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1 PESP Event: Clever Committees ~ Training for Committee Members

Tuesday 14th May: Understanding Finance ~ The Basics
Tuesday 11th June: Submitting Successful Funding Applications

Venue: St Columb's Park House
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm (Registration and tea/coffee from 6.15pm)
Cost: **FREE.**

This is a great opportunity for your committee members or staff to revise or update their skills around their roles and responsibilities. They will gain expertise in completing application forms and sourcing funding opportunities. Participants will also be taken on a step by step revision of the financial documents required for committees.

To register or for further information please contact Nuala or Gabrielle Email: nuala@nwcni.org or email: gabrielle@nwcni.org / Tel: 028 7136 8811

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2 Compassionate Communities: Understanding and Valuing End of Life Care Masterclass

Thursday 16 May 2013, Beech Hill Hotel, Derry~Londonderry, 9am – 3pm
Free of charge and lunch will be provided

This event is aimed at community and voluntary organisations, and domiciliary care workers who are supporting those living with advanced illness.

The event aims to explore:

- The essential role of the carer
- The importance of collaborative and integrative models of care
- The core importance of communication

There are a wide range of groups involved in this work in the community including clergy, community organisations and health care professionals ~ All are welcome.

To book a place please contact either:

Colleen Harkin, Macmillan Palliative Care Improvement Lead, WHSCT: 07525 897184
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Gabrielle Quinn, PESP Project Officer, North West Community Network: 07595 748009
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This event has been organised in partnership by the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Participation, Engagement and Skills Project (PESP)

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3 Heritage Enterprise Grants

Heritage Enterprise supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

You can apply for a grant from £100,000 to £5million.

You can read more about Heritage Enterprise in the application guidance. Your application will have a better chance of success if you read this thoroughly before you apply.

The difference we want to make:

Historic buildings are known to attract thriving businesses, and yet many of them lie vacant and derelict. With a Heritage Enterprise grant you can breathe new life into historic sites by repairing, adapting and giving them a productive new use. By funding much of the repair costs we hope to encourage private developers to work with community organisations to deliver commercially viable schemes.

You can read about the positive impact historic buildings have on the UK's economy in the newly published research [New ideas needs old buildings](#).

Heritage Enterprise projects should achieve all of the outcomes listed below.

Outcomes for heritage

With our investment, heritage will be:

- better managed
- in better condition
- Outcomes for people

With our investment, people will have:

- developed skills
- learn about heritage
- Outcomes for communities

With our investment:

- environmental impacts will be reduced
- your local area/community will be a better place to live, work or visit
- your local economy will be boosted

Application process

Heritage Enterprise applications go through a two-round process. This is so that you can apply at an early stage of planning your project and get an idea of whether you have a good chance of getting a grant before you send us your proposals in greater detail.

At the first and second round, we assess your application in three months, and then it goes to the next decision meeting

Your development phase can take up to 24 months, depending on the complexity of your project
We recommend that you send us a project enquiry form before you apply. [Register a project enquiry](#).

Decision meetings

Your grant request determines which decision meeting your application will go to. This is the combined total of your development grant (if applicable) and delivery grant.

Grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2million

Decisions are made by our committees in Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England, which meet every three months. Contact your local HLF office for more information on deadline and meeting dates.

Grant requests of £2million and up to £5million

Decisions are made every two months by our Board of Trustees.

Application forms and all supporting documents need to have been received by HLF no later than the following dates:

13 June for the Board meeting on 24 September 2013

8 August for the Board meeting on 19 November 2013

17 October for the Board meeting on 28 January 2014

13 December for the Board meeting on 25 March 2014

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>

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4 Grow Your Charity Online with Google

As a charity, you know better than anyone how tough it is doing incredible things on a shoestring budget. But did you know you could drum up even more volunteers and donations through social media, video and other online tools?

To tell you more, Google has teamed up with Media Trust and Charity Technology Trust to launch Grow Your Charity Online.

There are stacks of free tools to try, and you could even get extra support from Google Grants. Better still, you don't need to be a computer whiz to start seeing results.

<http://www.growyourcharityonline.com/uk>

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5 The NI Conversation, Assets & Ambition; Communities Leading Social Change

DTNI/Locality Conference - Derry, **26th-27th June 2013** - [Book Online at Eventbrite](#)

Who should attend?

'The NI Conversation 13' is a 'must attend' event for all members of development trusts across the UK. It is the 3rd sector 'event of the year' in Northern Ireland, bringing practitioners from across the UK and policy makers together under one roof.

'The NI Conversation 13' is your opportunity to network, converse, to debate and share ideas and best practice in supporting communities deliver social change through community enterprise, social action and community asset ownership and development.

Conference Highlights:

4 Key Plenary debates;

- ✓ Community enterprise & asset transfer
- ✓ Social change, renewal and regeneration
- ✓ Policy, finance & investment for the VCS and
- ✓ Community land use & renewable energy

Access to leading practitioners from across the UK
Best practice visits across the UK City of Culture

Topical seminar conversations including:

- ✓ the use of heritage assets
- ✓ community shares and
- ✓ community planning & neighbourhood budgeting
- ✓ Shaping the policy framework on asset transfer

Mayors drinks reception & evening networking meal

Don't miss out – Register to attend @ www.dtni.org.uk

Please contact Seaneen McLoughlin, seaneen.mcloughlin@dtni.org.uk if you have any questions.

A full programme and information about DTNI can be found by visiting <http://dtni.org.uk/conference>

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6 11th EUSE Conference – 11th-13th June Dublin

Leading World Experts to Speak in Dublin on **Disability and Employment**

Some of the world's leading experts in the field of employment and disability have been confirmed for the European Union of Supported Employment (EUSE) Conference taking place in Dublin next month.

The EUSE conference, hosted by the Irish Association of Supported Employment (IASE), and sponsored by the Rehab Group, takes place in Croke Park Stadium and Conference Centre, from **June 11th to June 13th**.

The conference will see hundreds of delegates from more than 30 countries, across five continents meet in Dublin for three days.

It will address some of the most pressing issues, latest developments and newest innovations from around the world in the area of supporting people with disabilities and other marginalised groups into jobs.

More than 50 talks, workshops and events are included in the programme – go to www.eusedublin2013.com

Key note speakers include:-

- Dr. Paul Wehman, one of the original pioneers of supported employment and a top thinker in the field, both in the U.S. and internationally, will travel to Dublin to present a keynote talk.
- Dr. Rachel Perkins, OBE, a preeminent expert in the area of mental health and employment is also a keynote speaker.
- Angela Kerins, chief executive, of the Rehab Group, and Caroline Casey, founder of business and disability charity Kanchi, are also delivering talks.

The parallel workshop sessions include the presentation of projects on: supporting people on the autism spectrum into jobs; transitioning from education to employment for young people with disability; bullying in the workplace and how it affects people with intellectual disability; mental health and work; the benefits barrier; working creatively with employers; and supported employment in a recession.

The conference has been recognised at the highest level by the policy and decision makers of Europe as it has been included in the official calendar of events for the Irish presidency of the Council of the EU.

For more information or to register visit: www.eusedublin2013.com

Further information:

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7 John Paul Lederach Workshop

'If you always do what you always did you always get what you always got' – hence it is useful to look at alternative models of leadership.

John Paul Lederach, one of the most respected academics and practitioners of peace building. Participants will be introduced to some of the ideas in Lederach's book *The Moral Imagination* - the 'moral imagination' being the capacity to imagine and build processes that are rooted in the day-to-day challenges of violence and yet transcend these. Lederach's work offers one alternative model drawn from a wide range of international peacebuilding practice.

This workshop will explore core themes in the *Moral Imagination* through exercises and discussion. These include: building a web of relationships; engaging in creative acts; taking risks and curiosity.

This free workshop is part of the Open Programme supported under the Northwest Peace III Community Leadership Programme.

Course Details

Venue: Omagh Enterprise Centre

Date & Time: 14 May 10.00 – 13.00

Venue: Strabane & Lifford Women's Centre

Date & Time: 15 May 10.00-13.00

Venue: **St, Columb's Park House, L/Derry**
Date & Time: 16 May 10.00 – 13.00

Places should be booked by contacting Maurice Mullen on 02871369947 or Maurice.mullen@wea-ni.com.

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8 Amma's Envoy to speak at Thornhill College

Br. Shubamrita Chaitanya is coming to Derry on **Tuesday 21st May** and will be speaking on the topic 'Happiness is a Decision' at Thornhill College on the Culmore Road, Derry at 7.30pm. This evening of practical spiritual wisdom, music and guided meditation is free and all are welcome to come and bring friends.

Br Shubamrita lived with Amma (the Hugging Mother) as a monastic disciple since 1989.
www.embracingtheworld.org

His talks are applicable to all fields of life: nurturing personal growth through spiritual understanding and practices, illustrating effective management techniques for both professional and personal life, empowering youth to become responsible leaders and fostering dialogue between religious traditions. Feel free to turn up on the night.

For more information contact Mary at 00353749376592 or 00353868780912

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9 Towards Understanding and Healing

FREE EVENTS:

- **So you say: "I should forgive"?**

Verbal Arts Centre: Blue Coat Room, Stable Lane, Derry- Londonderry.
Tuesday 21st May, 10am – 1pm with light lunch at 1pm

Facilitated by Seamus Farrell on behalf of Towards Understanding and Healing

The legacy of the Troubles lives on in those wounded and bereaved, whether before or after the signing of the Belfast Agreement. Praiseworthy instances where victims have been able to forgive the perpetrator(s), combined with the Gospel instruction to "Love your enemies", sometimes have resulted in victims feeling (or coming) under pressure to forgive. Forgiveness is by no means as simple as seems often implied. It is for each individual concerned to choose whether to or when to forgive.

This session, with the help of victims of the conflict, will seek to explore forgiveness in relation to individuals but also in the context of the justice and truth recovery requirements of a society seeking to emerge from conflict.

Places allocated on a first come first served basis.

- **Threading Your Life Through Beads- A personal storytelling process**

Wednesday 22nd May Strabane Library Room 4, 10 am til 3pm, Light lunch provided

Facilitated by Frances McAneny and Brigid Mc Elroy
A Towards Understanding and Healing event in association with Strabane District Council

- **"The Protestant experience- uncomfortable truths?" in association with Community Dialogue, LINC and CCWA.**

Thursday 23rd May City Hotel, Corinthian Room 10am-2pm, Light lunch, 1pm

Blue Eagle Productions present two scenes from "Exiled"
Brian Dougherty, director St Columbs Park House and Eamonn Deane, Holywell Trust in conversation.
Event chaired by Maureen Hetherington, Director the Junction

For further information or to book a place on any of these events (particularly for catering purposes) please contact Aileen Nicholl @ 02871361942; email: aileen@holywelltrust.com

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10 Churches In Exile

The Junction in association with The Columba Press cordially invites you to the launch of Churches in Exile – Alternative Models of Church for Ireland in the 21st Century by Cathy Higgins

Date: **Monday 13 May 2013, 1.00-2.00pm**

Venue: St Augustine's Church, Palace Street (off Society Street), Derry/Londonderry
Speaker: Dr Johnston McMaster (Ethical and Shared Remembering Project, The Junction)
RSVP by 7th May 2013 to Maureen at mhetherington@thejunction-ni.org

The book explores the future of the churches in Ireland and the diverse models of church from the past and present that offer ethical models of engaged faith and practice that are an antidote to the present malaise in Irish churches, struggling under the collapse of moral authority and belief systems.

The book challenges contemporary church to be a counter-cultural movement that meets the real need for more authentic expressions of faith rooted in a spirituality of justice and peace.

The book explores and unpacks the deep theological roots of sectarianism in a style that is not only informative but highly engaging. Anyone and everyone interested in challenging sectarianism, at all levels, will find this book an invaluable resource.

Please let me know if you are available to come along for catering arrangements: mhetherington@thejunction-ni.org

11 'Sure It's All In The Past...' (Free Workshops)

The Decade of Commemorations 1912 – 1922

Are you interested in British and Irish history but fell asleep in class?
Then this is the opportunity for you!

Using PowerPoint, discussion, film, music, drama and activities, learn about the history of 100 years ago and reflect on how it impacts us today. You will find out about Home Rule; the Solemn League and Covenant; the formation of the Irish Volunteers; the Trade Union Movement; the Dublin Lockout; Suffragettes; the Somme; the Easter Rising; The War of Independence; The Irish Civil War; and Partition.

Venue: St.Columb's Park House, Derry~Londonderry
Date/Time: **Friday 7th June** 9.30am – 4.30pm
25 places – first come first served – no cost – light lunch included

No previous history knowledge required!

To register contact: Sue Divin sdivin@btinternet.com or mob: 07761969755

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12 Invitation To Diablo

The No More Traffik team are pleased to extend an exclusive invitation to DIABLO on **Monday 13th May 2013** at 8pm at Waterside Theatre & Arts Centre, Derry/Londonderry.

DIABLO is a new hard-hitting theatrical production about human trafficking, written and directed by Patricia Downey, Artistic Director of Spanner in the Works Theatre Company. The play deals with a challenging subject matter which often goes unnoticed here in Northern Ireland.

Speaking about the play, Patricia says "Human trafficking is a fast growing criminal enterprise due to the fact it is relatively low risk with a high profit potential. Criminal organisations are increasing attracted to it because, unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly."

Please note:

that the play contains violent /sexual language
and scenes which may cause offence to some people,
and contains material which some viewers may find disturbing.

"Disturbing" ... this the reality of the world of modern day slavery, and this disturbance is something about which we would like to see the word spread.

We would be delighted to welcome you to the show.

Tickets cost £8.00 and can be purchased:
online at www.nomorettraffik.com/diablo
or by emailing northwestact@hotmail.co.uk

An age restriction of over 18 applies on all tickets.

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13 My Guide – Derry~Londonderry

Guide Dogs NI and the North West Volunteer Centre have formed a partnership to help make the City of Culture events accessible to as many blind and partially sighted people as possible. My Guide Ambassador Arlene Verner has trained 22 members of the Culture Crew in Community Sighted Guiding.

The Culture Crew are volunteers recruited to assist and promote the range of events that will be ongoing across the Maiden City throughout 2013.

The training will enable the volunteers to provide sighted guiding assistance at venues as well as meeting visitors from transport hubs to guide them to their destination, giving people with a visual impairment the confidence to visit Derry-Londonderry and enjoy the range of cultural events on offer.

If you would require sighted guide assistance you can contact the NW Volunteer centre on 028 7127 1017 or e-mail: john@volunteeringnorthwest.co.uk

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14 Anti-Racism Equality & Diversity Training

Title: Anti-Racism Equality and Diversity Training
This is a Two-days accredited at OCN Level 2 course open to anyone working in Community Groups, Business, Schools or any other organization.
Aimed at helping participants to learn & understand Anti-Racism & Diversity Awareness and other issues.
NICEM will be facilitating the tutors.

Date: **Monday 10th June 2013 & Monday 17th June 2013**
Time: Registration 9.45am. Training 10am to 4pm. (Lunch will be provided by SECA)
Venue: Strabane District Caring Services. (Day Room)
Please note places are limited.

This course is being provided free courtesy of Strabane District Council in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Please return booking form (attached) by 4th June 2013
Bobby Rao, SECA, 32-36 Bridge Street, Strabane, BT82 9AE

15 'Tapestry of Colours' – A film by Zhenia Mahdi-Nau

As part of Community Relations Week 2013, Strabane District Council is screening the documentary by acclaimed director Zhenia Mahdi-Nau, 'Tapestry of Colours'.

'Tapestry of Colours' is an emotive feature length documentary which explores the fusion of cultures in Northern Ireland and poses several questions on identity, culture and equality, featuring personal and moving accounts set against colourful and unusual festivals with a strong emphasis on music.

The screening will be preceded by a short 10 minute film entitled. The screening will be preceded by a short 10 minute film 'Living in the Half Light' by the same director, and the main feature will be followed by a panel discussion including the Director herself, local MLA's and the Executive Director of the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities. The panel will be chaired by Bronagh Crunney Byran, cultural diversity trainer and facilitator. The event will conclude with music and dance performances reflecting the diversity that exists in Northern Ireland.

The making of this film was funded by NICRC Media Fund Scheme and ZMN Creative Studio. An inspiration and a revelation, Tapestry of Colours is the film not to be missed this year

For further information contact Amanda Biega, Good Relations Officer, Strabane District Council
T: 028 71 38220 / E: abiega@strabanedc.com

THIS EVENT IS FREE

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16 Benefit concert in support of HURT

Charity music night in aid of HURT to be held in Sandino's on **Friday 10th May** at 9.0 clock.

Music by Border Blues Project with special guests Kevin Breslin (Energy Orchard) & Sean McCarron plus more.

Tickets £4 available at Sandinos or HURT 14 Clarendon Street.

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17 Ladies Day at the YMCA ~ LegenDerry Ladies Ltd Showcase Event

Location: YMCA, Drumahoe, Derry/Londonderry
Date: **Saturday 11th May 2013**, Time: 11am to 4pm
Admission: Free, everyone welcome.

LegenDerry Ladies Ltd are a group of lovely ladies who have set up their own enterprises from home and who are really a force for growth in a time of recession. We formed as a collective at the start of March and have come together to support each other through sharing ideas and best practice, organising events and helping each other. We have gone from strength to strength with an eclectic mix of businesses and have over 200 ladies within the group already.

Our first showcase event will be a fantastic day out for anyone who wants to come along. We will be in the YMCA at Drumahoe with around 50 of our ladies businesses in every nook and cranny of the building on that day. There will be something for everyone: scrumptious cupcakes; handbags; fashion advice; boutique Danish fashion; handmade jewellery; stationery; accessories; beauty; paintings; knitting; sewing; crochet; hand crafted items for the home; vintage tea party; pet accessories as well as activities for the kids including music workshops and face painting. We also will have some craft workshops running on the day too.

Our aim of the day is showcase our group to the community, to bring the talent of our ladies to the public and to introduce our collective. Hopefully it will inspire people to become entrepreneurs themselves as well. It will be the first of many showcases for our group.

Contact Information:
Ann Marie Coyle/Gillian Lamrock
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243 Woodbrook, BT48 8FH

07542859797

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/legenderryladiesLtd/>

Email: gillian.simpson@hotmail.com

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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

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

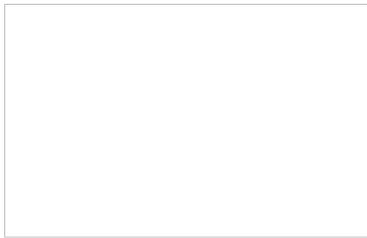
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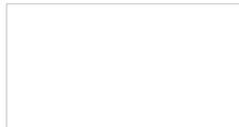
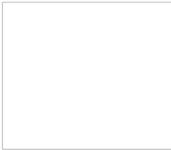
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