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1 Sky Arts Futures Fund

For the third year running Sky Arts, in association with IdeasTap, is giving away five £30,000 bursaries and mentoring support to talented artists aged 18-30 from the UK and Ireland. And this year, it could be you...

Sky Arts recognises that there's an incredible amount of young talent in the arts today, but finding a way to get your work made is an ever-present challenge – so together we're on the lookout for five more artists to support.

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The fund is designed to help emerging artists from a range of different disciplines to develop their creative practice and take their work to the next level. In addition to the £30,000 bursary, winners are also paired with relevant business and creative mentors from Sky and their industry to support them along the way.

Producer Kate Whitley, one of our 2013 Futures Fund artists, said: "Winning the Futures Fund has been totally transformative for my work – as well as the financial support, it has offered a wealth of knowledge and experience that I would never have come across otherwise. It has completely turned the project around and helped it grow in ways that I couldn't have even imagined!"

Now for the important bit... we'll be giving away five bursaries in this round, and the Futures Fund is open to applications from individuals working in the following fields:

- **Performing arts:** theatre-makers including directors, producers, spoken word artists, puppeteers and live artists
- **Dance:** dancers and choreographers
- **Music:** musicians, composers, songwriters and conductors
- **Visual art:** including painters, sculptors, photographers, animators and digital artists
- **Creative producing:** do you bring together disparate parts of culture in exciting and innovative ways? This category is open to creative producers working in visual arts, theatre, film and performance/dance
- **Creative writing:** including playwrights, novelists, graphic novelists and poets – but not film or TV scripts

The five winners won't necessarily come from five different categories. Looking at all the applications, the judges will pick the five entries they believe to be the strongest overall.

How to Apply: [Apply by Clicking Here](#)

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2 Timebank Small Grants Programme now open

Volunteer Now has launched the 2014/15 Small Grants Programme, funded by Atlantic Philanthropies, to

support organisations and communities across Northern Ireland to develop Timebanks in their local area. Timebanks are a way for people to come together to help others and help themselves at the same time by sharing their skills in the community. Participants 'deposit' their time by giving practical help and support to others and are able to make a 'withdrawal' when they need help or support themselves.

Funding is being made available through the initiative which primarily supports and involves older people to take the lead in making a positive and lasting change in their community. Volunteer Now is offering grants of up to £3,000 to explore ways of supporting people and groups to share their skills and be rewarded in time.

Information sessions will be held across Northern Ireland to support individuals and groups that are interested in applying for a grant to support the development of a Timebank. Dates and venues will be confirmed at www.volunteernow.co.uk

For Small Grants guidance notes and application forms go to: www.volunteernow.co.uk/volunteering/timebanking

Closing dates for completed applications is 20 December 2013.

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3 Launch of UnLtd's Building Futures Programme

UnLtd is pleased to announce today the launch of Building Futures – our new support programme for the social housing sector.

We are inviting expressions of interest from housing providers, affiliate bodies, social housing networks and support organisations to become Building Futures partners.

We are looking for 10 forward-thinking organisations in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to work with us to learn and share what works in helping young people, aged 16 to 21 and living in social housing, to start up and grow social ventures.

We know that the social housing sector can play a pivotal role in creating the fertile ground in which talented young people – given the right opportunities and support – can find solutions to the problems they and their communities face.

UnLtd Building Futures aims to identify effective ways of supporting and growing young social entrepreneurs and strengthen the support your organisation currently offers.

We are offering partners:

- Our unique model for improving people's lives and helping the local area.
- Up to £10,000 as a contribution towards an awards pot for young social entrepreneurs in your local community.
- Up to £2,000 for promotion and marketing.
- Up to £1,000 for engaging with existing social entrepreneurs.
- Tailored support and access to our skills, expertise and resources.
- Training for a young person in your network as a community reporter.

To find out more about what a Building Futures Partnership offers and how to become a partner, download a prospectus from our website at: <http://unltd.org.uk/buildingfutures>

Please send your expression of interest (EOI) to buildingfutures@unltd.org.uk and you will be invited to make a full application as appropriate.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 22 October, 2013.

If you would like further guidance on the Building Futures programme, please call Louise Cannon on 0121 766 4570 or email your question to buildingfutures@unltd.org.uk

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4 Do you know a socially active and inspirational young person?

Nominate them for a prestigious Diana Award today!

The Diana Award is a worldwide organisation that celebrates and motivates inspirational and socially active young people. Whether they be volunteers, fundraisers, campaigners, mentors, carers or anyone who has worked for the benefit of others we want to hear about them!

The Diana Award was founded as a legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world for the better.

Since 1999, the Diana Award has recognised 39,000 young people who have made a positive difference to their community. By shining the spotlight on these young people with the Diana Award, it establishes them as role models to others. But receiving a Diana Award is only the beginning.

Through the Diana Network and our anti-bullying and mentoring programmes, we engage, encourage and empower young people to keep up the good work!

Nominations for the Diana Award are now open and we welcome nominations for individuals and groups of young people under our five award categories:

- **Diana Anti-Bullying Champion** for young people who tackle bullying
- **Diana Active Campaigner** for young people who run campaigns
- **Diana Champion Fundraiser** for young people who raise money for good causes
- **Diana Champion Volunteer** for young people who give their time to improve the lives of others
- **Diana Courageous Citizen*** for a young person whose courageous approach to life has made a direct impact on the lives of others. (*individuals only)

Whether your nominee is based in the UK or internationally, making a nomination is simple and it will change that young person's life forever. Don't wait, go to www.diana-award.org.uk and nominate online today!

If you would like us to email you a nomination form, please contact Daniel.gothard@diana-award.org.uk

The nomination deadline is 15th November 2013.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Diana Award, our ongoing youth programmes or would like to discuss organisational synergies please do get in touch!

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5 Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Annual Housing Awards

Organisations and individuals are invited to submit nominations for the 5th Annual Housing Awards, organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) in NI.

The awards aim to provide a benchmark of excellence in housing, highlighting the best practice, innovation and commitment that goes into building not just homes, but also vibrant communities.

There are 10 categories in this year's awards, which are sponsored by the Housing Executive and are open to public, private and voluntary organisations across the housing industry.

Shortlisted entrants will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony on 28th February 2014 at Belfast City Hall, hosted by Des Ewing from BBC 1 NI's 'House of the Year' and CIH Northern Ireland Board Vice Chair, Laura O'Dowd from Supporting Communities NI.

The closing date for entries is Friday 6th December 2013.

Full details of the Award Categories and how to apply are in their 2014 launch brochure and available on the dedicated Awards website: http://www.cih.org/news-article/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/news-article/data/CIH_Northern_Ireland_launches_2014_Housing_Awards

You will also find information on:

- Last year's winners
- Sponsorship opportunities
- How to book

For enquiries, please contact CIH on 028 9077 8222 or at ni@cih.org

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6 Do you know anyone who needs free help to get out of debt?

(Christians Against Poverty - Foyle Branch)

1. CAP – (Christians against Poverty): is a free debt counselling charity.

The Foyle branch in Derry~Londonderry is interested in hearing from/helping individuals and families who need free advice/support to get out of debt. (CAP has 218 UK centres – 20 in N.Ireland). At present they are handling £4.3M of secondary debts on behalf of 450 Northern Irish clients alone.

CAP is funded by churches, the one in Derry being Cornerstone City Church – but the service is provided free to anyone regardless of their background. They are based at Spencer House, 14-22 Spencer Rd. CAP is tailored to help the poor and socially marginalised. What makes CAP distinct from other debt counsellors is that they take a holistic approach to clients visiting them in their own home where they can feel more secure, recognising that debt can often be a symptom of wider issues. CAP have a team of dedicated volunteer support workers that play a key role in supporting clients practically and emotionally through friendship and personal support.

How it works:

The first step a person needs to take is to ring the CAP free phone number 0800 328 0006 to make an appointment; this takes courage, as no one likes to discuss their debt problems with just anyone. When they ring the head office in Bradford they will be asked a few questions about their circumstances. They will then be given an appointment with their Local Foyle CAP Manager, who will visit them with a support worker and discuss their debts. They will gather information on a Fact Find Form which is sent off to Head Office for the attention of the Caseworkers, who can then start to work out a budget plan.

The client will be assigned to a team of Caseworkers, who will be available on a direct line Monday to Friday who they can speak to about any issues or fears they may have.

If they agree the client will open a CAP account which is like a bank account. This enables the client to make one easy monthly payment towards their entire bill and debt repayments which CAP distributes on their behalf. They can help anyone no matter how low the person's income is. CAP have developed a relationship with creditors such as banks, mortgage lenders and loan companies where they will agree to reduce payments and interest charges in many cases. There is hope, people don't have to face this alone and no debt has ever been so bad that it can't be dealt with.

For further information contact:

Linda Leonard - Foyle Centre Manager – working with BT47 & BT48
Mobile No. 0772486145

2. Interested in doing a free course to learn how to budget your money? (CAP Money Course Nov 2013)

Christians Against Poverty are running a 'Money Course' over 3 weeks in November 2013

It's main aim is to help and advise people on how to budget their money.

There are 12 free places available for anyone interested – further details of venue and dates available on request.

If you or your community organisation is interested in booking places please contact:

Linda Leonard - Foyle Centre Manager, Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

7 Ebrington Development Framework online survey

As part of the public consultation of the Ebrington Development Framework, Ilex is seeking your views and ideas on what you would like to see at Ebrington. We would appreciate if you took the time to complete this short questionnaire.

The deadline for responses is 5pm on Friday 11th October 2013.

The survey should only take a couple of minutes to do. Just click on:

<http://ilex-urc.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/ilex/copy-ebington-dev-framework-public-consultatio/>

8 R.E.A.C.H Across Youth Leadership Training In 2013

Cross-community youth group R.E.A.C.H Across is currently recruiting Volunteer Leaders (20yrs +) and Asst Leaders (18yrs +) for its 2014 youth programme. Applications are welcome from throughout the western region of N. Ireland and Donegal and transport is provided to and from residential and training courses.

A training session will take place on **Mon 21st Oct** (6.30-9.30pm) in the REACH Across office (above HSBC Bank) and will cover Child Protection, Volunteer Codes of Conduct, planning residential and volunteer duties. Participants will also receive information about activities, courses and international projects, planned for next year.

On completion of the training session, Leaders will be invited to supervise group members on outdoor activity residential, as well as a range of training courses, weekly group meetings, day trips etc.

Training courses for Leaders include Basic First Aid, Community Relations, Child Protection, Outdoor Activities, Youth Leadership, Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Art and Drama, Catering, Facilitation Skills, Counselling and Money Management. Activities include paintballing, laser quest, go-karting, canoeing, day trips, abseiling, trampolining, kick-boxing, band skills, cheerleading and adventure courses.

Residential weekends are staged at centres in Tobermore and Portrush. In 2014, R.E.A.C.H Across hope to organise International Youth Projects in Croatia and Lithuania, as well as a youth exchange with a group from Liverpool. Volunteers may also represent R.E.A.C.H Across at international youth conferences throughout Europe.

The principal aim of the project is to create cross-community contact between young people from the western part of N. Ireland (14-17yrs) and to provide new training and activity opportunities.

There is no cost for the Volunteer training evening and any follow-up training is also free for Leaders. Applicants must be 18 yrs old by November 30th 2013. If you would like an application form or require further information please contact the Project Co-ordinator on 028 71 280048 or e-mail reach_across@hotmail.com. R.E.A.C.H Across would also welcome applications from former members or leaders.

9 SEP Digital Toolkit Invitation

Are your services accessible to people with sensory loss?
Do you want to avail of free Deaf and Visual Awareness Training?
Do you want to be in a stronger position to train your own staff?

You are cordially invited to the launch of the Sensory Engagement Programme's free online training toolkit. This training resource comprises a series of short films and downloadable training materials.

The focus is raising awareness among service providers of what it is like to be blind, partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing and accessing every day services, with a particular focus on libraries, colleges and banks.

When: **Monday 21 October**
Where: City Hotel, Derry/L'Derry
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
BSL & ISL Interpreters provided.

Please RSVP by Monday 14 October. Email: sep@mib.org.uk

10 Support and Supervision Seminar for the Youth Work Sector

The Curriculum Development Unit in Partnership with YouthAction Northern Ireland, University of Ulster Community Youth Work Team, Magee and Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland are running a Seminar on Support and Supervision. The seminar is aimed at people across the Youth Work Sector. Drawing on both theory and practice the seminar will consider the skills required and highlight various tools and models that can be used within the supervision process.

Date: **Thursday 17th October 2013**
Time: 9.30am – Tea, Coffee and registration 10.00am Seminar starts – 3.30pm – Seminar ends
Venue: Room MD008 - Martha Magee Northland Road Derry BT48 7JL

If you would like to book a place please contact Noel or Leighann on 028 9448 2336 or email Leighann.mcconville@neelb.org.uk or noel.gallagher@neelb.org.uk

11 Policy Priorities for Racial Equality ~ Your opportunity to influence

The Equality Commission has updated its [policy priorities for racial equality](#). We want to ensure that our

priorities take into account the views of black and minority ethnic people and their representative organisations.

We will be using the priorities to seek to influence the development of the forthcoming revised OFMDFM Racial Equality Strategy and action plans.

To help develop our position we are holding a discussion event:

Belfast: **Monday 21st October 2013**, Board Room (Sixth Floor), Equality Commission, Equality House, 7-9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, 10am – 12pm
Lunch will be provided

At the events we will:

- Seek your views on the most important issues impacting on black and minority ethnic people in Northern Ireland
- Seek your views on the Commission's draft policy positions on racial equality

Interested in attending?

[Click here](#) to register for the Belfast event

You can also book a place by contacting Denise Bamford on 02890 500585 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (morning) only) or e-mail dbamford@equalityni.org

Places at the event are limited so early booking is advised.

If you are unable to attend any of the events but would like to tell us about the issues which are most important to you or to the people you represent please [e-mail your comments](#) to the Equality Commission.

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12 Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd

We are delighted to announce the establishment of a new social enterprise on 1st October 2013, Volunteer Now Enterprises Limited.

Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd has been established to support the work of the Charity, Volunteer Now. We have an expert team of staff who are committed to quality and effective customer relationships providing a service which is tailored just for you. We would love to hear from you about how we can help.

The following are some of the services we currently offer:

- Delivery of volunteer management courses from basic to third level;
- Delivery of training for volunteers;
- Supporting the development of leadership skills in a voluntary context;
- Conducting volunteer and staff consultations within organisations to inform development;
- Supporting organisations through change, conflict and problems;
- Support in developing volunteer policies, procedures and strategy at all levels;
- Restructure of volunteer programmes at local, national and international level;
- Delivery of safeguarding children or vulnerable adults training programmes;
- Delivery of World Host (recognised customer service) training;
- Delivery of vocational courses in training and assessment;
- Support and assessment against nationally recognised quality standards e.g. Investing in Volunteers, Approved Provider Standard (Mentoring and Befriending).

Here are some things that will be coming soon...

- Provision of accreditation options for volunteers to include a focus on employability;
- A programme of training on a range of new topic areas;
- Support and training to set up mentoring programmes;
- Support and training to set up befriending programmes;
- Development of community services such as befriending, volunteer driving or new initiatives that meet with policy changes in e.g. healthcare.

See something you would like to hear more about? Contact Lizanne Frawley on 028 9081 8308, Mob: 078 5085 1830, lizanne.frawley@volunteemow.co.uk

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13 Infertility Network UK presents Think Positive workshops

Practical and emotional support for those who are trying to conceive

Venue: Diamond Room, Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB
From 7.00pm – 9.30pm (All free of charge)

- Arvigo Maya Massage – **16th October 2013**
- Fertility Reflexology and Yoga – **27th November 2013**
- Positive Relationships – **11th December 2013**
- Fertility Nutrition – **15th January 2014**
- Depression awareness – **12th February 2014**
- Fertility counselling – **12th March 2014**

For more information and to book a place:
Email sharondavidson@infertilitynetworkuk.com
Text: 078 3798 7562 or Phone: 028 9082 5677

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14 Theatre of Witness presents 'Sanctuary'

Illuminating the stories of those in exile, those seeking safe haven and those who have created oasis's of peace and healing in Northern Ireland.

New Theatre of Witness Production comes to The Playhouse Theatre, Derry-Londonderry
On **Thursday 17th October – Saturday 19th at 8pm**
Admission Free – booking essential
Followed by a light reception

To book your ticket contact 028 7126 8027
To find out more check out website on www.theatreofwitness.org

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15 Singing through the stigma

Join Aware defeat Depression with the Mayor of Derry and local choirs for this FREE event!

Stand in solidarity to show support for those with depression in Northern Ireland

Thursday 10 October 2013 @ 11am (World Mental Health Day)

The Peace Bridge, Ebrington Square End

Everyone welcome!

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16 Stroke Odysseys First Performance

Monday 4th November 2013, 7.30pm - The Playhouse, Derry~Londonderry

Stroke Odysseys is a creative music and storytelling initiative for those living and working with stroke in Derry/Londonderry.

The project seeks to give a voice to stroke survivors, their families and carers. Their stories gathered over the past few months have inspired songs and short films to be presented in this performance and a further performance on 5th November at the Playhouse, Derry/Londonderry.

RSVP by Friday 18th October

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17 "Still here...always have been" LGB & T Photographic Exhibition

@ the Alley Theatre, Strabane, **14th October – 8th November inclusive.**

Earlier this year, the WEA in partnership with The Rainbow Project ran a project entitled Me, Myself I, funded by the Arts Council NI Lottery and The Atlantic Philanthropies. "Me, Myself, I" is a unique photography project that examines identity in older age, helping to lead to a more positive self image as we grow older. The outcome of the project is a wonderful exhibition of photographic work. WEA is delighted to be working in partnership with Strabane District Council's Good Relations department to host the exhibition in the Alley Theatre to further showcase the art work of the project.

Me, Myself, I was offered out to older LGB & T people aged 50+. It is now a widely known phenomenon that we are growing older and living longer. Whilst this may be true, older people are still one of the most marginalised sectors in society and within this it is known that older Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual & Transgender people are more marginalised again. This project offered eleven participants the opportunity to examine issues of self identity for older LGB&T people in a series of photographic images and video installation. They have worked alongside Emmett McSheffrey, an emerging arts photographer from Derry City. His work has included photography exhibitions, film work and video projects. For this project he is using the work of Wendy Ewald and her idea of Literacy through Photography which has encouraged the participants to explore their own identity and world, photographing scenes of their own lives and use these images as a catalyst for verbal or written expression. Each participant has worked on a series of images exploring the themes: A Self Portrait, Transitions, My World and My Dreams. The results are a stunning exhibition which is both beautiful and thought provoking.

The exhibition entitled "Still here....always have been" will open in the Alley Theatre on Monday 14th October with an **official launch on Friday 18th October at 7pm**. It will run until 8th November.

For more information on the exhibition or to register for the launch, please contact Sinead Devine on 028 7136 9947.

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18 Do you have any local events that you wish to have featured in the 2014 DiverseCity Calendar

DCC Community Relations Officers are currently designing the DiverseCity Calendar 2014 and are compiling the list of local events happening locally next year.

If your group/organisations has any events that you wish to have included in the Calendar, please email name, date and location of event to angela.askin@derrycity.gov.uk **by Friday 11th October 2013.**

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19 Free Health and Wellbeing Workshops and Taster Sessions - World Mental Health Day 2013

Date: **Thursday 10 October**
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Venue: Derry Central Library

The Health in Mind project is holding a Health and Wellbeing road show to mark World Mental Health Day, Thursday 10 October 2013, in Derry Central Library; the event is free and open to all.

Come along to the library to enjoy taster complimentary therapy sessions and interactive stands covering a range of wellbeing themes from mood and food to stress management and relaxation. Information will be provided on a range of free and accessible health and wellbeing services from local organisations and libraries. Also on the day! Experience 'Reading Rooms' the innovative programme using 'reading aloud' and 'shared reading' to enhance people's health through literary arts.

Free wellbeing workshops!

- Laughter Yoga
11:00am - 12:00pm
Michelle Major of The Positive Pathway
- Food and Mood
2.45pm - 3.45pm
Morna Jardine of Vital Nutrition

For further information contact Derry Central Library on t: 028 7127 2310 or e: derrycentral.library@librariesni.org.uk.

For further details of all Health in Mind events and initiatives go to www.yourhealthinmind.org.uk.

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20 Panel Discussion of The Man Booker Prize 2013

Derry Central Library on **Tuesday 15th October 2013** at 8.00pm
On the panel is Liam Browne, Anita Robinson, Brian McGilloway and Jenni Doherty.

All welcome light refreshments will be served.

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21 Vale Centre Halloween Craft + Gift Fair Sunday 27th October

Our Halloween Craft and Gift Fair will take place on **Sunday 27th October from 2- 5pm**. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase some great items and have a look at some of the amazing local crafts

There will be crafters from all over the country displaying their beautiful crafts and gifts, so come along and get that someone special something nice.

For the children Mickey Mouse will be there to meet and greet them. Face painting and balloon modelling will also be available

Refreshments will be available from Lucille's kitchen.
Admission is 50p per adult and kids are free.

Come along and see some of the amazing crafts by talented local people.

Limited spaces available for this fair, give us a call on 028 71 812 253 for more information

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

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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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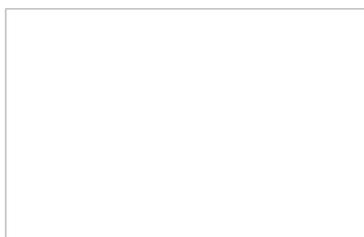
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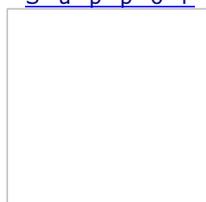
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