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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; **Maeve 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 Public Appointments Workshop ~ Organised by PESP

Interested in a Public Appointment but never dared to apply? Saw them in the paper and thought 'not for me'?

Public Appointments should be representative of the diversity in our society; however women, young people, people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people with a disability continue to be underrepresented.

This training event is for anyone who wants to learn more about the role of Public Bodies, how to apply for a Public Appointment and the benefits of getting involved.

Eileen Mullan (Strictly Boardroom) and Helen Henderson (Board member of the NI Fisheries and Harbours Authority and past participant of training) will facilitate this practical, interactive and fun workshop.

Date: **Thursday 28th February**

Time: 9.45am - 1pm.

Venue: Apex Housing Association, Butcher Street, Derry/Londonderry.

For further information or to register, contact: PESP on 028 71368811 or

Nuala: 075 4329 8322; nuala@nwcn.org

Gabrielle: 075 9574 8009; gabrielle@nwcn.org

See attached factsheet for more information on Public Appointments.

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4 QUB Rag charity applications open

The process for charities to apply to be one of the elected RAG charities for the upcoming academic year is now open. RAG stands for Raise and Give and has been an integral part of the Students' Union at Queen's University Belfast for the best part of a century. The raison d'être of the RAG organisation is the raising of funds through voluntary donations, which are distributed on an annual basis to local (preferably independent) charities. This is carried out by a group of dedicated students. RAG also holds street collections and 'one off' events across Northern Ireland for different charities who are not nominated as RAG charities for the year.

Application forms can be obtained by email from either su.rag@qub.ac.uk or su.vpcommunity@qub.ac.uk and must be returned email to Mr Aidan Hughes, the QUBSU Vice-President Community (su.vpcommunity@qub.ac.uk) **by 5.00pm on 22 February 2013.**

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5 INTERREG IVB – Northern Periphery Preparatory Project Call Now Open (Scotland & NI)

The Preparatory Project Call for application which will potentially lead to a main project application in the INTERREG VB Northern Periphery Programme 2014- 2020 is now open.

The aim of the Call is to ensure that the new programme can begin implementation efficiently Preparatory project applications are encouraged that have a view to developing a main project application for the future programme based on INTERREG IVB themes and emerging themes for post 2013. The Call will be funded under the current Interreg IVB programme and therefore must adhere to the 'IVB' themes and to the principle of the EU2020 Strategy; Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive growth.

Preparatory projects allow partners to meet and discuss the drafting of main project applications. A minimum of two partners from two programme partner countries are required to apply for preparatory project funding. The maximum total budget for these preparatory project applications will be €45,000 with a maximum grant of €27,000 (60% intervention rate). It is expected that approximately 10 preparatory projects will be funded.

<http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/home/>

Preparatory projects are expected to run for up to nine months between 1st July 2013 and 31st March 2014. **The deadline for submissions is 12th April 2013**

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6 Power NI launch Quest community energy competition

Power NI is on a Quest to find the next community energy saving champion for 2013. We need six groups from across Northern Ireland to compete in our 10 step energy saving programme for the chance to win £10,000 to invest in energy efficient measures for their local community.

Each of the six groups will begin the challenge together but the first group to reach the 10th step will win the £10,000 prize to invest in renewable technology. All six groups will receive funding from Power NI along the way and will benefit from a Power NI mentor who will show them how becoming more energy efficient can make a lasting difference in their area.

This programme has been specially designed for enthusiastic, dedicated groups who are up for a challenge – who don't need to be experience energy savers.

If you or any group you know is ready for Power NI's Quest apply now at www.powerni.co.uk/Quest For more information email energysaving@powerni.co.uk or call 028 9068 5031*.

Applications close the 31st of March 2013.

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7 The Loughs Agency is pleased to advise that its Sustainable Development Fund (or SDF) is now open

Some information follows and further information is available at –
www.loughs-agency.org/about-us/grants/

Call for Applications

The Loughs Agency may provide funding to support sustainable development of marine tourism and/or angling in the Foyle or Carlingford areas.

Application forms are available by download from web or by application to Loughs Agency. www.loughs-agency.org/about-us/grants/

Information Sessions

Information sessions will be held –

11 February 2013 7:30pm Bagenals Castle, Castle Street, Newry BT34 2DA

13 February 2013 7:30pm Loughs Agency, Victoria Road, Prehen BT47 2AB

Dates And Deadlines

Completed application forms must be received at Loughs Agency headquarters by the dates below to permit assessment.

Cut off dates:

- 10:00am 25 February 2013
- 10:00am 25 March 2013
- 10:00am 29 April 2013
- 10:00am 17 June 2013

Themes

The Loughs Agency is seeking applications under the following themes:

SDF EVENTS

Funding of up to £1,000 (or euro equivalent) at up to 75% support.

Funding to support events that benefit the Foyle or Carlingford areas and which have a marine tourism and/or angling focus.

SDF CAPITAL AND OTHER

Funding of up to £7,500 (or euro equivalent) at up to 75% support.

Development of access and other infrastructure for marine tourism and angling (including disabled access)

Development of marine tourism and angling product

Accommodation enhancement / development that focuses on providing facilities for those engaged in marine tourism and angling (drying rooms, prepare your catch facility etc)

Training that develops and enhances marine tourism and angling capacity

Queries

Email laura.mccready@loughs-agency.org

Telephone enquiries: from Northern Ireland 028 7134 2100; from Ireland 048 7134 2100

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8 FWIN AGM & Network Forum Invite

FWIN'S AGM and Networking Forum – 'A Women's Perspective on the City of Culture' takes place on

Wednesday 20th Feb, 11am – 12.30pm in St Augustine's Hall, Palace Street (off Society Street), lunch provided.

Please **rsvp by Friday 15th Feb** 2013 - Email: info@fwin.org.uk .

Key note speaker will be a representative from The Culture Company and Networking Speaker will be Amanda Koser-Gillespie and Mildred Garfield.

If your group has any information it would like to share at this event you can send it to Mary Harkin in advance or bring the information along on the day as there will be an open network forum following the AGM.

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9 Maximising Access to Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas (MARA) Project

The aim of the project is to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in rural areas by making them aware of, or helping them access, local services, grants or benefits.

The first phase of MARA was undertaken in 2010 and brought many benefits to people living in rural areas of Northern Ireland. In some cases, householders increased their income by over £60 a week and others received energy efficiency grants, access to transport and/or access to a wide range of services they were entitled to.

This project will be undertaken in following areas of **rural Derry/Londonderry** Council: Hollymount1, Banagher, Claudy1, Enagh2 (Derry), Eglinton1 & Eglinton2,

Strabane District Council : Castlederg, Glenderg, Newtownstewart, Sion Mills, Finn, Clare, Victoria Bridge, Dunnamanagh, Plumbridge, Slievekirk, Artigarvin.

Limavady Borough Council: Dungiven, The Highlands, Greysteel1, Feeny, Upper Glenshane, Glack, Magillian, Claudy2, Ballykelly, Forest, Aghanloo2, Greysteel2, Super Output Areas

The project is led by the Public Health Agency (PHA), an agency of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), which was set up to improve the health and social wellbeing of people in Northern Ireland. The project is funded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and the PHA.

We can arrange for a trained Community Representative to call at households to speak to them and provide help with:

Energy Efficiency Grants

- Access to Community Transport and a Translink Smart Pass

- An Occupational Therapy Assessment
- A Home Safety Check
- Benefit Entitlements Check
- Information and access to a range of local services in your area.

They can also ask a family member/friend to be present during the visit if you wish.

Our Community Representative can also meet and carry out individual assessments at the arranged visit with other members of your household who are aged 18 or over to check if they are eligible for additional entitlements.

Interpreting services can be made available on request.

If you know of people who would wish to participate in this project and would like one of our Community Representatives call to see them, please complete the reply slip and return it to the address below or phone Brian on 028816 62588 to arrange a suitable time. We can also forward freepost envelopes if requested

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10 CDHN Networking Event & 18th Annual General Meeting

TOMORROW Friday 8th February 2013, 9.15am - 1.30am
The Sandel Centre, Coleraine

CDHN will be hosting a networking event (incorporating CDHN'S 18th AGM) on 8th February 2013 entitled: "Welfare Reform – The Implications for Communities in Northern Ireland"

The Keynote Speaker for this event will be Goretti Horgan, University of Ulster and Board Member of NIAPN Please see attached agenda and flyer for booking details (Event Booking Form)

We do hope you will be able to join us for the above Networking Event.

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11 Upcoming events with Rural Community Network

A Stitch in Time: Responding to Racism at a Local Level

Rural Community Network in partnership with EMBRACE NI invites all church and faith based organisations to an interactive workshop which will look at Racism and how we can respond to it locally. The workshop will be held on Thursday 21st February from 10.45am to 1.30pm in the Board Room of the Rural Community Network, 38a Oldtown Street, Cookstown BT80 8EF. To register please contact Teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or for further details contact Charmain@ruralcommunitynetwork.org. This workshop is free of charge to all participants.

Making Your Voice Count

This free workshop, delivered by Rural Community Network, will help volunteers and paid workers get a better understanding of the key components of effective lobbying and campaigning. Being able to develop and convey strong and coherent arguments to decision makers can be a key focus for many organisations and local communities.

Who is it for?

This workshop is ideal for those who may want to develop a better understanding of how to lobby and campaign on key issues affecting the communities in which they live or work. It will be primarily of interest to those who are relatively new or inexperienced in lobbying or campaigning.

Objectives:

The workshop will:

- Explore how policy decisions and changes can affect local communities
- Provide an understanding of the relevant individuals and agencies that you may seek to lobby on a particular issue
- Identify how groups can lobby and campaign and the factors that make an effective lobby

The training will be held in Rural Community Network, Cookstown from 9.30am to 1pm on Wednesday 8 May 2013.

To book at place at this workshop, please contact Teresa Mc Kernan at RCN on 028 8676 6670 or email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

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12 Theatre of Witness – Finding the Medicine in Stories of Suffering Transformation and Peace

You're cordially invited to the Book Launch of Teya's new book on **Sunday February 17th 4pm** at the Playhouse

Teya will read excerpts from her new book, followed by music, refreshments, and a book signing.

The book chronicles the author's 26 years of creating and producing theatre with people whose stories have previously gone untold, including prisoners and their families, refugees, survivors and former perpetrators of domestic abuse, ex-combatants and those who have lived through war. With an engaging and heartfelt narrative, it beautifully conveys the key principles of Theatre of Witness and explores the author's own journey that led to the conception and growth of this unique model of performance.

Exploring diverse human experiences in the United States, Poland and Northern Ireland, this book will be of interest to practitioners and students of applied theatre, women's studies, peace and conflict studies, professionals working in conflict resolution, counsellors, psychotherapists, professionals in the field of criminal and restorative justice, drama therapists, psychodramatists and spiritual seekers.

Ordering information:

Jessica Kingsley Press: Pre-order over the phone on +44 (0) 20 7833 2307 or look out for the book on www.jkp.com.

For more information, contact Teya at: teyatova@aol.com

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13 Training Offers with SALTO Youth

Please see attached for training opportunities with Salto Youth to include: **Empowerment, Inspiration and Action in Youth Organizations, New Links for the Future and Re-thinking Youth Participation: Breaking Patterns, Changing Practice** plus many more.

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14 Find out about foodbank

Today families near you will be struggling to feed their children. These people are not homeless. They are the UK's hidden hungry. 13 million people are living below the poverty line in the UK, foodbanks provide emergency food to people in crisis.

The Trussell Trust equips churches to launch foodbanks in their local area. With over 300 foodbanks launched nationwide, our vision is to see a foodbank in every UK town.

Will you help make this vision a reality?

Find out more about foodbank from Hannah Badger, The Trussell Trust's Foodbank Network Development Officer:

Tuesday 19 February at 8pm, St Patrick's Hall, Barrack Street, Strabane, BT82 8HD

Contact strabanecommunityproject@btinternet.com for more information

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15 'Understanding the Small Claims Court'

The Consumer Council has produced a new leaflet 'Understanding the Small Claims Court', which explains how and when to the Small Claims Court in Northern Ireland. The leaflet also outlines the steps consumers can take to resolve a complaint before considering making a claim through the Small Claims Court.

For a free copy of the 'Understanding the Small Claims Court' leaflet contact the Consumer Council on 0800 121 6022 or download a copy at www.consumerCouncil.org.uk/publications

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16 Craft Fair

The Vale Centre in Greysteel will host their next **Craft + Gift Fair** on Sunday 3rd March from **2pm to 5pm**. So far we have 30 tables booked in. Tables are still available. Application forms can be downloaded on our website www.thevalecentre.com - Click on news +events and then online newsletter or contact us on 02871812253 / find us on facebook - Vale Centre Craft Fair.

A great event not to be missed!! Come along and see our crafters displaying their goods + gifts and building up a craft mecca for their customers.

Refreshments will be available from Lucille's kitchen. There will also be music from Drive 105 DJ Raymond O Hara. For the kids there will be balloon modelling, face painting and come along to see Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Submit an article - Email info@nwc.org to submit an article for inclusion in E-Bulletin.

When submitting an article for inclusion in this E-Bulletin, please conform to the following guidelines to ensure not only inclusion but clear understanding of the information you wish to convey:

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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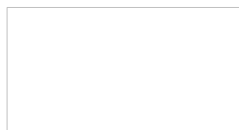
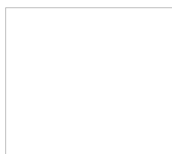
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