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1 Last chance to register for PESP's exciting course on Lobbying and Campaigning

Take Your Campaign To Stormont.....and beyond!! (**Starting Thursday 11 April 2013**)

Does your organisation have an issue it wants sorted??
Not sure how to go about it or who to talk to??

Then this course is for you...

- Develop your issue into a successful lobbying campaign
- Understand how policy works... and make it work for you!
- Understand the basics of successful lobbying and campaigning
- Meet your MLA's in their local constituency
- Understand local government
- Develop Presentation Skills. Define your USP (Unique Selling Point) and Elevator Pitch
- Visit Stormont
- Hear from organisations who have successfully lobbied on their issue.
- Gain ILM Level 3 qualification in Presentation Skills

This 10 day course (1 day per week over 10 weeks) is offered **FREE** to workers/volunteers of community organisations and is a brilliant opportunity to learn more about lobbying and campaigning while gaining accreditation. **Open to community organisations in Strabane, Derry and Omagh District Council areas and Limavady Borough Council area.**

Start date: **Thursday 11th April 2013**

Time: 9.30am-2.30pm

Venue: St Columb's Park House.

For further information or to receive application form, please contact PESP on 028 71368811 or Nuala: 075 4329 8322; nuala@nwcnc.org / Gabrielle 075 9574 8009; gabrielle@nwcnc.org

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2 Attwood announces £500,000 funding boost for projects to divert waste from landfill

Environment Minister Alex Attwood announced a £500,000 funding boost for projects that will divert waste from landfill and called for eligible applicants to apply.

£500,000 in total has been set aside with £250,000 allocated in 2013/14 and a further £250,000 in 2014/15.

The Rethink Waste revenue grants are aimed at projects that will contribute to the reduction of waste to landfill through recycling or reuse activity. Applications are invited from Community and Voluntary groups, the private sector, Councils and the three Waste Management Groups. Applicants may apply in their own right or in conjunction with a Council.

Alex Attwood said: "Diverting waste from landfill is a real win-win. It benefits the environment and assists the economy by easing the burden on ratepayers, businesses and councils who ultimately pay for increasing landfill taxes.

"These funds also provide much needed employment, training and volunteering opportunities in communities. I am genuinely impressed with the highly effective work of the community and voluntary sector, businesses and councils in seeking ways to minimise waste and boost recycling and reuse across Northern Ireland and I encourage all relevant organisations to apply."

This is the fourth year of funding from the Department of Rethink Waste revenue funds and over the past three years 27 Rethink Waste (Revenue) Fund Grants have been awarded for projects aimed at targeting behavioural change to encourage the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste.

Applications may be submitted in respect of projects spanning over the next two financial years, as well as those planned for 2013/14.

Further details on the application process, including the assessment criteria, application form and guidance notes are available on <http://www.rethinkwasteni.org/news-and-events/>

The closing date for applications is 29 April 2013.

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3 Sunday Life Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards

Is there an unsung hero in your life or community who deserves recognition in the Sunday Life Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards?

The finalists will be honoured at a gala ceremony later this year which will again be broadcast on UTV. Last year's ceremony attracted a TV audience of some 200,000 people across the country. The unique Northern Ireland-wide search will give recognition to those whose good deeds have previously gone mostly unnoticed.

The grand final for the Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards will take place on Friday 14 June at the Culloden Estate and Spa resort in Holywood.

Whether for demonstrating a spirit of compassion, neighbourliness, charity, enterprise, courage or devotion, all nominations are welcome.

Find out more or download the nomination form [here](#).

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4 The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – Nominations open!

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK for outstanding work carried out in their local communities. Since Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, the Queen has awarded this prestigious national honour to hundreds of volunteering groups across the UK.

Any group of 2 or more people undertaking local volunteering can be nominated for this award. The groups must be running for at least three years.

Sandra Adair, Director of Policy and Capacity, Volunteer Now said,

"The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the MBE for volunteer groups and recognises the commitment and contribution they make to their own communities. Volunteer Now is working with the Lord Lieutenants Association to promote the Award in Northern Ireland.

"This is an excellent opportunity to recognise voluntary groups who devote their time for the benefit of others - we often hear that organisations couldn't exist without them, so if you know of an outstanding group or organisation that you feel deserves recognition please nominate them"

For information on how to nominate a group go to <https://qavs.direct.gov.uk> or call 0207 271 6206

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5 Improve Your Funding Application Workshops

Diane Dodds, MEP will be offering eight "Improve Your Funding Application" workshops within the month of May. This will be facilitated by Dr Audrey McKeown my specialist Funding Adviser. As you know, securing funding is competitive but this workshop will give you lots of practical hints and tips to help ensure your application is strong and scores well. Please bring a pen and notepaper to make your own relevant notes.

If you plan to attend, please send the attached form to my office **before Wednesday 1st May.**

Please note the local event is Monday 20 May 2013, 7.30pm at Kilfennan Presbyterian Church, Londonderry.

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6 Latest Social Investment Fund (SIF) Minutes

Please find attached the latest minutes for the Derry~Londonderry SIF Steering Group Meeting which was held on 26th March 2013.

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7 Study community youth work at the University of Ulster

University of Ulster offers community youth work programmes at the Magee campus (in Derry) and the Jordanstown campus (7 miles from Belfast).

The following part-time programmes (undergraduate) are now recruiting for September 2013 entry on the Magee Campus:

[Certificate in Community Youth Studies](#) (Magee): This one-year programme provides training at pre-vocational level. Attendance is one day each week. The course provides education and training for students in the concepts and methods of community youth work relevant to the needs of the young people from diverse

backgrounds. The course has an excellent track record for providing further access into Higher Education and those interested in continuing to a recognised JNC professional qualification in youth work. Students study three compulsory modules including Engaging with Young People, Working with Young People and Reflective Practice and three optional modules. The Working with Young People module is a 'work-based learning' module in the students current employment (paid or unpaid).

Application deadline: 26th April 2013. For more information contact: Alastair McKinley (t: 028 71675410, e: a.Scott-McKinley@ulster.ac.uk)

Prospectus listing for more details: <http://study.ulster.ac.uk/prospectus/course/201314/10551>

BSc (Hons) Community Youth Work (Magee): This four-year NSETS-endorsed programme leads to a recognised JNC professional qualification in youth work. Attendance is one day each week. The programme integrates teaching and practice in its approach to learning. There are three work-based periods of assessed practice, over the four-year period. The modules of study reflect the need to develop knowledge and skills for Community Youth Work practice. The programme requires a commitment from applicants to participate actively in classroom activity and personal reflection. Teaching is interactive and informal with a range of assessment methods.

Application deadline: 26th April 2013. Contact: Alastair McKinley (t: 028 71675410, e: a.Scott-McKinley@ulster.ac.uk) or Breda Friel (t: 028 71675765, e: bn.friel@ulster.ac.uk)

Prospectus listing for more details: <http://study.ulster.ac.uk/prospectus/course/201314/10551>

If interested you should apply directly to the University of Ulster via our prospectus using the online application form (https://srssb.ulster.ac.uk/PROD/bwskalog.P_DispChoices), further information and details of the above programmes, can be found at www.ulster.ac.uk

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8 Social Enterprise NI ~ Showcasing Social Enterprises

Social Enterprises not only contribute to the economy but exist to employ local people and generate Social Value. You have heard their names, now visit some of the shining stars on location and experience what happens on a daily basis.

Thursday 18 April

10am – Bus leaving Stormont
10.30am – Orchardville, Coca Cola Bottling Plant (tour then presentation)
12.30pm – Stepping Stones, Lisburn (tour then lunch)
2.30pm – Bus leaving for return to Stormont

Friday 26 April

10am – Bus leaving Stormont
10.30am – Chocolate Memories (tour of factory and Chocolate Making Workshop)
12.30pm – Accept Care, Daisy Café, Ards Hospital Site (Tour then lunch)
2.30pm – Bus leaving for return to Stormont

Why attend?

- Social Enterprise is in the Programme for Government
- Tours and presentations from the individuals who work and train within the Social Enterprises, as well as what it means to them to have a job
- Gain an insight into examples of best practice and the challenges faced by the sector
- Find out how Social Enterprises and the private sector are working together in partnership

Interactive ~ Inspirational ~ Thought Provoking

To find out more about the Social Enterprises or to RSVP, please contact Juliet Cornford: email: events@socialenterpriseni.org / Tel: 028 9267 8200 / www.socialenterpriseni.org

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9 PPI Engagement Event

The Chairman of the Western Health and Social Care Trust, Mr Gerard Guckian cordially invites you to attend a celebration event to showcase Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) work within the Trust.

When: **Monday 22 April 2013**

Where: Residential Centre, Ulster-American Folk Park, Omagh (BT78 5QY)

Time: 1.15 pm - 3.00 pm

Lunch will be provided at 1:15 pm

Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) is also known as Service User Involvement and can be described as: "how service users; patients, clients and carers (including the public) can have their say about care and treatment, and the way services are planned and delivered."

The Western Trust's PPI Toolkit and first PPI Annual Report will be launched at this event. There will be an opportunity to find out, from service users and Trust staff, about current PPI work within the Trust.

If you have any specific support needs or dietary requirements please notify the Equality, Human Rights & PPI Office as soon as possible.

RSVP please by Tuesday 16 April 2013 to:

Equality, Human Rights & PPI Office, Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital, 1 Donaghane Road, Omagh, BT79 0NS
Telephone: 028 8283 5278; E-mail: equality.admin@westerntrust.hscni.net

This event has been funded by the Public Health Agency

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10 Border Lives Project to capture local community experiences on film

An exciting new storytelling project called 'Border Lives' will get underway this month, which will create six short films capturing people's life and experiences along the border region of Northern Ireland during the conflict years to the present day.

The 'Border Lives' project team will be holding a series of information evenings across the North West for anyone who may be interested in coming forward to share and tell their story.

They want to hear the 'everyday' stories of how people adapted their daily lives and routine amidst the violence, fear, isolation, and uncertainty of the conflict but also show the humour, friendships, and community spirit that existed.

The information evenings will include a presentation about the project and welcome guest speaker Mervyn Smyth from Belfast Exposed Gallery who will show and discuss photos from their 30 year archive.

Monday 15th April in Civic Room, Strabane Library at 7pm
Wednesday 17th April in Verbal Arts Centre, Derry-Londonderry at 7pm
Thursday 18th April in Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny at 7pm

The Border Lives project is run by Tyrone Donegal Partnership and funded by the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Community Relations Council/ Pobal Consortium.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/BorderLives or contact Project Officer Sarah Bryden at s.bryden@tyronedonegalpartnership.org and +44(0)2882252112.

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11 Invitation to take part in an exciting new carnival project!

Carnival Connects will bring 8 groups from Derry & Inishowen together to work in pairs to design, develop and create x 4 carnival pageant pieces which will reflect and celebrate the diverse individual and collective identities of each group.

Groups will showcase their work with performance events:

The Ubuntu Global Festival , St Columb's Park, Derry- Sat June 1st

&

An Griannan Festival / Feile Grianan Ailigh, Grianan, Inishowen- Sat June 22nd

The programme is designed to be exploratory and very much hands on, with cultural exchange and learning taking place throughout the creation of wonderful pageant pieces which can include all forms of carnival arts such as prop and costume making, drumming, dance and movement

Your group will have the opportunity to meet new people, visit new places, develop your creative skills and show off your talents!

The programme requires a commitment to:

- a minimum of 18 hours creating time
- performance at x 2 showcase events

Timetabling of workshops, venue hire and transport will be scheduled around the needs of groups to enable participation.

If you and your group would like to take part please fill in the short expression of interest form attached and return to Sharon Meenan at below address by **12th April 12 noon**. Successful applicants will be notified by mid April.

If you have any queries please contact:

Sharon Meenan, Carnival Connects, Derry City Council Offices, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN

T: 02871 365151 ext 6931

E: Sharon.meenan@derrycity.gov.uk

Carnival Connects is a partnership programme of Derry City Council, North West Carnival Initiative & Inishowen Carnival Group, supported by PEACE III Programme managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the North West PEACE III Cluster.

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12 'Sounds of Peace' Musical Exchange in Armenia

Inside Out in partnership with Civic Forum NGO, Armenia is looking to recruit 6 young musicians between the ages of 18 and 25 to take part in 'Sounds of Peace' Musical Exchange in Armenia between 21st and 30th June 2013.

The programme will provide participants with the opportunity to share the music of each country and their understanding of peace with other young musicians from Armenia, Poland, Turkey and Georgia.

If you are interested in attending please see attached information and application form.

All application forms should be returned to thekingisalive@hotmail.com by midnight on **Friday 19th April 2013**.

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13 Enterprise Training Programme in May in Palermo, Italy

Inside Out in partnership with CESIE invites youth workers, leaders, peer educators, volunteers, etc, to apply to take part in YouSEE (**Youth Spirit of Entrepreneurship for Employability**) Training Programme.

The programme will provide participants with the necessary skills to empower young people's spirit of initiative stimulating their mobility & their active participation in society. Topics of the training are combating

unemployment, innovation and creativity, building skills for higher employment and intercultural dialogue.

If you are interested in attending please see attached information and application form.

All application forms should be returned to thekingisalive@hotmail.com by midnight on **Monday 15th April 2013**.

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14 Stress Free Exams

Goal4youth are delivering an evening workshop on the **23rd April** to show young people how to beat exam stress and to achieve higher result.

The programme will teach them how to set a simply study plan, use vision boards, target cards, visualising and prepare for the day.

The event will last for 2 1/2 hours and will take place on the 23rd April at the Pennyburn Playtrail and cost £10 per young person.

Places are limited and I can **ONLY** take bookings by email on dominic@goal4youth.com or sending a text with name to 07740469390.

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15 Hello Sunday Morning – The Breakfast Club

Come along for your breakfast and live music with Paul Tully & John Deery on **Sunday 14th April 2013**, 11am at The Sandwich Company, The Diamond.

Adults £1.50 / All children **FREE**

For further information contact: Catriona at Drink Think Project on 028 7136 3925

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16 NEXUS – Healing through Hope and Humour

Nexus is sponsoring a visit from the Kavanagh sisters – who have shown the world their strength, courage and resiliency. Joyce, June and Paula are three sisters born to a family of ten in Ballyfermot, Dublin in the 1960s. Their father abused all three of them in the family home throughout their childhood. In 1989, the sisters made the brave decision to bring charges against their father and, in 1990, the state took a successful case against him.

The women will be speaking about the importance of raising awareness of abuse and that victims take action in ensuring it stops. The women will talk about the impact of abuse and the implications for the victims who typically blame themselves for it. It is never too late for victims to come out and prosecute those that have abused. One is never too old to be held accountable for his/her actions. It may stop them from hurting someone else.

Event Details:

Tickets (**free**) are required to attend and are available from:

Belfast event Wednesday 15 May <http://nexusbelfast.eventbrite.co.uk>

L'Derry event Thursday 16 May <http://nexusderry.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are asking for donations to help cover our costs. You can donate at the events or online

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/thenexusinstitute>

Full details also available at www.nexusinstitute.org

EBay Auction

Nexus are starting our celebrity EBay auction on the evening of **Thursday 16 May**. We have over 20 items donated by both entertainment, sporting and TV celebrities. Some of the items will be on display at the two events.

To receive more information email info@nexusinstitute.org

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17 Second Line NI - DLD Second Line Jazz Parade ~ Call for Musicians

DLD Second Line Jazz Parade is the official launch of Second Line NI, a jazz based music education organisation in Derry/Londonderry. The DLD Second Line Project is an opportunity for young musicians to work with established professionals and educators within the greater jazz community as a means of encouraging talent and creative expression through performance.

This performance will feature a live, 40+ strong New Orleans styled jazz band made up of 25+ local Derry/Londonderry based young musicians alongside 15+ professional musicians from the JayDee Brass Band (Netherlands) and Derry/Londonderry. (*These numbers do not include those interested in participating.*) The jazz parade will be accompanied by our 'second liners', several participating organisations and schools with beautifully decorated umbrellas!

What is a Second Line?

Second Line parades and jazz funerals have a deep, rich history in New Orleans, Louisiana. The 'jazz funeral' is divided into two parts: the slow procession to the gravesite for the funeral service ('First Line') and the jubilant collective celebration upon the return ('Second Line'). The second line is a public festival for all members of the community to come together as 'a single movement of people unified by the rhythm'. Currently, second lines are constructed to raise community spirits and awareness.

Date: **Saturday, 4 May 2013** (during the Derry City Jazz Festival)

Time: (meeting at 12:40) parade beings at 13:00

Parade Route:

The meeting point and beginning of parade will be at the intersection of Castle Street and Shipquay Street,

Derry/Londonderry. As the parade moves down Shipquay Street, there will be two visually marked 'pick-up' points where musicians/participants may wish to wait if the full parade route is too long:

Pick-Up Point A: Will be at the bottom of Shipquay Street and Bank Place just before the arch;

Pick-Up Point B: Will be just before the Peace Bridge, Queen's Quay (city-side);

The jazz parade will continue over the Peace Bridge and into Ebrington Square where the parade will come to a close with the premiere of a new instrumental piece composed by Daan Bogers and performed by the JayDee Brass Band.

Music Selections for the Second Line Parade: (4 prepared pieces)

1. Kidd Jordan's Second Line (in the key of B flat major)
2. A Closer Walk With Thee (in the key of B flat major)
3. Mardi Gras in New Orleans/Goin' to Mardi Gras (in the key of B flat major)
4. When the Saints Go Marching In (in the key of F major)

We are looking for . . .

Musicians of **any age** who are seeking opportunities to expand their musical repertoire while looking for a bit of fun. Classical and folk musicians are welcome! The ability to read music is a bonus but not essential if you play well by ear.

We are looking for the following types of musician:

- **Brass** (trumpets, baritones, trombones, tubas, etc.)
- **Winds** (flutes, clarinets, saxophones, tin whistles, etc.)
- **Drums** (marching snare, marching bass drum, drums that you can play while walking) *Bring your own harness.*

Contact: Please contact Amanda Koser-Gillespie via email: ajkgillespie@gmail.com or by phone: 075 6140 6134.

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18 Customise your look for the Grand Vintage Ball

So you've ordered a fabulous prom dress online for the Grand Vintage Ball but it needs altered for that perfect fit. Or perhaps you want to put your own stamp on the authentic 1950's tea dress you snapped up in a charity shop. Well, now you can add the finishing touches to your vintage ensemble with the help of this four-week series of customisation classes.

Budding seamstresses have a choice of two courses –

one on **Tuesday mornings** from 10am-12:30pm in the **Waterside Women's Centre, starting April 9th**, and the other in **Bluebell Arts Factory** in the Gasyard on **Thursday evenings** from 6:30pm – 9:30pm **from April 11th**.

Each four-week course costs £11.50 including booking fee and tickets can be purchased from the Millennium Forum:

[Book a ticket for the class at the Bluebell Arts Factory](#)

[Book a ticket for the class at the Waterside Women's Centre](#)

For further details, please contact Claire McDermott at claire.mcdermott@cityofculture2013.com

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19 Taiko Drumming

I will be running a 5 week Beginners Taiko course for adults in the Verbal Arts Centre provisionally starting **Thursday April 11th**, 7-8.30pm. Course costs £40 for 5 weeks.

Places limited so call or message Fiona soon on 07726611862 to hold a place :-)

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20 Vale Centre Car Boot Sale

Anyone out there having a spring clean why not come sell at our Car Boot Sale and make a few quid. Also come along and grab yourself a bargain. We have 2 Car Boot Sales weekly.

Sunday - Gates open to sellers at 7.30am and open to public at 8.00am

Wednesday Night - Gates open to sellers at 4.30pm and open to public at 4.45pm

For more info give us a call on 028 71 812 253 or email us admin@thevalecentre.com

Submit an article - Email info@nwcn.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.

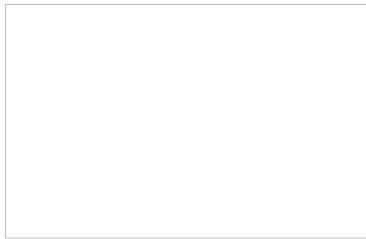
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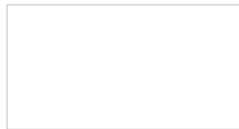
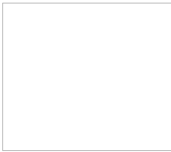
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