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## 1 EU Partnership Development Travel Scheme

Please note: It is the responsibility of all applicants to ensure that they are using the most up-to-date funding application forms. Guidance Notes or Application forms downloaded before programme opening dates may not be current.

### Purpose Of The Scheme

The Scheme will provide financial support to enable arts and cultural organisations to travel from Northern Ireland to develop suitable international partnerships for future collaboration. Applicants must provide evidence that they have been invited by a host and provide evidence of existing communication. The Scheme will not fund speculative travel.

Through the Scheme, organisations based in Northern Ireland will be able to network with established forums, groups, attend international artform conferences/symposia or meet with arts/cultural organisations within the EU to:

- Stimulate relationships with potential for future collaboration
- Improve the level of inward investment from EU Competitive programmes or other European sources
- Attract other European or international investment

**Final Application Date: 4pm, 15 Feb 2013**

### Hard Copy Forms:

EU Partnership Development Application Form ([Word](#) , [Rich Text](#) , [PDF](#))

Guidance Notes ([Word](#) , [Rich Text](#) , [PDF](#))

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## 2 Carnegie Challenge

The Carnegie Challenge is a fund to enable partners to put on a high calibre debate to raise the profile and impact of a conference or event which they are organising. These debates should attract leading public policy thinkers and commentators to debate issues of public concern in.

The Carnegie Challenge is an award of £3,000. The award should be used to cover the expenses of panel members. The award should enable event organisers to attract leading professionals to speak at their event. It is hoped that this fund will allow organisers to attract national and international speakers to take part in a high calibre debate.

Partners should be not-for-profit civil society organisations, with a commitment to improving the wellbeing of people in the UK and Ireland in a way which fits with the strategic direction of the Trust.

The application process for 2013 is open now.

**The deadlines for submission are:**

The end of Feb 2013 for events March to May  
The end of May 2013 for events June to August  
The end of August 2013 for events September to December.

The criteria for the Carnegie Challenge can be found in the PDF attachment [here](#).  
An Expression of Interest Form in Word format can be found [here](#). Please contact Lucy (see below) if you have problems accessing this form.

For details on events we supported in 2011, please click [here](#).  
For details on the awards given in 2012, please click [here](#).

For more information on Carnegie Challenge funding opportunities in 2013 please contact Lucy Smith on 01383 721445 or [lucy@carnegieuk.org](mailto:lucy@carnegieuk.org)

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### 3 Irish Youth Foundation open for applications

The Irish Youth Foundation invites applications for grants each year from organisations working with young Irish people in England, Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland with the exception of large and national charities.

**Closing date 25 January 2013.**

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### 4 EU Fund: Horizon 2020 event

**Friday 25 January, 12pm - 2pm, at the Sinn Fein Centre, Eastway Road.**

The event is being organised to discuss Horizon 2020, the new framework funding programme to be launched by the EU in 2014. It has a strong emphasis on business innovation which makes it very relevant to SMEs.

A number of people are participating as part of the panel discussion including Laura Leonard, Belfast City Council EU Unit; Richard Osterhus, DCC EU Unit; Caitriona Ward, Enterprise Ireland; Aidan Gough, InterTradeIreland; David Harmon, advisor to Maire Geoghegan-Quinn; and Simon Gratten, project manager of Horizon 2020 at DETI.

The panel will provide information, engage in discussion, and help us identify ways to maximise drawdown of the fund for Derry and the northwest.

To register for this event please contact Bridget Meehan on: [bridgetmeehan@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgetmeehan@hotmail.com)

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### 5 WEA GATE PROJECT: Generations Ageing Together in Europe

WEA has embarked on a new EU project with a range of host countries including the UK, Spain, Italy and Austria to facilitate discussion and debate on active ageing - what does it mean? How can it be achieved and what role does education play?

**To help facilitate the dissemination of information from the North West, WEA invites you to a joint discussion amongst older people service providers to explore the role of active ageing in society.**

**Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Venue: St Columb's Park House, Room A

Tea and Scones served on arrival.

**Topics will include:**

What is Active Ageing - Leading towards a definition?

What do we mean by Age friendly environments?

The idea of the Life course approach - Why is this important?

How can we involve an intergenerational approach and get children and young people interested and involved?

How do we engage the most vulnerable older people?

What are the Barriers and Benefits?

What role can education play in active ageing strategies?

How can key stakeholders work collaboratively to deliver a programme of work?

**We will also be looking to find examples of good practice in active ageing education among groups to highlight as part of the research on practice in the North West. So please bring any information on your active ageing work to the meeting if you would like to share. All information gathered on the day will be shared at the next GATE partner meeting in March. Thank you for your support.**

Please RSVP to: Sinead Devine on 028 71 36 99 47 or email [sinead.devine@wea-ni.com](mailto:sinead.devine@wea-ni.com)

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### 6 Public Sector Procurement for Rural Business

**24 January 2013, 10.00am, The Diamond Centre, Claudy**

Speaker: Geraldine Webb, Procurement Policy Branch, Central Procurement Directorate NI

Procurement for the Rural Community Sector.

Procurement for Social Economy Enterprises.

Searching for contracts through CPDNI

Submitting a tender to CPDNI through esourcingNI.

Scoring matrix and tender award process

To register contact: Johnathan McCartney at [Johnny@rapidni.com](mailto:Johnny@rapidni.com), 0028 7133 7149 or Margaret McLaughlin at [dennettinterchange@gmail.com](mailto:dennettinterchange@gmail.com), 028 7139 7990

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## **7 Derry City Council - Women of the Year Awards 2013**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2013, City Hotel**

### **Women's Award Categories:**

1. Contribution to Women's Community Development
2. Contribution to Community Relations
3. Contribution to Health
4. Contribution to Enterprise
5. Contribution to Tourism
6. Contribution to Community Safety
7. Contribution to Arts
8. Contribution to Formal/Informal Education
9. Contribution to the Older People
10. Contribution to Youth
11. Contribution to Childcare
12. Contribution to Caring
13. Young Women's Award (must be aged 18 to 25 years old)
14. Women living with a Disability

### **Overall Winner**

15. Woman of the Year 2013

An individual may only enter one category as regards to categories 1 to 14 inclusive but may also be involved in a nomination for category 15.

### **Closing date for entries – Noon Friday 1st February 2013**

Late entries will *not* be considered for selection.

All entries must be sent to Women's Officer, Derry City Council, Development Department, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN.

Nominations should be inside sealed envelopes labelled "Women of the Year Award 2013"

*Council Employees and members of the Executive Committee are ineligible for Nomination.*

Please contact Joanna Boyd, 71365151 Ext 6923, 07739916454 if you have any further queries.

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## **8 Safeguarding Adults at Risk Information Hub**

Free lifetime membership for NI Voluntary & Community Sector Organisations and Groups, simply contact us!

Membership of the Safeguarding Adults at Risk Information Hub (SAaRIH) is now available free to all 'not for profit' voluntary and community organisations in Northern Ireland. The initiative is funded by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety which recognises the vital and extensive adult safeguarding role that is undertaken by Voluntary and Community organisations.

The website is a high quality online central information resource for all those who are interested in and have responsibility for safeguarding adults. By enrolling your organisation or group you will be able to avail of free lifetime membership to the SAaRIH.

The SAaRIH is updated daily and contains all relevant information from Northern Ireland. It is also includes a wide range of information from the Republic of Ireland, England, Wales, Europe and beyond.

### **The website features:**

- Practice guidance, standards, policies and legislation
- Voluntary and community sector resources and toolkits
- Research abstracts and (where available) full reports of national and international research
- Reports on inspections, inquiries and serious case reviews
- Regulatory body determinations
- Court judgements relevant to adult safeguarding throughout England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Europe and beyond.
- Statistical information published by statutory agencies, academic institutions and other bodies such as voluntary and community sector organisations
- News articles, media coverage, videos and press releases
- Information about adult safeguarding conferences, seminars, training and development events

### **Free training is available**

To avail of free membership – simply contact SAaRIH: [www.saarih.com](http://www.saarih.com)  
Tel: 028 9024 3022 / [info@saarih.com](mailto:info@saarih.com)

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## **9 Safeguarding Children Training & Keeping Adults Safe Training**

Does your organisation work with children and/or young people? Are you aware of your legal and moral responsibilities to keep children safe? Do you want to ensure your practice is current and up to standard? Volunteer Now has a range of certificated courses designed to meet the safeguarding children training needs of your organisation.

[L'Derry Keeping Children Safe: Training for Staff and Volunteers - 31 January 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm](#)  
[Carrickfergus Keeping Children Safe: Training for Managers, Supervisors and Management Committee members - 2 February 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm](#)  
[Cookstown Keeping Children Safe: Training for Staff and Volunteers - 25 February 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm](#)  
[Omagh Keeping Children Safe: Training for Staff and Volunteers - 17 April 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm](#)  
[Cookstown Keeping Children Safe: Policy Development - 30 May 2013, 10.00am - 1.00pm](#)

#### **Keeping Adults Safe: Training for Staff/Volunteers**

Larne Library, 36 Pound Street, Larne BT40 1SQ

<http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-events/view/154>

This is a FREE 1 day certificated course (**29 January 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm**) for those working/volunteering with vulnerable adults. The training will raise awareness of vulnerability and assist voluntary, community and independent organisations working with vulnerable adults to achieve the minimum standards of best practice as outlined in the publication '*Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults - A Shared Responsibility*'.

#### **Keeping Adults Safe: Training for Staff/Volunteers**

Omagh Library, 1 Spillars Place, Irishtown Road, Omagh BT78 1HL

<http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-events/view/157>

This is a FREE 1 day certificated course (**4 February 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm**) for those working/volunteering with vulnerable adults. The training will raise awareness of vulnerability and assist voluntary, community and independent organisations working with vulnerable adults to achieve the minimum standards of best practice as outlined in the publication '*Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults - A Shared Responsibility*'.

#### **Keeping Adults Safe: Training for Staff/Volunteers**

Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR

<http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training-events/view/159>

This is a FREE 1 day certificated course (**6 March 2013, 10.00am - 4.30pm**) for those working/volunteering with vulnerable adults. . The training will raise awareness of vulnerability and assist voluntary, community and independent organisations working with vulnerable adults to achieve the minimum standards of best practice as outlined in the publication '*Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults - A Shared Responsibility*'.

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### **10 New Resource to Help Arts Organisations Involve Volunteers**

Volunteer Now, the lead organisation for volunteering in Northern Ireland and Voluntary Arts Ireland have launched a new resource to help arts organisations involve volunteers.

Wendy Osborne OBE, Chief Executive, Volunteer Now "The Arts and Volunteering Toolkit is an electronic resource which will help local arts organisations in their preparations for City of Culture and beyond 2013 as they develop volunteer programmes for the future."

Kevin Murphy, Chief Executive, Voluntary Arts Ireland said, "Research into volunteering in the arts in Northern Ireland showed a need for the sector to develop their volunteer recruitment and involvement processes. This in turn spurred the development of this resource which provides the practical advice and guidance groups need either to start involving volunteers or to improve their volunteer management including induction and training, expenses and issues such as volunteers and copyright. Further support is available to arts groups from Voluntary Arts Ireland and Volunteer Now."

The toolkit can be downloaded from: <http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/fs/doc/publications/arts-volunteering-toolkit1.pdf>

To find out about volunteering opportunities available across Northern Ireland, including roles with local arts groups go to [www.volunteernow.co.uk](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk)

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### **11 Free OCN Level 2 Grief, Trauma and Helping Relationship course**

Upcoming Free OCN Level 2 Grief, Trauma and Helping Relationship course from 10 am – 4 pm on the following dates:

Thursday 7th February  
Thursday 14th February  
Monday 18th February  
Monday 25th February

The course is targeted at anyone who wishes to gain a greater understanding of grief and trauma. The course provides participants with a grounding in trauma theory and approaches on working or supporting those traumatised. Theories of grief and loss will also be explored as well as examining the skills required to work with bereaved individuals.

Pamela Hogg, Administrator  
0287126 6655 / [admin@wavederry.co.uk](mailto:admin@wavederry.co.uk) / [www.wavetraumacentre.org.uk](http://www.wavetraumacentre.org.uk)

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### **12 Are you or do you know someone on medication?**

Community Development and Health Network (CDHN) and Health Social Care Board (HSCB) warmly invite you to a workshop which will explore: Why the Formulary is being introduced.

How we can better communicate why medicines change.  
The questions and concerns of service users and carers, when medicines are changed.

Date : 12th February 2013  
Venue: NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB  
Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

**What is a Formulary?** This is a preferred list of medicines from which your doctor and others can prescribe.

**Who is introducing it?** HSCB are developing and implementing it

**Who will use it?** Doctors and other professionals will use this to prescribe your medication

**How will this affect me?** This may mean some people see changes in their medication.

To find out more or book a place contact CDHN on 028 302 64606 or email [ruthmurphy@cdhn.org](mailto:ruthmurphy@cdhn.org)

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### **13 Apply for 2013 Charlemagne Youth Prize by 28 January**

The search is on to find the 2013 winners of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize, which recognises projects that promote Europe among young people. You can take part if you are aged 16-30 and are, or have been, involved in organising youth events or web-based projects with a European dimension.

You have until 28 January to submit your projects, which could lead to you winning a cash prize as well as trips to Aachen and the [European Parliament](#).

The Charlemagne Youth Prize, which is jointly organised by the European Parliament and the International Charlemagne Prize Foundation in Aachen, is awarded to projects undertaken by people between 16 and 30 years old. The winning projects should serve as role models for young people living in Europe and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. Youth exchange programmes, artistic and internet projects with a European dimension are amongst the projects selected.

#### **Prize**

The prize for the best project is €5000, the second, €3000 and the third, €2000. As part of the prize, the three final laureates will be invited to visit the European Parliament (in Brussels or in Strasbourg). Also, the representatives of all the 27 national projects selected will be invited to a four-day trip in Aachen, Germany.

The prizes for the best three projects will be presented by the President of the European Parliament and representative of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

#### **2012 winners**

In 2012, Europe on the Ground, a Greek youth media project, was awarded first prize. Second prize went to Europe Meets School, an exchange programme for Erasmus students (Czech Republic) and the winner of the third prize was the Cycle Me Home project, a documentary road-movie (Hungary).

#### **Timeline:**

Launch of the competition and online application: 11 October 2012.

Application deadline: 28 January 2013.

Selection of the 27 projects by the national juries: by 19 March 2013.

Selection of the 3 winning projects by the European jury: 25 April 2013.

Award ceremony in Aachen: 7 May 2013

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### **14 Appointment of Chair NI Screen**

The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure is seeking to appoint a Chair to the Board of NI Screen. The closing date is 12 noon on Friday 8th February .CV's will not be accepted.

An application form and further information can be obtained by accessing the links below.

[Information Booklet \(File Size 698kb\)](#)

[Application Form \(File Size 375kb\)](#)

[Monitoring Form \(File Size 30.0kb\)](#)

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### **15 Invitation to participate in PHA Corporate Business Plan 2013/14 – Stakeholder Engagement Event**

The Public Health Agency (PHA) is about to develop its Corporate Business Plan for 2013/14 which the DHSSPS requires to be in place by 31 March 2013. This will reflect the existing corporate goals as well as DHSSPS policy and priorities.

The PHA is keen to engage with its stakeholders as part of the development process. To facilitate this we are planning to hold an event on Tuesday 22 January 2013 from 12pm to 3.30pm at Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey. This is to provide an opportunity for you to hear more about the emerging priorities and challenges for the year ahead and for you to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

In order to help us in organising the event, we would be grateful if you would indicate if you would be interested in attending this event by returning the attached form to Katie O'Connor (Katie.O'Connor@hscni.net)

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### **16 'Storytelling and Positive Encounter Dialogue Facilitation Course'**

Omagh District Council in conjunction with Towards Understanding & Healing are hosting the OCN Level 3 programme 'Storytelling and Positive Encounter Dialogue Facilitation Course' in Omagh on the following dates. (Venue to be confirmed)

**All Wednesdays - Jan 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, March 6th and 13th.**

Please find attached information on the accreditation element of the course. Participants can however complete the programme without going for accreditation.

To register or request further information, please contact Eamonn on 028 7136 1942  
[eamonnbaker@thejunction-ni.org](mailto:eamonnbaker@thejunction-ni.org).

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### **17 TDDA Discussion Workshop**

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2-3pm, Monreagh Heritage Centre, Carrigans, Co. Donegal**

Tyrone-Derry and Donegal action invites you to a talk and signing on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2-3pm in Monreagh Heritage and Education Centre by Karen McCarthy on the launch of her book 'The Other Irish - the Scots-Irish Rascals who made America'

Books will be available for purchase and signing by Karen on the day. Books cost £15 (sterling). Light refreshments will be provided and there is no admission fee.

To register interest (and for catering purposes), please contact Stephanie at TDDA on: 00353 74 91 73747. Everyone welcome.

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## **18 Makaton taster session**

Makaton is used by people with learning or communication difficulties and everyone who shares their life. Makaton uses signs, symbols and speech to enable people to communicate. A Makaton taster session will be held if you are interested in finding out more about Makaton training.

Venue: Vale Centre Greysteel  
Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
Time: 7.00pm  
Cost: £20

Please contact Lisa on 07592705212

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## **19 Foyle Sailability**

Foyle Sailability is a project which aims to make the River Foyle more accessibility to people with disabilities. You are invited to a public meeting to discuss Foyle Sailability on:

**Date: Friday 25 January 2013**  
**Time: 2.00pm**  
**Venue: Foyle Disability Resource Centre, Glen Road, Derry/L'Derry**

Local MLA's will be in attendance.

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## **20 Echo Echo dancers perform their exciting & fast paced production in public and community venues**

Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company are to perform their exciting and fast paced production, *The Feel of Play* at a series of venues, including schools and community venues around the city. Two of these performances are specifically for members of the public, old and young, and are free of admission. This is the third series of performances of *The Feel of Play* and it arrives just in time for the beginning of City of Culture 2013.

Created and premiered in 2012 with support from Legacy Trust UK and Derry City Council, this acclaimed site-specific production promises an energetic performance that explores the rules and patterns of team sport exercises and training drills. Watchers will feel the energy, focus and excitement of a game but there is no goal to aim for- it is what the dancers do within the created structures and frame that matters.

The Feel of Play will be performed by six of Echo Echo's female ensemble and will be accompanied by the fantastic sounds of Gary Cunningham (Balkan Alien Sound) and Mark O'Doherty (Little Bear). Performances will take place week beginning **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** in local schools and youth clubs. Two free public performances will be held at Echo Echo's own studio at 13 Bishop St (Diamond side) on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January (5pm) and at Templemore Sports Complex (Buncrana Road) on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January (3pm).

"Joyous, joyful, and life-affirming!" is just one of the many positive comments the piece has received from audience feedback.

Echo Echo is considered to be Northern Ireland's leading Dance Company and is based in Bishop Street. The company is known for its innovative projects and unique performance style.

For full details of *The Feel of Play* and Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company's other projects and Winter/Spring programme, visit [www.echoechodance.com](http://www.echoechodance.com).

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## **21 Free vegetable seeds for community groups**

To launch the 2013 RHS Britain in Bloom campaign the RHS is encouraging community groups across the UK to plant edible gardens in public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Free seed packs are available to all Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood groups, as well as RHS Affiliated Societies

Each seed pack contains a selection of 15 different edibles suitable for sowing directly into the ground in April including: chives, parsley, coriander, dill, garlic chives, sage, thyme, marigolds, nasturtiums, radishes, carrots, fennel, spring onions, spinach and red frills mustard. Groups are able to apply for one seed pack each.

[Apply for your seeds online \(deadline 20th March 2013\)](#)

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## **22 City of Horticulture Event**

As part of the City of Horticulture events organised by Gareth Austin Community Horticulturist, **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January** sees a snowdrop walk, this time to BeechHill Hotel in Ardmore, Derry~Londonderry.

From 2-4pm there will be a woodland walk through the grounds of BeechHill unearthing the glorious snowdrop

drifts which exist there.

This event is open to all; the joy of the BeechHill is that with the new path networks this is especially good for buggies and the likes.

**Details:**

20th January, 2-4pm

Woodland walk with snowdrop focus

Cost £4 per family suggested donation for local charity YouthAction NITo register your interest please visit Gareth's website

To register your interest email [annemct@youthaction.org](mailto:annemct@youthaction.org) or visit [www.garethaustin.com](http://www.garethaustin.com) or [www.facebook.com/gareth.austin1](http://www.facebook.com/gareth.austin1).

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**23 Upcoming events with Greater Shantallow Community Arts**

Greater Shantallow Community Arts Art Reaching Communities Programme Presents....

**Having Fun with Stop Motion Animation** @ Studio 2, Skeoge Industrial Estate, Skeoge Road, Derry  
Saturday 19 January 2013, 12noon – 4pm

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

This programme is open to all those 8 yrs and over.

Sessions £4 per day

All materials and refreshments will be provided

To register contact GSCA: 028 7135 7443 or email: [info@gscaderry.com](mailto:info@gscaderry.com)

**City of Culture Project**

Wanted Young Musicians aged 14 – 19 to take part in Sounds of the City Project – The Craft of Forming a Band

16 week course @ Studio 2, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 8-10pm

Successful bands will perform at Earhart Festival

Interested? Contact GSCA on 028 7135 7443

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**24 ICAN brings Mandala Center artists to North West**

The Playhouse International Culture Arts Network (ICAN) will welcome the founder and co- director of The Mandala Center in Washington to the North West to work with Women's groups and to deliver a series of Master Classes.

The Mandala Centre, described as 'an international hub for the training', is a multi-disciplinary education organization dedicated to community dialogue, social justice and societal transformation.

Internationally acclaimed Mandala Founder Marc Weinblatt and Co-Director Zhaleh Almaee will both share their creative skills and expertise with community workers, creative facilitators, and interested individuals in a series of Master Classes in The Playhouse Derry- Londonderry throughout January.

Marc Wainblatt will deliver 'Diversity: Evolving from Reality to Truth', a master class which uses Theatre of the Oppressed to explore issues of race, class, disability and religion, etc. The free Master Classes will run on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 January from 10.30am to 5pm.

Artist Zhaleh Almaee will then explore 'Playback Theatre for Community Building', an improvisational form of storytelling for community building practiced around the world.

This free four day Master Class will be held on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January, and continues on Thursday January 31 and Friday February 1 from 1pm to 5pm.

ICAN is a three year project which has been part-financed by the European Union's Regional Development fund through EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (PEACE III) managed through Special EU Programmes Body

For information or to enroll contact Elaine Forde on T. 02871 268027 or email [elaine@derryplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:elaine@derryplayhouse.co.uk)

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**25 Strathfoyle's 'Wild Acton Weekend'**

Enagh Youth Forum in partnership with Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership are calling for volunteers to take part in their 'Wild Action Weekend.' On the **18th and 19th January** residents of Strathfoyle will be taking action into their own hands to improve their estate and nearby Enagh Lough. On Friday 18th January they will be planting a 60 metre hedgerow along the edge of the estate and the Foyle to benefit wildlife and screen fencing while on Saturday the 19th they will be meeting at 12 noon on Judges Road to clean-up the litter from a section of Enagh Lough.

Mayor Councillor Kevin Campbell encouraged people to become involved,

"I would encourage the people of Strathfoyle to come along and volunteer at Enagh Youth Forum's 'Wild Action Weekend.' Derry City Council is delighted to support this initiative and I would like to take the opportunity to highlight how important it is for residents to take a pride in their area especially local scenic areas such as Enagh Lough."

The tree planting on the **19th will run from 10.30am to 2.00pm**. Residents are welcome to join staff and pupils from St.Oliver Plunkett Primary School and Housing Executive staff to create the hedgerow at the 'big green space' situated beside the river at Owenmore Place/Clonmeen Drive in the Strathfoyle estate.

The Youth Forum members and leaders are inviting all residents to get involved either by planting a tree on the

Friday or by helping with the clean up. Paul Hughes of Enagh Youth Forum encourages others to get involved, 'We are asking anyone who can volunteer a few hours of their time on the Friday or Saturday to come along and 'do one thing' to help protect and enhance their local environment'.

The tree planting was made possible through Faughan Valley Landscape Partnerships free tree pack scheme with Woodland Trust. The clean-up is part of a Loughs Agency's Adopt-a-Stream initiative where groups are encouraged to look after waterways close to them. Loughs Agency supplies all equipment needed and Derry City Council support the group in undertaking the task.

Annie Mullan, Community Engagement Officer with Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership encourages others to follow their example, 'This weekend sees a community group taking advantage of two of our initiatives, free trees and 'Adopt-a-Stream', I would encourage other community groups in the Faughan Valley area who wish to improve their area to get in touch as there are many ways we can assist environmental improvements.'

For further information on the Faughan Valley Landscape Partnership please contact Annie Mullan, Community Engagement Officer. Tel: 028 7133 7498, email: [annie.mullan@derrycity.gov.uk](mailto:annie.mullan@derrycity.gov.uk) or visit [www.faughanvalley.com](http://www.faughanvalley.com)

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