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1 Small Grants Scheme Western Area

***Mental & Emotional Well-Being And Suicide Prevention**

The Public Health Agency (PHA) has identified non-recurring funding to address the themes of Suicide Prevention, Self-Harm, Mental Health & Emotional Well-Being and have commissioned CLEAR to facilitate this process.

As such the CLEAR is inviting community and voluntary sector organisations to apply for non-recurring awards to address the outlined themes.

Please find attached the funding announcement, guidance notes and application form.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact Shauna Houston, CLEAR Project Manager, Unit 13, Strabane Enterprise Agency, Orchard Road Industrial Estate, Strabane, BT82 OHE

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2 Reaching Out Supporting Families ~ Supporting NI families to improve their children's lives

Funding size: £500,000 - £700,000
Application deadline: 30/06/2015 12:00:00

We are investing £25 million in projects lasting five years to help families in Northern Ireland to improve their children's lives.

BIG's mission is to support people and communities most in need so we expect the projects we fund to help families facing challenges such as separation, absence of a key family member, poverty, substance abuse, disability, social isolation, homelessness, physical and/or emotional abuse.

Research has shown that early childhood has a strong influence on well-being and achievement during the rest of a child's life and into adulthood. For this programme, we are defining childhood as pre-birth up to the age of 12.

Support for children during their childhood is more likely to be effective if parents and the wider family are involved. By families we mean children and their parents or carers, as well as wider family members, such as grandparents and siblings.

Our funding will support a wide range of activities such as getting parents more involved in their children's learning, reducing family isolation from the wider community, and strengthening family relationships and

communication.

To be successful it's important that the projects we fund understand and complement the range of relevant strategies and activities in Northern Ireland. These include:

- Families Matter
- The Child Poverty Strategy
- Care Matters NI
- Our Children and Young People – Our Pledge United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/rosf>

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3 Intercultural Grants Programme

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland Intercultural Arts Grants programme has now opened for constituted community and voluntary groups working at a local level with minority ethnic communities. The programme aims to provide opportunities for minority ethnic communities across Northern Ireland to access the arts and use artistic activities as a creative vehicle in which to explore and highlight social issues that impede access and participation in the arts.

The Intercultural Arts Grants programme will support meaningful collaboration between ethnic minority communities and artists. Grants from £500 to £10,000 are available. You can apply for up to 100% of the eligible costs of the project.

Artist-led interventions can take many different forms- through music, visual arts (public art, sculpture, craft etc), performing arts (theatre, dance, carnival, circus arts) and literary arts (poetry, playwriting, short stories and so on).

To access an application and guidance visit <http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/award/iap.html>.

Funding information sessions and support events facilitated by the Arts Council for Northern Ireland and Community Arts Partnership Programme for InterCultural Support will be announced soon via the CAW and social media.

The Minority Ethnic Individual Artists awards opening date will be announced later in the summer. More info on: <http://www.voluntaryarts.org/2013/07/01/intercultural-grants-for-groups-now-open-ni/#sthash.U6EvqeRZ.dpuf>

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4 Guinness launches cultural initiative with The Script and Chris O'Dowd on panel as mentors

Guinness has launched a major new cultural initiative designed to champion and celebrate people whose ideas, passion and spirit are enhancing and shaping our culture and identity.

Arthur Guinness Projects is setting out to invest in Ireland's creators, visionaries and innovators across four areas of creativity and culture; music, sport, arts and food.

Together with a mentoring and promotional support programme, Arthur Guinness Projects will invest €3m in people and their projects across Ireland over the next three years, with up to 20 projects benefiting annually.

The Arthur Guinness Projects panel has been created to choose the overall winning projects, but also to provide mentoring and support to the overall winners.

Comprised of 16 experts, four within each category, the panel will be spearheaded by Irish band The Script, food guru Dylan McGrath, Donegal inter-county manager and sports consultant Jim McGuinness, and Irish actor Chris O' Dowd.

Applications can be submitted online up until 9 August, 2013 via www.arthurguinnessprojects.com.

The general public will vote online for the projects that they would most like to see come to life during the application period and up until 23 August.

The top 10pc of applications in each category, as voted by the public, will be reviewed by the Arthur Guinness Projects panel, who will then choose the overall winning projects. Additionally, there will be a wild card element to the process. The Arthur Guinness Projects panel can choose from the pool of projects that did not make the top 10pc in their respective categories, and award up to four wild card projects.

In determining successful applicants, the expert panel will be looking for projects that will inspire everyone across the island of Ireland; those that deliver on innovation, creativity, achievability, as well as cultural and social good.

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5 Caring About Carers Awards 2013

Does your GP practice care about carers? If so, nominate them for a Caring About Carers Award

Caring About Carers Awards 2013

Carers Northern Ireland, Carers Trust and The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) are calling for nominations for the Caring About Carers Awards that recognise the work of GPs and GP practices in supporting unpaid carers across the UK.

The is now in its fourth year and patients and carers who feel that they have been helped and supported by their GP or GP practice are encouraged to nominate. Individual awards are made to practices in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, with an overall award for the GP or practice judged to have made the biggest difference or improvement to carers' lives.

The closing date for entries is 31 July 2013.

Helen Ferguson, Director of Carers Northern Ireland, said:

"We are delighted to be joining RCGP and Carers Trust in the 2013 Caring for Carers Awards. We often hear from some of our members that the recognition and support they receive from their GP is a lifeline as they care. We hope that many of our members will nominate their GPs and GP practices for these Awards, and that this will encourage other practices to recognise and value carers."

How to nominate:

Email caringaboutcarers@rcgp.org.uk or write to:

Caring about Carers Award 2013

Royal College of General Practitioners

4 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB

Nominations should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number
- The doctor's name and surgery contact details
- How the GP surgery supports carers in their caring role

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6 Invest NI's Social Entrepreneurship Programme is now open for applications

Is your organisation faced with funding cuts? Are you struggling to keep staff in jobs and services in the community? Worried about the impact the new charity legislation will have on your current activities? Have you got a business idea? If so, the Social Entrepreneurship Programme may be able to help you explore, develop and start this up.

The Social Entrepreneurship Programme is a free initiative that has been developed to help voluntary, community and social economy sector organisations develop a profitable enterprise that will provide an unrestricted source of income and ensure the future sustainability of your organisation.

This is achieved through a programme of free, specialist one to one mentoring. Funding assistance may also be offered depending on the economic benefits of the social enterprise. Applications for this programme are open.

To find out more about the Social Enterprise model or about the Social Entrepreneurship Programme itself visit www.enterprisenw.com or email brian@enterprisenw.com for further information or to discuss the application process.

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7 Speed Networking

Tuesday 9th July, 10.30am – 1.00pm

BEAM Centre, Maydown, Derry~Londonderry

Networking is crucial to building your business in Partnership with Business in the Community Social Enterprise NI are delighted to invite you to a lively session.

Working in partnership with Social Enterprise NI, this event will provide a platform for social enterprises in the North West to share their knowledge and experience of operating as a social enterprise. There will be an opportunity to hear from Derry City Council in relation to its implementation of social clauses in public procurement, seeing its policy in through a live case study example.

Business in the Community and Social Enterprise NI will be on hand to provide an overview of the types of support they provide to social enterprises.

What will you get out of attending?

An opportunity to network with likeminded organisations as well as information on support available to social enterprises.

To book a place, please email: events@socialenterpriseni.org

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8 Kickstart IT Course

Are you looking to change your career or up-skill and retrain in Information Technology?

Kickstart to Work is offering a 12 week IT course which includes the significant areas of software development, testing and creative technologies.

Candidates must be:

- Resident in the Derry City Council area
- Unemployed or economically inactive (Participation on this course does not affect your benefits) and
- Possess at least an HND or equivalent level qualification in any discipline or
- Have relevant experience e.g. IT/Engineering (as assessed by APEL Framework)

Limited places are available.

For further information contact Mena Kearney at Kickstart on 028 7130 8466 or email

mena.kearney@derrycity.gov.uk or download an application pack @ www.derrycity.gov.uk/kickstart

Closing date for application: Wednesday 10th July 2013 @ 4pm

Testing times means developing new skills!

Please see attached for enrolment, application and guidance form.

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9 ICTU Migrant Workers Support Unit

The Migrant Workers Support Unit at the Irish Congress of Trade Unions offers support and advice to migrant workers who experience problems at work but our unique feature is providing representation at grievance and disciplinary hearings with their employers.

We offer assistance with workplace issues affecting migrant workers, such as mistreatment, denial of statutory rights (outstanding wages, holiday pay, sick pay, maternity rights, disciplinary matters, grievances, dismissal), harassment and discrimination. We also provide information on trade union membership.

Apart from the above mentioned services, we are prepared to run advice clinics in your area, organise awareness raising training sessions on employment rights or myths around racism. We would be happy to attend any events for migrant workers you organise to make people aware of our service by having a stall or delivering a presentation. We would be grateful if you could add our organisation to your mailing list informing us about any upcoming events that we could participate in.

As migrant workers often see themselves as powerless, offering support in workplace or expanding their awareness of their employment rights would significantly increase their confidence and ability to relate to local workers and other members of local community. By providing the service we ensure migrant workers have the same access to employment protections as other workers.

We have had a number of publications in relation to migrant workers such as: "Your rights at work" pocket guide in different languages, a leaflet in different languages informing migrant workers about the service we offer or "I am not a Racist but ..." booklet challenging the myths around migration that can lead to racist attitudes. If you require copies of any of the publications please do not hesitate to contact us.

We truly believe that your organisation would benefit from the service and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the possibilities of working with you to develop the support services for migrant workers.

If you require more information please do not hesitate to contact us via the Migrant Workers Helpline on 028 9031 9644 or the contact details below. Alternatively please send an email to Magda.Chudzikiewicz@ictuni.org

Magda Chudzikiewicz, Migrant Workers Support Unit, Irish Congress of Trade Unions NIC, Carlin House
4-6 Donegall St. Place, Belfast, BT1 2FN

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10 Living Life to the Full: Strabane & Limavady

Two FREE six week courses beginning in Strabane & Limavady

Aware Defeat Depression is offering people in the Strabane and Limavady areas the chance to attend their popular 'Living Life to the Full' (Lifeskills) course. Using the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy, this six week course will help participants to break the vicious cycle of negative thinking and give them the tools to create positive change in their lives.

If you would like to attend Living Life to the Full for **free** there are still places available on the following programmes:

Date: **Thursdays 12th September – 17th October 2013 (6 weeks)**

Time: 6.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: **Strabane Library**, 1 Railway Road, Strabane.

Date: **Wednesdays 9th October – 13th November 2013 (6 weeks)**

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Venue: **Limavady Library**, 5 Connell Street, Limavady.

For further information and an application form please contact Aisling on 02871260602 or aisling@aware-ni.org.
Application forms can be downloaded at <http://www.aware-ni.org/training.aspx>.

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11 Matt James has invited you to the event 'Introduction to Youth in Action' on Youth in Action!

Time: July 11, 2013 from 2pm to 3pm

Location: The Internet

Organized By: Tom Nissen and Matt James

Event Description:

Come and join this online event to find out more about the Youth in Action programme, ask questions and hear from other applicants on the following topics...

- What happens when – the lifecycle of your project
- How to maximise the quality and impact of your activity
- How to manage your budget
- Where to find further resources and support

We will be asking you to share your perspective on these issues with other attendees, so think of what you do particularly well in your projects, how you wrote your budget, where you go for help etc.

The webinar is free of charge, you will need an internet connection and a phone line, instructions on how to join us are below:

1. Go to <https://themeetingson.webex.com/themeetingsonrun/j.php?ED=237023012&UID=0&RT=MTgjMjE%3D> using your internet browser.

2. Enter your details. **3.** Click "Join Now".

4. Dial 0800 528 5280 from your phone and enter the access code 389 4819, followed by the '#' key. Note mobile phone users may be charged to dial this Freephone number.

See more details and RSVP on Youth in Action:

http://youthinaction.ning.com/events/event/show?id=6589242%3AEvent%3A3105&xgi=3n9ffQHrbTzmXO&xg_source=msg_invite_event

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12 Verbal Arts Centre will be hosting a summer scheme with a difference

KIDS KOLLECTION will connect young people with professional artists/facilitators in an approach that will creatively explore the collections of two local community museums. These historical artefacts and stories will be the source material from which the participants will create a new, contemporary 'collection' through the art forms of large scale drawing, creative writing and digital photography. The project is funded by the 'Arts Council of Northern Ireland' - Big Lottery Fund 'Culture for All.'

Date: 22nd July – 25th July Age 9-11

Date: 26th July – 31st July Age 12-14

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm Admission is FREE - (Break will be provided)

Project ends with Showcase for participants, parents and carers on Thursday 01 August at 12 noon.

What will they be doing?

Participants will be engaged in an exciting visual arts programme of large scale charcoal drawing, digital photography and storytelling. The programme will involve off-site visits to local Museums (Museum of Free Derry + the Siege Museum) for storytelling, photography and drawing sessions. The participants will then create a 'new collection' of images, maps and photographs based on these stories, symbols and cultural artefacts from both main traditions and time periods in the VAC, using their own ideas and approaches to the histories they have seen and heard about.

CLOSING DATE – TUESDAY 16TH July 2013. To register contact:

Mhairi Sutherland at the Verbal Arts Centre on 02871266946 or email mhairi.sutherland@verbalartscentre.co.uk [Top](#)

13 Slieve Donard Pilgrimage for Trócaire: Walk for a just world 28th July

To mark our 40th Anniversary, join us for an unforgettable experience on the beautiful Slieve Donard Mountain as we make a pilgrimage of solidarity with women, men and children who face poverty and injustice every day.

The pilgrimage will take place on Reek Sunday, the traditional day for climbing Ireland's Mountains in pilgrimage.

By taking part, you will not only follow in the footsteps of countless pilgrims of the early Celtic Church, but when you walk for a just world, you will help raise awareness of Trócaire's work and also, help raise vital funds.

There are two Pilgrim Challenges to choose from and pre-booking is essential for both

- Slieve Donard Pilgrimage: Distance 8km, height 850m, duration approx 6 hours, Cost £20
- Pilgrims Trail: Distance 5km, height 250m, duration approx 2 hours, Cost £10

All Pilgrims are invited back to Trócaire's base camp for light refreshments and some 40th anniversary activities which will include an exhibition, audio visual, crafts, talks and more.....

For further information on both challenges and to register on-line make your way to www.trocaire.org/pilgrimage or Freephone 0800 912 1200 [Top](#)

14 DCAL Summer 2013 Cultural Programme

The Summer Cultural Programme features music, comedy, theatre, film and a range of other events. The Minister made the announcement with Oscar-winning filmmaker Terry George - DCAL Cultural Ambassador and the director of Hotel Rwanda and Reservation Road.

The Minister said: "This programme will present the best of our culture to the thousands of competitors, from 60 countries, who will be visiting for the World Police and Fire Games. But it is also for the enjoyment of local people, of all ages and backgrounds."

Highlights include performances by top bands Faithless and the Happy Mondays, a feast of traditional music including a free concert at Belfast City Hall, an exhibition which showcases the history of police and fire services and a homecoming show by comedian Patrick Kielty.

There are also opportunities to enjoy a WW2 re-enactment beside Belfast Lough, go kayaking in Strangford and be part of a storytelling festival in Derry. Other events include tours of Armagh Observatory, an exhibition on the Plantations of Ulster in the Central Library and a screening of Odd Man Out at the Albert Clock.

The Minister said: "This programme includes hundreds of events which give a flavour of our cultural landscape through music, moving image and a range of other mediums. It has everything from world-renowned global acts through grassroots community organisations and will showcase local arts and entertainment.

"We can be proud of our cultural offering both in Belfast and across the north. With the City of Culture taking place in Derry there is a real sense of vibrancy and celebration. The World Police and Fire Games are an excellent opportunity to showcase this and remind ourselves of the arts in our midst."

A diverse range of activities such as exhibitions, workshops and performances will be delivered by all my Department's Arms Length Bodies. PRONI will also host a family history weekend on 2nd/3rd August. Other events have been incorporated in the programmes of three established Belfast festivals - The Belfast Film Festival, Féile an Phobal and the McCracken Summer School.

When the Games end, the party will continue as the Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann – the biggest celebration of Irish traditional music on the planet - begins in Derry on 11 August.

For further information on events taking place during the Games time go to [Visit Belfast](#). For more information on the festivals, log on to [Feile Belfast](#), [Belfast Film Festival](#) or [Mhic Reachtain](#) [Top](#)

15 Echo Echo move to new home and announce major programme of dance and movement events

Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company has moved to a new home at Waterloo House, a beautiful historic building in the heart of Derry city centre with an entrance on the city's famous Walls. The purpose-built premises house two dance studios, one with performance capability, offices, meeting and green rooms, and other ancillary spaces. The newly refurbished building offers an extremely warm and welcoming atmosphere with amazing views over the roof tops of Derry to the hills of Donegal.

Roisín McDonough Chief Executive of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland said 'Echo Echo has earned a reputation for the delivery of exciting work. This reputation extends far beyond these shores, with their work regularly performed internationally. The new studio will enable them to continue to deliver high calibre events across many platforms and to engage with the local community. This year sees them dancing onto the world stage as part of the UK City of Culture, we have no doubt their new global dance audience will quickly be hooked by their engaging dynamism.'

Echo Echo's first major performance project happening in the new space, and all around the city, is **The Motion Ensemble**, taking place from 30th July to 17th August.

The company's core ensemble of locally based dance artists will be joined by two local musicians, Lorna McLaughlin (The Henry Girls), and Mark O'Doherty (Little Bear), along with ten international guest dancer-choreographers and musicians from Moldova, Russia, Finland, US, Germany, Israel, Italy and Sweden to create **The Motion Ensemble**.

Artistic Director, Steve Batts, explained: "These highly skilled improvisation performers will create 16 unique and spontaneous one-hour performances and numerous shorter ones in different locations throughout the city. Each performance will display humour, sensitivity, athleticism, passion, surprise, beautiful dancing and gorgeous sounds."

Later in August, Echo Echo will premiere a highly ambitious work created with the acclaimed choreographer Rosemary Lee earlier this year. The new work titled '**Without**' is a 7-screen film installation and will be shown at Echo Echo's new space on the City Walls from 29th August to 6th October.

The seven screens show an amazing detailed panoramic view of Derry filmed from the tower of St Columb's Cathedral and from the City Walls. Standing amid the screens you will find yourself surrounded by the City whilst 500 local people from babies to octogenarians will move, dance and glide through the amazing views.

Echo Echo Development Officer, Anna Nolan, explained further: "The synchronised films last about twenty minutes and you may not see everything in one viewing. However many times you watch the films new details will emerge. The experience will be touching, dreamlike, nostalgic and hopeful, drawing the watcher towards the depth and beauty of the people, as well as the place."

The third major project of Echo Echo's programme for 2013 is **Echo Echo Dance & Movement Festival** taking place in the city from the 8th to 17th November and featuring work by local and international companies and artists.

Steve Batts said: "This festival will be different. It will be an intimate event where audiences will be up close to the performers. The maximum audience in the company's performance space is 100 so every show will be on at least twice to give people the chance to attend. To make the first edition of what should become an annual event within the city, Echo Echo decided to invite artists and companies that have some deep connection with its work and history including *The Fabrik Company* from Germany and *Sareyyet*, a unique contemporary dance company from Ramallah in Palestine."

Echo Echo is supported by Arts Council of Northern Ireland and Culture Company 2013. Full details on Echo Echo's programme and its new home base on the City Walls are available at www.echoechodance.com

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16 Foyle Yarnspinners

A Story telling session will be held, in conjunction with the Verbal Arts, on **Saturday 6th July** 2013 at 8.00pm in Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane, L'Derry.

Pete Chand from England will be our guest story teller and as usual contributors from the floor will be welcome.

Admission is free ~ All welcome.

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Use single-line spacing

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Include reliable contact information: named contact, organisation, telephone number, email address &, where appropriate, web address

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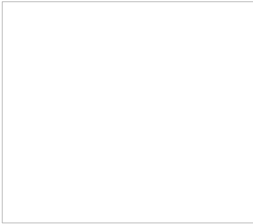


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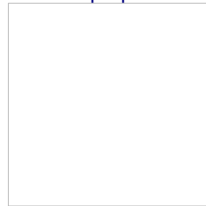
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