

# Network

# UPDATE



FOR THE COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE NORTH-WEST

*"Promoting equal citizenship, justice and equality of opportunity"*

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## New Decade, New Beginning...?

Goodbye to the Noughties and hello to the Teenies, or whatever witticism they'll be known by. So where then does that leave the Community & Voluntary sector in the North-West?

Arguably not in a very different place but of course everything does change. Most of society seems to be on a variable-speed, moving walkway in terms of, for example, the ongoing impacts of the recession.

Regardless of the origin of this phenomenon, it is certainly catalysing decisions that are having, and will continue to have, painful effects on some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Speakers at a Network event a number of months ago gave the assessment that the Community & Voluntary sector would not see the worst impacts of recession until well into 2010. Opinions around this vary but what is certain is that resources are being guarded very carefully, an approach that we should continue to adopt within the sector. Indeed, if good practice on how to operate *effectively* on a shoestring were sought, just look at the hundreds of small groups in the North-West making a real difference working off meagre resources.

It remains true though that, as the bite continues, genuine angst has been caused over the effect of economic decisions on public services. Here in the North-West, a laudable response has come forth in the shape of the "Communities Against the Cuts" initiative. Simply put, while few will be totally protected from the stringency now in place, the quality of decision-

making has to improve and this can only happen through better engagement with those at the receiving end.

It is characteristic of the Community & Voluntary sector to reflect so as to examine the future landscape. Pertinent factors obviously include funding (and the nature of funding) as well as what forthcoming changes to charities legislation will mean for community groups of all sizes. The relationship between our sector and government, including the delivery model for public services, is also of crucial importance.

For these reasons, this issue of Network Update contains two discussion pieces from UK-organisations, Directory of Social Change Director, Debra Allcock, leaves us in no doubt as to the societal contribution made by small charities and community groups, their independence making them much more than "agents of the state." Craig Dearden-Philips, of Speaking Up (a disability advocacy charity) offers an interesting perspective on what opportunities may be gleaned from ongoing cuts.

For the North-West, 2010 will also see public consultation on a draft "One Plan" for social, economic and physical regeneration. A unified rather than separatist approach is undeniably better placed to bring results - we must all surely hope not just that the draft plan can concentrate our efforts but that it can be supported by an investment plan that justifies the significant effort put in by hundreds of our citizens over the last year and more.



Charity Commission  
For Northern Ireland

## What Does The Charities Act (NI) 2008 Mean For Community Groups?

9.45am – 12.30pm, Friday 19 Feb 2010  
The Junction, Bishop Street,  
Derry~Londonderry

*Northern Ireland's charities and not for profit organisations are facing major changes as the new provisions of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 are implemented.*

NWCN has therefore teamed up with accountancy firm, Moore Stephens, to deliver a customised session for the Community & Voluntary sector to help develop understanding of what practical implications will flow from the Charities Act.

Under the Act, a new charities regulator, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, has been established. The Commission will play a key role in how the charitable sector is organised and will establish a compulsory charity register of all charities operating in Northern Ireland which will go live in April 2010.

The Act will also put in place new requirements for public collections and details of accounting thresholds, auditing requirements and more. All of this is designed to allow better supervision, control and support for charities.

It is envisaged that the charity register will go live in April of this year as originally planned. The Commission will conduct an awareness raising campaign before May to communicate what will be expected of charities.

Further to the recent consultation on the guidance for the public benefit test, official guidance on the public benefit test will be published in March. The Charity Commission will then publish guidance on accounting requirements in spring 2011.

The new rules for public collections are still planned to come into being in 2011, along with the introduction of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the new legal structure for charities.



**DON'T BE DONE  
OUT OF YOUR  
RIGHTS**

## A Northern Ireland Bill of Rights – What Do You In The North-West Think?

10am – 12noon, Tue 23 February 2010  
St. Columb's Park House,  
Derry~Londonderry

As a member of the Consortium, NWCN has organised a local discussion on the proposed Bill of Rights to give you in the North-West the chance to contribute to the consultation ending 1 March 2009.

Kevin Hanratty, Campaigns Manager with the Human Rights Consortium, will take us through the background to the Bill of Rights campaign, and the process to date. This will include the Human Rights Commission's advice and the government response in the form of the consultation document.

Our discussion will deal with how you can get involved in the campaign with the consultation deadline now looming – it is important that our elected representatives receive an unambiguous message that a *strong Bill of Rights* is what is needed for the protection of everyone.

### Why does Northern Ireland need a Bill of Rights?

Because of the 'particular circumstances' of Northern Ireland's past, people here have seen a need for a new law to protect our rights and freedoms as a basic building block of a fresh start for everyone. In this, the people of Northern Ireland are like other peoples who have emerged from periods of intense violence and conflict. A Bill of Rights can help ensure that the injustices of the past are never repeated and that the future provides equality and freedom for all.

### Background

Flowing from the commitments made within the 1998 Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and the St Andrews Agreement in October 2006, a Bill of Rights Forum was established to formulate recommendations to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission as it fulfils its statutory duty in providing advice to the Secretary of State on a future Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland.

**To register your interest in either of the FREE events above (for which interest is expected to be high), please contact Neola at the Network at your earliest convenience.**

## “Small local charities make a big difference to society”

Someone told me that more people vote in The X Factor than in the general election. I don't know if that's true or not – but the sad thing is I wouldn't be at all surprised if it is. And when you ask people why they don't vote they say they don't think it will make any difference. But given that most people don't vote, at least what they do do is volunteer.

Charitable endeavour is so much more than the work that you do. Your work is much, much more than the hospice, the homeless shelter, the bowl of soup.

The fact that charities exist encourages people to volunteer. And it is through volunteering – local people in local areas getting off their backsides – focussing on their responsibility to give rather than their right to receive - that is going to change society. On a macro level your effort helps to re-engage our citizens in our society.

We believe there should be more charities and community groups not less - lots of little programmes solving local problems but having a huge impact. We constantly hear from all the political parties that bigger is better – that society's problems will be solved by vast sums of money poured into vast enterprises. That if you want to change the world you have to be able to 'scale' up to make a big impact.

But, even if the economies of scale argument was a valid one, which I'm sure it is when you're talking about buying loo roll I don't believe it applies when you're working with wonderfully irrational, subjective, human relationships and emotions.

With small, local community organisations you get much more than the bed or the bowl of soup. You get empowered, committed, passionate local people making a local difference, and making mistakes, but taking responsibility for those mistakes and doing things differently next time. You get citizens thinking about their responsibility to give rather than their right to receive.

And this is not to downplay the importance of big charities – in the main they are good organisations doing good work – and we need them – not least for the way that their brands can bring attention to the work of charities in general. But they are usually already well funded and have little difficulty in attracting money from the state or the general public. And often they are unable to create the sustainable effort or personal ownership from their people that we do.

Our volunteers tend to stick around. They see their effort as delivering against a cause - not building a career.

There is no doubt that our larger campaigning charities also have the capacity to influence policy at

a national level. But as many of you may be aware, the Directory of Social Change has some questions about whether the pursuit of revenue and influence is in danger of distorting what charitable endeavour is really all about? How able those organisations are to stick to their values and principles.

And those of you who are even more familiar with our organisation will know that we have some fundamental questions about the ethics of handing public services over to charities - why is no one answering the question about what the impact is on the public's understanding of what the state does and should provide, or about the independence of the organisation doing the providing?

We need to recognise that there is a fine line between being a publicly funded charity and an agent of the state. And as the public don't understand how the sector is funded – all too often some of us end up being 'secret' agents of the state.

But putting all of that to one side – here's the thing - the bigger you are the less you are able to be aware. Elephants are not as aware of the intricate nature of the ground on which they walk as the ants are. Elephants can accidentally trample on those most in need.

We ants, we small, local, community groups and grassroots charities – we know the ground intimately. We know the bumps and the rises, the holes and the obstacles in a way that those who live large in the world, despite their best intentions, will never be able to see. Pay attention. Trust us. Stop trying to change us.

And we need to start reminding ourselves and our political leaders that civil society is about individuals in communities - and communities in a nation where we are free to go our own way and do our own thing in the way we believe is best going to solve the problem – that we know intimately.

And we need to be brutally transparent – about whom we are and what we do and how effective we are – so that there are no secrets – in particular from the public, who are our taxpaying citizens, our donors, our volunteers and sometimes are also our beneficiaries.

The word charity has its root in the Latin word *caritas*. Originally in Latin the word *caritas* meant preciousness, dearness, high price. From this, in Christian theology, *caritas* became the standard Latin translation for the Greek word *agapē*, meaning an unlimited loving-kindness to all others. In other words – charity means love.

We at DSC believe that love for our fellow citizens and our communities is what creates the social change we all aspire to. As we go into a new year, let's remind ourselves that love still matters.

**Debra Allcock, Directory of Social Change (DSC Social Change Awards 2009)**

## “Spending cuts are an opportunity, not a threat”

### Sector will benefit as government commissions lighter, more responsive services...

Three-eleven. This chilling-sounding number refers to March 2011, just over a year from now, when government spending for the following three years will be set; when the world as we know it today will end and cuts will kick in.

For those too young to remember, there are, broadly, two approaches to cuts: salami-slicing and downsizing. Salami-slicing takes a bit off everyone, so that everything looks the same - just 10 per cent smaller, slower, worse.

Downsizing, on the other hand, takes three possible forms. The first is to abolish recently added bits of government spending that nobody will miss. The second is to offer less of something and ask the parent, patient or householder to make up the difference. And the third is still to offer it, but find someone who will do it better and more efficiently.

We will, of course, see both salami-slicing and downsizing from the next government. My guess is that downsizing will be the main order of the day: you cannot, in reality, salami-slice 30 per cent from most public services any more than you can take a blade off a helicopter and expect it to stay in the air.

So what does this mean for the third sector? Many of us are very nervous about downsizing, because a lot of what we do is discretionary, added-value, icing-on-the-cake type of stuff - activity it's easy to slow off without bad publicity. So should we be living in fear? Some of us should.

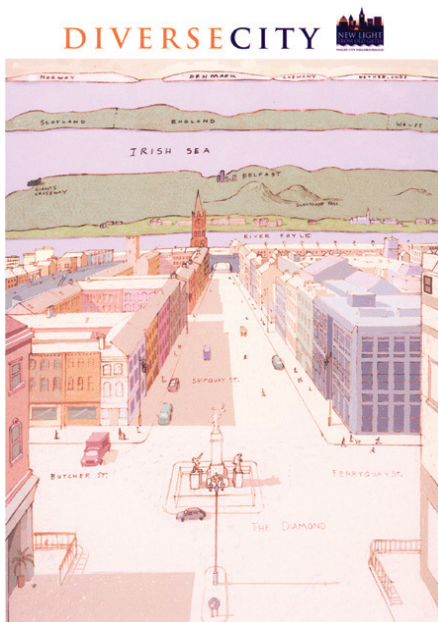
But the opportunities presented by downsizing may well exceed the risks. We do things differently; we speak to the needs of our time. The sheer weight of former state services that might fall our way could dwarf current government funding; a future Niagara next to today's gentle stream.

All the parties know it's all over for the 'big state'. Never again will government be viewed as the natural provider of all health, education, welfare and offender rehabilitation services. Yes, government will fund and, yes, it will commission and keep us all accountable. But its clock is ticking down. Ours, by contrast, is coming up to the hour.

And there are other trends going our way. The Iain Duncan Smith 'broken society' agenda plays straight into the hands of our community sector. New money will flow here, if nowhere else. New bidding consortia such as 3SC will help innovative third sector players to find new ways to fly and new social enterprises will shoot off from the NHS and local councils.

So three-eleven need not chill your blood. Indeed, it might even warm your heart.

**Craig Dearden-Phillips, Speaking Up (from Third Sector, 1 Dec 2009)**



## DiverseCity II

Published in mid-2009, the first edition of Diversecity outlined in detail the proposal for a new, socially regenerated city centre with an intentional community, dedicated to diversity, in the heart of the Walled City. This Walled City Neighbourhood would allow the city centre of Derry/Londonderry to develop a new image of itself as a place that celebrates differences, works to build peace, and creatively explores the self and others. Much of Derry/Londonderry's voluntary and community sector already have the resources and facilities in place to spread the principles of equity, diversity, and interdependence.

The Walled City Community Partnership is leading this process of revitalisation and diversification of the city centre. Formed under a Memorandum of Understanding in the spring of 2007, the Walled City Community Partnership is a group of 11 community organisations that have pledged to join resources and ideas under a shared ethos and common objective of working towards the social regeneration of the Walled City.

The future of the Walled City Community Partnership is bright, as funding has been secured from the International Fund for Ireland's Legacy Fund and the Department for Social Development's Modernisation Fund for a new, state of the art building that will house all 11 organisations as well as meeting and social spaces open to the public. This new facility will be a significant statement of determination that the revitalisation of the city centre is dependent upon people agreeing to celebrate difference and work together for the greater good.

That is what this second edition of Diversecity is meant to do. These 11 organisations of the Walled City Community Partnership are leading and will continue to lead the effort for a socially regenerated city centre by promoting the city as an inclusive and diverse community. Diversecity II is a celebration of the work of each organisation in the WCCP.

**Diversecity II will be available soon from: YES! Publications, [www.yespublications.org](http://www.yespublications.org)**

# Funding Opportunities

## Europe for Citizens Programme

The 'Europe for Citizens' programme is accepting funding applications for joint initiatives between community and voluntary organisations across Europe. Projects can include seminars, workshops, training events, networking activities etc.

Who can apply?

To be eligible, the applicant must be a non-profit-making organisation with a legal status and legal personality. This includes non-governmental organisations, platforms, networks, associations and federations, think tanks, trade unions, educational institutions, religious organisations, organisations active in the field of voluntary work and amateur sport, etc.

Each project must include at least 2 organisations from at least 2 different European countries. However, the more countries involved the better.

The Europe for Citizens programme (particularly support for projects initiated by civil society organisations) can be found at the following website: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action2\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme/action2_en.php)

In addition to the overall programme themes, during 2010 particular priority will be given to initiatives and projects addressing the following issues:

- Projects relevant to the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010);
- Addressing the consequences of the current economic crisis in society, and involving citizens and local groups in developing local solutions to the crisis in employment and economic development;
- The role of civil society organisations (community and voluntary sector) and different forms of participation in decision-making at local, national and European level;
- Raising awareness and preparations for the planned European Year of Volunteering 2011;
- Equal opportunities in political life; Raising awareness of the impact of EU policies on society in different fields;
- Events connected with Europe Day (9 May 2010) commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Schuman declaration.

area: EU; deadline: 15 February 2010.

## Heritage Lottery Fund: Skills for the Future

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Skills for the Future programme is now open to applicants. This new £5million grant programme will deliver up to 1,000 paid training opportunities for people across the UK seeking a career in heritage. It will not only support traditional conservation training but also a wide variety of skills needed to engage people with heritage and utilise new media and technology.

Skills for the Future will fund projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage

sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills.

It will fund traditional conservation training and also the skills needed to engage people with heritage. This could include the skills to deliver education, community participation or volunteering programmes, or to use new media and technology to open up heritage.

Organisations will be able to apply for funding – from £100,000 to £1million - for a number of traineeships over a period of up to five years with an emphasis on high-quality work-based training. There is only one opportunity to apply and the closing date is 19 March 2010 with awards being made in May 2010.

More information:

[www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx)

area: UK/NI, deadline: 19 March 2010.

## Minority Ethnic Development Fund

A £1million funding scheme for community and voluntary organisations working with or representing minority ethnic communities is now open for applications.

The funding scheme, which will run until the end of March 2011, will support work which contributes to the promotion of good relations between people of different ethnic backgrounds, the building of community cohesion, and facilitation of integration. The Minority Ethnic Development Fund is available for the 2010-11 financial year, ending on 31 March 2011.

The application process will be open until the 25 January 2010.

[www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/race/minorityethnicfunding](http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/race/minorityethnicfunding)

## Early Bird offer on Disability Equality Training

ADAPT's 2010 programme of Disability Equality training sessions kick off again on 22nd January – and for a limited period ADAPT are offering an "Early Bird" 2 for 1 discount to low income voluntary organisations. Disability Equality Training is useful for people involved in all sectors of employment and volunteering – and for individuals keen to develop self-awareness and interpersonal skills, as well as examining the significance of attitudes and discrimination.

ADAPT offer informative sessions in customer care, legal and statutory responsibilities and universal accessibility. All training is delivered by knowledgeable and experienced facilitators and is relevant to all. To find out more contact or receive a copy of the Training Calendar, please contact ADAPT on 028 9023 1211 or email [info@adaptni.org](mailto:info@adaptni.org)

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## Women Caring Trust - Youth Arts Grants

The Women Caring Trust will open for Bridge Building Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000. The Trust is looking for projects which aim to build bridges between communities through creative activities such as music, dance, drama, or the arts. They also consider collaborative activities such as hiking, mountaineering, or orienteering.

They want to promote collaboration among young people by encouraging them to work together to achieve a common aim be it musical, theatrical or practical. At the end of this activity they hope that the young people involved will have gained both a new skill as well as a better understanding of each other's community. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate cultural inclusion and good relations.

Deadline for submissions is 28 Feb 2010. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of March 2010.

## Healthy Heart

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific

groups or communities.

The Healthy Heart Grants are provided by Heart Research UK as part of its Healthy Lifestyle initiative.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

These applications are for innovative projects that promote heart health and/or prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups and communities. Projects must relate specifically to heart health, not just healthy lifestyles in general.

All costs, including staff costs, must be associated with the specific project and additional to normal staff costs. Any equipment purchases must be for the project alone and cannot be for more than £2000 or 50% of the grant requested, whichever is the lower figure.

The scheme is open throughout the UK.

Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants and in July and August for grants awarded in the November round of grants. Applications at any other time will be returned.

**Healthy Heart winter deadline: 28 February 2010**

Contact details: Denise Armstrong, Lifestyle Manager  
Heart Research UK, Suite 12D, Josephs Well, Leeds.

t: 0113 297 6206

e: [lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk](mailto:lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk)

w: [www.heartresearch.org.uk](http://www.heartresearch.org.uk)

## Guidance for Organisations Sending Volunteers Overseas

The Volunteer Development Agency, the centre of expertise for volunteering in Northern Ireland, has produced a new resource for organisations whose work involves sending volunteers overseas as part of their celebrations for the United Nations International Volunteers Day on 5 December.

Denise Hayward, Assistant Director, Policy and Information said, "The *Sending Volunteers Overseas* publication is a good practice checklist for organisations that are considering sending, or already send volunteers abroad. It covers what organisations should be thinking about to ensure an effective, enjoyable and safe trip for their volunteers, from planning volunteering involvement, recruitment and selection of volunteers and the information, training and support that should be implemented for volunteers pre-departure, whilst abroad and on their return."

She added, "Just as it is good practice to have an induction programme for volunteers at home, an on-arrival induction will be necessary so that volunteers are fully orientated with local knowledge, information on cultural differences, introductions to local staff, personal safety and what to do in an emergency."

The checklist, provides a wealth of contacts for further advice and information on topics such as insurance and health, and can be downloaded from the publications section of the Agency's website at [www.volunteering-ni.org](http://www.volunteering-ni.org).

## Step Ahead brings jobs to the voluntary and community sector

Step Ahead is a new initiative recently introduced by the Department for Employment which gives the community and voluntary sector an opportunity to help long-term unemployed people move back into work. Step Ahead will fund up to 1,000 fixed term jobs within the community and voluntary sector or social economy businesses across Northern Ireland. Funding for the Step Ahead jobs will be provided by the Department, through its Steps to Work programme, via its network of lead contractors and will cover wage costs equivalent to the National Minimum Wage plus the employer's National Insurance contribution. If your organisation can provide a job opportunity for six months to someone who has been on benefits and out of work continuously for 30 months or more, you should contact your nearest Steps to Work Lead Contractor as follows:

Strabane, Omagh, Enniskillen, Dungannon - South West College - 028 8224 5433

Foyle, Lisnagelvin - Rutledge Joblink - 028 7137 0300

Coleraine, Limavady, Magherafelt, Cookstown - Network Personnel - 028 7963 1032

Ballymoney, Ballymena, Antrim, Carrickfergus, Larne - TWL Training - 028 9446 7791

Lurgan, Portadown, Armagh, Newry - Wade Training - 028 3833 7000

Lisburn, Banbridge, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch, Downpatrick, Newcastle - People 1<sup>st</sup> - 028 9030 3986

Bangor, Newtownards - South Eastern Regional College - 028 9127 6827

## Service Tender Opportunity Obesity Information Event

Are you:

- An organisation interested in improving local health outcomes through partnership delivery?
- Keen to address one of the “health threats” to families?
- Willing to contribute to a healthy life skills programme for children and their families with the support of EU funding?

If **yes** then book a place on one of the CAWT cross border Obesity Information Events –

(12.30-2.00pm)

### Monday 25th January:

Vaughan Room, CAFRE College, Enniskillen

### Friday 29th January:

Conference Room, County Clinic, St Conals, Letterkenny

### Tuesday 2nd February:

Boardroom, Tower Hill, Armagh

### Thursday 4th February:

Conference Room, Regional Education Centre, St Brigid's Hospital, Ardee.

To book your place, or for more information email:

[claire.mcginley@hscni.net](mailto:claire.mcginley@hscni.net),

tel: 028 71272100/ 048 71272100

[www.cawt.com/obesity](http://www.cawt.com/obesity)

## Young people, policing and human rights

In spite of the many changes to policing in Northern Ireland following the Patten Commission Report in 1999, the policing of Northern Ireland remains for some a controversial issue.

Public Achievement (PA) is working with Achieve Enterprises to gather the views and experiences of young people from across Northern Ireland about policing and the rights of young people.

PA has already made a short film and is working on a longer production, outlining the views and experiences of young people.

PA is also working with the Institute for Conflict Research (ICR) on a report to be presented to the Northern Ireland Policing Board, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Police Ombudsman's office, and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

As part of that research PA is asking young people to complete an online survey at [www.publicachievement.com/Surveys/Competition-Rules.aspx](http://www.publicachievement.com/Surveys/Competition-Rules.aspx)

PA is also interested in hearing from anyone who has been involved in a project about young people and policing. Please contact Liz via [liz@publicachievement.com](mailto:liz@publicachievement.com).

## Parenting Your Teen

*Developing confidence, capacity and belief in parents through group work and know how.*

All parents have need for support. The type of support can change at different stages in their life and in their child's life. Parenting Education offers a unique and flexible approach to addressing the needs that parents themselves identify.

This **FREE** course is ideal for those in a parenting role of young people aged 12-18 year olds, and covers a range of themes including:

*Problem Solving, Communication, Understanding Teen Behaviour, Boundaries, Conflict, Self Esteem etc.*

### Date/Time:

Newry Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb (6 wks)

Armagh Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb (6wks)

Downpatrick Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mar (6 wks)

Belfast Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar (8 wks)

\*Enniskillen Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Feb (8 wks)

\*Strabane Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Apr (8 wks)

For more information and to register contact Sharon Clarke Parents Advice Centre on: 90 310 891.

## Parenting Apart

This FREE 4 week programme is aimed at parents who have separated, are separating, divorced or thinking of divorce. The workshop will provide practical advice and guidance on what children need to know, and what parents can do to meet their children's needs.

Date: Wed 10th February – Wed 3rd March  
Time: 6-8pm  
Venue: Parents Advice Centre, City Factory Building, 10 Patrick Street, Derry, BT48 7EL

To register contact:

Marie Gray on 71 372006 or

Email: [marieg@parentshelpline.org.uk](mailto:marieg@parentshelpline.org.uk)

## NICCY needs U!

Are you between 12 and 17? Or up to 21 if you have a disability or have been looked after?

Are you interested in meeting new people and gaining new skills?

Do you want to use your voice to help change things for the better?

The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People is seeking new members for the NICCY Youth Panel.

Everyone is welcome to apply regardless of your background or interests. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact:

John McCullough, 028 9031 6391 or email: [john@niccy.org](mailto:john@niccy.org) by 12th February 2010

## Car Share North West

Cut the cost of the journey to work, help the environment and reduce traffic congestion.

Did you know?

You don't have to own a car to car share - you can still find a journey partner and share travel expenses.

You don't have to car share every day - By car sharing even one day a week, you are helping to reduce traffic congestion by 20%.

If you have a spare seat for the journey to work, or if you would like to find a lift, visit: [www.carsharenw.com](http://www.carsharenw.com) to search for a journey partner.

Registration is **FREE** and easy to do.

For more information email: [info@travelwiseni.com](mailto:info@travelwiseni.com) or telephone (N.I) 0845 378 0908 (ROI) 1890 886 291

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## NWCN Membership Form 2010-11

To become a member of North-West Community Network for the year 2010/11, please complete the form below and return to the Network with your £10/€14 membership fee.

*\*\*\*Membership is only open to community/voluntary organisations\*\*\**

### Your Organisation:

Name Of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Named Contact(s) & Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please feel free to circulate the document and/or to encourage groups not currently in receipt of Network Update to contact us and therefore ensure future inclusion.

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