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Please note membership of NWCN for 2013-14 is now due for renewal. To activate click on link at bottom of this page. Many thanks to all those groups and organisations who have paid to date – your support is greatly appreciated!

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1 Grants Programme for Individuals & Families

Elizabeth Finn Care (EFC) is a charity that **provides financial support to ex-professionals who are resident in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.** EFC recently secured €150,000 from a European Foundation to be spent in the Republic of Ireland over the next three years, and is now actively seeking to engage with Irish charities in order to promote awareness about this new support.

Background

The charity's founder, Elizabeth Finn, was an Irish national and along with her daughter Constance, established the charity in 1897. Since that time EFC has helped countless thousands of individuals and families through times of crisis and distress.

How Elizabeth Finn Care Can Help

EFC provides money or goods to those who are in financial distress with the aim of helping them overcome their difficulties. Examples of the type of help EFC offer include grants for household equipment, building repairs, disability aids, transport costs, and education and training grants.

EFC also provide care and individual attention through contact with its well-trained, understanding and experienced caseworkers, and Volunteer Case Consultants who visit applicants in their home. This enables the people EFC helps to feel valued and cared for once again.

Who is Eligible?

For residents of the Republic of Ireland, the following criteria must be met:

- Resident for at least six months
- Have worked themselves or have a partner or ex-partner who has worked in one of our 120 eligible occupations ([see a full list of eligible occupations here](#))
- Have less than €5,000 in savings
- Be on a low income or in receipt of benefits.

Grants are awarded for the purpose of making a difference to an individual or family's life and improving their living conditions. Grants are usually a one-off award, but in some cases EFC may look at assisting people for a number of years, reviewing their awards annually.

[A Call to Irish Charities](#)

EFC's main aim is to increase the number of people that it helps in the Republic of Ireland, and to do this it would like to build a network of charities across the country, working together to provide better solutions for those who have financial needs. EFC prides itself on its partnership working and hopes that it can work together with similar-minded Irish charities to be able to offer assistance to those who most need it.

[Click here to download an information leaflet about the grants available from Elizabeth Finn Care.](#)

If you know of anyone you feel may benefit from our assistance, or would like to find out more about working more closely together with the charity, please contact Dawn Jackson (Casework Manager) on 0044 208 834 9232 or dawn.jackson@elizabethfinn.org.uk

Individuals in need of assistance can enquire directly about support [here on the Elizabeth Finn Care website](#), or contact Dawn Jackson (as per details above).

2 Tender: Provision of Cultural Strategy – Derry City Council

Derry City Council / the Cultural Partnership Forum is seeking submissions for consultancy services to deliver an assignment that fully considers and addresses the following objectives:

- **In Phase 1** of the assignment provide a review on the existing local cultural environment.
- Take account of the relationship between City of Culture 2013 and its legacy potential for future policy and provision of cultural development activity in the Council area.
- Review existing cultural policies within a UK and European context that will have relevance and alignment to a local strategy
- Define terms of reference that will guide a new, innovative pathway for an inclusive local cultural strategy

- **In Phase 2** of the assignment provide a local cultural strategy. This cultural strategy must be inclusive of a Delivery Plan which identifies local national and international funding opportunities for the delivery of the cultural strategy including the legacy projects of 2013 and delivery partners.
- Define role and function of Cultural Partnership Forum in the proposed delivery of cultural strategy with particular reference to monitoring and evaluation

This commission is for a two phase process initially scoping the existing cultural landscape in the city and developing a terms of reference for the development of the cultural strategy delivered in phase 2. It is envisaged that phase one will amount to one-third of the time and resource allocated and that phase 2 will account for the remainder of the time and resource allocation.

The closing date for submissions: 12.00 noon on 26th July 2013

Information on how to submit applications/tenders and all related forms for the above application/tender can be obtained online at www.derrycity.gov.uk/tenders or by requesting tender documentation from tel: +44 (0) 28 7136 5151. You can also download the full tender document here: [Cultural Strategy tender document](#).

Completed application/tender should be returned before the closing date to: Sharon O'Connor C Dir – Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Derry City Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN.

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3 Department for Employment and Learning N.I. (DEL) funded PhD Studentship in Mental Health

Applications are invited for two DEL funded PhD studentships in Mental Health in the Bamford Centre for Mental Health and Well-being and are tenable in the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences at the Magee Campus.

Candidates should have ordinary UK residence to be eligible for both fees and maintenance. Non UK residents who hold ordinary EU residence may also apply but if successful will receive fees only. All applicants should hold a first or upper second class honours degree in a cognate area. Applications will be considered on a competitive basis with regard to the candidate's qualifications, skills experience and interests. Successful candidates will enrol as of 1 October 2013, on a full-time programme of research studies leading to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The studentships will comprise fees together with an annual stipend of £13,726 and will be awarded for a period of up to three years subject to satisfactory progress.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 26 July 2013

Interviews will form part of the selection process and are likely to be held during August 2013

The research topic can be chosen from:

- "Alcohol, drugs and mental health in Northern Ireland"
- "Improving lifestyles and healthcare among people with severe mental illness"
- "People with severe mental illness and their relationship with primary care: a mixed methods study to examine ways to improve contact and communication"
- "The role of place and social capital in young people's alcohol use"

For further details of the projects, and to discuss your application, please contact:

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Apply online www.ulster.ac.uk/applyonline and all supplementary documents uploaded onto the System

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4 Social Enterprise Awards 2013

The Social Enterprise NI and UK Awards 2013 are now live.

Social Enterprise NI, the representative body for Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurs across Northern Ireland today announced that applications for the Annual Awards 2013 are now open. Northern Ireland has scooped the main award for 'Social Enterprise of the Year' for the last two years and is looking for its third overall UK winner.

The Awards reward and showcase the very best of Social Enterprise of which we have some shining examples in Northern Ireland. The winners will go forward to the UK finals in London on 27th November.

This year there will be total of 10 main award categories open to Social Enterprises including:

- Social Enterprise of the Year
- One to watch (best new start up)

As well as categories open to supporters and investors of Social Enterprise.

David Sterling, Permanent Secretary at Department Enterprise Trade & Investment, commented "given the superb track record that Northern Ireland has had in previous years, we would expect a very high standard of entries throughout all categories in the competition".

Anne Walsh from East Belfast Mission last year's overall UK winner of Best Social Enterprise 2012 will chair the Northern Ireland judging. The winners will be announced at a gala ceremony on 24th October 2013, in the City Hotel Derry/Londonderry City of Culture.

Director of Social Enterprise NI Juliet Cornford said "A hat trick for Northern Ireland would be amazing. Social Enterprises are creative and innovative businesses using their profits for social good – surely that's something to shout about. The awards offer a wonderful opportunity to show off and celebrate all that is good about Social Enterprise in NI"

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 6 August 2013.

Please email awards@socialenterpriseni.org for application details, call 028 9267 3223.

www.socialenterpriseni.org

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5 Kickstart IT Course

Are you looking to change your career or up-skill and retrain in Information Technology?

Kickstart to Work is offering a 12 week IT course which includes the significant areas of software development, testing and creative technologies.

Candidates must be:

- Resident in the Derry City Council area
- Unemployed or economically inactive (Participation on this course does not affect your benefits) and
- Possess at least an HND or equivalent level qualification in any discipline or
- Have relevant experience e.g. IT/Engineering (as assessed by APEL Framework)

Limited places are available.

For further information contact Mena Kearney at Kickstart on 028 7130 8466 or email

mena.kearney@derrycity.gov.uk or download an application pack @ www.derrycity.gov.uk/kickstart

Closing date for application: closing date has been extended for a week until Wednesday 17th July 2013

Testing times means developing new skills!

Please see attached for further information and how to apply.

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6 Reconciliation: To Dream the Impossible Dream?

A public event entitled Reconciliation – To Dream the Impossible Dream will be held at 8pm on **22nd July 2013**. Venue is Christ Church (Church of Ireland), Infirmary Road, Derry / Londonderry.

The event is being jointly organised by Archdeacon Robert Miller (Christ Church, Church of Ireland) & Fr Paul Farren (Administrator of St Eugene's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Derry / Londonderry).

The speaker will be Bishop Nathan Amooti (Anglican Bishop of Cyangugu, Rwanda)

Drawing on his experience in Rwanda he will address some of the following themes

- Is reconciliation in a divided society an impossible dream?
- Do we have an alternative to 'benign apartheid'?
- What does reconciliation look like?
- What does reconciliation cost us – what do we have to let go of to achieve it?
- How can we move beyond our woundedness and our past, so that we are not defined by them?

There will be an opportunity for Q & A at the end of the event.

This free event is public and all sections of our community are encouraged to come.

For further information contact Earl Storey (Diocese of Derry & Raphoe) Tel 07752841802

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7 Young People & Volunteering: The Essentials

These **FREE** one day workshops cover a wide range of volunteer management issues relevant to the support of young volunteers. They are designed specifically for people, whether in a paid or unpaid role, that work with volunteers under 25 years old.

Recruitment, selection, support and management of young volunteers can be a lot different to working with

adult volunteers. It brings a whole different set of skills and ways of working into play!

These workshops are for anyone who supports young volunteers in their organisation. It will explore key principles in the development and promotion of volunteer opportunities for young people, good practice in recruitment and selection and a range of effective and appropriate methods for the support and management of young volunteers.

The workshops will also help you develop your own youth volunteer programme action plan and provides an opportunity to share experience, both highs and lows, or working with young volunteers with colleagues in your field.

Dates:

Thursday 26 September (Belfast);
Wednesday 16 October (Ballymena);
Thursday 14 November (L'Derry);
Wednesday 29 January 2014 (Portadown).

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Costs: Places are FREE but limited!

To book online please go to <http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-and-standards/?all=1>

For more information, please contact David Fitzsimons, david.fitzsimons@volunteernow.co.uk or 028 9081 8330.

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8 Pink Ladies Protest Calling your support!

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 you support.

When : **Wednesday 24th July**
Where : Medical Assessment Unit, Strand Road. (meet Timberquay 5.15pm)

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9 Interesting Studies - opportunities to contribute

A: My name is Katie and I am currently working towards my final year of Geography at Newcastle University. For my dissertation I am researching a youth's perspective of national identity in Northern Ireland.

My research will be focusing on the factors which produce and reproduce national identity. It is highly topical at this time because of the 2011 census which made apparent the emergence of a distinctive Northern Irish identity opposed to the previous domination of an apportioned British or Irish identity.

To gain a deeper understanding of this transition and the factors which attribute to it, I would like to hold focus groups with young people to study this social phenomenon and would consider your help to do so invaluable.

If you can offer any help to Katie please contact her by email: k.brown3@ncl.ac.uk

B: My name is Jade and I am a student from Cleveland College of Art and Design in Newcastle. I am studying BA Commercial Photography and as part of my degree I must write a dissertation. For this dissertation I have chosen to focus on Northern Ireland and the youth growing up in the area facing the troubles since 1969. I will then compare the youth of Northern Ireland against those in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

These elements will include the effects on:

- relationships
- social life
- education
- workplace
- housing
- inequality
- and their opinion on the future of Northern Ireland.

I have sent out questionnaires to several communities as well as confirmed interviews with high profile members in NI. However I do want to cover the good that comes out of Northern Ireland not just focusing on the troubles and the bad.

Would it be possible for a statement from any relevant organisations or representatives to comment on the work and the future of Northern Ireland and the effects that the troubles have had/are having on the youth of today? All acknowledgements will be made in my final completion of my dissertation and a copy can be sent to contributors.

If you can offer any help to Jade please contact her by email: jade.woolcocks@live.co.uk

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10 PPR Tools for Action Summer School opens for applications

Since 2006, Participation and the Practice of Rights (PPR) has worked with people to use human rights in addressing a wide range of social and economic problems relating to social housing, mental health, regeneration, unemployment and children's play. As a result, people we have worked with have made real and lasting changes in some of Northern Ireland's most marginalised communities.

PPR's unique approach to creating change makes use of international human rights standards, community

organising, policy work and campaigning.

In November 2012 PPR's approach was recognised by the [UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as a best practice example of how communities can claim their rights](#).

PPR will be holding their third Annual 'Tools for Action' Summer School in [the MAC](#), Belfast on **28-30th August 2013**. The sessions will last from 10am – 3pm on Wednesday and Thursday, and 10am to 1pm on Friday.

The [curriculum](#) will include the following:

- Human rights and change – how does it work?
- Tools for Action: How communities can use human rights
- Organising grassroots groups
- How change is won...and lost: the anatomy of a campaign
- How power responds

Fees PPR is keen to ensure there are no barriers to people's attendance. As a result, they do not charge a fee for the Summer School. However, for those individuals and organisations with the ability, they would welcome donations to the [Inez McCormack Fund](#) to enable them in future to offer bursaries for childcare, travel and subsistence to those with the greatest need. This year, one travel bursary is available. If you would like to apply please complete [The Inez McCormack Bursary Application Form](#).

Places are limited. To register, please complete the online [Summer School Application Form here](#). For more information, please contact Fiona by email at fiona@pprproject.org or by phone on 02890 313315.

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11 Alcohol Forum Letterkenny seeks Fundraising and Marketing Manager

This is an ideal opportunity for the right person to take a lead role in a growing national organisation. We need someone with drive and creativity to make a real difference to the lives of those affected by alcohol misuse.

Post: Fundraising and Marketing Manager

Responsible For:

The development of a 5 year fundraising and marketing strategy; to take managerial responsibility for the successful delivery of this strategy and grow fundraising income.

Hours: 25 hours per week

Location: Based in Alcohol Forum with flexibility to work nation wide. Alternatives such as a Dublin base can be considered

Purpose

- To develop a 5 year fundraising strategy which identifies, creates and delivers new fundraising streams and campaigns in line with the strategic vision of the Alcohol Forum
- To develop and manage all elements of the Alcohol Forum's fundraising campaigns including prospect research, planning, budgeting, communications, marketing and review.
- To develop strong relationships with donors and potential major donors, trust and corporate contacts, artists and celebrities and facilitate good communication between them and the Alcohol Forum.
- To develop appropriate systems, structures, materials and resources to facilitate the roll out of the fundraising strategy.
- The post holder will have overall responsibility for fundraising income and forecasting reports for submission to the senior management and board of directors.
- He/she will report directly to the Forum's Chairman until the CEO position in the Alcohol Forum is regularised.

Deadline for application: 4.00pm Friday 19th July 2013

Applicants should submit a comprehensive CV with covering letter to:
The Chairman, Alcohol Forum, Unit B9, Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Application Forms may be obtained by email from info@alcoholforum.org or
By telephone 00353 74 9125596 9am -5pm Mon – Fri.

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12 `Crows on the Wire` Requires - Stage Manager and Technician

The Verbal Arts Centre in conjunction with its partners will devise, develop and deliver the `Crows on the Wire` theatrical production. The programme is an innovative and creative `Peace III` initiative which is being developed by the Verbal Arts Centre with writer Jonathan Burgess. `This project is funded under the European Union's PEACE III Programme, managed for the SEUPB by the consortium Pobal/Community Relations Council.`

The following temporary positions have arisen:

- Stage Manager
- Technician

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me:
Bridin Flanagan, Project Co-ordinator, Verbal Arts Centre, Crows on the Wire, Stable Lane and Mall Wall
Bishop Street Within, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6PU

Tel: 02871266946
Email: bridin.flanagan@verbalartscentre.co.uk

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13 Summer Serenity at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden

Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal on **Wednesdays 24th July / 31st July / 14th August / 21st August 2013.**

Join us for an afternoon of food, faith and fun in the beautiful Celtic Garden and IOSAS Centre. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and story-

telling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Individuals and groups welcome.

Call the IOSAS Centre to book (00353) 74 93 84866

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14 Let there be Lumiere

Neon balloon dogs, an interactive forest, a fire garden and a dreamworld created by L'Derry schoolchildren are some of the lightworks which will form part of LUMIERE, the spectacular light festival which will be one of the closing events for Derry-Londonderry UK City of Culture 2013.

Creative company Artichoke, best known in Northern Ireland for last year's Peace Camp, have given a first taste of their plans for Lumiere, which will take place over four nights at the end of the year, turning the entire city into a giant outdoor art gallery. Lumiere has been commissioned by Culture Company 2013 as a key final celebration for the UK's first City of Culture, and is supported by Northern Ireland Electricity. Lumiere will transform familiar city landmarks, buildings, hidden spaces, parks and waterways into a magical nocturnal landscape of artworks made from light that sets out to amaze, delight, and stop people in their tracks.

The festival will feature a mix of high profile artist commissions, international and local artists and designers, as well as a community-focused initiatives. Artichoke are already working closely with local groups to ensure the active participation of diverse communities. As part of its lasting legacy, the wider ambition of the festival is to use the temporary transformation of the public space to enable people to see the city in new ways.

To find out more, visit <http://www.lumiere-festival.com/derry-londonderry>.

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15 Studio 2 Summer Dance Program

All Classes just £2.00, Started 8th July 2013

- **Mondays**

Hip Hop/Street Dance with Irena Kelly
"Lil" Streetfeet 12-12.50 pm from age 3-4 preschool/nursery
Streetfeet Tots 1-2 pm from age 5 Primary 1/2/3
Streetfeet Juniors 2-2.30 pm from age 8 Primary 4/5/6/7
Legenderry Irish Dancing 5.30-7 pm **Advanced**

- **Tuesdays**

Ballet with Vanessa Chapman
Baby Ballet 2.30-3.20 pm age 3+ preschool/nursery
Ballet Tots 3.30-4.25 pm age primary 1/2/3
Ballet Juniors 4.30-5.30 pm age primary 4/5/6/7

- **Thursdays**

iD Youth Dance Company 7-9 pm age 14-21 years

- **Fridays**

Advanced Hip hop/Street Dance 3-4.30 pm age 12+
Age 12+ learning the basic skills and techniques of ballet. **No experience necessary**

For further information contact Irena on 028 7135 7443 / 07970131057

Greater Shantallow Community Arts, Unit 3, Foyle Business Park, Skeoge Industrial Estate, Skeoge Road, Derry

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Use only the Verdana or Arial Fonts, size 10 or 12

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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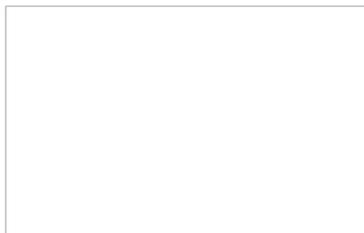
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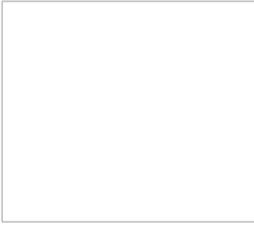
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