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1 PESP Event: Clever Committees ~ Training for Committee Members

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

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

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

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

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2 Understanding and Valuing End of Life Care Masterclass – Last chance to register

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

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

The event aims to explore:

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

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

To book a place please contact either:

Colleen Harkin, Macmillan Palliative Care Improvement Lead, WHSCT: 07525 897184
Email: colleen.harkin@westerntrust.hscni.net

Gabrielle Quinn, PESP Project Officer, North West Community Network: 07595 748009
Email: gabrielle@nwcn.org

This event has been organised in partnership by the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Participation, Engagement and Skills Project (PESP)

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3 Space & Place Roadshow dates

Space & Place Programme is now open (the Community Foundation for NI will be administering the grant) – this

is a £15 million, 5 year capital grants project that will support local communities to connect people by **developing under used, contested or difficult spaces**. The Space & Place Consortium want the programme to improve the health and well being of local people, supporting them to participate and engage more fully in their communities. We want this to take place in the most disadvantaged **urban and rural communities of NI**. By reclaiming and transforming derelict and neglected spaces and places, local people can improve their local environment and provide a range of activities that will encourage more people to play a part in their communities.

The programme could fund a project to create a community garden, allotments in the grounds of a community venue or a project to turn a derelict area into a mini park with cycle paths and walkways where people can meet and enjoy their local spaces. The Space & Place programme aims to meet community demand for funding projects of varying sizes, some will be smaller projects such as community gardens or allotments and others will be larger scale schemes, there will also be a number of larger scale projects funded at the value of £1million.

There will be a number of Information Roadshows which are a chance for potential grantees to hear more about the programme, what is hoped to be funded, and to get more information on the application process.

The roadshows will be held at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday 11 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Millennium Forum, 3 Newmarket Street, Derry/L'Derry, BT48 6EB**
- Thursday 13 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR
- Tuesday 18 June 2013 – 19.30-21.30 – The Studio, Crescent Arts Centre, 2-4 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH
- Wednesday 19 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Glenavon Hotel, 52 Drum Road, Cookstown, BT80 8QS
- Monday 24 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Lagan Valley Island, The Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL
- Tuesday 25 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Eco Centre, Kernohans Lane, Broughshane Road, Ballymena, BT43 7QA
- Wednesday 26 June 2013 – 19.00-21.00 – Clinton Centre, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, BT47 6AA

If you wish to register for one of the events please contact Betty McNally at bmcnally@communityfoundationni.org before **7th June 2013** as space for the events are limited.

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4 Grants and Social Investments available to tackle Empty Homes

The Nationwide Foundation is offering grants and social investments to organisation which are bringing empty properties into use for people in need. Applications for grants and social investments of between £15,000 and £140,000 are invited between 01st May and **30th June 2013**.

Priority will be given to schemes including one or more of the following:

- Projects which are financially sustainable, or which are working towards financial sustainability
- Projects incorporating training for NEETS and others who are out of work or low skilled
- Live / work schemes
- Environmentally friendly practices
- Asset transfer

Funding for the following costs can be applied for:

- The costs of refurbishment, including a fair contribution towards organisational core costs where this is required to bring empty properties into use as homes for people in need
- Legal and other such costs associated with obtaining the empty properties (including landlord negotiation and asset transfer).

Funds are limited so the Foundation's support is expected to compliment other sources of funding which the organisation has. Applicants can apply for grant funding or programme related (social) investment loans, depending on which are the most appropriate for the scheme.

Organisations and registered charities can apply for funding; however the Nationwide Foundation does not fund individuals or statutory bodies.

Organisations interested in applying for a grant or social investment should visit the Nationwide Foundation's website to check the guidelines and criteria as well as to access the online application www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

In April the Nationwide Foundation launched its new Decent, Affordable Homes strategy which reflects its vision for everyone in the UK to have access to a decent home which they can afford.

For funding application information:
The Nationwide Foundation, 01793 655113, enquires@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

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5 NW Peace III Community Leadership Programme

The delivery partners WEA and IISC would like to invite you to the CLP Conference: **Gateways to Leadership**
An exploration of gatekeeping and good leadership practice.

Our discussions will be stimulated by inputs from Peter Sheridan (Cooperation Ireland), Conal McFeely (Creggan Enterprises) and Bernadette McAliskey (STEP).

The event will be held in the Waterfoot Hotel, L/Derry on **Thursday 13th June** 10am to 3.30 pm

To book a place please contact Maurice Mullen on 7136 9947 or maurice.mullen@wea-ni.com with the following details –
Name, organisation, contact address, phone number and email and any access issues or dietary requirements

that we should note.

Full details of the event will be sent to delegates the week before the conference.

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6 Pink Ladies Protest

The Pink Ladies Cancer Support Group invite you to join them in a protest against the ongoing ESA Medical Assessments that cancer sufferers and indeed others are being forced to attend and the manner in which these assessments are carried out.

PEOPLE COPING WITH ILLNESS OR DISABILITY SHOULD NOT BE TREATED LIKE THIS. STAND WITH US TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT !!!!!!!!!!!

When: **Thursday 23rd May** 2013

Where: Medical Assessment Unit Strand Road (Meet Timberquay 5.15pm)

PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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7 RESPECT Programme

As part of the agreed Good Relations Plans aimed at exploring future collaborative working and continuing the relationships created, the participant Sports Clubs within the Derry City Council area have worked together to produce Joint Good Relations Sports Club Brochures.

The aim of these brochures is to promote the Clubs and their Sports to those not normally associated with the respective Sports; either from non-traditional backgrounds or from Ethnic Minority Community backgrounds. The purpose of which, is to highlight the open and welcoming nature of these Clubs to everyone, regardless of their background. This initiative will promote peace and reconciliation, develop partnerships and build capacity within Clubs, fans and local communities. From this work we hope to contribute to a more cohesive, inclusive Shared Future.

Londonderry YMCA has received funding support from the Community Relations Council for the production of these Good Relations Brochures. The Sports Club Good Relations Brochures can be accessed via the following links

For further information on the RESPECT Programme – please contact Gary McClean, Sports & Community Officer, 07889 057650(m) 028 71301662, gary@ymca-ireland.org

Claudy - http://www.nwcn.org/documents/ClaudyHubArtwork_Layout1.pdf

Drumahoe – Ardmore - http://www.nwcn.org/documents/Drumahoe-ArdmoreHubArtwork_Layout1.pdf

Eglinton – Tamnaherin - http://www.nwcn.org/documents/Eglinton-TamnaherinHubArtwork_Layout1.pdf

Waterside - http://www.nwcn.org/documents/WatersideHubArtwork_Layout1.pdf

Invite to Launch of Joint Sports Good Relations Brochures

Londonderry YMCA would like to cordially invite you to join us in the public launch of the recently developed Joint Sports Good Relations Brochures. <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/fs/doc/May%202013c.pdf>

The launch will be held on **29th May 2013**- 7.30pm – 9pm here at the YMCA. A finger buffet will be provided as part of the evenings proceedings.

We are hoping to have Carál Ní Chuilín deliver a keynote address, with Max Petrushkin (NICEM) also delivering a brief talk on the work of NICEM; the issues to be addressed and the need for us all to focus our efforts on encouraging change around the issues of Sectarianism and Racism. Paul Jordan (NICRC) will also address the event in his capacity as Funding and Development Director within the Community Relations Council.

In order to maximise the impact of any of the work that we are all involved with, it is important that we work together and support each other in our endeavours. For event planning purposes I would appreciate if you could let me know of your availability.

RSVP to: Gary McClean on 07889 057 650 or email: gary@ymca-ireland.org

This initiative has received support from the NI Community Relations Council, both in financing the initial production of the Brochures and the launch event itself. For this support we are very grateful.

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8 Dads Only: Parents Anger Management Programme

This 8 week programme allows parents to explore their reaction to anger and how their anger impacts on the children, how to identify the triggers and find positive ways of managing their anger. Anger is a normal emotion, which most parents experience on a regular basis. It is often seen as a negative emotion but can be used as a motivator to instigate change.

Venue: Strand Foyer, 79 Strand Road, Derry

Date: **Tuesday 21st May** (8 Weeks)

Time: 7-9pm

To register for the programme contact Parents Helpline 0808 8010 722

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9 NICEM NW is conducting research into BME communities in North West and we seek your help!

In the first piece of research we are hoping to feed into the UN hearing on the UK CEDAW obligations and would therefore become a brilliant opportunity for the BME Women of the North West to have their say!

If you are a BME Woman or know somebody from this category please, please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CEDAW>

It would only take you a couple of minutes and with your help we can hold government to account and hopefully improve the situation for many BME women in UK and Northern Ireland. The questionnaire is available in many languages on our website (www.nicem.org.uk) and the list keep growing. **Please note that there is a very tight deadline so we need to have questionnaires back before the 20th of May!!!!**

In the second piece of research we are **focusing specifically in the North West** with a view to measure the impact of the economic downturn on the Black and Minority Ethnic people in the area. We currently have it translated into Polish with possibly other languages available on demand. Although we do not have a strict deadline we would like to complete the analysis and publish quite quickly.

So please find attached and feel free to circulate to all your contacts! yet again we would like as many members of the BME community in North West to participate in this important piece of research.

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10 Talking About My Generation

Headliners multi-media showcasing event celebrating the collaborative and creative work of young and older generations in the Northwest and supported by the Northwest PEACE III Cluster will take place on **Thursday May 30th @ 5.30pm in Centre for Contemporary Art 10-12 Artillery Street, Derry - Londonderry.**

The inspirational work, produced by both groups, is a culmination of several Headliners intergenerational projects over the last 24 months. The projects have aimed to promote Peace and Reconciliation by bringing together both older and younger people through a series of positive media activities which explore themes around Sectarianism, Prejudice, and Shared Space and to challenge those with Dissenting voices.

Partner organisations are: Off the Streets Community Youth Initiative and Galliagh Development Trust, Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal Youth Forum, Inishowen Development Partnership through the Bunrana Drop-In Centre, Foyle International Language School, Londonderry YMCA and ACE Chinese Community.

Young people involved voiced their opinions on sectarianism and prejudice in a safe and creative multi-media environment which involved aspects of; interviewing, recording, writing, presenting, videoing and photography. They have engaged with older people from their communities on these issues. The interviews then formed the body of the print articles and audio podcasts produced at the end of the project by each group, a number of photography projects will also be showcased on the day.

The images challenge the viewer by contrasting the realistic and idealistic views of being a young person in the Northwest. Other images will encourage the viewer to think about their own prejudices and what both generations need and can do together to create a diverse shared and peaceful future for all.

Throughout this programme young people have played an active role in steering the direction of the project. As a result of forming intergenerational relationships and using a multi-media approach participants have felt empowered, informed and inspired to move forward into adulthood and continue being proactive in creating a peaceful and shared future together for all.

For more information on Headliners go to www.headliners.org www.headlinersradio.org or contact Headliners Journalist: melanie.bradley@headliners.org

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11 Youthworks

- Are You 16/17?????
- Would you like to receive £30 a week and £5 travel?
- Go on residential and social and educational visits?
- Obtain qualifications and meet new people on a 6 month programme?

Then youth works is for you, for more information contact Marty on 07553367356 / marty.gallagher@opportunity-youth.org

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12 Towards Understanding and Healing

FREE EVENTS:

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

Verbal Arts Centre: Blue Coat Room, Stable Lane, Derry- Londonderry.

Tuesday 21st May, 10am – 1pm with light lunch at 1pm

Facilitated by Seamus Farrell on behalf of Towards Understanding and Healing

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

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

Places allocated on a first come first served basis.

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

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

Facilitated by Frances McAneny and Brigid Mc Elroy

A Towards Understanding and Healing event in association with Strabane District Council

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

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

Blue Eagle Productions present two scenes from "Exiled"

Brian Dougherty, director St Columbs Park House and Eamonn Deane, Holywell Trust in conversation.

Event chaired by Maureen Hetherington, Director the Junction

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

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13 Strabane LGBT

Strabane LGBT on International Day Against Homophobia cordially invites you to the Launch of **SO Here We Are Research**

On **17th May** 2013, Civic Room Strabane Library @ 11am – 12noon

RSVP: Tel 02871 885857 or gina@strabanelgbt.net

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14 Latest Offers from SALTO Youth

Please see attached document for a whole host of offers from SALTO Youth to include: **Hip-Hop For Social Cohesion and Active Citizenship**, **"Building New Energy: Job and Active Citizenship"** and **"Democracy, citizenship and youth participation"**

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15 Opportunity for local artists – Refound LegenDerry Chairs

'The ART of the ReClaimed' – www.refoundonline.com

LegenDerry Chairs – Derry~Londonderry project during 2013 City of Culture – Partnership with ReFound & The CAAKE Project, July-October 2013

This opportunity is for interested parties in Derry~Londonderry to engage as a partner in the ReFound project – 'Legenderry Chairs' to create a beautiful and treasured souvenir of the 'UK City of Culture 2013'. The CAAKE Project is working alongside ReFound to create a furniture upstyle project specifically for the city. Partnering with Gail Mahon aka The CAAKE Project – a new project that brings together collaborative interdisciplinary arts projects and enables groups to connect to Derry~Londonderry during the UK City of Culture 2013 and beyond.

Please see the attached document which has loads more information on this new opportunity

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16 Singing your way to Enniskillen for Hope!

Calling all singers to join in a unique weekend of singing which will take place at The Gyreum Center, Sligo, starting Friday evening **14th June** entitled Enniskillen G8 Summit weekend - Voice Of The People project. This is a project about singing for hope, inspiration and change led by singer and community musician Sian Croose. What makes this event very unique is that the weekend workshop is in fact a rehearsal for a Gala Concert on **Monday Evening 17th June** in Enniskillen where the 'choir' from the weekend will be joined by Valerie Whitworth and guests on the night that the G8 Summit opens.

As world leaders gather for their annual G8 summit in Enniskillen, the first time ever in Ireland, this unique project aspires to create a choir whose intention is to have their voices heard in an original, innovative & positive way - through the spirit of song. The choir will spend all weekend with gifted facilitator Sian Croose who has over 20 years experience as a singer, community musician and choir leader in Norwich, UK. Sian has worked with composers, singers, instrumentalists and choirs across Britain, Ireland and France. The material used will include songs of hope and change from African American Spirituals, Georgian Chants, Contemporary compositions as well as UK & Irish airs old and new.

This unique project is open to all adults and no previous singing experience is necessary. The weekend workshop costs €125 with accommodation as extra. Workshop cost includes teas / coffees and lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Booking for the weekend is essential as it is limited to 60 people only. For more information on how to book contact Claire Ni Grianna at 087 9235552 / clairesirius@hotmail.com

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17 Symposium: Theatre of Conflict | Engaging the Emotions

A day-long symposium using drama and theatre to explore emotions, address the past and move on to the future. Artists and guest speakers include Raymond Keane, Barabbas Theatre Company, Jim Arbuckle, Good Relations Facilitator and Karen Ward, Holistic Psychotherapist, all exploring the creative and emotional and Smashing Times as the conduit.

Smashing Times Theatre Company with support from the European Regional Development Fund is delighted to announce Theatre of Conflict | Engaging the Emotions, a creative day-long symposium using drama and theatre techniques to explore emotions, address the past and move on to the future.

Taking place on Saturday May 18 2013 in the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, the day consists of participatory workshops and discussions. Through the day, Smashing Times Theatre Company aims to use theatrical processes to generate discussion and engage participants in a discourse around using creativity as a tool for healing, examining the intersection between the creative and emotional. While booking is required, the day is free to attend and lunch will be provided. Participants do not need to have any previous experience of drama to take part. Group bookings are welcome.

Symposium workshops are The Mask of Four Temperaments by Raymond Keane, Artistic Director, Barabbas Theatre and Engaging the Emotions by Fiona Bawn-Thompson, facilitator, Smashing Time Theatre Company. Speakers are Raymond Keane, Fiona Bawn-Thompson and Mary Moynihan, writer, director, Smashing Times Theatre Company, Jim Arbuckle, Good Relations Facilitator and Karen Ward, Holistic Psychotherapist. The symposium culminates in a theatre performance of Thou Shalt Not Kill that evening, Saturday May 18, in the Regional Cultural Centre, and is open to the public.

The performances and symposium are presented as part of Smashing Times' Creative Connections project, one of eleven Cross Border Cross Community Grant Scheme projects funded by the PEACE III programme through the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership (see www.donegalcdb.ie/peaceiii). Creative Connections uses drama and theatre to promote a respect for human rights as a key stepping stone for peace building and non-violence.

Date/Time: **Saturday May 18, 2013, 9.00am – 21.30pm**

Venue: Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Booking/Info: Places for this full day symposium (including evening performance of Thou Shalt Not Kill) are limited and must be booked in advance. To book the full day symposium (free to attend, with lunch provided), register at <http://engagingtheemotions.eventbrite.ie/>

For further details phone Smashing Times Theatre Company +353 (0)1 8656613 or email elaine@smashingtimes.ie

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18 Freebie Time!

Offer on behalf of Western Trust:

Black, Cannon Range Style Double Oven Cooker with Gas Double Hob.

This is in excellent condition and works 100%.

It is preferred that this is taken by a **local Community/Charity group** and will be released upon certain requests being met.

This is a very heavy item and will need a van/trailer to be transported.

If you are interested please contact NWCN on 028 7127 9090 or email: info@nwcn.org

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Use single-line spacing

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Include reliable contact information: named contact, organisation, telephone number, email address &, where appropriate, web address

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

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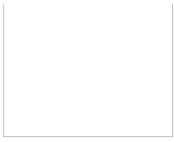
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