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R.E.A.C.H. ACROSS

"US AND THEM" COMMUNITY RELATIONS COURSE

R.E.A.C.H. Across is organising an OCN Level 2 'Us and Them' Community Relations Course beginning Monday 17th October from 7pm-9pm.

Youth Workers and volunteers from other Community groups are welcome to apply to the course - 20 places available in total.

Course content includes:

Community Memories, Symbols, Cultural Traditions, Parades, Political Parties and Proposals for a Shared Future.

The course is free and will consist of 15 hours of coursework.

A previous course received positive feedback from representatives from six local groups mainly due to the shared learning and variety of opinions. Participants may also attend a Q & A session with politicians at Stormont in November.

If you are interested in this course, please contact R.E.A.C.H. Across via the information below:

Reach Across

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The Friday lunchtime events are back!

The Junction is excited to announce the return of our Friday lunchtime events in October! John Thompson will kick off what promises to be an interesting and diverse timetable with a presentation on Anti-Social Behaviour followed the next week by something a little alternative with Liam Cunningham. Here are some dates for your diary; we look forward to seeing you there! **Everyone welcome!**

Venue: The Junction, 8 Bishop Street

Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.00pm (Lunch, £2 per person)

Event: 1.00pm - 2.00pm Presentation lasting between 10 and 20 minutes followed by question and answer session and general discussion.

SCHEDULE:

07-10-05 John Thompson - "ASBOs (anti-social behaviour orders) - The Truth"
14-10-05 Liam Cunningham - "The Healing Voice"
21-10-05 Barbara Allison, NIMBA - "Supporting families with premature and vulnerable babies"
28-10-05 Jane-Marie Charmichael, Salvation Army - "Mission in the Community"
04-11-05 Reserved
11-11-05 Johnnie Connelly, Border Horizons
18-11-05 Tom Kelly, The Bogside Artists - "Art and Healing"
25-11-05 Colin Devine, North-West Community Network - "Community Networks - The Future?"
02-12-05 Owen Donnelly - "An introduction to Relate Services"
09-12-05 Incore
16-12-05 Eamonn Deane, Holywell Trust - "An Intentional Community"



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH-WEST COMMUNITY NETWORK



Young People's Fund

Opening Soon!

In Northern Ireland the Big Lottery Fund are giving out £9.8 million through the Young People's Fund over the next three to five years for young people up to 25 years old. This scheme is opening on the **28 September 2005**. The Young People's Fund aims to promote youth inclusion and target resources at those young people at greatest risk of exclusion and offending.

"Promoting equal citizenship, justice and equality of opportunity"

The Big Lottery Fund want young people to come up with ideas for projects and to be involved in making them happen.

This scheme will open on the 28 September 2005. More information will be available from the BLF website on this date.

These projects will help young people to:

- increase participation
- promote wider family and community support for young people
- improve their health and well-being
- increase their achievement and learning.

Award Partner programme - £ 4million

BLF hope to appoint an award partner to run a small grants programme for individuals and groups of young people and to develop strategic programmes that will support young people as decision makers. More information on the award partner programme will be available later in the year.

The Young People's Fund programme is divided into two strands:

Open Grants programme - £ 5.8 million

BLF will run an open competitive grants programme to deliver the health, achievement and learning aspects of the

Further information will be distributed as it arrives, but for further information at this stage, email: enquiries.ni@biglotteryfund.org.uk
For a Standard Application Form call 0845 410 2030

This Issue: 'Young People's Fund'; NWCN Membership - Incentive; Arts Council/National Lottery Funding; Derry Well Woman; CALMS; Sir George Quigley Award Fund; Causeway Exchange Programme; Community Dialogue; Community Change; PRG Events; NICVA Mgt. Development Prospectus; Youth Work Regional Resource Fairs; King's Fund; CDLi Events; Smart Start; REACH Across; The Junction - Lunchtime Events

North-West Community Network

Membership & Services – Special Offer

North-West Community Network is a membership-led organisation that responds to the needs and concerns of not only its membership but of all groups/organisations in the North-West working within the Community & Voluntary Sector.

The Network does however offer services that are available only to member organisations (listed below). NWCN is now offering an incentive in that all membership fees received by December 05 will entitle those organisations full membership benefits until the end of March 07.

“Network Update” will remain a sector-wide publication but there are certain services that we are logistically able to offer only to those who have subscribed to the Network.

Member Only Services:

- Distribute a leaflet about your organisation’s work with an edition of Network Update (once yearly)
- Have your organisation details on the Network Website and a link to your website/email
- Register on the site and receive emails from the Network informing you of changes to the site and/or other information relevant to the sector
- Request mailing lists for community organisations throughout the North-West.
- Receive invites to all Network events including seminars and conferences.
- Attend Network events organised specifically for Member organisations e.g. Network Fora and Cluster Groups
- Become actively involved in the Network through its Executive Committee made up entirely of reps from Member organisations

Application for Membership

The North-West Community Network is the largest representative community organisation in the North-West of Ireland with approximately 200 member organisations and mailing lists covering more than 500 additional organisations. The Network is the key support organisation for the community and voluntary sector in the North-West.

To join the North-West Community Network, please complete and return this form, with your £30 membership fee, to the Network at the address overleaf.

Your Organisation:

Name Of Organisation:	
Named Contact(S):	
Address	
	Postcode:
Telephone:	Fax:
Email(s):	
Website:	
Brief Description Of Organisation's Role & Activities:	



Community Development Learning Initiative

◀ Forthcoming Training Events ▶

“Learning In The Community”

COMING SOON...

A short programme of six evening sessions geared towards community workers both voluntary and paid in the Waterside area commencing September/October 2005

Core content:

- o Communication skills
- o Team building skills
- o Committee skills
- o Conflict resolution skills
- o Fundraising skills

This course has been developed with the support of Waterside Area Partnership and Waterside Development Trust and is funded through Lloyds TSB and Community Foundation Northern Ireland.

Free to community development activists.
Venue: Clooney Hall, 7.30 until 9.30 pm – dates to be confirmed

This course will be a positive mixture of *craic* and community development learning.

To register your interest and/or place, contact:

Eamon Baker
CDLi
Tel: 028 71 377940
Email : cdli@tconnect.com
OR
Adele / Michalla
Waterside Area Partnership
Tel: 028 71349594
Email:
mail@watersideareapartnership.co.uk

“Facilitation Skills”

Get plugged into more skilful working with groups!

**A 10 week NIOCN Accredited LEVEL 3 course (worth 3 credits) begins on...
FRIDAY 14 OCT 2005
10am to 4pm
RAPID offices, Killaloo**

Course entry requirements:

NIOCN Level 2 Facilitation Skills or equivalent experience

Course aims:

To enable participants to develop and enhance their facilitation skills.

This course is for those who work with groups and wish to develop their skills as a facilitator and covers topics such as:-

What is facilitation?

- o Who, What, Where, When, Why
- o Barriers to participation
- o Leadership roles
- o Dealing with conflict in groups
- o Planning
- o Evaluation and more

Course Tutors: Terry Doherty & Eamon Baker

For further details and/or to register your place, contact:
Eamon Baker - CDLi
Tel: 028 71277940
Email: cdli@btconnect.com

Funded by Derry City Council



Smart Start is a Specialised Tuition Service staffed by qualified and experienced teachers. Our aim is to help each individual child achieve their full potential and to achieve the grades they deserve.

A wide range of services are offered:

- o Free testing of children's Spelling and Reading Ages.
- o Individual Education Plans designed to target area of need.
- o Specific Programmes of Work devised to support children and develop literacy skills
- o Specialised tuition for children with dyslexia and other learning difficulties in a small group setting.
- o Self-esteem Awareness Courses to develop confidence and assertiveness.
- o GCSE tuition for English and Maths
- o GCSE Coursework Consults to help children to research, plan, organise and proof-read coursework.
- o 11+ Tuition Classes.

Skilled and supportive teachers use a wide range of teaching tools, strategies and resources to make the learning experience a more unique and enjoyable one. Computer programmes such as Starspell, Inspiration and Boardworks English are used to motivate children and develop ICT skills.

Smart Start

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Springtown Industrial Estate,
Derry BT48 0NA

Tel: 028 71 271007

email: deniseokane@smartstart-tuition.com
or aislinghannaway@smartstart-tuition.com



The new NICVA Management Development Programme prospectus for 2005-06 is now available.

The management programme, offered at three management levels, is helping all types and sizes of organisations to become more effective and efficient. This in turn will affect the sustainability of the sector, equipping it to work strategically and manage change in the future.

The programme offers a variety of management courses at different levels:

- o first line
- o supervisory
- o senior management

This provides a wide range of opportunities for development and meets a variety of training needs. The programmes at each level offer both accredited and non-accredited courses and they range in length from two days to two years.

NICVA is pleased to support 75% of the costs of each of the programmes for those who are successful in securing a place, which will make these development opportunities more affordable for all organisations in the sector.

To apply for the programme: You need to complete an application form which includes agreement from your organisation. Once you have applied for the programme you will be informed of the start date and given further details.

Please return your application form as soon as is possible, as places on all of the programmes are strictly limited. The dates for each course are subject to change depending on having the minimum numbers to run the course.

Further information, including Prospectus and Application Form, available at:

www.nicva.org/news/article.asp?ArticleID=10071 or by contacting Roisin Kelly - roisin.kelly@nicva.org, tel: 028 90877777



Youth Work Regional Resource Fairs

The Curriculum Development Unit is hosting a series of Resource Fairs to bring together youth work organisations and share resources and information. This will be an excellent opportunity to, informally, share practice, resources and network with colleagues.

Dates and venues are:

27 September 2005 - Canal Court Hotel, Newry
*28 September 2005 - Everglades Hotel, Derry
29 September 2005 - Grosvenor House, Belfast

There are two events each day from 2.00pm to 5.30pm and from 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

The Unit hopes to attract participants who work with young people in a youth work, voluntary or community setting on a full-time, part-time or voluntary basis and many groups from the statutory and voluntary sectors will be exhibiting.

You can request an information leaflet/ booking form from the Curriculum Development Unit on tel: 028 9448 2336, email info@youthworkni.org.uk.

Individuals and groups that register to attend before the event will receive a complementary exhibition pack and refreshments.

MAKE AN IMPACT!

GlaxoSmithKline is seeking nominations for its highly successful Community Health IMPACT awards in association with the King's Fund. The national awards are designed to recognise and reward success and achievements for existing work in the challenging area of community healthcare. Organisations applying do not need to present a new project, and winners decide how to spend the money.

The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income under £750,000. An overall winner will receive £30,000, nine other winners get £20,000 and up to ten highly commended organisations get £5,000.

Closing date for applications is Friday 21 October 2005.

Full details (including information on previous winners) are available at www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards.



National Lottery Funding

Information & Closing dates on National Lottery awards administered by the Arts Council:

Opening date: 1st September
Closing date: *6th October 05

Access, New Work and Equipment

Access - An opportunity for everyone to participate in the arts.

New Work - Funding for original work in all art forms, adaptations, retrospectives and first productions in Northern Ireland.

Equipment - The programme is designed to enable organisations to purchase equipment which will assist them to fulfil their potential in delivering the best artistic service possible to the people of Northern Ireland.

Opening Date: 1st September
Closing Date: *6th October 05

Note - the minimum level of grant for this award has risen from £5,001 to £10,001

Building

In light of capital resources from the National Lottery having diminished, this fund now stands at a reduced level of approximately £1million per annum and this will have a knock-on effect on grants awarded.

There are no deadlines for Stage 1: Feasibility Study or Stage 2: Project Development. Applications for Stage 3: Building and fit-out Costs must be received by 4.00 pm on **Thursday 27th October 2005**.

Further information on these awards, including downloadable application forms and guidance notes, can be found at:

www.artscouncil-ni.org/award/lottery.htm

Business Support Programme

The Business Support Programme has been designed with maximum flexibility in response to the needs of the arts sector in Northern Ireland. Two examples of the kind of activity that could be funded are:

Example: An umbrella organization might choose to run a year-long series of programmes for its members on issues such as business planning, data protection, financial management and reporting, and employment legislation. The seminars could be led by relevant specialists bought in for this specific purpose.

Example: An individual arts organisation may wish to buy in training for its own Board members on issues relating to governance or financial management. It could also choose to send a member of staff on a course to improve fund-raising or marketing skills.

Closing Dates: Thursday 27 Oct 2005 at 4pm & Thursday 26 Jan 2006 at 4pm

Public Art Programme

The Public Art Programme is designed to support the commissioning of new art for public places throughout Northern Ireland and is open for applications for permanent single works; multiple linked works; and integrated art projects, in a wide range of media. The programme follows a two-stage commissioning and production process, and requires commissioners to appoint artists on the basis of open competition. Grants start from £10,001.

Derry Well Woman

'Advanced Course in Solution Focused Brief Therapy'

This course, beginning on Thur 20th October 05, is aimed at helping practitioners develop an effective approach to helping clients faced by trauma, with the emphasis on the solution rather than the problem. The course is a twenty week course and will take place in Derry Well Woman on a Thursday night from 7.00pm - 10.00pm. The training is practice based. There will also be a weekend residential for participants as part of the course. The course is funded by CRC and therefore there will be no charge to participants.

CALMS

(Community Action for Locally Managing Stress)

Amateur Song Writing Competition

Grand Final: Saturday 1st October 2005
@ The Nerve Centre

Prize: £1,000 OR
3 day recording contract plus 100 CDs

All entries to reach CALMS office by 20th September 2005 - £10 per entry

Put your own song onto a tape or CD and send it into us.

For more information contact: Bridgeen @ C.A.L.M.S
Tel: 028 71268698

This competition is open to all

**ULSTER BANK –
SIR GEORGE QUIGLEY
AWARD FUND**

The annual Ulster Bank Sir George Quigley Award Fund, which aims to help the voluntary and community sector achieve long-term sustainability for its work, is now open for applications. The Award is open to voluntary or community organisations working within Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, or on a cross-border basis.

The Community Foundation for Ireland works alongside the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland to implement the Award Fund. Priority is given to those submissions that describe how the sustainability of voluntary and community action can be achieved and then shared with others.

A single award of £2500 is made each year.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 17 October 2005 and application forms are available to download at www.communityfoundationni.org - alternatively call the Community Foundation on (028) 9024 5927.



Causeway offers a diverse range of opportunities and activities to young people and their workers, from youth exchanges and preparatory visits to contact making opportunities, training seminars, conferences, job shadowing and many other support activities. The programme aims specifically to contribute to the improvements of relationships between young people in these islands by encouraging and supporting exchanges and other forms of encounter between young people and those working on their behalf. All activities must include at least one Irish partner and at least one other from either England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Where activities refer to young people the age range of the Causeway criteria is 13 - 25 years old.

Activities funded include:
- Youth Exchanges & Advance Planning Visits; Contact Exchanges; Special Projects

Project examples
- Contact Making Seminars, Training

Events, Job Shadowing projects, Study Visits, Exchange "Multiplier" events, other innovative projects of benefit and relevance to the programme.

Who is it for?

Youth workers / leaders, youth organizations / groups / clubs and young people
Funding: Grants will be up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs. max £15,000

Criteria

- Proposals submitted 2 months prior to start of activity
- innovative
- good practice.

To Apply

Application form and guidance available on website (see below)

The current deadline (Q3) is **Tuesday 01 November 2005**

For further information, please contact: Mandy Cunningham/Bernice Sweeney, International Officer(s), 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN 0171-389 4030
causeway@britishcouncil.org
www.causewayyouth.org



**"A Future In
Which I Belong"**

Community Dialogue in partnership with The Peace and Reconciliation Group, invites you to a series of dialogues focusing on critical issues emerging from the ongoing peace building process.

Community Dialogue is an ongoing process aimed at building understanding between and among people. We have in the past held several 1/2 day seminars in The Junction and all have been important in providing space and time for some open and honest conversations on a range of issues vital to the people in the room and their communities.

The partnership between Community Dialogue and Stanford University also continues and we were delighted that Byron Bland, Professor of Peace Studies at Stanford, was able to visit us in June of this year and share some of his thoughts on some important new questions for communities emerging from violent conflict.

We would like to share the learning he has imparted and give everyone a chance to say it as it is, how they feel about this place, their burning issues, whats bugging them and ideas for moving forward.

When? Friday 23 Sep 05 & Friday 04 Nov 05, 10.30 to 1.00

Where? The Junction, Bishop Street, Derry~Londonderry

How much? Free



**Community
Change**

Community Change is a regional community development support organisation with over 400 members. It provides facilitation services, support and advice for members, and aims to increase their effectiveness and the quality of their community development work. The organisation is now keen to develop its activity in the North-West.

Their key areas of support are:

- o Community Involvement
- o Financial Management
- o Good Practice
- o Management Committee Skills
- o Planning & Development

Community Change develops the skills of participants by building on their experience.

Group work is the main training method. Programmes are designed in response to the interests and needs of the groups who contact the organisation, and the time they have available. Each is unique, covering a variety of areas. All our work is informed by a commitment to equity and diversity, supports community development and contributes to

peace building.

Members of **Community Change** benefit from the following:

- o An opportunity to participate in the running of the organisation
- o Access to free training and support
- o Access to a resource library of community development training materials
- o Regular members' newsletter which will keep you informed of their activities
- o Member's training programme
- o Networking opportunities
- o Use of training room in a neutral venue
- o Preferential rates for training resources

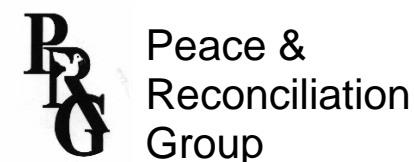
For further information contact:

Community Change

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Northern Ireland
Phone 028 90 232 587

Email:
info@communitychange-ni.org

To join the organisation or register a request for support, visit:
www.communitychange-ni.org



Forthcoming Training Events:

'Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills'
(OCN Level 2 –3 Credits)
Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November 2005.
Places available.

'Intermediate Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills'
(OCN Level 3 – 6 Credits)
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th, November 2005 - Places available.

'Exploring Diversity: Facilitating Community Relations Work'
(OCN Level 3 – 12 Credits)
Dates to be confirmed - pending applications

'Citizenship, Social, Civic and Political Education'
(OCN level 2- 6 Credits)
Dates to be confirmed - pending applications

'Advanced Conflict Resolution & Mediation Skills'
(OCN Level 3 – 8 Credits)
10 day intensive course
10.00am – 4.00pm from Thursday, 12th January & every Thursday thereafter until Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March 2006

'Facilitation Skills'
(OCN Level 3 – 6 Credits)
10 day intensive course
10.00am – 4.00pm from Tuesday, 10th January and every Tuesday thereafter until Tuesday, 14th March 2006

Venue: Peace & Reconciliation Group Offices
For further information, call (028) 7136 9206, email info@peaceprg.co.uk, or visit PRG, 18/20 Bishop St. L'Derry