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1 Ulster-Scots Grants Scheme Launched By The Ministerial Advisory Group – Ulster-Scots Academy

An Ulster-Scots Development and Research Strategy and Associated Grant Scheme have been launched by the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) Ulster-Scots Academy Group Chair, Dr Bill Smith at Queen's University, Belfast.

In April 2003, the Joint Declaration by the British and Irish Governments committed the British Government to take steps to encourage support to be made available to an Ulster-Scots Academy. The launch of this strategy is an important step towards the establishment of that.

As part of the strategy the MAG also announced the opening of a Grant Scheme which will encourage individuals, organisations or community groups to apply for funding through the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure's Ulster-Scots Development and Research Fund. The fund will support projects which will contribute to the achievement of one of more of the MAG's three workstreams: History, Heritage and Culture; Language and Literature and Education and Research.

Culture Minister Carál Ní Chuilín, commenting on the launch of the strategy said: "We are pleased to launch the Development and Research Strategy and Grant Scheme. This is an exciting opportunity for individuals and organisations to apply for funding to progress Ulster-Scots related projects. The grant scheme aims to help develop knowledge and understanding of the Ulster-Scots tradition here, in Scotland and also further afield."

To find out more about the Grant Scheme or to download an application form visit [DCAL website](#) and follow the links to Ulster Scots.

Full strategy document and Grant Scheme information can be found at [DCAL website](#)

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2 Building Change Trust and Co-Operative Alternatives help bring Community Shares to NI

The Building Change Trust and Co-Operative Alternatives are leading the way in developing a community shares programme in Northern Ireland.

In April, the Building Change Trust contracted Co-operative Alternatives to promote community shares in Northern Ireland and explore the potential with the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Since then, Co-operative Alternatives has been working with various enterprises, community development associations, local campaigners to discuss how community shares are a meaningful and democratic way to engage with a community who support and recognise the social value of an initiative.

The Trust has commissioned a pilot from Coop Alternatives at a cost of £160,000 over 2 years with the aim of supporting the development of 5 community benefit societies raising finance through share offers and that the initiative will be independently evaluated with the aim of learning lessons to inform future developments. This is a new and exciting way for people within communities to invest in them. Communities can engage with an initiative by buying a share in it.

Community shares are a unique form of share called "withdrawable share" which can be issued by co-operatives and community benefit societies, with more than 120 successful community share offers having been made in the United Kingdom since 2009.

The highest profile example of the Community Shares scheme is FC United of Manchester, which was formed after the acrimonious purchase of Manchester United by the Glazer family. FC United of Manchester helped to pioneer the use of community shares and were one of the first sports clubs to launch a community share offer, raising £1.7 million they now own the ground facility which allows them to offer their local community much more than football.

Here in Northern Ireland, people are seeking to re-claim buildings and spaces with the intention of running them for the good of their local communities.

Co-Operative Alternatives' Tiziana O'Hara said: "Underused buildings and facilities have been popular targets of community campaigns. It is not only about saving the physical space, it is about re-vitalise the community by involving and engaging everyone who recognise the social value of the place.

From September 2013, Co-operative Alternatives will run a series of thematic workshops called "Community Owned – Community Shared" which aim to inspire our local communities to be innovative and creative in the way they engage with their members, for more information visit their website at www.coopalternatives.coop or contact them at info@coopalternatives.coop

Nigel McKinney, Building Change Trust Administrator, said: "The Building Change Trust is committed to developing and testing out new forms of Social Finance and encouraging Social Innovation in Northern Ireland. "With this in mind, we are really excited to be working alongside Co-Operative Alternatives to bring Community Shares programmes to Northern Ireland. "On top of this work, the Trust has commissioned a pilot from Coop Alternatives at a cost of £160,000 over 2 years with the aim of supporting the development of 5 community benefit societies raising finance through share offers. "Seeing the success in the rest of the UK, we feel this type of community buy-in and investment could really take off".

For more information on the Trust, and the work they do, please contact www.buildingchangetrust.org

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3 Community Engagement Project with Neighbourhood Partnerships

Outer North/Outer West/Triax/Waterside ~ Engaging Local Residents & Communities

The Community Engagement Project is all about local people and local communities getting actively involved and being part of the exciting opportunities that local communities have to offer. This new and exciting city-wide project is working in each Neighbourhood Renewal areas.

This year we will be actively supporting, engaging and enabling local residents and communities to participate in a range of community and cultural projects and events that are currently being planned in this City of Culture year. There are a host of opportunities for engagement and participation within local neighbourhoods and right across the city.

To find out more information about what is happening and to help local residents and communities to get involved, we have neighbourhood based Community Engagement Officers in each area, as detailed below:

Triax area - Danielle Devine, Community Engagement Officer
Contact Details: 71262812 email : danielle@traixtaskforce.org

Waterside area - Ciaran O'Donnell, Community Engagement Officer
Contact Details: 71342959 email: ciaran.odonnell2@gmail.com

Outer West area - Cathal Crumley Community Engagement Officer
Contact Details: 71268748 email: cathal.outerwest@gmail.com

Outer North area - Joe Campbell, Community Engagement Officer
Contact Details: 71357443 email joe@gscaderry.com

Or you can contact Helen Sayers, Community Engagement Co-ordinator, Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, Northside Village Centre, Glengalliagh Road, Derry. BT48 8NN
Tel: 028 71358787 email helen@shantallow.net

This project is funded by the Department of Social Development, through the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund.

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4 Women in Business NI Awards 2013

Entries are now open for the Women in Business NI Awards 2013 in association with Invest Northern Ireland and Media Partner The Irish News
The third annual Awards recognises the contribution made to the economy by female business owners, those in senior management, innovators and entrepreneurs.

Entries are now open at www.womeninbusinessni.com and **must be submitted by Friday 4th October**. We strongly encourage you to acknowledge, celebrate and reward the outstanding female talent in Northern Ireland, and nominate today!

The Gala event will be held in the [Culloden Estate and Spa](#) on Thursday 21st November 2013 and will feature 11 award categories- including the brand new Award for Excellence in I.T.

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5 Social Enterprise NI seeks Conference and Awards suppliers

Social Enterprise NI are looking for social Enterprises to help supply us with a range of products and services for our Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony.

We have made a commitment to use Social Enterprises as far as possible in our supply chain and hope that you will take an interest in submitting a quote to us.

The awards and conference will be held on 24th October at the City Hotel in Derry/Londonderry, City of Culture 2013.

Please see the list of requirements below, expressions of interest should be submitted no later than 12pm 9th August.

Ethical reusable delegate bags

Ethical reusable bags for conference delegates, printed with Social Enterprise NI logo, minimum quantity 150, please send sample and quote to us no later than 9th August 2013

Bespoke award trophies

12 bespoke awards with Social Enterprise NI Logo integrated into the design. We are open to the material used but they need to be professional looking and robust. Ceramic, Glass, Recycled material, Wood. Example designs and costs to be submitted by 9th August 2013

Table arrangements

15 cut to shape and Colour matched plastic/ Waterproof models of Social Enterprise NI Logo maximum height 5 inches or 17cm

Music and Entertainment

After the awards and dinner are complete we intend to have some music and dancing. Do you provide music and entertainment? Send us a tape or DVD along with a quote including full pa system

Table favours

We need up to 150 individual table favours. Do you make small treats or nik naks. Inspire us, Please submit your expression of interest with a photo and quote and a sample by 9th August

Printed menus and Shortlisted Award winners cards

30 Table Menus and 30 cards listing the short listed award winners, please submit samples to Social Enterprise NI by 12 noon 9th August

Film Maker and Editor

We want to capture the conference and awards on film. Are you a social enterprise, can you make high quality films. submit a quote for a 3 minute film with editing.

A1 Photographs

Do you have a high quality photo that sums up the essence of your enterprise and the Social Value you generate.

We want you to send us photos of you at work in your Social Enterprise. Those selected will have their pictures displayed at the conference.

Please send your pictures by 9th August

T: 028 9267 3223 / F: 028 9267 9200

E: info@socialenterpriseni.org / W: www.socialenterpriseni.org

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6 Pink Ladies Protest Calling your support!

The Pink Ladies Cancer Support Group invite you to join them in a protest against the ongoing ESA Medical Assessments that Cancer Sufferers and indeed others are being forced to attend and the manner in which these assessments are carried out.

People coping with illness or disability should not be treated like this.

Stand with us to show you support.

When : **Wednesday 24th July**

Where : Medical Assessment Unit, Strand Road. (meet Timberquay 5.15pm)

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7 Patient and Client Council Focus Groups

The Patient and Client Council have organised a number of focus groups in July to get the public's input into a couple of new and innovative projects which will be of enormous benefit to patients, clients and carers. The two projects are:

1. Patient & Client Experience Project
2. Health and Social Care online feedback system project

The focus groups will last a maximum of 90 minutes and have been organised across the province. Please click here for full list of dates and venues

<http://www.patientclientcouncil.hscni.net/membership-scheme/articles/can-you-help-shape-future-services>

Please do encourage your members to register and attend a focus group near them. We would be grateful if you could circulate this email to your group members and any other interested parties.

It is important that you register for these focus groups by emailing: darren.ohare@hscni.net or by calling 0800 917 0222. Refreshments will be provided.

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8 The Conference of the Isles ~ The Bright Brand New Day Housing Conference

Everglades Hotel, 28th – 29th November 2013, Derry-Londonderry, UK City of Culture 2013

About the conference:

Government spending plans across the United Kingdom and Ireland will be a key driver for change in the coming period impacting on organisations, households and local communities.

Whilst change may present many challenges for housing professionals and communities, opportunities will arise to embrace pioneering and innovative ways of working.

This conference aims to consider the key questions and themes that will shape the future of housing and communities locally and nationally. In particular, it will provide an open forum for discussion among all the key stakeholders with an interest in housing innovations.

The conference will be of interest to:

- Housing Professionals and Practitioners
- Housing Association Board Members
- Local Government Representatives
- Private Landlords and Developers
- Letting Agents
- Policy Makers and Government Officials
- Financial Institutions
- Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations
- Academics and Housing Students

Full programming details will be available soon but to register your interest and get update on The Conference of the Isles go to: <http://www.bigbrightstar.com/current-events/Conference-of-the-Isles/Index.html>

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9 Job Opportunity with Focus on Family

Focus on Family delivers a wide range of family support, community development and programme activities & events within the Coleraine area

Focus on Family, in partnership with Millburn Community Association, invites applications for the post of **Millburn Area Community Development Worker**

To oversee the successful delivery of the:

- Millburn Community Association
- Millburn Area Action Plan

The post will initially be funded up to March 2015, under a fixed-term contract with the possibility of continuation funding beyond March 2015 subject to further funding being secured, at a gross salary of £22,221.00 per annum (35 hours per week) and based in Millburn, Coleraine

For an application pack, please apply in writing to:

Focus on Family, 11-19 Glenburn Crescent,
Ballysally, Coleraine, BT52 2QR

Email: managerfof@btconnect.com

Tel: 028 7032 9550

Essential Criteria

A minimum of three years recent relevant work experience, in the last five years, within the community development/voluntary sector and 5 GCSEs or equivalent qualification - English and Maths essential.

OR

A degree or equivalent third level qualification in a relevant discipline such as social policy or community development and 3 years working experience in the community/voluntary sector

Closing date for applications is Friday 9th August 2013 at 4pm

Late applications will not be considered

Interviews scheduled to take place on Monday 19th August 2013

We are an equal opportunities employer

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10 Competition to appoint Chairperson & Board Members of the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust

Justice Minister David Ford has launched a competition to appoint a new Chairperson and three Board Members of the PRRT.

The Board is appointed on a fixed term of four years with the possibility of reappointment for a further period of four years. These appointments are made in line with the Code of Practice issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

The PRRT provides psychological therapies, physiotherapy, coaching and development and training and education programmes to serving and retired PSNI officers and retired members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC (RUC GC).

The Minister said: "The Trust has an important role to play in providing support to retired, retiring and serving police officers. "I would encourage anyone who has an interest in policing and who believes they have the necessary skills and experience to apply."

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon 02 August 2013. Late applications will not be accepted.

Download Chairperson and Board Member Information Packs and application forms from the DOJ website at <http://www.dojni.gov.uk/public-appointments.htm>

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11 Call for new Strategic Advisory Group members!! & Work With Fathers - Survey and Seminars!!

The Parenting Forum is looking for new members (parents / organisations) to join their Strategic Advisory Group. You can find some detailed information attached along with a Nomination Form.

Who are we looking for?

- Have you something to say about parent's issues?
- Would you like the opportunity to voice your opinion?
- Would you like the opportunity to make a difference to how people view / think about parenting and the issues and needs that are important to parents?

If you would like to be considered for a place on the Strategic Advisory Group we would be delighted to hear from you. Please complete the attached Nomination Form and return by Friday 2nd August at latest. You can also contact me if you have any queries.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Work with Fathers - Survey & Seminar

As part of its work with the Man Matters project, Parenting NI will facilitate 3 seminars for practitioners working with fathers in Northern Ireland. In order that the seminars address the issues of most relevance we are conducting an online survey to gather the views of these practitioners. (The seminars will be used to support those working with fathers and may include areas such as research, policy and practice, discussion, networking, shared knowledge and experiences.) Details of the seminars will be released in August / September.

Please take the time to complete the survey. It will take only a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking on this link www.surveymonkey.com/s/NQ88GFP. We are keen for as many of you as possible to complete it as it will build on evidence for the seminars.

Other formats can be provided on request. Please contact Pauline Martin on tel 028 9031 0891 or email pauline@parentingni.org for more information.

This initiative has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund

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12 Latest offers from Salto Youth

Creating New Cheese

Creating New Cheese is an international TC that offers youth workers, mentors, coaches an opportunity to share, discuss and experience useful approaches and tools helping to evoke, develop and support entrepreneurial attitudes & skills of young people.

Organizer: Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme (National Agency)

This activity is for participants from: YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

Application deadline: 23 July 2013

[> More details](#)

"Get connected": training course for youth workers on youth e- participation

Explore and identify opportunities and limitations of using online platforms and social networks to increase e-participation in YiA and future EU youth projects.

Organizer: National Agency of Cyprus of the Youth in Action Program (National Agency)

This activity is for participants from: YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

Application deadline: 15 September 2013

[> More details](#)

Coaching Gets You 2

The main aim of the training course is to raise the quality of coaching practice within the framework of the YiA program according to the current „definition“ of a coach and coachee in the Program guide

Organizer: Iuventa-Slovak National Agency (National Agency)

This activity is for participants from: YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

Application deadline: 15 September 2013

[> More details](#)

Partnership Building Activity: "WORK IN PROGRESS"

Every youth exchange has a huge potential towards increased employability chances and entrepreneurship for young people. Are you interested in focussing on and deepening out these topics in your next exchange?

Organizer: Danish Agency for Universities and Internationalisation (National Agency)

This activity is for participants from: YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME COUNTRIES

Application deadline: 30 September 2013

[> More details](#)

COLLABOR8 IN EUROMED

COLLABOR8 in EUROMED is part of the 8 Series projects having sports as a main theme. The training will focus on the topic of Volunteering in Social and Sports Activities and its contribution to the development of Employability Skills of young people.

Organizer: Chabibeh Sporting Club (NGO/Others)

This activity is for participants from: Egypt, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain, United Kingdom

Application deadline: 21 October 2013

[> More details](#)

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13 Photo Competition!

Have you or your community group or school got any great photos of recent local events, celebrations, activities?

Have you any members interested in photography & winning Foyleside vouchers?

After the success of the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Spice of Life Diversity Calendars Derry City Council is calling on photographers young and old again to come up with winning images for the 2014 calendar.

'Diversity is the spice of life' – and the 12 winning photos will feature in the 2014 calendar celebrating diversity in the Derry City Council area in a significant year for the city and district. The free calendar will promote the message that our 'Diverse City' welcomes people from different communities, religions, cultures, traditions and identities. Last year we gave out 5000!

Competition open now for entries – **closing deadline Friday 20th September 2013**. See entry form on web for details: <http://www.derrycity.gov.uk/GoodRelations/Publications>

There are Two Themes in the competition:

1. 'One City – Diverse Cultures'

We are looking for fun colourful photos of people in the local area celebrating diverse cultures, faiths and festivals e.g. The St.Patrick's Carnival; the Maiden City Festival; Chinese New Year; Christmas; Easter; Eid; Halloween; Diwali; Harvest, Onam, or arts, drama, music, sports events and activities in different communities. Alternatively images may have an anti-sectarian, anti-racism or anti-prejudice message in a local context.

2. 'Faces in Local Places'

We are looking for lively snaps showing people in recognisable places in the city e.g. Statues, walls, famous buildings, parks, bridges. The people can be celebrating different occasions e.g. Sports, cultural, school, family or community events or showcasing the city at different times of year that will help suit the seasons in our calendar e.g. Snowmen, autumn walks, summer events etc

Please check that any people in your photographs are happy to star in a calendar!

Two photos maximum per entrant. For more details contact the Community Relations Officers tel: (028) 71365151 ext 8220 or angela.askin@derrycity.gov.uk or see www.derrycity.gov.uk/goodrelations

Prizes!

There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize plus 3 runners up per category.

1st prize £75 gift voucher; 2nd prize £50 gift voucher; 3rd prize £25 gift voucher; Runners Up Certificates

Two Categories:

Youth (under 18); Adults (18 and over)

The small print!

Entries must include a copy of the image(s) in digital jpeg format at high resolution (300 DPI). This can be emailed to angela.askin@derrycity.gov.uk or submitted on disc.

Entries must include a completed entry form (or entry form details in an e-mail) and preferably a print of the photo. Photos must be taken in the Derry City Council district in last 3 years. The photographer must have permission from people identifiable in the photograph (or relevant parent/guardian) to appear in the calendar and related publications. Photographers must be amateurs. Two photographs maximum per entrant (B&W or Colour); Photographs cannot be returned.; A judges panel will choose the winners. The decision is final.; Any winner in breach of the rules will have their prize withdrawn.; Prizes are non-transferable and non-negotiable.; Winning entrants grant Derry City Council licence to use/edit/publish/broadcast; the photograph in any Derry City Council marketing or publicity activity.; Entrants, unless stating otherwise with application, give consent for Derry City Council to send e-mails on other similar initiatives to them.; Derry City Council staff may not enter.

Winners will be notified and invited to launch.

The closing date is Friday 20th September 2013.

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14 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

Please see attached document for Programme of Events for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann: **11th – 18th August**

Includes: Transatlantic Fleadh, The Poet & The Piper: Seamus Heaney & Liam O'Flynn, Dervlish: The Thrush in the Storm, A Gathering of Traditions and Battle of the Bands plus a whole host of other events.

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15 Far and Wild Adventure Summer Scheme for Kids Booking now

Local adventure company Far and Wild is offering unique adventure summer schemes during July and August for the 5-15 age group. Based in Ashbrook House in Ardmore, the week-long schemes run 10am-3pm Monday to Friday and cost £100 for the week. Children will get a chance to take part in some truly wild adventure games, camp-craft, ecological education and much, much more..!

Email hello@farandwild.co.uk to inquire/book or call Lawrence on 07775911198. Discounts available for additional children.

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16 Fun to be Fit Summer Scheme

Week 1	July 8th-12th time	11am – 3pm	Age 11-14
Week 2	July 15th – 19th	11am -3 pm	Age 11-14
Week 3	August 19th -23rd	11am - 3pm	Age 6-10

Price £20 per person per week

Based in Gaelscoil Eadain Mhoir, Lecky road

For further information please contact:

17 Summer Camp Events

Fun filled activities on offer with Derry City Council's Summer Programme for children.

With specialist camps in Soccer, GAA, Judo, Tag Rugby, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket and Swimming as well as a wide range of sports and activities available at any one of the city's multi sports camp there is really no excuse for not getting active this summer.

The multi sport camps offer sports and activities for children of all ages to try out a wide range of sports and activities for children of all ages.

For full details visit www.derrycity.gov.uk/summercamps

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Use only the Verdana or Arial Fonts, size 10 or 12

Use single-line spacing

As far as possible, do not use images or include attachments - information is best received when it is concise and straightforward.

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

Please check that all details are correct when submitting as we will presume they are.

Please do not reply directly to this email, use one of the links above to feedback or to submit an article. For general enquiries, email info@nwc.org

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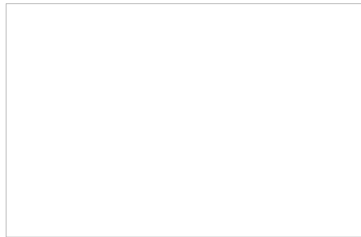
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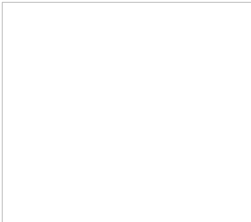
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NWCN is a membership organisation for Community & Voluntary groups in the North-West, [click here for a membership form for 2013-2014.](#)

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