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FOR THE COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE NORTH-WEST

"Promoting equal citizenship, justice and equality of opportunity"

Needs, Wants & Community Development

As August 2008 arrives, strong emotions will be felt in many community settings across the North-West, painful feelings stemming from the shrinking or winding-down of established services and posts supported until now by Neighbourhood Renewal (and/or Peace II) funding. Few will have missed the consternation surrounding these issues or their media telling. But if every story provides a bit of learning, then here surely it has to be about the need, greater than ever, for the community & voluntary sector to avoid fragmentation, to be mindful that the diversity it contains can promote strength not create division.

The Neighbourhood Renewal experience has caused tensions in many quarters and they are indeed difficult to resolve, given that they are in some ways a microcosm of the bigger picture. While stating categorically that the maturity of thinking and perspective in the C&V sector, in a period of rationalisation, is higher than given credit for, we must continue to recognise realities and consider factors beyond our regular compass. The dwindling of Peace monies, efficiency savings and an economy-focused Executive are factors we have to live with if not like. Potential recession on the international front does not make the current pitch any more even or playable.

Reference to these is not to adopt a pessimistic slant but maybe to nudge us back to where we come from in times of tightening resources – community activism in response to community need. We each of us know that deprivation and inequalities persist in the North-West at least as much

as anywhere else on the island. We know that there most certainly are issues in terms of conflict legacy. We know that we quite often feel peripheral and have the cross-border dimension to contend with. These are characteristics that apply to the North-West and they are ours, but they are not uniquely ours - most communities or regions could identify their own set of particular circumstances that make their reality the most important to them. We're different, but not unique - this means we need to become extra focused on what our greatest needs are.

Community development has been a mainstay in this part of the world for two generations and more now and it arguably has a more important role to play than ever before. If the grant-aid pie is getting smaller, we must engage honestly on how many slices are to be cut and who gets what. By definition this means that some will get, some will not, even those who get will possibly get less than before. We might not like it, but it is certainly reality. We must accept to some degree that the special treatment that NI/RoI has received for some time is at an end and that this presents particular challenges to the kind of community support we have become accustomed to.

There is a clear role for the governing principles of community development to ensure that the most pressing needs are met – we may wish for more than can be provided but has it not always been thus?

National Lottery Awards - Local Projects Need Your Votes Make It Count...And Again...And Again!

The Diamond War Memorial Project

Vote for The Diamond War Memorial Project in the Best Heritage Project category.

Call: 0845 386 1091 or vote often online:

www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlist.cfm?id_category=5

The Diamond War Memorial Project demonstrates that by better understanding their past, the people of Northern Ireland can break down political and psychological barriers towards creating a peaceful, shared future.

The Young Father's Project

Vote for The Da Young Father's Project in the "Woman" Magazine Award, Best Voluntary/Charity category.

Call: 0845 386 1248 or vote often online www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlist.cfm?id_category=7

The Da Young Father's Project aims to improve the lives of the whole family, with programmes aimed at enhancing the relationship between fathers and their children.

These two projects are not in competition with each other so do the North-West a favour and get voting. The winners will be announced on a special BBC 1 programme to be shown later this summer – voting continues until noon on Friday 8th August 2008.

Rural Development Programme in the North-West: A Draft Axis 3 Strategy

Below is some background information pertaining to the North-West and the Rural Development Program 2007-2013. For those involved in rural development, there will be some new priorities but also those that are recognisable from previous programmes. This RDP will adopt a Leader approach (with a focus on local implementation) and could see over £20m invested in the North-West over the next five years. The delivery mechanism for the RDP will be through Local Action Groups (LAGS) which combine the council areas of Derry City, Limavady, Strabane & Omagh – notably this is different to the council configurations around Peace III (as above minus Limavady) and RPA (as above minus Limavady & Omagh).

(With thanks to Mark Conway of Venture International for this overview, which was utilised throughout the recent consultation on the Rural Development Program.)

Axis 3 Basics

- Delivered using Leader methodology
- Managed by 32-member Local Action Group (LAG)
- Accountability / transparency / integration are core principles

Scoping the Cluster Area: What Analysis Tells Us

- 3,000 sq km of great variety: East/West rather than North/South orientations?
- 94,250 rural people, 42% of the total: 39% <26
- Growing population ... but most growth is urban
- Migrant worker populations

Economic Issues

- Unequivocally a small business economy
- Reliance on public jobs, especially health/social care
- Manufacturing and Construction remain strong
- Low female economic activity rates

Farming

- Still strong presence: 4400 farms, 8000 people involved
- Small, marginal farms the norm ... but also variety
- 75% of labour is “farm family”
- Just over half have “off farm” incomes

Tourism

- Attracts 5/6% of the NI tourism market
- Friends/relatives and business account for 73% of visits ... and 84% are from UK/Ireland
- Rural tourism worth about £25m in 2004
- Some very big, some very small visitor attractions
- Derry City very important

Deprivation

- Very acute in Derry & Strabane ... urban influence?
- 28% of rural people are “income deprived”
- One-in-five with limiting long-term illness, at least one-in-nine on Benefits
- 10% provide unpaid care
- Women particularly disadvantaged

In Summary

- A variety of places ... big Derry city influence
- Small business; low-wage; “old” economy?
- Declined and declining family farming
- Modest tourism performance
- Classic rural deprivation and disadvantage issues

Two Strategic Themes

Helping our People to Work Better (= Diversification and Micro-Business)

Helping our Places to Work Better (= Tourism; Services; Villages; and Heritage)

The Axis 3 Measures:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Farm Diversification | 4 Rural Services |
| 2 Micro-Business | 5 Village Renewal |
| 3 Tourism | 6 Conservation & Heritage |
- PLUS** “Making it all Happen”

Measure 3.1: Farm Diversification

To complement and/or replace traditional farm incomes, thereby sustaining farm families as a core resource within the rural fabric.

Skills development - Adding value to produce/assets - Re-use old assets - Women and young people - Education and research links

Measure 3.2: Micro-Business

To encourage indigenous business growth and development, building on the strong local traditions of non-farming rural businesses to develop a dynamic and diverse local economy.

Skills development - Adding value to resources /materials - Re-use old assets - Women and young people - Education and research links

Measure 3.3: Tourism

To develop a sustainable rural tourism industry which capitalises on the specific natural assets offered by the North-West and which is increasingly driven by holiday rather than family or business visits.

Skills development - Marketing support - Improvement of facilities and access - Heritage and culture potential

Measure 3.4: Rural Services

To stimulate and support innovative and niche rural services which address issues associated with young people; women; older people; and poverty/exclusion.

Specific exclusion needs, physical & social - Joined-up service delivery - “Infrastructure-type” supports

Measure 3.5: Village Renewal

To develop and maintain villages as attractive and effective engines for social; business; and tourism life.

Village planning programme - Projects emerging from village plans

Measure 3.6: Conservation and Heritage

To identify; understand; cherish; and promote the unique natural; built; and cultural rural heritages.

Audit the assets - Improve knowledge and access - Maintain/restore skills; features; and culture - People And Places Focus

All the While Focussing On ...
Renewable/alternative energies/materials/assets - Women; young people; migrants - Using IT/ICT - Innovation and acting as demonstrations - Poverty and disadvantage - Networking and collaboration

Peace III – Call for Applications Measure 1.2 – Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past (Strand 2 – Support for Participation)

The Community Relations Council and Border Action (The Consortium) have been appointed by the Special EU Programmes Body as a joint delivery mechanism of Priority 1.2 of the Peace III Programme.

The Priority will be delivered via a three strand approach which will focus on the following areas: Strand 1: Addressing the Past in Public Memory; Strand 2: Support for Participation; Strand 3: Securing the Future.

Strand 2: Support For Participation *(Open from 20 Jun 08 on a rolling basis – closing date to be announced at a later stage)*

The Consortium wishes to invite applications under **Strand 2** of the Priority from organisations interested in developing and delivering peace-building and reconciliation projects which “**seek to address the barriers to participation in economic and social networks which victims and survivors face**” and “**support innovative actions that will address the suffering of victims and survivors of the conflict (as an essential element of reconciliation)**”

Indicative Actions for this Strand may include the following:

- Initiatives to provide high quality advice and counselling services for those most directly affected by the legacy of the conflict including support for those who work with the victims and survivors of the conflict.
- Actions to support high quality befriending and networking services to individuals, families and groups directly affected by the legacy of the conflict.
- Actions to provide respite services for individuals, families and groups affected by the legacy of the conflict.
- Actions to support those caring for victims and survivors of violence.
- Innovative initiatives to promote full reintegration of young people affected through family or community relationships affected by the conflict.
- Actions to increase access to practical skills, training and education designed to enhance economic reintegration of victims and survivors.
- Training for counsellors, trainers and other personnel on the needs of those directly affected by the legacy of the conflict, including the development of special skills required.
- Support of organisations responsible for the needs of the target groups including those working on a North/South and East/West basis.

The application process requires completion of an online Part A which is available at www.eugrants.org. The Part B and accompanying Guidance Notes will be available in hard copy or electronic format by contacting either Patricia Armstrong, CRC on 028 90 227500 or at parmstrong@nicrc.org.uk or Colette Nulty, Border Action on 0035347 71340 or Colette.nulty@borderaction.ie. Part B can also be downloaded from www.eugrants.org.

Early application submission is encouraged. The programme will be closed to further applications at a later date and will depend on interest received.

Review of the Civic Forum A North-West Perspective NWCN, 10-12, Friday 15 Aug 08

To build upon the planned regional briefing and to provide for a North-West input, NWCN is organising a workshop on the Review of the Civic Forum.

Some basic information will be provided leading to discussion on the ten questions framed by OFMDFM as part of the Review process, though consultation responses do not require to adhere rigidly to these.

This Review exercise, which will be informed by experience of the previous Civic Forum, aims to propose the most appropriate mechanism and arrangements for engaging with and obtaining the views of civic society on social, economic and cultural matters.

Consultation Questions:

1:What do you consider the best way for Government to engage with and consult civic society?

2:What do you consider were the main strengths and achievements of the (1999-2002) Civic Forum as originally constituted?

3:What were the main weaknesses of the original Civic Forum and how might they be remedied?

4:To what extent do you think the sectors included in the original Civic Forum remain representative of civic society? Who do you think should be represented on a new Forum and what should be the balance between different sectors?

5:Do you consider that an alternative model of social partnership might provide a suitable example for a new Forum? If so, what model would you propose?

6: What should be the role and remit of the new Forum? What issues might form the basis of its work programme and how should they be prioritised?

7:What should be the relationship between a new Forum and the First Minister and deputy First Minister, and the Assembly?

8: What suggestions would you make for the organisation of a new Forum in terms of:

Membership - including numbers, sectoral representation, processes for selecting members and filling vacancies, term of office and remuneration;
Chairperson - including appointment process, role and remit, and expenses/ remuneration.

Structure and operation –format and frequency of meetings, staffing, budget and legal status.

9: How might a new Forum interact with other fora within Northern Ireland to avoid duplication?

10:How should a new Forum interact with civic society bodies outside Northern Ireland?

Places are limited so if you wish to participate in this important discussion, please contact the Network as early as possible:

tel – (028) 71279090, email – neola@nwcni.org

Should you not be able to attend but still wish to contribute to the consultation process, the Review Team can be contacted, by 29th August 2008, at:

Civic Forum Review Team, 5th Floor Lesley House, 25 Wellington Place, Belfast BT1 6GD

Tel: 028 9027 7657 / Fax: 028 9027 7660

Email: civicforumreview@ofmdfmi.gov.uk

Web: www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/making-government-work/civic-forum-review/civic-forum-announcements.htm

Transport Guide for Older People

Western HAZ and Investing for Health have now published their transport guide for support for older people in the West. Included in this guide is information on community transport services, community car schemes, public transport, taxis, patient transport and other support available such as Shopmobility and Disabled Ramblers. For a copy visit www.westernifh.org or call Easilift Community Transport on 028 71 883282.

Introduction to Motivational Interviewing Workshop

Oi Willo, Millennium Centre, 400 Springfield Road Belfast (Wed 3 & Thur 4 September 2008)

Experienced workers often say that one of the most draining things about their job is trying to motivate clients to make behaviour changes. Frequently workers try to pass on their own enthusiasm and energy to a passive or resistant client only to find their own energies depleted without effecting significant or lasting changes in the client.

This initial two day practice development workshop, led by Glenn Hinds of OiWillo, a member of the international Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT), is an introduction to the clinical method of motivational interviewing. It is designed to help practitioners get started in developing their competence in MI. It will be of particular interest to practitioners who are offering support to individuals and families who are experiencing difficulties engaging in 'traditional' service structures or those assisting people who wish to change their **smoking, alcohol or drug use, diet, exercise routine, criminal behaviour, medication maintenance or any other health or life style behaviour.**

For further information or to apply on-line visit www.oiwillo.com

Causeway: British-Irish Youth Programme Exchange -Contact Making Seminar

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th September 2008
Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co Dublin, Ireland (www.emmauscentre.ie)

For: Youth leaders and youth workers (working directly with young people aged 13-25 years) interested in running a Causeway Youth or Contact/Exchange who are looking for partners.

Aims of Contact Making seminar:

- To provide contact making opportunities for youth leaders and youth workers from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.
- To give information about exchanges and other funding opportunities within the Causeway programme.
- To help participants to develop projects & ideas for exchanges with young people.
- To assist participants to prepare quality Causeway applications for the 1st November 2008 deadline.
- To provide the opportunity to learning new skills and share your experiences.

There is a €50 nominal fee payable by all participants, while Léargas will cover the accommodation (room-sharing), food and training costs for all participants.

- Participants from the Republic of Ireland are required to pay for their own travel to the event.
- Participants will be bought through a series of practical activities giving them greater insight into good practice in Causeway youth exchanges.
- Participants will learn the basics in developing a quality programme of activities for an exchange, and how to present it in a funding application.

Application form available from:

Conor D'Arcy (cdarcy@leargas.ie)

or Carlos Barcelo (cbarcelo@leargas.ie)

N.B. please return before Friday 29th August 2008

For more info, contact:

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Email: cdarcy@leargas.ie Web: www.leargas.ie

National Fundraising Awards (Ireland)

The first annual national fundraising awards in Ireland is now open for nominations. Presented by The Wheel and Fundraising Ireland, in association with the Vodafone Ireland Foundation, the awards aim to recognise exceptional achievement in Ireland's fundraising community.

The Fundraiser of the Year Award will be offered to the fundraising professional who, in the view of their colleagues or peers, has shown consistent excellence and best practice in achieving high quality fundraising through either their own efforts or their vision and strategy.

The Best Community Fundraiser Award is for any volunteer who has made a major contribution to fundraising, over a long period, for one or more organisations.

The Fundraising Campaign of the Year Award will go to the campaign that best demonstrates significant success and innovation in fundraising.

Read more about the criteria for each category and nominate online at www.fundraisingawards.ie

All nominations will be marked against specific criteria by a panel of impartial and independent judges. Nominations can be made by all fundraisers, charitable organisations and interested parties.

Grant Aid for Good Relations Projects

Strabane District Council is offering grants up to £5000 for constituted groups to carry out Good Relations work.

Four information sessions are taking place in Donemana, Strabane, Castlederg and Newtownstewart.

For further information, application forms and guidelines are available by contacting Elaine Watson on 028 71 382204 and will be available to download from www.strabanedc.com from 14 July.

Derry Local Strategy Partnership Board Update

Stakeholders' Forum

The Local Strategic Partnership for the Derry City Council area continues to be employed by the Department for Employment & Learning as the delivery mechanism for the Stakeholder's Forum whose role is to monitor the progress of the LEMIS initiative and, where necessary, help identify other local employability issues.

LEMIS provides tailored assistance to help people overcome personal barriers that are preventing them from finding employment and keeping a job. Derry Youth & Community Workshop deliver the service locally through its Job Assist Centres.

The Stakeholder's Forum also acts as the Project Steering Group of a successful ESF application "KICKstart TO WORK". Focusing on the supply and demand side challenges of 'Labour Market Engagement'. This proposal is to establish a flexible outreach and signposting project, which will facilitate a more intensive, focused and integrated approach to tackling Derry's joblessness.

Staff are currently being recruited to deliver the project and it should become fully operational from September 2008.

Peace III North-West Cluster

The NW Peace & Reconciliation Action Plan has now been approved by (SEUPB) and funding of c. £4.8m has been awarded across six strategic priorities:

Priority 1: Moving Towards Acceptance of Cultural Identity and Inclusive Celebration - Allocation: £1,137,396

Priority 2: Influencing Young People's Attitudes at an early stage through appropriate media - Allocation: £1,400,000

Priority 3: Promoting Shared Use of our Local Facilities - Allocation: £500,000

Priority 4: Assisting Protestant Participation, especially in disadvantaged urban and rural areas - Allocation: £500,000

Priority 5: Promoting the Inclusion of Ethnic Minorities and other Marginalised People and Acceptance of Multi-culturalism - Allocation: £300,000

Priority 6: Addressing the Needs of Those who have been Adversely Affected by Conflict Budget Allocation: £500,000

A programme development budget of £481,933 has also been approved which will finance secretariat support, marketing & communications, development of the Partnership and implementation of the action plan.

Over the next six months the indicative actions identified within the plan will be translated into agreed set of programmes by the Partnership. It is hoped that these programmes will be open within the next month and further details of these programmes will follow.

Peace III Partnership Structure

The three member Councils (Derry City Council, Omagh District Council and Strabane District Council) are due to make a final decision on the partnership structure for the Final Partnership Board. The Final Partnership Board is to be formed by October 2008 and once the structure has been agreed the formal nomination process can commence for the proposed three membership strands; local government, statutory agencies and social partners. It is anticipated that there will be a public advertisement for the social partner nominations which will comprise representation from the following four pillars; community and voluntary sector, trade union sector, agriculture/rural development and business.

SEUPB Announces Closure Of Calls For Peace III & Interreg IVA Applications

Calls for applications under the following themes of the PEACE III and INTERREG IVA Programmes will close on Friday 5 September 2008 at 5pm:

PEACE III

1.1 Building positive relations at the local level (Regional Projects)

2.1 Creating Shared Public Space

2.2 Key Institutional Capacities are developed for a shared society

INTERREG IVA

2.1 Public Sector Collaboration

2.2 Energy

Further information from: www.seupb.org/programmes.htm

Enquiries can be made by email to info@seupb.eu or by post to Joint Technical Secretariat, SEUPB, 6 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB.

Education Consultations:

The Department of Education currently has three ongoing consultations :

Priorities for youth (30 Sep 2008)

RPA Policy Paper 22 - Area-based Planning (31 Oct 08)

Review of Literacy and Numeracy Strategy (30 Nov 08)

These consultations can be accessed via the following link: http://www.deni.gov.uk/index/85-about-the-dept/85-about_dept-consultations.htm

The Department would value your comments and suggestions in respect of these policies which should be sent to the officials named in the above documents.

Participation – Engagement – Skills Project (PESP)

- Do You Think It's Needed?

North-West Community Network, in partnership with the Community Development Learning Initiative (CDLi), is progressing an application to Big Lottery's Reaching Communities programme. The Participation, Engagement & Skills Project (PESP) responds to the range of changes currently taking place within all sectors of society in Northern Ireland. It focuses essentially on quality of life issues and the key role that genuine user involvement can play in promoting equality and opportunity for all.

PESP envisions a North-West team (two three-year posts) with the task of "...facilitating social inclusion by developing groups' capacity to develop participation locally, to acquire understanding & skills around user involvement to maximise their influence on decision-making that impacts on quality of life."

Background & Context

The PESP concept arises from a range of factors and observations so that this proposal:

- recognises the inequalities, levels of social exclusion and low community cohesion that persist in the North-West;
- acknowledges the structural changes at NI Assembly level that provide for a more accessible form of government, a potential not yet fully realised;
- reacts to an uneven approach to user involvement from many public bodies, too often resembling checklist consultation which can lead to poor policy development and implementation.

The proposal reflects the ongoing impacts of the Review of Public Administration and in particular Community Planning. There is also, within Health & Social Care, new Local Commissioning Groups, Local Action Groups looking after rural development and a further NW Cluster leading on Peace III's important peace-building activity. These examples alone demonstrate the need for focused attention on increased participation and the skills required to make user involvement meaningful and purposeful

What will PESP look like?

PESP represents a practical, community response to all of the factors referred to above, a pragmatic realisation that the changes already underway in many sectors are not due to halt any time soon yet the need for communities and individuals to understand how to retain and develop their influence on public policy will be critical.

The project will deliver practical support to groups across the North-West in developing awareness of good practice and principles around user involvement, and of course ways to achieve this. It will clarify the links between meaningful user involvement and efforts to counteract poverty, social exclusion and other forms of disadvantage.

It will also support groups in increasing levels of participation within their communities and activities taking place within those communities. This links to strengthening voluntary activity in a climate of dwindling funding, and to the positive impact of user involvement in policy formation based on deeper and broader

involvement. This will be enhanced by particular focus on hard-to-reach sections of our community.

PESP will promote a cross-sectoral approach that will support communities in getting involved and influencing; it will work with public sector bodies to develop *their* understanding of how to engage more meaningfully in a way that enhances their work rather than being perceived as a hindrance.

PESP anticipates working with over six hundred community groups across the North-West through skills workshops, user involvement training sessions, producing good practice resources and regular updates using the most accessible means possible.

Demonstration of Need / Reaching Communities

This overview of PESP is to help you understand what the project can deliver – helping you, your organisation, your community become more involved and more proactive on the issues that affect you. For the proposal to proceed, NWCN/CDLi now need to capture more fully the need for the work proposed.

The features of Reaching Communities that relate most directly to this application are:

Outcomes:

- People have the opportunity to reach their full potential
- People can actively participate in their communities to bring about a positive change

Underlying Principles:

- Addressing disadvantage and promoting tolerance and social inclusion
- Contributing to the reduction of poverty

NWCN/CDLi believe that PESP will deliver substantial impact and make a real difference to how people and groups engage with their communities, their representatives and the public bodies serving them.

The essential task now is to engage with C&V groups in the North-West – the primary target group for the project – to gauge the demand and support for a project such as PESP and the positive impact it intends to deliver.

The question now being posed to all Community & Voluntary groups in the North-West (as well as statutory bodies) is precisely – *is a project such as PESP needed? Will it, as described, make a positive impact on how individuals, communities, groups and public bodies work with each other for mutual benefit?*

It is requested that you consider this project overview then respond to the questions on the following page, to be returned to the Network (by Wed 20 Aug 08). These papers are also available via the Network's website should you wish to complete your response in that way; alternatively you can enter your response directly via email with the subject "PESP" and send to info@nwcn.org or cdli@btconnect.com.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Participation, Engagement & Skills Project

- Community Questionnaire -

Having read the Project synopsis on the previous page, NWCN/CDLi asks you now to respond to the following questions, giving further detail where appropriate. This is a genuine attempt to gauge the need for and interest in a community development project such as PESP which aims to enhance everyone's opportunity to get involved in the decision-making that has an impact on their quality of life.

- In general, do you think a project such as PESP is needed in the current changing environment (evolving relationships at North-West level – LAGS / RPA / Peace III / LCGs / Cross-Border; growing focus on User Involvement; consultation – application of good practice)?

Yes No

Please comment further if so wished.

- How aware are you/your organisation of the wide-ranging changes that are taking place within public bodies and public service delivery as part of the Review of Public Administration?
(Please give a rating between 1 and 5, with 1 lowest and 5 highest)

1 2 3 4 5

- How highly do you rate your organisation's awareness of User Involvement principles and practice?

1 2 3 4 5

- Would you be receptive to PESP working with you/your organisation to develop participation, engagement and associated skills?

Yes No

Please comment further if so wished.

- Would your organisation benefit directly from a project such as PESP in terms of...?

Increasing participation at a local level Yes No

Enhancing awareness of User Involvement Yes No

Developing the skills required to increase involvement and therefore influence on public policy Yes No

- Ultimately, do you believe you/your organisation feels that it would have more influence if it developed participation at a local level, understanding of user involvement and the skills to make both of these happen?

Yes No

Please comment further if so wished.

- Are you/your organisation willing to provide a letter of support for this proposal? Yes No

These papers are also available at www.nwcn.org and will also be circulated via email. Contact will also be made with a number of key stakeholder groups across the North-West, across all sectors, to draw on as many viewpoints as possible. A sample Letter of Support will also be available – if you are willing to submit such a letter, please feel free to modify to reflect your organisation's perspective.

N.B. – in order to reflect responses to this questionnaire in the final proposal, you are asked to submit your feedback to the Network or CDLi by Wed 20 August 2008 - email: info@nwcn.org / cdli@btconnect.com

Your time and effort in commenting on this proposal is very much appreciated!

NWCN – Your Community Resource

The Network wishes to advise of the availability of its resources to Community & Voluntary groups in the North-West, preferential rates for current member groups (see below for Membership Form for 2008-09 or go online to www.nwcn.org).

Available:

- Use of board/training room – optimum group size 8-10, ideal for meetings and events of all kinds, city centre location/neutral environment, access to all amenities (e.g. for catering needs or to welcome visitors unfamiliar to the area); also available for out-of-hours usage by arrangement;
- Resource Library – a regularly updated and catalogued reference resource on matters of relevance to the sector, from Anti-Poverty to Volunteering;
- Community Hotdesk – an Internet-ready PC (with printing/scanning facilities), perfect for staying connected or getting updates while on city-centre business;
- Grant-Tracker – access to the most comprehensive database of funding opportunities available to NI/Ireland-based groups
- LCD & Overhead Projectors – available for hire to enhance your presentation and/or reporting.

Indicative Rates for Board/Training Room Hire:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Per Hour (9am – 5.30pm)	from £10	from £15
Per Half-day	from £30	from £45
Per Day	from £60	from £80

Additional charges apply for: flipcharts, pens, notepads, photocopying, faxing, emailing, basic hospitality.

NWCN Membership Form 2008-09

To become a member of North-West Community Network for the year 2008/09, 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:	_____ _____
Address:	_____ _____
	Postcode: _____
Telephone:	Fax: _____
Email(s):	_____
Website:	_____
Brief Description Of Organisation's Role & Activities:	_____ _____ _____

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