken by research units such as the UNESCO Centre, ARK and CAIN, the Northern Ireland Centre for European Cooperation and the Centre for Voluntary Action Studies.

For further information visit:

[www.incore.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.incore.ulster.ac.uk)

## **STEER Office Space Available**

STEER are currently preparing to leave their current office space at 1st and 2nd floors, 15 The Diamond, Derry City to move to larger offices.

The floor space available is 1600 square feet and comes at a very reasonable rent. STEER would like to advise other voluntary and community sector organisations that this is an excellent City Centre location situated in what is a deemed neutral area of the City and that other organisations should seek to avail of this location and the attractive rental costs.

## Friday Lunchtime Events/ Junction Outreach Programme

### Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company Summer Programme 2004

Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company has produced their Summer Programme for this year.

The programme includes dance and movement workshops for children and young people and the accessible festival for adults with and without a disability.

The programme runs from June until the end of August at various venues throughout the North-West.

For more information call (028) 7126 2162, email [info@echoechodance.com](mailto:info@echoechodance.com) or visit the website, [www.echoechodance.com](http://www.echoechodance.com).

As the Friday lunchtime events have proved to be such a success Holywell Trust and the North-West Community Network are extending them for another month.

The format of the events remains the same:

12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. Lunch – bread, cheese, ham, salads etc, tea & coffee provided free of charge on 2nd July and at a small charge of £2/person from then on.

1.00 p.m. – 1.20 p.m. Introductions followed by presentation which will last for 20 minutes, sometimes a little longer.

1.20 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. Questions, comments, feedback

Date	Event	Presenter
2nd July	City Chairs of Learning - Chair of Global Awareness - Community Workshop	Fergal Keane - Internationally renowned Irish journalist, broadcaster & writer
9th July	Holywell Trust	Eamonn Deane
16th July	Disability legislation	Barney Tracey
23rd July	Writers' Workshop	Anne McKay & Marilyn McLaughlin
30th July	Ilex Urban Regeneration Company	Rick Reinhard

## North-West Community Network Membership Application

Complete and return the form below, with your £30 membership fee, to the Network office to join the North-West Community Network. Membership is only open to organisations.

ORGANISATION	
CONTACT PERSON	
ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	
PHONE	
FAX	
EMAIL	
WEBSITE	

# The Prince's Trust

Thousands of young people are working for themselves with help from The Prince's Trust.

Is it your ambition to become your own boss? Have you a good business idea that could be turned into a reality? Then The Prince's Trust may be able to help you.

The Prince's Trust provides funding and support to helps young people between the ages of 18 – 30 to start their own business. For many young people, unemployment or casual low paid jobs are a reality of adult life. However, lack of money and qualifications prevent many from turning their business ambition into reality. The Prince's Trust help young people realise their dream of setting up in business by offering financial support in the form of a low interest loan of up to £5,000. A grant of up to £1,500 for individuals and up to £3,000 for two or more partners, may be awarded in special circumstances.

On top of the funding, we offer advice and assistance, providing an experienced mentor

for each new business. Volunteer business mentors play a vital role in this process by providing practical support to the young people according to their specific business and personal needs. They offer encouragement, guidance and advice to help the development of both the young entrepreneur and their business.

The WiredUp programme offers businesses supported by The Prince's Trust free marketing and I.T. advice and training. Businesses are provided with a corporate stationery package, which includes business cards, letterheads and a choice of a flyer or compliment slip. We also offer .co.uk domain name, web site hosting and email set-up.

If you would like to start a business or would like to volunteer as a business mentor with The Prince's Trust (2-3 hour commitment a month) please contact Rita McGarvey on 028 71 864689. For more information on The Prince's Trust visit our website at [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk).

## Promote your events with the help of NWCN

Are you organising an event in the North-West area?

Why not promote the event by submitting an article for inclusion in the *Network Update* or website, [www.nwcn.org](http://www.nwcn.org)?

Both of these services are free to member organisations.

For further information phone (028) 7127 9090 or email your information though to [info@nwcn.org](mailto:info@nwcn.org).

# Big Lottery Fund Consultation

The Big Lottery fund was launched on 1st June 2004. It brings together the work of two National Lottery Distributors: the Community Fund and New Opportunities Fund.

The Big Lottery Fund will be responsible for distributing half of the funding that the Lottery raises for good causes. It will be the largest funder of the voluntary and community sectors, and will play a key role in tackling disadvantage and improving the quality of life in communities.

The Big Lottery Fund are interested in your thoughts and ideas about what they could fund and how they might work in the future. Between now and the 30th September they are holding a public

consultation and asking a number of questions on how to make the most of their funding.

A copy of the consultation document, and accompanying questionnaire, is available from [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/consultation](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/consultation). The questionnaire can be completed directly online.

If you would like to receive printed documents please contact the distribution centre on 0845 4 10 20 30.

If you have any queries about the consultation process or require a copy of the document please contact the Big Lottery Fund information team (028) 9055 1455 or email [consultationni@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:consultationni@biglotteryfund.org.uk).

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## Local Strategy Partnership Community Connect Launch

The Local Strategy Partnership for Derry City Council Area formally launched the innovative Community Connect Project on Wednesday 30th June at the University of the Third Age (Gransha Park). The Community Connect Project is an initiative that was facilitated and led by the Local Strategy Partnership.

The PEACE II funded project enables community groups, businesses and the general public to harness the potential of ICT and Internet technology for their community development, commercial and personal goals. The project identified the most effective and innovative approaches to connecting citizens, homes, businesses and communities within the Derry City Council area to the 'e-world'. Participant groups and businesses have received Internet ready computer technology as well as backup and support towards one-year Internet/broadband connection. The project also involves the development of a Virtual Community Network for the community and voluntary sector in the Derry City Council Area.

Speaking at the launch, Ms. Helen Osborn, Co-Chairperson of the Local Strategy Partnership commented: "It is difficult to ignore the increasing role and importance of ICT and the Internet within community development, commerce and reconciliation. To be effective in regenerating and developing our communities we must be able to use these new technologies for the benefit of our communities."

The Local Strategy Partnership completed a joint research project with ERNACT and had consulted with local residents, businesses, schools and various groups on the availability of IT training and IT equipment. From this study the Local Strategy Partnership designed this project which demonstrates the Partnership's commitment to investing in our communities and the local business sector".

Oonagh McGillion, Strategy Manager with the Local Strategy Partnership attests to the value of the Project: "To date, through this project, 52 local community groups and 20 small businesses have gained access to an internet-

ready computer and printer. This equipment is linking community and voluntary groups to the Internet and e-mail and supporting sustainable networking and reconciliation activity amongst community and voluntary groups across the city and district. For small businesses in the area it has enabled increased use of ICT for commercial transactions and is increasing their competitive advantage. The provision of community access points at twelve community-based premises throughout the city and district is providing the opportunity for local residents to avail of ICT equipment, which will allow them to be connected to the 'e-world.'

The Local Strategy Partnership has consulted with the North-West Community Network and the Community Action Network in the development of the Virtual Network, which is enabling community and voluntary groups to share information, learning, co-ordinate activities and build new linkages and relationships. It also allows participating community groups and small businesses to gain a presence on the Internet."

A major aspect of the project was the installation of 12 community hubs throughout the Derry City Council area where people can access the internet free of charge. These hubs are located with the following organisations:

- Creggan Pre-School Training Trust
- Derry Children's Commission
- Destined Ltd.
- Greater Shantallow Area Partnership
- Leafair Community Association
- Lettershandoney Women's Group
- Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Centre
- North-West Community Network
- Royal British Legion
- SALT
- Youthfirst
- U3A Foyle

To find out more on the Community Connect project contact the Local Strategy partnership on 71308466 or visit [www.derrycityconnect.org](http://www.derrycityconnect.org).

