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## 1 Derry City Council Support Grants – 2nd Round

The 2nd round of Derry City Council Support grants will **open on Monday 11th March** and close 5th April, please find below link to the Grant Aid section.

<http://www.derrycitygrantaid.com>

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## 2 Brighter Futures Giving Circle

The Women's Fund for Northern Ireland Brighter Futures Giving Circle was set up in 2012 by the steering committee of the Women's Fund NI in order to fill a gap in funding opportunities for individual women who require a small amount of financial aid to support them towards fulfilling their potential.

The Women's Fund for Northern Ireland Brighter Futures Fund is administered by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland.

In 2013/2014 the Fund will offer small grants (normally up to a maximum of £500) for individual women aged 18 or over, living in Northern Ireland who are striving to get into, or back into, employment.

Applicants **must** be affiliated to a constituted community/women's group and have the support of that organization.

### **While not exclusive, the Fund welcomes applications that address the following:**

- Personal development & confidence building
- Overcoming barriers to employment or training
- Making the first steps towards re-entering the workplace
- Priority will be given to applicants living in deprived / disadvantaged areas
- Examples of the types of activities that may be supported:
- Basic training support materials – books for example
- Interview training
- Mentoring
- Interview clothes (where need can be clearly demonstrated)
- Travel costs to access relevant training (public transport for up to six months)
- Childcare during employability training (up to six months)
- Access course

### **What we will not fund:**

- Salaries
- Formal education fees
- Travel outside of NI
- Holidays / residentials
- Vehicles or related costs
- Equipment
- Parties & shopping trips
- Promotion of religion or politics

### **Please note:**

References will be sought and applicants may be required to demonstrate need for support.

Successful grant recipients will be required to keep a record of expenditure including receipts. Grant recipients will be required to write a short report detailing how the grant helped them. Decisions on grants made by the Committee of the Women's Fund for NI are final. Any canvassing for grants may lead to disqualification.

For further information or an application form, please email [Bryony Livesey](mailto:Bryony.Livesey@womensfund.org.uk) or [Sharon Barry](mailto:Sharon.Barry@womensfund.org.uk), or by telephone on 028 9024 5927

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### 3 Business in the Community Awards 2013

Business in the Community 2013 NI Impact Awards, sponsored by Electric Ireland and in association with Ulster Business Magazine are now open for application

Business in the Community's Awards recognise and reward businesses which have a positive impact on society through a broad range of categories covering People, Planet and Place. Previous winners of these awards have shown remarkable innovation, creativity and a sustained commitment to corporate responsibility.

By recognising and rewarding such commitment, Business in the Community aim to inspire others and deepen the culture of corporate responsibility which has been steadily growing in Northern Ireland in recent years. Corporate responsibility can be a key differentiator for all organisations, especially in the current climate.

#### The full list of awards are as follows:

- **NI Responsible Company of the Year Application Pack - Sponsored by Asda**  
For the company which best demonstrates its commitment to responsible business practice, with positive impacts across its people, the planet and the places where it operates.
- **Environmental Improvement Award - Sponsored by Translink**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates significant improvements in resource management, leading to reduced environmental impact.
- **Biodiversity Application Pack - Sponsored by AES**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates a significant contribution and commitment to protecting and enhancing biodiversity through a Project(s), or its own activities.
- **Employer of Choice Application Pack - Sponsored by Arthur Cox**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates excellence in motivating and developing employees in an inclusive workplace which offers opportunities for all.
- **Local Community Impact Application Pack - Sponsored by Firmus Energy**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates a positive impact on local communities by working to address local issues and invest people, resources, time, finance and expertise in improving people's lives.
- **Education Partner Application Pack - Sponsored by Allen & Overy**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates how its actions have helped raise the aspirations and achievements of young people (aged 4-19) through a solid business education partnership.
- **Most Responsible Small Business Application Pack - Sponsored by Electric Ireland**  
For organisations with fewer than 50 employees, demonstrating a sustainable and responsible approach to doing business, which benefits their stakeholders and wider society.
- **Sustained Impact Application Pack - Sponsored by Invest NI**  
For the organisation that best demonstrates significant social impact during the past decade with a specific long-term partnership or an ongoing programme of responsible activity.
- **Community Leader Award (nomination only) Sponsored by Danske Bank**  
For an individual from the voluntary and community sector who has excelled in their engagement and partnership with the business sector for the benefit of society. (Please note, this is a NOMINATION category and it is your chance to say THANK YOU to an inspirational leader from the voluntary and community sector who has added value to your business and to wider society through their work.)
- **Mark Pollock Award for Hope Application Pack - sponsored by Pricewaterhouse Coopers**  
For an individual who makes a valuable contribution to society and who inspires others with their attitude, determination and positivity in the face of adversity. (Please note, this is a NOMINATION category and it is your chance to recognise someone truly inspirational who has made a positive impact on society)

#### How to Apply

To download an application pack, click on the following link and follow the application process:  
[www.bitcni.org.uk/what-we-do/ni-impact-awards/2013-northern-ireland-impact-award-categories/](http://www.bitcni.org.uk/what-we-do/ni-impact-awards/2013-northern-ireland-impact-award-categories/)

The deadline for completed entries is Thursday 28 March 2013.

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### 4 Visiting Arts Intensives: Workshop on EU funding for Culture and Wider International Working

#### Waterside Theatre, 12th March 2013

European partnership working continues to present huge possibilities for arts and cultural organizations from Northern Ireland. To help organizations become aware of the opportunities and support them to develop the necessary skills and knowledge, the Arts Council in partnership with Derry City Council are hosting a 1-day Intensive Workshop on EU Funding for Arts and Culture on Tuesday 12th March 2013 from 9.30am – 4.30pm, Waterside Theatre.

A limited number of places (no cost) are now available for this event on a first come first served basis.

For further information and registration: <http://www.eufunding2013derry.eventbrite.com>

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### 5 Latest SIF Minutes

I, Noel McCartney, on behalf of the Steering Group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the process for their time, thoughts and efforts. The Steering Group were tasked to come up with an Action Plan consisting of ten projects which we have done following an assessment and selection process. I have outlined in the attached document what the ten projects are. I would like to outline what happens next. The ten projects will be subject to further assessment by OFMDFM. The Steering Group will meet again on March 26th, where we will be given an update by OFMDFM. Even though we have shortlisted ten projects there are

no guarantees about how many, if any, will eventually be funded. There are two projects, under the headings Pitch and Play, which have individual projects within them and the same applies to them, insofar as there is no guarantee how many, if any will be funded.

As I have outlined before, this is an on-going process and confirmation of funded projects will not be available until the project assessment is completed in full. All I can say with any certainty, unfortunately, is that any project not shortlisted in the Action Plan will not be funded under this round of the Social Investment Fund.

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## **6 Dalai Lama to Honour Young Person from Derry~Londonderry**

(Nomination form attached)

On the **18th April 2013**, local charity Children in Crossfire will host His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet at The Venue Ebrington.

As a very exciting part of this event, the Dalai Lama will honour an inspirational young person from County Derry~Londonderry with a Youth Compassion Award. This young person will have shown outstanding attributes in practicing compassion to help transform themselves, their community or the world. The Youth Compassion Award is open to anyone between the ages of 16 and 25 living in County Derry~Londonderry who carries out distinctive acts demonstrating the power of compassion for positive change.

His Holiness has outstanding belief and passion that young people are catalysts for change and peace, and he sees them as the gateway to a better world for everyone.

His Holiness is quoted as having said, "Genuine compassion is based not on our own projections and expectations but rather on the rights of the other: irrespective of whether another person is a close friend or an enemy. If you want others to be happy practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

Richard Moore, Director of Children in Crossfire has been described by the Dalai Lama as – 'My Hero'.

Richard has spoken about the award saying, "We are looking for a young person who has really taken on a compassionate act which shows a selfless concern for others. I am sure there are lots of young people in our communities who have carried out acts which show the power of compassion for positive change. We really want to hear about these young people, and invite submissions for this award. We are excited to celebrate the achievements of young people and highlight the importance of compassion in their lives."

Nominations can be made on behalf of yourself or someone else via [www.childrenincrossfire.org](http://www.childrenincrossfire.org). Simply tell us how you or your nominated person has made a difference in 500 words or less. Hard copy nomination forms are also available at Children in Crossfire, 2 St Joseph's Avenue, Derry~Londonderry.

The **closing date for submission is 22nd March 2013 at 12noon**. Entries must be returned by post or email to Children in Crossfire. The winning recipient will receive their award from His Holiness at the event on 18<sup>th</sup> April. They must be available to attend this event and participate in the associated publicity.

For further information please contact the Children in Crossfire Development Education team on 02871269898 Tickets for the Culture of Compassion event are available at <http://www.millenniumforum.co.uk/content/dalai-lama-tibet> or call the Box Office on 02871264455

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## **7 Discrimination and older people**

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI) is gathering information on older people's experiences of age discrimination when accessing goods and services. It is keen to hear your views if you are an older person and believe that you have been treated unfairly because of your age.

ECNI is holding five discussion events throughout Northern Ireland where you can share your experiences. All venues will be centrally located and each event will take place between 10.45am and 1.30pm. A light lunch will be provided.

- Newry - Thursday 7 March 2013
- **Derry/Londonderry - Tuesday 12 March 2013**
- Belfast - Friday 15 March 2013
- Omagh - Tuesday 19 March 2013
- Enniskillen - Friday 22 March 2013

If you would like to attend please email [nroberts@equalityni.org](mailto:nroberts@equalityni.org) or call 028 9050 0645 and confirm if you have any accessibility or dietary requirements.

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## **8 Job opportunity with The Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum**

The Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum is seeking to appoint a:

### **Project Manager – Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project**

Whose key task is to animate, manage and coordinate the activities of the Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project, promoting and facilitating a community development approach to all activities across the 6 Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

**Applications must have:** A university degree or equivalent in a health/social sciences/business management subject plus two years project management coordination experience in health, education, youth or community development including line-management experience in any discipline.

**OR:**

Three years project management/coordination in health, education, youth or community development including line-management experience in any discipline.

Salary: £27,849 - £30,011 Per Annum (NJC Scale 33-36)  
Contract to 31 March 2014 (extension subject to funding)

Application forms can be obtained by calling Susan on 028 71365330 or [susan@bbhealthforum.org](mailto:susan@bbhealthforum.org)

**Deadline for return of applications is 12.00pm Monday 11th March 2013**

Interviews for the post will take place Thursday 14th March 2013.

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## **9 Understanding the Financial Ombudsman Service – Free workshop invitation**

**Tuesday 26 March 2013, 2.00pm-4.00pm** (tea/coffee registration from 1.30pm)

Being held at NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB

Not sure how to complain about a financial product, service or firm?

For example need advice on how to help someone settle a dispute about their payment protection insurance, current account, mortgage, credit card, or income protection insurance?

If you answered 'Yes', come along to this **FREE** workshop to find out when and how to use the Financial Ombudsman Service.

### **Who is the workshop for?**

- Money and consumer advisors;
- Political constituency staff
- Family, disability and older people's representatives; and
- Student advisors and essential skills tutors

Book your place now: To book your free place, contact Heather Hamilton at the Consumer Council on 028 9067 4815 or [hhamilton@consumercouncil.org.uk](mailto:hhamilton@consumercouncil.org.uk)

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## **10 Get to know the Assembly - free training for you!**

The NI Assembly Community Outreach Team is delivering a **free** training session on 'How the Assembly Works'.

### **Tuesday, March 19, Parliament Buildings**

#### Programme

9.45	Arrival and registration
10.00	How the Assembly works
11.30	How Committees work
12.00	Viewing of plenary session
12.30	Tour ( <i>optional</i> )
13.00	Close

The aim of the training is focussed on improving your ability to engage with the Assembly. By the end of the training you will know:

- Work of the Assembly vs. work of the Executive
- The Speaker and his role
- The Assembly week and when business is scheduled
- Committees, how they plan their work and the best way to communicate with them

The training is targeted for:

- those with little or no understanding of how the Assembly works at present
- those who want to promote greater understanding of the work of their organisation through more effective communication with the Assembly and its MLAs

### **How to register:**

To register your interest in attending, please email [outreach@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:outreach@niassembly.gov.uk), or call 028 90 521 195. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Feedback has been great and so places fill up quickly. However, the Get to Know the Assembly sessions are delivered regularly so there will be other opportunities later if you cannot get a place on this session.

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## **11 Foetal Alcohol Syndrome: Statistics, Symptoms and Strategies – Master Class**

### **Friday 15 March 2013, 9.30 – 12.00noon**

Venue: Conference Room, Strabane Enterprise Agency, Orchard Road Industrial Estate, Strabane

The Time 2 Change Project, in conjunction with the Derry Healthy Cities and Alcohol Forum Ltd. is pleased to offer an excellent learning and information opportunity for those involved in the service provision (Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation) to develop their learning on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD)

Grace Gerry C.Q.S.Q is a native of Ireland who worked as a Social Worker in Dublin and London in the areas of probation, multidisciplinary child protection, and hospital paediatrics before moving to Canada where she practises as a family counsellor in child protection, mental health and special needs. She also has experience in the Adult Assessment Clinic FASD service in Victoria, British Columbia.

David Gerry B.Sc. is co-chair of the Advisory Committee of Her Way Home, which provides wrap around services to pregnant and early parenting mothers with substance use, trauma, domestic violence issues. David has provided training in FASD across disciplines, including to teachers, social workers and judges and has recently returned from an international conference in Vancouver on FASD which showcased the latest research and evidence based practice from around the world.

### **Content of the master class will be:**

- Presentation on the biology of FASD
- Statistical comparison: Ireland, Europe and North America
- Experience from the frontline in Canada
- Strategies for communication and working with clients

- Questions & Answers

Places are limited so please **confirm attendance by Wednesday 13 March 2013** to Adrian at Time 2 Change Project, phone: 028 7138 4568 or email [adrian@derryhc.com](mailto:adrian@derryhc.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

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## **12 Quality Initiatives to support Emotional Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention**

Information Sessions

The CLEAR Project, in conjunction with the Public Health Agency (PHA) invite you to attend an information session on the 'Standards for Promoting Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention'.

### **Aims of the session[1]:**

- To raise awareness and understanding of newly developed standards relating to:
- Core Standards
- Bereavement Standards
- Counselling Standards
- Self-harm Standards (including family liaison / support)

### **Dates:**

Tuesday 19th March, 2.00 pm – 4.15 pm, [Greenmount Agricultural College](#)

**Wednesday 20th March, 1.30 pm – 3.45 pm, [Strabane District Council](#)**

Monday 25th March, 2.00 pm – 4.15 pm, [Towerhill, Armagh](#)

Wednesday 27th March, 2.00 pm – 4.15 pm, [Farset International, Belfast](#)

Thursday 28th March, 2.00 pm – 4.15 pm, Chestnut Suite, [Lagan Valley Island Centre](#)

To register your interest for any of these sessions please complete attached and forward to [shauna@derryhc.com](mailto:shauna@derryhc.com).

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## **13 Community Networking Event - Health theme**

**Thursday 14th March** from 2 – 4.30pm, The Diamond Centre, Claudy

Come along to find out about organisations offering support for a wide range of health issues such as Diabetes, Cancer, Stress, Drug and Alcohol Dependency, Hearing Loss, Parkinson's Disease, Sight Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease and more as well as Information and Support for Carers.

Please Come in and find out what is happening in your local area.

Contact Stephanie at TDDA on: 0035374 91 73747 to register your interest or for more information.

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## **14 Statistics Section of Derry City Council's Website**

A new Statistics Section has now been set up within Council's website at [http://derrycity.gov.uk/statistics-\(1\)/Introduction#.US-T0KJA0sc](http://derrycity.gov.uk/statistics-(1)/Introduction#.US-T0KJA0sc)

This section is intended to bring together key statistics relating to the Derry City Council area and act as a one-stop shop for information to provide a more complete picture of the Council area and how it compares to Northern Ireland on a wider context.

### **This information has many important uses including:**

- Acting as a benchmark for demographic statistics by providing a base count of the population;
- Informing policy and funding decisions, and supporting delivery and evaluation work
- Providing a base for population projections, which are required for planning and decision making for front line services;
- Supporting equality monitoring by providing demographic information for geographical areas and population groups;
- Identifying and targeting areas of need and disadvantage;
- Providing information on small population subgroups, such as ethnic minority populations, for which sample surveys cannot provide robust statistics; and
- Informing and supporting research.

Statistics have been collated from a variety of sources including Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information System (NINIS) and government departments within Northern Ireland (e.g. the Department of Education, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment) for the following areas:

- Demographic profile in terms of Section 75 categories
- Employment/Unemployment
- Business Profile
- Tourism
- Poverty and Multiple Deprivation
- Health
- Education
- Environment

Information will be updated regularly on receipt of new data from relevant sources.

[http://derrycity.gov.uk/statistics-\(1\)/Introduction#.US-T0KJA0sc](http://derrycity.gov.uk/statistics-(1)/Introduction#.US-T0KJA0sc)

This section is for the use of all involved in policy-making, funding and service development. I would encourage everyone to visit the site and If there is further information you would like to see available please contact the Equality Officer at Derry City Council (contact details below) detailing the information requested and how this data would be helpful.

Kay McIvor, Equality Officer, Derry City Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN  
Telephone : 028 71 365151 Ext 6705

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## **15 CPTT Breast Awareness Session**

The Breast Care Awareness session due to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Creggan Pre-School & Training Trust has **now been changed to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013** at 10.00am – 12.00noon.

If anyone is interested in attending please contact the centre on 028 71 267060 or call into the centre at 13 Cromore Gardens.

Crèche provision will be provided on the day but is extremely limited therefore it is essential to book your place on the course

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## **16 Foyle Yarnspinners**

The next meeting of Foyle Yarnspinners will be on **Monday 11th March** in Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane, L'Derry at 8.00pm. Our guest yarnspinner will be Wilson Burgess, from the City, who has performed in many places and has an interest in the Ulster Scots dialect.

The evening is also open to all our regular contributors who provide us with many tales and stories

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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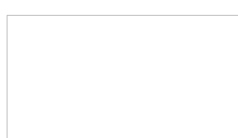
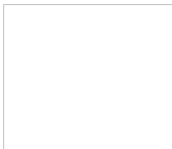
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[\[1\]](#) Information sessions on additional standards will be held at a later date.