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1 PESP presents 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.** (£50 deposit required refundable upon completion of 80% of course).

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@nwcn.org
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2 The People's Millions

The People's Millions is a partnership between [Big Lottery Fund](#) and [ITV](#), where the public help decide which local community projects get up to £50,000 of Lottery funding.

The People's Millions 2013 is now open for applications. Up to £50,000 is available for local community based projects.

Download an [application form](#) and return it to us by noon Monday 13 May.

<http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/>

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3 Red Nose Day Community Cash

Red Nose Day Community Cash is a scheme offering grants ranging from £500 to £1000 available to small organizations that are working to help local people. The Red Nose Day Community Cash grant scheme is being run in conjunction with The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Comic Relief and The Belfast Telegraph.

The grants are available to applicants based in Northern Ireland including community organizations, registered charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organizations and community interest companies. Groups which have been established for less than 12 months are eligible to apply.

For further information on how to apply and to download application forms please visit <http://www.communityfoundationni.org/Grants/Red-Nose-Day-Community-Cash>

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4 Big Society Awards 2013

Make this your opportunity to reward and recognise those outstanding people and organisations whose work exemplifies the Big Society in action!

The [Big Society Awards](#) were established to recognise, showcase and connect a broad network of organisations and individuals whose work improves their communities, the lives of others and our society.

Categories:

Award for outstanding contribution to community

Award for improving lives and society through innovation, collaboration and new partnerships

Award for engaging in social action

Nominate [here](#) by 17th March

Award Winners receive a plaque and a certificate signed by the Prime Minister, a regional press announcement and an invitation to a Reception at No.10 Downing Street where they will receive special thanks from the Prime Minister.

Winners are invited to attend a practical networking and support event with other winners, where they will hear inspiring stories, share their own, meet Government officials and other partners, and join a network of likeminded and supportive others. The Awards Celebration Day is held twice a year to celebrate the great accomplishments of our Award Winners with a focus on networking and knowledge sharing. Please see the last event - Wednesday 28th November.

Follow [@thebigsociety](#), #bigsocawards for more news.

'STAK lives and breathes "big society" so winning this award is an honour. It absolutely reflects the message that we try to portray in everything we do: this is our community, our society, and as a society we have a duty to help those who are unable to help themselves effectively.' St Austell Community Centre

'As the first organisation in Wales to receive a Big Society Award, the acknowledgement has been great for Creation's profile. Recognition from the Prime Minister means we are taken more seriously when promoting our training and consultancy services, helping us to generate new income streams.' Creation Development Trust
We look forward to hearing from you!

Nomination form:

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/take-part/recognising-others/big-society-awards-2/nomination-form-2/>

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5 Research survey - Evaluating Boards and Board members

Over the last few years, research in England, Wales and Scotland has indicated a low prevalence of board evaluation and individual board member appraisal in the voluntary and community sector. This occurs, despite recommendations for its implementation under various Codes of Good Governance, and reinforcement in practitioner and academic literature. Research has not covered Northern Ireland and it has not attempted to identify the purpose, methods and challenges encountered with these processes.

In order to explore this issue in the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland, the attached online survey has been prepared, as part of a Master's research study. The overall aims of the study are to:
assess the prevalence of board evaluation and individual board appraisal among boards in the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland;

to explore perceptions and attitudes towards evaluation/individual appraisal;

to investigate the methods currently employed; and to

identify challenges to implementation.

The survey should be completed by the CEO or Chair and should take no more than 20-25 minutes to complete.

The deadline for this survey is Friday 15 March. Please note that organisation name will only be used for analytical purposes. All organisations will be anonymous in the research report and all data will be treated as strictly confidential.

To participate in the survey, please click on the following link http://www.smart-survey.co.uk/s/Board_Evaluation

If you have any questions or encounter problems accessing this survey, please contact Karen Nixon at nixon-k@email.ulster.ac.uk or 07912 346 545.

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6 CENI's New Training Calendar Launched

CENI is delighted to launch its new April - June 2013 programme of courses on monitoring and evaluation focusing on outcomes. We also offer training on PQASSO, a quality improvement system widely used by voluntary and community groups throughout the UK. Training is targeted at managers and staff from community and voluntary sector organisations.

Outcomes Courses:

Course 1 - Planning and Measuring Your Outcomes

16 April 2013

Focuses on planning project outcomes and building in effective processes for monitoring and evaluating your project.

Course 2 – Evidencing Your Outcomes: Methods and Tools

16 May 2013

Designed to develop participants' knowledge and skills in the use of different methods for gathering evidence of outcomes.

Course 3 - Analysing and Reporting on your Outcomes

13 June 2013

Focuses on developing analysis and reporting skills. The course highlights the importance of analysing and using information when reporting on project outcomes.

QUALITY COURSES

Course 4 – Introducing PQASSO Quality System for Voluntary Organisations

23 May 2013

Focuses on the key features of the quality system - the 12 Quality Areas and 3 Levels; the Indicators and Evidence requirements; the Self-assessment process and the Quality Mark option.

Cost (per person, per day):

£50 (voluntary/community) / £100 (statutory/private)

Venue: NICVA

Time: Full day courses: 10am – 4pm

Lunch is provided.

We also offer customised training tailored to meet your specific organisational/programme needs.

To book a place on a training course or for more information on our training, please contact us at info@ceni.org or tel: 028 90248 005.

More information on courses is also available from our [website](#).

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7 Backdrop needs good home

Calling all arts officers, community arts organisations and events organisers:

Wanted, a new Home for a USA visitor! Strabane District Council was gifted a 36ft long by 14ft high wooden and canvas wall structure. It has travelled across the border and across communities during numerous workshops in arts and drama over the past year- so it is now very COLOURFUL. But it has seen the sights of Strabane and now wants to travel further afield. Have you a project that needs a back drop?

Possibly for an urban arts event or maybe you would like to adapt it for a new purpose. A Youtube video on the link below shows its last excursion.

Contact Jean Smyth on 71884760 or email jsmyth@strabanedc.com if you would like to be the new owner of this art piece – the artist Professor Mark Cooper from Boston College has indicated he would love to see it used by the community to expand its horizons – can you help? There is a limited time frame for interested parties to apply.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqCGPOqvsp>

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8 Equality Forum DCC

The Council has arranged a meeting of the Equality Forum on Thursday, **28th March 2013** at 12.00 noon in the Meeting Room, Council Offices.

The Forum meeting has been organised to obtain feedback and contributions to inform the revision of Derry City Council's Disability Action Plan.

Please complete the enclosed reply slip, which will tell us:-

- If your organisation will be able to attend.
- The format in which you wish to receive the documents for the meeting.
- Any special requirements that your representative(s) may have.

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9 Create a Digital Photo Album

Tutor: Paddy Nash

Wondered what to do with your digital photographs? Printing can be expensive so why not learn how to create a digital photo album – a unique way to present your photos, a wonderful keepsake or gift for family and friends.

To celebrate Silver Surfers this year, the Workers' Educational Association is offering a FREE two day training course to those aged 50+ which will show you how to create your own digital photo album. To participate on this course you will need to bring with you any music you would like to feature (on a CD/s or pen drive). Digital copies of your photographs that you would like to present – again on disc or pen drive or from your camera. You must bring these with you on the first session.

Tea/Coffee and Scones are available each day on arrival and there will be a break for a light lunch. Places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Sinead Devine on 028 71 36 99 47 to enrol.

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10 CPTT Drug & Alcohol Awareness Session

Creggan Pre-School & Training Trust are hosting in conjunction with DIVERT an information session around the misuse of drugs and alcohol especially in teenagers on **Friday 22nd March 2013** at 10.00am – 12.00noon.

The session will begin with a short discussion around the misuse of certain drugs and will be followed by a question and answer session.

Crèche facilities are available but extremely limited therefore it is *vital* to register your interest in attending this session by contacting Ella on 028 71 267060, emailing ella@cpttderry.org or calling into the centre at 13

11 Drugs and Alcohol Interventions Training

Course Entrance requirement: The participant can identify to their mentor how they will use their course learning in the participant's workplace.

Course Aim: To encourage the learner to define their role in responding to alcohol/drug related harm and to develop the skills and knowledge required to fulfil that role. This skill-based course covers drug/alcohol information, development of early intervention techniques, working with carers of alcohol/drug users, harm reduction approaches, and referring on to other agencies.

Mentoring Service: The DATP will assign a mentor to each course participant. The mentor will provide you with support and advice throughout the course. To successfully complete the course, you are required to attend all sessions, submit a Reflective Learning Journal for each session and attend all mentoring sessions. If you are successful in this application, your mentor will arrange a date for you to meet. Please note, failure to meet with your mentor prior to the course start date will result in your name being withdrawn from the course and your place offered to the next name on the waiting list.

Costs: All courses are delivered free of charge to individuals living and working in the WHSSB area and are delivered to groups representing community/voluntary, health, social care, criminal justice and youth organisations.

Venue and Dates Lecture Theatre 2 in the Multi Disciplinary Education Centre, Altnagelvin Hospital on Wednesday 8th May 2013 (see timetable enclosed).

Application process: To apply for a place on the course, please complete the attached application form and return by e-mail/post **by Friday 15th March 2013**. You will be informed by 25th March 2013 if your application is successful. If you do not hear from the DATP by this date your application was unsuccessful.

For more information on the work of the DATP contact: Fionnuala Mc Kinney, DATP Manager, on 028 71 865236.

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12 Latest offers from SALTO Youth

Please see attached document with all the latest training from SALTO Youth to include: **Power of Non Formal Education, Entrepreneurship and Employability for young people!** and **BRIDGING THE GAP Think Global - Act Local: Make the connection!**

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13 ChildLine Foyle base open evening

Come to an open evening at the ChildLine base in Foyle to find out about new volunteering opportunities.

Drop in to the Foyle ChildLine base (ChildLine, First Floor, Exchange House, 1 Queen's Quay, BT48 7AS) **TONIGHT, Thursday 14 March** from 6.00 – 8.00pm and find out about becoming a volunteer for the service in your local area.

The base is urgently in need of volunteer switchboard operators to be a first point of contact for children who call, as well as volunteer counsellors who will offer comfort, support and advice.

Please call the Foyle base on 020 7456 7770 to register your interest in attending.

www.communityni.org/event/childline-foyle-base-open-evening#.USejhh3wk6s

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14 Singing the Bridge – A Community Music/Music Therapy Festival

Singing the Bridge Derry~Londonderry is a 4 day event consisting of workshops, concerts, talks and discussions exploring the role music can play in building positive, inclusive and individual community identities. The benefits arising from the use of music in healing traumas and in reconciliation have been scientifically proven by evidence-based research.

16th – 19th May 2013

Internationally renowned experts in the fields of music therapy, community music and amateur music will join with local community leaders, young people and musicians to develop long-term projects where music function as a bridge-builder between communities, cultures, ethnicities, religions and classes. The goals of the festival include creating a legacy of exchange, skill sharing and mutual inspiration. To ensure maximum inclusiveness, non-musicians and musicians of all levels are welcome to participate.

There will be workshops in:

- Creative leadership
- Community development through music participation
- Conflict resolution
- Community music teaching in fragile environments
- Amateur choir training
- Drumming/percussion for teenagers
- Dance/song/body percussion for any age group
- Improvisation as a model for social change
- Training leaders in music-based work
- Introduction to Music Therapy
- Musicians in the class; training teachers in music workshop techniques

For more information:

Email: singingthebridge@gmail.com / Web: www.singingthebridge.org

To register for workshops, please visit the website and fill in the online registration form. **All events are free of charge for participants.**

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15 'Wonders of the Woodland' Event

Ever wonder what is special about your woodland? Come along to Claudy Country Park on **Saturday 16th March** from 1.00pm- 3.00pm to learn and experience the wildlife of the woodlands as well as folklore and magic of Spring. Visitors will be guided through the woods on a heritage trail and can visit the walled garden to meet Barney the Owl and other large birds of prey. Creggan Country Park and Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership will also be there with children's activities and games.

Mayor Councillor Kevin Campbell encouraged people to become involved, "Claudy Country Park is a great place to visit at anytime with the adventure playground and woodland and river walks but this 2 hour event on the bank holiday weekend is a great opportunity for kids to learn more about the importance of woodland while having an amazing adventure."

This is a Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership event organised by Creggan Country Park and funded by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007 -2013 through Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Derry City Council and Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme involves a working partnership between RAPID, Derry City Council and the Woodland Trust supported by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), 'Landscape Partnerships'. The project vision is to "create a vibrant, natural and cultural diverse landscape within the Faughan Valley that the whole community appreciates, and is engaged with, making it a sustainable landscape for living".

For further event information contact Annie Mullan, Tel: 028 71337498. Email: annie.mullan@derrycity.gov.uk

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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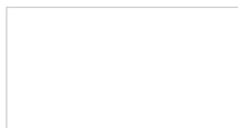
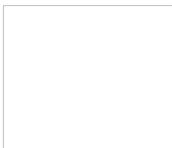
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