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1 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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2 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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3 Energy For Children

The Energy for Children Charitable Trust is continuing to break new ground and reach deeper into the heart of local communities throughout Greater Belfast and beyond in order to really make a difference to disadvantaged children's lives.

The Trust focuses on those needy causes that are slipping through the net of the more established Charity network, and is founded on the principle that 'all monies raised go directly to local children and young people'. Behind the scenes Phoenix provides all administrative support.

Although the Trust was founded initially by the natural gas industry, it is now supported by a variety of different sectors and organisations locally as it continues to grow. Efforts to raise money are ongoing and the Trust would like to appeal for help from anyone who feels they are in a position to do something positive to help assist its progress in terms of offering support to disadvantaged children.

To date the Energy for Children Charitable Trust has helped over 5000 local disadvantaged children and every month continues to help more and more.

If you know of an individual or group who could benefit from funding please contact Charity Liaison Officer Denise Cranston at denise.cranston@energyforchildren-ni.org or on 07714 755 283.

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4 Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund

Chocolate manufacturer Mars has announced that its Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund is now open for applications. Through this Fund, Mars are looking to award 60 grants of £300 to help small, local community based projects and community minded people improve their local community.

The applications process is very straight forward. Applicants need to tell Mars what their community could do with £300.

Deadline: 31 March 2013

www.hotgalaxywarmheart.com/fund/

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5 His Holiness the Dalai Lama key speaker at Children in Crossfire Event

The patron of Children in Crossfire, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, will be guest of honour at the 'Culture of Compassion' event in Derry/Londonderry on **18th April 2013**.

This event aims to inspire and animate people on the theme of compassion. It will explore the meaning and power of compassion for engaging with our friends and foes in a positive way. There will be artists, performers and people sharing their personal stories of 'compassion in action' and overcoming adversity. Children in Crossfire are also running a Youth Compassion Award in partnership with the Office of Tibet and His Holiness will present an award to a local young person to recognise their acts of kindness.

Richard Moore, Director of Children in Crossfire said, "We are thrilled to welcome His Holiness back to Derry/Londonderry. He came to the city six years ago as part of our 10th Anniversary celebrations and has been a dedicated patron of the charity since that time. We are delighted that people from across Northern Ireland and beyond will have an opportunity to see and hear him speak during this City of Culture year".

Tickets for the 'Culture of Compassion' event will be **available from Wednesday 13th February** at the Box Office at the Millennium Forum on 71 264455 or www.millenniumforum.co.uk.

More information available on www.childrenincrossfire.org.

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6 Business Engagement Update

Thursday 28th February 2013, 4.00pm – 7.00pm, Waterfoot Hotel, Derry~Londonderry

The Culture Company & Derry City Council invites you to the first Business Engagement Update of 2013. We will continue to use these types of events to update you throughout the year to keep your business informed. This event will provide information on the latest programme developments and business benefits of some of the larger scale events.

You should attend this event if you:

- Are interested in forthcoming events and associated opportunities
- Want to understand the accommodation situation in the city
- Want to learn about traffic and travel preparations for large scale events
- Require details of branding and merchandising opportunities
- Would like to participate in the forthcoming "Derry~Londonderry Enterprise Week 2013" or Business Opportunities Programme

Staff will be on hand to help with queries and facilitate registration for Enterprise Week and business support programmes.

To register for the event go to: <http://www.derrycity.gov.uk/BusinessOpportunities/Events/120213-businessengagement>

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7 City Walls Heritage Project (Holywell Trust) presents 'Spring into History!'

Would you like to learn more about the diverse and rich history of the city of Derry/Londonderry, the UK's first City of Culture in 2013?

In early Spring the CWH project will launch a special adult history education program. This is a unique opportunity to engage in a series of lectures focusing on the formative historical, political, cultural, socio-economic and intellectual development of the city. It also offers a chance for the wider public to engage directly with local, regional and national history and heritage within an informal community setting while also interacting with other participants from a diversity of religious and ethnic backgrounds

Participants can attend the full ten week course or just on lecture. Group lectures can also be arranged for local community groups.

Interested?

Contact Carol at Holywell on tel: 028 7126 1941 or email: carol@holywelltrust.com

Further information on dates, venues and lectures will be forwarded in due course

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8 Growing Through Change Residential Weekend Programme

Friday 22 until Sunday 24 March 2013

Growing Through Change is a structured programme designed to help young people work through the 5 stages of the grief process which can result from bereavement and loss. Residential Weekends are open to young people across the city and beyond.

Please see attached information leaflets and application form.

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9 Sink or Swim

Sink or Swim 6 week programme deals sensitively with the issues faced by children when a parent becomes emotionally unwell. For parents it can be difficult to explain to their children what is happening and for the child it is difficult to make sense of their parent's attitude and behaviour. The programme offers practical tips and factual information to meet the child's needs whilst also helping to reduce their anxiety levels.

VENUE: **Strabane** Family Centre, 2 Melmont Road

DATE: **Thursday 21st February**

TIME: 9.30am – 11.30am

Crèche Facilities Available

To register Tel: Sharon, Strabane family Centre, 02871382658 / 02871 886875

Omagh Venue: Camowen Partnership, Milestone Centre, Carrickmore, Omagh, BT79 9AL

Starting Tue 19th Feb for 6 weeks

9.30 am – 11.30 am

Registration essential please contact Parents Helpline 0808 8010 722

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10 Apply now to join our Champions Seminar

The British Council is seeking experienced practitioners of the Youth in Action to join their Pool of "CHAMPIONS".

What is the Pool of Champions?

This will be a group of youth workers / leaders and young people who have recent experience in successfully delivering Youth in Action Projects. You will also be able to speak about the impact this has had on the communities you work with. Maximizing your passion for international youth work, we feel you would be ideal advocates to promote the programme.

What is the commitment?

You will join other experienced practitioners for a 3-day residential event in Birmingham where you will share, learn, discuss and implement best practice techniques about the programme.

As part of the "CHAMPION" pool you will be expected to promote Youth in Action at a range of events in your locality to new audiences.

Each Champion will be given €100 to present the programme to new applicants. We will also be asking Champions to contribute to a best practice publication: "Why International Work makes a difference".

Cost

Accommodation and programme costs will be covered by Youth in Action.

Travel costs will be reimbursed afterwards at 90% by the British Council (National Agency).

How to apply

Please follow this link to the application on the [SALTO website](#):

All enquiries to: Mel Parr

E-Mail: yiatraining@britishcouncil.org; mel.parr@britishcouncil.org Phone: 020 7389 4028

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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11 Volunteer Recruitment with The Youth Justice Agency

The Youth Justice Agency Foyle is seeking to recruit volunteers to support our work in making communities safer by helping children to stop offending.

We are seeking volunteers from a range of backgrounds, disciplines, ages and interests. We are particularly interested in applicants with skills in arts and crafts, drama, cookery, music, DJing, befriending and outdoor interests, however this list is not exclusive.

Youth Justice Agency volunteers fulfil a number of roles including supporting reparative activities, befriending or mentoring and helping young people to reintegrate back into their own communities.

We welcome applications from interested persons aged 18 or over, who can commit to 2 to 3 hours per week and are willing to work unsocial hours and weekends if necessary.

We are seeking volunteers from **Derry/L'Derry, Limavady, Strabane** and the surrounding areas. All prospective volunteers will go through an interview, induction and training process before being formally registered as a Youth Justice Volunteer.

Please contact the Youth Justice Agency Foyle office on 02871 278070 or email Elaine.harvey@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk to request an application form.

Further information on the Youth Justice Agency can be found on our website www.youthjusticeagencyni.gov.uk

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12 'Strong Man' Gaining the confidence to talk

Cúnamh are pleased to announce their Strong Man Project ~ If you or anyone you know is feeling sad, depressed, stressed or in need of support please contact Cúnamh on 028 7128 8868

We are able to offer:

- Counselling and/or CBT sessions
- Complementary Therapy
- Exercise/Gym scheme
- Life coaching

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13 Community Support Welcomed!

Oakgrove Integrated College holds its annual "Integration Week" from **March 4 – 8 2013**. This involves a series of events to break down barriers and help students and staff to see things differently, and enjoy experiences they might not normally have.

We would welcome the involvement of any community group interested in supporting the aims of the week, or letting young people experience what they do.

If interested in taking part, please contact John Harkin on jharkin576@c2kni.net or 02871860443 for further information.

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14 Job Vacancy

The CLEAR Project wish to recruit a Bereaved by Suicide Project Officer.

This is a part time post (21.5 hours per week), funded by the Public Health Agency until 30th January 2015. The post holder will be based in the Strabane Area, but travel and work across Northern Ireland will be required so access to transport is *essential*.

See attached Job Advertisement for details and how to apply.

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15 Call for local Derry/Londonderry people to take part in 'WITHOUT'

A film project directed by Rosemary Lee in collaboration with Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company
Premiere - Summer 2013 at Echo Echo's new building on the walls in Magazine Street

'Without' is an exciting new film project, which will be directed by the London based choreographer Rosemary Lee. Rosemary has made some beautiful and highly acclaimed work involving a combination of professional and non-professional dancers in different cities both in the UK and abroad.

This special film will create an amazing 360 degree panoramic view of Derry/Londonderry 'within' the city walls capturing its inhabitants moving 'without' the unique and natural man-made features of the city. Echo Echo are currently looking for local people from Derry/Londonderry to take part in this project which will be filmed in April. Anyone who is interested in taking part should come along to our **PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY on February 23rd at 3pm in our offices at 13 Bishop Street, Derry.**

There are many ways to be involved and anyone who is interested in taking part should attend the information day but we are would especially like to find Skateboarders, Rollerbladers, Rollerskaters, Cyclists, Scooter Riders and Tea-Dancers to be filmed moving through Derry/Londonderry's historic streets.

This project is supported by Culture Company 2013

For more information please visit www.echoecho.com or call Anna on 028 7130 8883

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16 Upcoming Dates For Mayor's Tea Dances

Following on from the success of the Mayor's Tea Dance in The Venue earlier this year, why not come along to one of the upcoming tea dances that are scheduled to take place across a number of venues over the next few months?

On **Friday, 15 March**, as part of the city's St Patrick's Day celebrations, a Tea Dance has been organised to take place at the Pilots Row Community Centre. While on **Wednesday 10 April** the event will be held at the

Newbuildings Community Centre and on **Wednesday 1 May** at the Bishop's Field Sports Hall, in Creggan, with both tea dances taking place between 2pm and 4pm.

Encouraging the public to participate, the Mayor Cllr Kevin Campbell said the tea dances continued to be one of the Council's most popular and successful events. 'They are a great way for local communities to come together for an afternoon of nostalgia, music and entertainment. Since the closure of the Guildhall for refurbishment works we are delighted to be able to bring the tea dance to various halls and centres across the City Council area. I look forward to attending the tea dances over the next few months and meeting with people from across the community.'

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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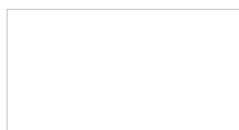
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