



Derry City Council Grant Aid 2004/2005

Derry City Council has announced its call for grant aid applications for 2004 - 2005 with grant aid application forms available from Monday 7th June. The total amount of money available for 2004/5 is £545,259, an increase on the previous year grant aid programme, which totalled £536,800. The grant aid programme for 2005 includes three area community support programmes for cityside north, cityside south, Waterside and rural. Provision is also made for grant aid support for women's programme, community relations, arts and culture, festival and special events, heritage and museums and sports development.

Brendan McMenamin, Grant Aid Co-ordinator, commented "Year on year the grant aid programme has evolved to meet the changing needs of the community. We have an accountable fund that is designed to deliver service in partnership with organisations locally. This year we have also introduced an additional funding programme through service level agreements ensuring that capacity within the main grant aid and support grant aid programmes can be maximised for first time applicants. If the level of requests is similar to previous two years we are confident that more organisations can avail of grant aid support".

The additional grant aid provision has been introduced to facilitate cultural and community development. Members of the Recreation and Leisure Committee will consider at a meeting later this month grant aiding sixteen organisations within the cultural and community development sector. This will be through a three-year service level agreement, which will be reviewed and evaluated annually. Council considered this new provision after

consultation with groups who indicated a community need to facilitate the development of cultural organisations. This service level agreement will enable the attraction of leverage funding and those who require Council support to assist with their sustainability.

Applicants wishing to apply for Main Grant Aid are requested to complete an expression of interest form online at www.derrycity.gov.uk/grantaid. When this is completed, you will receive a unique reference number and a Main Grant Aid application form.

Applicants wishing to apply for Support Grant Aid do not complete an expression of interest form online but can collect a hard copy of the application form at the Council Offices or online at www.derrycity.gov.uk/grantaid

It is recommended that advice on the programmes be requested from the relevant Council Officer prior to requesting an application form. They will be able to provide advice to the applicant about their project but will not be able to assist in the completion of the form. Once the applicant has received an application form for either programme further information cannot be requested from officers.

If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance contact Council Officers at the Council Offices where an online system will be available to help you. For further information please contact 02871 365151.

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Fit Families

Have you heard about Cook It?

Cook it! is a practical programme about healthy eating and cooking. It was produced by the Health Promotion Agency and designed specially for use in Northern Ireland. Each Cook it! programme consists of six sessions and includes healthy eating, food hygiene, food labelling and practical cookery. Ideal for use in community groups, Cook it! is delivered by specially trained facilitators.

A Cook it! team has been funded (New Opportunities Fund) for 3 years to provide training and support for Cook it! facilitators. Training is due to commence in September/October 2004 and subject to interest, will be delivered locally by the Cook it! team:

Claire Holmes
Cook-it! Dietitian
claire@westernhaz.org
Sharon Hasson
Development Officer
sharon@westernhaz.org
Bernie Jenkins
Admin assistant
bernie@westernhaz.org

If you are interested in being trained as a facilitator or would like further information about the Cook it! project please contact the Cook it! team at:

Cook it!
Western Health Action
Zone
Strabane Enterprise
Agency, Unit 13
Orchard Road Industrial
Estate
Strabane
BT82 9FR

Are you a family of couch potatoes? Would you prefer to become more active and healthy but just need the motivation and the push?

Well that's where this television programme steps in.

Fit Families takes four families (two adults and two to four teenagers) and puts them under a strict fitness regime for five months. This regime is completely life changing, it will turn around how your family live, from the food you eat to your daily routines. We will have a nutritionist on hand to give out expert advice, a chef to go into your home and help with new healthy recipes and basically teach the family how to cook again. And then a fitness trainer will take the family and get them exercising again. This exercise will not be focused on the gym, but will get the families out and about, mountaineering, cycling, kayaking, water

skiing etc, activities that the families would never have considered before, and activities that will get them operating as a family unit. We will watch how the families are transformed and see their reaction to their gradual transformation; the highs and lows will be as dramatic as they are entertaining. Fit Families will be compulsive viewing for all the family.

If you are up for this challenge and would be interested in participating, then please contact Nuala Boylan on Belfast 02890 871691 (M) 07969163603 or by email nboylan04@hotmail.com

Blood Wedding @ Dennet Interchange

Blood Wedding
by Federico Garcia Lorca
Directed by Joanne Jones
Choreographed by Jon Clitheroe
Musical director Julian O'Kelly

Young students from the South Devon College for Performing Arts are travelling to the Northwest for this one performance of the Blood Wedding which will be performed at:

Earlsgift Church Hall
Donemana
(the hall is situated just outside the village on the road to Claudy.)
Friday 11th June
at 7.30pm.
Admission £2.50 (concessions available.)

Lorca's tragicomic tale of a blood feud

is set in a village community in Lorca's Andalusia, and tells the story of a couple drawn irresistibly together in the face of an arranged marriage. This tragic and poetic play is the work on which his international reputation was founded.

Workshop in Donemana on Friday 11 June 12.30 pm – 2 pm for all those who wish to explore this magical text – led by the director and choreographer. Book a place at the workshop for your group or yourself by contacting Graham Elliot on (028) 71 397990; email: d_interchange@yahoo.co.uk.

Big Lottery Fund Consultation Series

A new organisation is currently being formed bringing together the work of the Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund.

The Big Lottery Fund will soon be distributing the largest share of the good cause money raised through the National Lottery. This is an exciting opportunity to build on what both Funds have achieved so far, create an even more responsive and accessible organisation, and regenerate and revitalise communities.

Walter Rader, Northern Ireland director of the Big Lottery Fund, has welcomed the recent announcement by the Secretary of State, Tessa Jowell, of the new name of the organisation responsible for distributing over half of all national lottery funding.

He said: "This announcement is an important step in the creation of the new distributor. The message is simple: the Big Lottery Fund which will distribute half of all National Lottery funding will play a key role in tackling disadvantage and improving the quality of life in communities across Northern Ireland.

"I believe the name will help re-connect the public with the national lottery. This is an exciting time for the new distributor and plans are being developed for the Big Lottery Fund to pioneer innovative methods of public involvement in the way lottery money is distributed.

"We will shortly launch a wide consultation which will ask for people's views on how to help us shape our future programmes, and how we can make the most of our funding."

The consultation process will involve a range of opportunities for ensuring

that the new distributor hears the views of both stakeholders and the public. A variety of activities aimed at getting the widest possible input are planned across Northern Ireland. A consultation document and an interactive element will be developed on the website.

The local activities will take place on the following date:

Date: Wednesday June 16th

Venue: St Columb's Park House, Limavady Road

Event: Big Lottery Fund Consultation

Time: 9.30am

Community Fund programmes will continue to run in 2004 and 2005. You should apply to them in the same way as usual. The New Opportunities Fund programmes will also continue to publish timescales and programme priorities. For more information call 028 90551455.

The merger will not affect any existing grant commitments or offers made by either organisation. Terms and conditions for existing grants will continue to be binding on the new distributor.

For more information on the consultation process call 028 90551455.

The new distributor becomes the Big Lottery Fund on 1 June.

Churched Voluntary Work Bureau

Family Funday & Barbecue

Venue: St. Columb's Park House

Date: Saturday 5th June 04

Time: 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Voluntary organisations registered with Churches Voluntary Work Bureau are invited to come and join in celebrating Volunteers' Week 2004 in an afternoon of fun for all the family.

For further information contact Geoff or Amy on (028) 7127 1017.

North-West Community Network Members' Forum Event

The North-West Community Network will host a forum event for member groups on:

Date: Wednesday 16th June 2004
Venue: Clooney Hall, Clooney Terrace
Time: 10.00am - 12.00 noon

This is an opportunity for Network members to come together to discuss key issues affecting the community and voluntary sector in the North-West.

This is a great opportunity to network with other local organisations and to hear information on developments on crucial policy documents etc.

Among the matters that will be discussed at this forum are:

- Derry City Council Grant Aid
- Derry City Council Community Support Plan
- Pathways for Change
- New TSN
- Local Strategy Partnership

If you would like to attend this Forum, or would like an item added to the agenda please contact the Network on (028) 7127 9090.

NIAPN & NWCN New TSN - the way forward?

New TSN (Targeting Social Need) - the way forward?

Government's commitment towards an Anti-poverty Strategy

What do you think?

The Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network (NIAPN) and North-West Community Network are giving you the opportunity to have your voice heard by Government representative on News TSN.

When?

Tuesday 15th June 2004
11.00am - 1.00pm

Where?

The Junction
8 Bishop Street
Derry, Londonderry
BT48 6PW

Why?

This is your chance to influence the development of a real and effective anti-poverty strategy for Northern Ireland.

Please call Patricia at the NIAPN office to confirm your attendance on (028) 9087 5010, Fax (028) 9087 5011 or email info@niapn.org.

WEA

Men's Health - A Common Sense Course

A 3 day course taking place on Saturdays 12, 19 and 26th June 10.00 – 3.30 in the WEA Offices 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast (Opposite Queens)

This course is about you. It's about your health and your wellbeing. It's a "wake-up call" to take better care of your health. Most men probably feel they could do more to look after themselves better. Some discover too late that they haven't looked after themselves well. All too often for men, it's only after they've been wheeled into the casualty department that they begin to take their health seriously. Then they realise that they personally should have taken responsibility for their stress levels earlier - eaten better, drank less, not smoked, driven more slowly, exercised more, and checked their cholesterol and blood pressure.

The course is designed for ordinary men and not for health professionals, it will use everyday language and will take a serious subject in a light hearted manner

It will cover topics such as:

- Introduction: Men's Health in Dire Straits
- Penis, Testicles & Prostate
- Men's Hearts
- Men's Food & Diet
- Men, Blood Pressure & Stress
- Men & Emotional Health
- Men, Alcohol & Smoking
- Men, Depression & Suicide
- Impotence, Infertility & Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Nightwork, Snoring, Teeth, Acne & Bad Breath

The course is free, lunch will be provided and has optional accreditation.

If you want to take part in this course or for further information just ring Diarmuid Moore or Philip Dorman on 90 329718 or email diarmuidmoore@wea-ni.com.

The course is being run as part of Men's Health week 14- 20th June. For more information on men's health week in Ireland go to the Men's Health Forum website www.mhfi.org

Connected

EGSA Adult Learners' Awards 2004

A year-long campaign, Make the Right Connection is dedicated to raising the profile of adult learning. EGSA coordinates Northern Ireland's very own call to action campaign in association with adult learning providers, broadcast and print media and those with an interest in adult learning.

Make the right Connection aims to:

- Celebrate the achievements of adult learners
- Promote participation in adult learning
- Increase access to information, advice and guidance for adult learners

As part of the Make the Right Connection campaign EGSA coordinates the Northern Ireland Connected Awards Scheme. The Connected Awards Scheme aims to encourage more adults to participate in learning and to celebrate and highlight the diversity of local adult learning.

The Irish News Media Award was successfully launched at the EGSA Awards Ceremony in 2003 to highlight innovative promotional efforts undertaken by individuals in promoting adult learning locally.

Last year's winner of the prestigious award went to Mrs Noreen Baker, Marketing Manager of East Down Institute of Further and Higher Education.

To mark the success of this award, the Irish News and EGSA have joined forces once again and the search is on to find the 2004 recipient of the newly branded Irish News Right Connection Award.

Who can enter?

Entries to the Right Connection Award

can be submitted by individuals, groups or organisations highlighting how they have promoted and engaged adult learners with learning.

What is the selection panel looking for?

The panel will be looking for evidence of promotional activities and publicity generated by the nominee in support of adult learning. The winning entries will be judged against the following criteria:

- Innovative methods of promoting adult learning
- Creativity and originality of campaigning efforts
- Efforts of successes e.g. learner testimonies, press cuttings, record of media appearances, local support given, events programme, photographs etc.
- Evidence of engaging learners

How to enter

Nomination forms are available from the Make the Right Connection Team, Tel. (028) 9024 4274 Email rightconnection@egsa.org.uk or download the forms from www.rightconnection.org.uk.

Closing Date

All entries should be received no later than 3pm on Friday 27th August 2004 to:

Make the Right Connection
EGSA Connecting Adults with Learning
4th Floor
40 Linenhall Street
Belfast
BT2 8BA
Email rightconnection:egsa.org.uk

Esmée Fairbairn Loans Programme

The Esmée Fairbairn Loans Programme is a £3 million fund offering loans to the UK voluntary sector, where a grant is not appropriate. Set up in co-operation with Charity Bank, the pilot programme will run for up to three years to test demand for loan finance in the sector. Loans of between £10,000 and £250,000 will be made in line with the Foundation's current funding priorities. Telephone 020 7297 4700 or see www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk.

The Junction Outreach Programme

Derry District Policing Partnership

Notice of Public Meeting

Date: Monday 28th June 2004

Venue: Newbuildings Youth & Community Centre

4 Duncastle Road

Newbuildings

Time: 7.30pm

At each meeting the PSNI District Commander will present a report on local policing.

Members of the public have the right to attend and also to ask questions of the police, through the Chairman of the DPP. The process for doing this is to submit a written question to the DPP Secretary who will bring the matter before the next public meeting of the DPP. A maximum of three questions will be accepted per organisation or individual.

The DPP Secretary must receive written question by 12 noon on Friday 11th June 2004 to ensure that they are tabled at the DPP Public Meeting. Written questions should be forwarded to:-

The Secretary of Derry DPP
Council Offices
98 Strand Road
Derry
BT48 7NN
Fax. (028) 7136 8536

For those with disabilities or who have difficulty in submitting a written question, facilities are available through the Council Offices for having a question recorded.

The Junction Outreach Programme is entering its final phase. The events so far this year have proved to be very successful. A wide range of organisations have delivered workshops as part of the series and the workshops have been very well attended.

As yet no further dates have been arranged as part of the programme although this may happen in September.

The following events will be held during the month of June. These events will follow the usual lunchtime format;

12.30 - 1.00 - Lunch

1.00 - 1.20 - Presentation

1.20 - 2.00 - Q & A / Discussion

Date	Event	Presenter
4th June	INCORE	Frank Foley
11th June	Common Purpose	Toni Forrester
18th June	Galliagh Community Arts	Ollie Green
25th June	Politician's Forum	Mitchel McLaughlin Sinn Fein

This programme is free and open for all to attend. The organisers are particularly keen to welcome new faces to these events.

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	

Unemployed? Aged 18 to 28?

Or know someone who is?

Border Horizons are currently recruiting for its next round of International Fund for Ireland sponsored Wider Horizons Programmes. The programmes include an international element and are designed for young unemployed people aged 18 to 28 and are particularly designed for those from disadvantaged areas or backgrounds in the Donegal Derry Londonderry and Antrim Region.

Each of the Border Horizons programmes will involve a 10-week pre-departure training and work placement phase followed by an 8-week overseas phase in America, Canada or Europe. On return from overseas there is a further 4-week home phase.

Each Border Horizons programme offers accreditation and qualifications, skills training, work placement, personal development and conflict resolution. Each programme is themed so that applicants can apply directly for the programme of their choice or try out a new skill area. Over 80% of previous participants who have completed programmes have progressed to employment, training or further education.

Applicants to Border Horizons programmes from Derry Londonderry or Antrim will be entitled to a range of benefits from the Social Security Agency including travel allowance and a weekly top up allowance of over £15.00 per week. Applicants can contact Border Horizons directly on Derry Londonderry 71 313 999 for an application form and further information or call into our office on the 2nd Floor, Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road, Derry Londonderry, BT47 6BG.

Applicants to Border Horizons programmes from Donegal will be entitled to a range of allowances from FAS including training allowance and either travel or accommodation allowance. Applicants from Donegal should contact FAS Recruitment Services at the FAS Letterkenny Office on 074 91 20500 to register for Wider Horizons and to arrange an interview or alternatively contact Border Horizons on Derry Londonderry 71 313 999.

Applications are currently being taken for the following programmes:

Information Technology to Copenhagen in Denmark, Options to Boston USA, Hospitality to Banff in Canada, Property Maintenance in Montreal Canada and our Leadership &

Reconciliation Programme to Finland and Belgium. The I.T. programme will offer both ECDL and advanced ECDL in addition to other certification.

The Options programme covers a wide range of skill areas including Hospitality, Business Administration, Hairdressing, Car Maintenance etc. Almost any skill area is available on this programme and participants choose one skill area.

The Hospitality programme will offer participants training and certification in a range of hospitality related areas.

The Property Maintenance programme will offer training in areas such as painting and decorating, plastering etc and will also involve certification from the Construction Industry Training Board.

The Leadership Programme is specifically designed for those who meet the normal age criteria, are unemployed but who are also actively involved in a community or youth organisation either as a member or a volunteer. The programme is designed to give additional leadership and reconciliation skills to those involved in a community organisation. This programme will visit two overseas locations.

Each of the above Border Horizons programmes commence in July and interviews will be held throughout June 2004 so early application is advised, as programmes are normally oversubscribed. Border Horizons programmes are not normally open to those who have previously participated on a Wider Horizons Programme or to those who have obtained third level education. For further information on eligibility please contact Border Horizons on Derry Londonderry 71 313 999.

Border Horizons have been operating Wider Horizons Programmes in the Donegal, Derry Londonderry and Antrim region since 1999 and currently have 6 programmes overseas in America, Canada and Belgium. Border Horizons is a not for profit, community organisation which operates as a cross border partnership involving the voluntary / community, business and statutory sectors in Donegal, Derry Londonderry and Antrim. Wider Horizons Programmes are funded by the International Fund for Ireland with assistance from FAS in the Republic of Ireland and DEL in Northern Ireland.

NWCN Community Connect

The Network was successful recently in our application to have a community hub placed at our office in Pump Street.

We have PCs available for anyone to use to access the internet and email. Each PC has a broadband connection making connecting to the Internet very fast.

This service is free and available to anyone.

All you have to do is book a time by calling the Network on (028) 7127 9090.

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Website www.nwcni.org

Holywell Trust City Chairs of Learning Good Relations Programme

The Local Strategy Partnership (LSP) has taken a very proactive approach to developing good relations within and between its funded projects and beyond. 'Good Relations' can be a mysterious term but it is most clearly understood in a down to earth, common sense approach which addresses how we in this community act towards one another - how we deal with difference and appreciate other cultures.

As part of its Good Relations contract with the LSP, Holywell Trust has arranged three Chairs of Learning in association with Derry City Council. This is a very fresh and unusual approach to delivering Good Relations Programmes, which allows us the opportunity of learning from others and seeing the world from different perspectives.

The Chairs of Learning are:-

Chair of Innovation - Jon Van Til is a university professor who believes in putting learning to the test in the Community where it can make a difference. He teaches at Rutgers University in University and is a frequent visitor to and friend of, Derry.

Chair of Compassion - Trocaire is concerned with addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice and organising public campaigns to bring about change in different parts of the world. It works on projects in 55 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin and Central America, Europe and Middle East.

Chair of Global Awareness - Fergal Keane is an internationally renowned Irish journalist, broadcaster and writer who has alerted people to major issues of genocide and famine in the African continent.

Chair of Community Innovation - Jon Van Til

Thursday 3rd June 2004 at the Guildhall
Time 8.00pm
Followed by reception

Workshop for LSP funded projects led by Jon Van Til

Friday 4th June 2004 at The Junction (Bishop
Street)
Time 10.00am to 12.15pm (followed by lunch)

Chair of Compassion - Trocaire

Thursday 17th June 2004 at the Guildhall
Time 7.30pm
Followed by reception

Workshop for LSP funded projects led by Trocaire

Friday 18th June 2004 at The Junction (Bishop
Street)
Time 10.00am to 12.15pm (followed by lunch)

Chair of Global Awareness - Fergal Keane

Thursday 2nd July 2004 at the Guildhall
Time 7.30pm
Followed by reception

Workshop for LSP funded projects led by Fergal Keane

Earlier that day
Friday 2nd July 2004 at The Junction (Bishop
Street)
Time 12.30pm to 2.30pm (including lunch)

