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1 NWCN & the Sheila McKechnie Foundation presents 'Introduction to Campaigning' Workshop

North-West Community Network is working in partnership with SMK to run an Introduction to Campaigning workshop. The day will provide:

- Insight into the successful features of a campaign
- Sessions on the key steps in planning a campaign
- An opportunity to consult experts on how to put your ideas into practice and what tactics have the most impact

15 February 2013, 9.45am – 4.00pm, St Columb's Park House

The speakers will be: **Harmit Kambo**, Learning and Development Manager, SMK (Facilitator); Councillor **April Garfield-Kidd**, Democratic Unionist Party; **Maeva McLaughlin MLA**, Sinn Féin; **Mark Durkan MP**, Social Democratic and Labour Party and **Eamonn McCann**; North-West Journalist/Media Commentator.

If you would like more information about the workshop, or to book your place, please visit <http://www.smk.org.uk/campaign-workshops> or contact Aura Lehtonen at aura.lehtonen@smk.org.uk or on 020 7697 4044.

Spaces are limited so book your place now. These workshops are heavily subsidised but we still require all participants to pay a **small fee of £10** to attend. However, if there is a reason you are unable to pay this amount, please email Aura **prior to the workshop**, briefly explaining your circumstances.

Lunch and refreshments are provided on the day. Please contact us to discuss any accessibility requirements you may have.

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2 NWCN & NICVA brings you a Fundraising with Gift Aid Workshop

NICVA estimates that £48million goes unclaimed in Gift Aid each year by Northern Ireland charities. This **free** workshop aims to help local groups, large and small, to understand better and claim more funds using Gift Aid including the latest plans for Small Donations.

Date: **26 February 2013** - 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Neil Irwin

Location: Unit B5, Rath Mor Shopping Complex, Bligh's Lane, Creggan, Derry, N Ireland, BT48 0LZ

This free workshop from 2.30pm to 4.30pm will cover the rules of reclaiming Gift Aid on a range of fundraising methods such as donations/standing orders, sponsorship/challenge events, charity shops, gala balls, cultural attractions etc. and the new proposals on Small Donations claiming without declarations. Gift Aid is worth at least an extra 25% on top of eligible donations (more for higher rate taxpayers) representing an impressive additional income.

Workshop Objectives:

- Describe the rules and eligibility criteria for applying Gift Aid
- Identify fundraising methods where Gift Aid can be applied
- Identify how an organisation can improve its income using Gift Aid
- This workshop is recommended for both beginners new to Gift Aid and those seeking to improve their fundraising to maximise Gift Aid income. This session is a chance to ask those burning questions you have on all things Gift Aid.

To book a place on this course contact Georgie Finlay at NICVA on 028 9087 7777 or email georgie.finlay@nicva.org.

Places are limited so it is recommended to book early.

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3 Telecommunity Fund

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland has reopened the Telecommunity Fund which focuses primarily on **teenagers, people with disabilities and older people**. The Telecommunity Fund was established with capital from BT, management and unions. It exists to support small locally based community projects run by or for teenagers or projects for people with disabilities. Please note there is a very small budget with this fund with grants ranging from £500 - £1,000.

Who can apply?

Projects need to be tackling issues relevant to people with specific needs living in areas of disadvantage within Northern Ireland. The project does not need to be new nor indeed particularly innovative, but its programme must be clearly thought out and show that it will be managed by the user group. A wide range of ideas for local self-help projects, however informal, will be considered. The fund is keen to support initiatives that help to develop:

- Community education and training opportunities
- Communication and leadership skills
- Local initiatives to improve resources and community facilities
- Creativity and self-expression through drama, music or a range of arts activities
- Out of school projects for young people

The fund will give priority to those groups having to deal with additional disadvantage such as, for example, rural isolation, disability, low income or poorly serviced housing estates. These are guidelines only; please contact the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland if you need to discuss any idea further.

Criteria

Any group applying must have:

- A copy of your governing document, e.g. constitution
- A copy of your most recent accounts or income and expenditure statement
- A list of your management committee members, including their contact details
- An original bank statement for your organisation's bank account (dated within the past three months)

How to apply

You may apply via hard copy or electronically and it is a two stage application process. It is recommended that applicants contact Sharon Barry of the Community Foundation on 028 9024 5927 or email sbarry@communityfoundationni.org before applying.

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4 Making The Difference awards – NI

The Belfast Telegraph is seeking nominations for its annual Making The Difference awards. Launched in 2010, the awards celebrate Northern Ireland's unsung heroes – the inspirational individuals, projects and businesses which make a positive impact on daily lives. **There are 11 categories: best street, best school, best volunteer, best neighbour, best enterprise, best art/sport/community project, spirit of youth, service with a smile, 999 hero, best garden, carer in the community, and the overall Making The Difference award.**

Do you know a tireless volunteer; a community, art or sport project at the heart of its area; a worthwhile business or not-for-profit venture; or an employee who goes above and beyond in their job? Belfast Telegraph really needs your nominations! Please email them (in 200 words) before the end of February to makingthedifference@belfasttelegraph.co.uk. Or post a nomination to: Making the Difference Awards, Belfast Telegraph 124-144 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1EB.

To find out more click [here](#).

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5 Public benefit and registration guidance consultation

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has opened a consultation into its [Public benefit statutory guidance](#) and [Registering as a charity in Northern Ireland: guidance](#), to provide an opportunity for anyone involved, or interested, in the work of charities to help shape the guidance.

The consultation will run from Monday 4 February to Monday 6 May 2013. We hope that everyone within the charity sector, the public sector, the general public and other stakeholders will engage and contribute. The Commission wants you to share your views on the guidance, to ask questions and find out more about the public benefit and registration requirements for charities.

[Consultation on public benefit and registration guidance](#) (pdf, 544KB)

There are a number of ways you can take part, including attending any of the 12 public consultation events which are taking place across Northern Ireland during March and April.

You can also share your views with us by:

Online survey: Complete our online consultation survey [here](#)

Email and post: Download the Word version of our guidance document and email the completed consultation form to consult@charitycommissionni.org.uk or send by post to

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, 257 Lough Road, Lurgan, Craigavon, BT66 6NQ

Telephone: Call us on 028 3832 0220 or TextPhone 028 3834 7639.

Consultation events

To register for an event please complete the [consultation event booking form](#). Alternatively you can register by phone by calling us on 028 3832 0220.

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Belfast	Riddell Hall (Map)	4 March	18.30-20.30
Omagh	Strule Arts Centre (Map)	7 March	18.30-20.30
Craigavon	Craigavon Civic Centre (Map)	11 March	18.30-20.30
Derry / Londonderry	Verbal Arts Centre (Map)	13 March	18.30-20.30
Dungannon	Town Hall (Map)	19 March	18.30-20.30
Newry	Ballybot House (Map)	21 March	18.30-20.30
Downpatrick	Old Downshire Hospital (Map)	9 April	18.30-20.30
Strabane	Alley Arts Centre (Map)	11 April	18.30-20.30
Ballymoney	Town Hall (Map)	15 April	18.30-20.30
Larne	Town Hall (Map)	17 April	18.30-20.30
Lisnaskea	Share Centre (Map)	23 April	18.30-20.30
Magherafelt	Ballyronan Marina (Map)	25 April	18.30-20.30

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6 Derry~Londonderry SIF Steering Group Meeting – Latest Minutes

Please see attached SIF minutes of the latest Steering Group Meeting for Derry~Londonderry to include Lead Partner, Conflicts of Interest & Technical Assistance and Next Steps & Timescales.

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7 Mentoring opportunities with YouthAction NI

YouthAction N.I. is seeking to appoint Mentors to work on a casual basis to provide mentoring support to young people aged 16 – 20 years on the Positive Solutions programme based in the Waterside area of Derry~Londonderry.

If interested please forward your C.V. to Anne McIlvenny at anne@youthaction.org

The Positive Solutions programme is funded by the BIG Lottery Fund and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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8 Gaslight Media Trust – Tender Opportunity

'The Arc' - Acknowledging the Past, Negotiating the Present & Facing the Future

Request For Tenders For A Monitoring & Evaluation Database

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified individuals or companies to tender for the provision of a **database application** as specified below to assist Gaslight Media Trust in the **monitoring and evaluation** of our activities in carrying out **The Arc Project** funded under **Peace III Priority 1: Reconciling Communities Theme 1.2: Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past**

Please see attached document

Deadline: 12 noon Friday 8th February 2013.

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9 Job opportunities with The Villages Together

Please see attached for job descriptions and application forms for **Business Development Manager & Part Time Administration Worker.**

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10 'Essentials For Residentials' 25th- 27th February GR Residential Derry~Londonderry

Derry City Council Community Relations Service is hosting a residential to highlight the opportunities for bringing groups to the Maiden City to engage in good relations / history and culture based residentials and day trips. Relevant statutory and community/voluntary sector practitioners working in the field of Good Relations / Peace are invited to apply now for a place if interested.

Conference: 'Essentials for Residentials'

A guide to planning Good Relations Residentials & day trips in Derry~Londonderry

Dates/Times: **Begins 11.00am Monday 25th February 2013**

Ends 2.00pm Wednesday 27th February 2013

Venue: Waterfoot Hotel, Derry~Londonderry (Single occupancy rooms)

Cost: Free (Meals and accommodation etc. included)

Places: 35 (Registration in advance by application form – prioritisation may be applied)

Ideally we are seeking participants who are most likely to have the capacity, funding and interest in organising a Good Relations focused residential or day trip here in the UK City of Culture during 2013! This may include CRO's / GRO's working for local councils in Northern Ireland or the border counties; Peace funded staff; staff from Good Relations focused organizations, community groups etc. If the conference is oversubscribed we may have to impose a limit of one or two people per organisation.

The programme will include visits to key historical and cultural sites including those relevant to the troubles and the plantation as well as engagement with other relevant service providers for GR facilitation or issues, and tours and social/cultural providers relevant to Good Relations residential. It hopes to equip participants with the key information and contacts so that they would be in a position to organise their own Good Relations residential or visits to the Walled City in the future.

To register please **return the attached application form by Friday 8th February 2013** to:

helena.kearney@derrycity.gov.uk or fax: 02871348340

Alternatively tel: 71365151 ext 8223 and provide all relevant details from the form.

For further information/queries please contact sue.divin@derrycity.gov.uk

This event is funded through Derry City Council's Good Relations Strategy with funding from OFMDFM.

We will confirm your place by Friday 15th February 2013 at the latest.

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11 New Courses available with CHATS

Director: Dr Helena Schlindwein Ph.D. FNCP. Ad DipCBT. DHP. INLPTA.

Offering accredited and Continued Professional Development courses (CPD's).

- **Accredited Practitioners Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy** (20 days training). Accredited by QUALIFY NQF level 7. and the National Council of Psychotherapists (NCP). This course runs one weekend per month for 10 months. **Starts Saturday 1st March 2013.**
- **Practitioner Certificate in Neuro-Linguistic Programming NLP** (INLPTA accredited) with a Certificate in Life Coaching and Hypnotherapy. **Starts Saturday 6th April 2013**
- **Certificate in Therapy Supervision Course NQF level 7.** This course is intended as a formal qualification of supervising skills. Accredited by QUALIFY NQF level 6. and the National Council of Psychotherapists (NCP). This course runs Friday and Saturday once per month for 5 months. **Starting 23rd March 2013.**

Enquiries to: CHATS. The Mews House, 19A Queen Street: L'Derry. BT48 7EG

Tel 028) 71263439 or Mob 077 7979 1495

Website. WWW.chatsinfo.org Email- helena@chatsinfo.org

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12 Winners receive awards and accolades at one Epic party!

The Government Culture Ministers in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland were unanimous in their praise this week of Fermanagh St. Patrick's Day Festival – the 2013 Ireland Epic Awards winners – and the outstanding amateur arts groups who were shortlisted for the awards this year. The 2013 Epic Awards were presented at the vibrant Verbal Arts Centre in Derry~Londonderry, the UK City of Culture, on Thursday 31 January.

The Epic Awards winners' reception was a fantastic celebration of all that is wonderful about the amateur arts and crafts. The fun began with an Epic Party in the afternoon with local groups putting on special workshops, displays and performances. Then the winners received their prizes and accolades at an evening ceremony. The Epic Awards showcase the very best of the amateur arts and crafts across the UK and Ireland and the award ceremony didn't disappoint with fantastic performances from City of Derry Guitar Festival and Taiko Drumming, as well as some beautiful handmade bunting on show from Scottish winners Barra Bunting, and even a surprise appearance from the Newcastle Arts Festival Yarnbombers.

Fermanagh St. Patrick's Day Festival won the Ireland Award for their revival of a St. Patrick's Day parade in the Enniskillen community. The hugely-popular festival included a water parade, wakeboarding leprechauns, a local musical group using instruments recycled from old agricultural machinery and a range of local amateur and professional musicians.

Roisin McManus, Programme Manager, Fermanagh St. Patrick's Day Festival spoke of the organising committees pride at winning the award:

"Project St Patrick isn't your run of the mill St Patrick's Day Festival organising committee, indeed it was started from scratch after a 5 year hiatus. No funding, no experience just a bunch of determined citizens from across all of the community that wanted to mark St Patricks Day in Enniskillen with loads of colour and music in order to give everyone living in the county a reason to stay local and an excuse for Fermanagh to celebrate together. To be recognised with this EPIC award just weeks before we put on what is only our third festival is a great feeling and though our reward ultimately comes from the communities participation and attendance at our event, we would especially like to thank the judges for giving us the motivation to keep getting even more creative in efforts!"

Carál Ní Chuilín, Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Northern Ireland Executive said:

"I would like to congratulate the Fermanagh St Patrick's Day Festival, winners of the Epic Award, for a truly innovative and inclusive programme of activities. I would like to commend them, and all the nominated groups, for their enthusiasm and commitment in delivering high quality community arts based events. These voluntary arts groups contribute so much to local community, their passion for music and arts is infectious and their creative talents are invaluable in their society and to the local economy."

Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Republic of Ireland Government said:

"Congratulations to all the voluntary arts groups that have won an Epic Award. I know that voluntary arts groups make a significant contribution to the social fabric of our communities. Bringing creativity, fun and an opportunity to people encouraging them to participate in local activities, to come together and enjoy themselves. Congratulations also to Fermanagh St Patrick's Day Festival for winning the Ireland award. Through the revival of the St Patrick's Day celebrations for the whole of Fermanagh you have ensured this element of our shared heritage is preserved."

Kevin Murphy, Chief Officer Voluntary Arts Ireland said:

"We have been amazed by the range and quality of entries to the 2013 Epic Awards, from community choirs to wakeboarding leprechauns, young film makers to 3 kilometre chalk murals, all doing incredible things in their communities. Fermanagh St Patrick's Day Festival are fitting winners of this year's awards. What they have achieved with their festival, both in terms of the events they have put on, and the way they have involved all sections of the community, is fully deserving of an Epic Award. On behalf of Voluntary Arts Ireland I would like to congratulate them on their fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing what this year's festival brings."

The 2014 Epic Awards ceremony is to be held in Glasgow to coincide with the commonwealth games. To find out more about Epic Awards log on to <http://epicawards.co.uk>

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13 Rural Living Networking Event

Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 7pm in Strabane Cricket Club (31 Park Road, Strabane, BT82 8LJ)

Information stalls and guest speakers on a variety of topics including:

- Warm Homes Scheme
- MARA fuel poverty project
- Rural Youth Enterprise
- Rural Transport
- Flexi-care

With light entertainment provided by George Murphy (Singer-songwriter and storyteller) from Foyle Yarnspinners

Finishing with a buffet supper – please detail any special dietary requirements
Everyone welcome to attend this free networking event

To register: please contact Brenda Morris and let us know if you want to make use of the free bus provided – Email brenda@ymca-ireland.org or telephone (+44) 07889057688

A project supported by the Peace III Programme for the Special EU Programmes Body by the North West Peace III cluster

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14 Style at Stormont Fashion Show

AMH New Horizons Foyle are holding A glamorous night of fashion in the grand surroundings of the Great Hall, Parliament Buildings, showcasing Spring/Summer trends from House of Fraser, with Style Academy models styled by Peter Mark hair and Paddy McGurgan makeup artist. Tickets are priced at £25 which includes a drinks reception and entertainment provided by James Huish.

For further information contact Callum at cclark@amh.org.uk.

All proceeds going to Action Mental Health - Charity of the Year for the NI Assembly Commission
www.amh.org.uk

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15 Children in Crossfire Firewalk Challenge

We are delighted to tell you about the exciting Children in Crossfire Firewalk Challenge taking place on Thursday **7th March 2013**; it's an introduction to an experience of a lifetime! A thrill that you will never forget.. The Firewalk will remain forever in your memory; and help raise valuable funds to help Children in Crossfire's work.

Children in Crossfire's vision is a world where children's rights are protected so they reach their potential and lead fuller lives. We work in partnership with local organisations in the developing world to make better healthcare and education available to young children. We focus on the inclusion of marginalised children, those with disability, cancer and malnutrition.

We look forward to having your support in the Firewalk to help us improve the situation of some of the world's most vulnerable children;

The Firewalk will take place in The Da Vinci Complex ; registration begins at 6.30 pm ; on Thursday 7th March .
18.30 Registration
19.00 Training begins
20.30 The fire is lit - spectators always ask when this happens.
21.00 Firewalk
21.20 Debrief and certificates
21.30 Celebration time

The Fundraising Goal for the Firewalk is: £160

To book your place please complete the registration form along with a deposit of £30; this can be sent by cheque, brought to our office or you can call and pay by debit /credit card on 028 71269898. A just giving online fundraising site is also available please look at www.justgiving.com/childrenincrossfire

The deposit will be taken off the total of the fundraising goal; after deposit there will be a total of £130. Full fundraising is required by 28th February 2013.

If you have any queries please contact Eileen at events@childrenincrossfire.org or call Children in Crossfire office on 028 71 269898.

Many thanks for your continued support of the work of Children in Crossfire.

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16 'Bring Your Own' Furniture Painting Workshop with Kaela Elliott

Revamp that small piece of furniture from something that is 'preloved to reloved'
Learn the basics of chalk painting techniques decorative effects and finishing waxes
Materials supplied all is needed is your creativity and you wee piece of furniture!

Date: **Saturday 9th February**

Time: 3.30 – 6.30pm

Venue: The Playtrail

Cost: £25

Duration: 3 hours

Bookings can be made by calling into the Playtrail and paying a £10 deposit.

www.facebook.com/kaelaelliottvintagehomeandgifts

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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.

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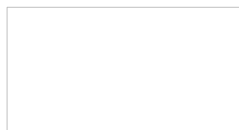
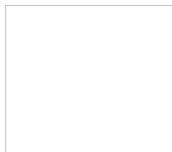
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