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1 PESP Event: Clever Committees ~ Training for Committee Members

Tuesday 23 April: Good Governance, Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members
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@nwc.org or email: gabrielle@nwc.org / Tel: 028 7136 8811

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2 Compassionate Communities: Understanding and Valuing End of Life Care Masterclass

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 by Friday, 26 April 2013 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@nwc.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 Sheila McKechnie Awards 2013

Are you campaigning for social/economic justice? Want support in getting results?

How to apply or nominate

[Apply](#) now or [nominate](#) someone you know.

Application deadline 1pm Monday 10th June

For more information, please see the [application criteria](#) and [FAQs](#). Potential applicants also have the opportunity to book a short one-to-one [application guidancesession](#) (telephone or face-to-face) with SMK staff.

To download an application form, please click [here](#). Alternatively, to nominate someone to apply, please click [here](#).

<http://www.smk.org.uk/social-economic-award/>

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4 Funding for Summer Youth Intervention Programmes

The Western Education and Library Board's (WELB) Youth Service is inviting applications for funding for the provision of Summer Youth Intervention programmes which will engage young people, aged between 10 and 25 years, most at risk of becoming involved in social unrest, in a range of diversionary and developmental activities this summer.

There are two programmes of funding offered, the first of which is available for work in areas where there is anti-social behaviour or in areas where there is the potential for heightened social unrest. The maximum award under this programme is £3,000.

The second programme will fund projects for young people living in recognised interfaces and in 'hot spots', essentially areas where there has been evidence of increased or potential heightened tension. This programme is aimed at diverting young people from involvement in sectarian activities, civil disorders and other crimes during the summer period. Individual projects under this heading will attract a maximum of £6,000.

Application for support is invited from groups registered with the WELB Youth Service and from bona fide voluntary or community organisations. Applicant organisations should have experience of working with young people in a youth work setting and delivering the youth work curriculum. They should also fulfil the funding criteria, including those pertaining to Child Protection and criminal record checking of staff and volunteers. Units are required to provide a copy of their constitution, child protection policy, insurance details and bank account details. **The closing date for applications is Friday 3 May 2013 at 4.30 pm.**

For further details or to receive the full criteria information and application form, please contact your local WELB Area Youth Office:

Derry City: Area Youth Office, 40 Dungiven Road, Derry BT47 6BW – Tel: (028) 71313444

Fermanagh: Area Youth Office, Lakeland Youth Centre, Wellington Road, Enniskillen BT94 7HL – Tel: (028) 6632 6932

Limavady: Area Youth Office, 2a Ballyquin Road, Limavady, BT49 9ET – Tel: (028) 7776 0930

Strabane/Omagh: Area Youth Office, Strabane Academy, 61 Derry Road, Strabane BT82 8LD – Tel: (028) 71382096

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5 The Charity Times Awards 2013 – now open for entries!

The Charity Times Awards, now in their fourteenth year, continue to be the pre-eminent celebration of best practice in the UK charity and not-for-profit sector. The Awards provide the charity sector with a dedicated event to reward the work carried out in difficult and competitive conditions, and establishes a unique annual congress of the pre-eminent figures in the sector at the premier charity event of the year.

The Charity Times Awards are free to enter and this year there are 28 categories, including new category, the Fundraising Technology Award, and you can enter your organisation in as many categories as you wish. Entering the awards is an opportunity to be rewarded for your excellence and professionalism; we very much hope to see you enter the awards in 2013.

Deadline: 23 May 2013

The winners will be announced at a black tie Awards Gala at London's prestigious Lancaster London hotel on the 16 October 2013.

Find out more about the Charity Times Awards at www.charitytimes.com/awards.

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6 The Sectarian States of Ireland & Collective Action for Positive Peace – Project Launch

Wednesday 1st May, 9.30-2.45

The Waterfoot Hotel, Derry/Londonderry

The Sectarian States of Ireland seminar will explore the history of sectarianism in Ireland on both sides of the border. It will look at how sectarianism within states and institutions impacts on the everyday lives of people living in Ireland. It will provide opportunities for participants to consider the ways in which sectarianism continues to manifest itself in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties and identify ways to reduce and eliminate it. Speakers include Dr. Johnston McMaster, author of *Overcoming Violence: Dismantling an Irish History and Theology* and Derek Poole from the LINC project.

The seminar is the first in a series being developed on a cross border basis by Donegal Community Workers Co-operative (DCWC), North West Community Network, Community Dialogue as part of DCWC's PEACE III funded programme. The seminar will incorporate the launch of:

Collective Action for Positive Peace

DCWC's Collective Action for Positive Peace (CAPP) project aims to work collaboratively with community workers, activists and organisations in Donegal and the Border Counties (North & South) to embed the principles of social justice and equality within peace building. Through providing training courses, seminars and newsletters and establishing two Peace Action Networks and a cross border Equality Forum the project will build linkages with both voluntary and statutory partners working to address peace and equality as well as developing policy in related areas.

To book a place, please email hilarymccollum@cw.c.ie

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7 A lunchtime seminar ~ The Cost of Fashion

Northwest ACT (Active Communities against Human Trafficking) in partnership with Trocaire are pleased to host A lunchtime seminar ~The Cost of Fashion with guests Human Trafficking Survivor, Shrimati Veero, from Pakistan Karamat Ali, labour rights activist and director of Pakistan Institute for Labour Education and Research (PILER) Dr Gulam Hyder, director of Green Rural Development Organisation, Pakistan

UNISON, The Old Church, Clarendon Street

Tuesday 23rd April 2013

12pm – 1.30pm

With light refreshments provided

To book a place contact northwestact@hotmail.co.uk

Bonded labour or debt bondage is the most widely used method of enslaving people where labour is demanded as a means of repayment for a loan. The person is then tricked or trapped into working for little or no pay. Shrimati Veero, a bonded labour victim, and now campaigner, has come to the Northwest to share her story. Veero's family were tricked into taking on debts they did not owe by their landlord. Under armed guard, they had to work on the landowner's cotton farm to pay off illegitimate debt whilst living in captivity for many years. Veero finally managed to escape and saw the arrest of her landlord. Since then Veero has been campaigning for the release of slaves throughout Southern Pakistan. Next week Veero is running for provincial elections next week- See link to a Reuters article on Veero as inspiration:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/14/us-pakistan-feudals-insight-idUSBRE93D01320130414>

Karamat Ali is the founder and executive director of the Pakistan Institute for Labour Education and Research (PILER). Karamat has been one of Pakistan and South Asia's most prominent labour rights activists for four decades.

Dr. Gulam Hyder is the director of Green Rural Development Organisation (GRDO). GRDO are a partner of Trócaire in rural southern Sindh province in Pakistan, an area which was worst hit by the Pakistan floods of 2010 and 2011, and in which bonded labour is widespread problem amongst cotton workers in particular. GRDO work to free bonded labourers on cotton farms and in brick factories, through awareness raising and campaigning.

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[http://www.stopthetraffik.org/GBR/NorthwestACT\(NI\)/1](http://www.stopthetraffik.org/GBR/NorthwestACT(NI)/1)

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8 Do you suffer from Long-Term (Chronic) Pain?

The Patient and Client Council is an independent voice for people in Health and Social Care. We want to find out about people's experience of the treatment and care they have received for long-term pain to ensure that their voices are heard by decision makers in health and social care with a view to developing a pain strategy for Northern Ireland. We will use what people tell us to produce a report for decision makers that is based on their experience. We will make recommendations for changes and improvements based on what you tell us. If you suffer from Long Term (Chronic) Pain please complete the questionnaire at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LongTermPainNI> or scan the QR reader below



If you have any questions about filling in the questionnaire or need help to complete it please contact Sorcha Forbes or Avril Craig at the Patient and Client Council on: 0800 901 0222 or 028 9032 1230.

Your views are important as they will inform and help develop future services

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9 'The Lily and the Poppy'

Abhaile Aris, the Donegal republican ex-prisoner support group, cordially invite you to our seminar, 'The Lily and the Poppy'

The seminar is based around the history of the Easter Lily and the Poppy, both of which are symbols of Irish and British nationalism in Ireland.

The seminar will be addressed by Belfast republican and member of the Irish National Graves Association Mr Joe Austin and renowned historian Philip Orr. After both speakers there will be a question and answer session with the panel.

When/Where ?

Time: 10-30am - 1pm

Date: **Thursday, 25th April 2013**

Venue: Station House Hotel, Letterkenny

Admission: Free /Light Refreshments /All Welcome

For more info please contact Gerry McMonagle on: -

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10 Disability Training

The following is a link to Children in Northern Ireland's (CiNi) current **free training programme**. Please contact CiNi direct for further information.

http://www.ci-ni.org.uk/events_specific.aspx?dataid=567353

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11 PARENTING NI facebook page is now live

www.facebook.com/ParentingNI

Parents Helpline provides support and guidance to parents and families facing difficulties through a free helpline (0808 8010 722) and counselling, support and guidance via an appointment service in (Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Coleraine, Craigavon, Derry/Londonderry, Newry, Omagh & Whitehead. Helpline hours Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm & Friday 9am-5pm

Parenting Education provides programmes and resources to parents and practitioners. Programmes coming soon - Parenting Ur Teen (Odyssey), 'Walking on Eggshells' Non-Violent Resistance Programme, Flat pack programme for DADS & Parenting Apart (see sheet attached) Practitioners' Summer Workshops to be announced soon!

Parenting Forum lobbies on behalf of parents to influence policy, practice and equality of parenting services. Invitation to parents to join the group.

Please contact me if you have any queries or if you require further information - Phone 7137 2006 or email marie@parentingni.org

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12 NEXUS – Healing through Hope and Humour

Nexus is sponsoring a visit from the Kavanagh sisters – who have shown the world their strength, courage and resiliency. Joyce, June and Paula are three sisters born to a family of ten in Ballyfermot, Dublin in the 1960s. Their father abused all three of them in the family home throughout their childhood. In 1989, the sisters made the brave decision to bring charges against their father and, in 1990, the state took a successful case against him.

The women will be speaking about the importance of raising awareness of abuse and that victims take action in ensuring it stops. The women will talk about the impact of abuse and the implications for the victims who typically blame themselves for it. It is never too late for victims to come out and prosecute those that have abused. One is never too old to be held accountable for his/her actions. It may stop them from hurting someone else.

Event Details:

Tickets (**free**) are required to attend and are available from:
Belfast event Wednesday 15 May <http://nexusbelfast.eventbrite.co.uk>
L'Derry event Thursday 16 May <http://nexusderry.eventbrite.co.uk>

We are asking for donations to help cover our costs. You can donate at the events or online <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/thenexusinstitute>
Full details also available at www.nexusinstitute.org

EBay Auction

Nexus are starting our celebrity EBay auction on the evening of **Thursday 16 May**. We have over 20 items donated by both entertainment, sporting and TV celebrities. Some of the items will be on display at the two events.

To receive more information email info@nexusinstitute.org

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13 Clean Up Task Force to be re-established

Holywell Trust is reforming its Clean Up Task Force until the end of summer and is seeking core volunteers to help out each week. Core Volunteers go out to a prearranged neighbourhood each week and with neighbourhood volunteers pick litter, which the Council will then collect.

Protective clothing, litter pickers and gloves will be provided.

It is likely that we will operate for two hours **each Wednesday mornings from 10.30am -12-30pm** from now until September.

If you have the time and would like to be a core volunteer. Please contact gemma@holywelltrust.com or ring 028 7126 1941

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14 The Genealogy Roadshow is coming to Lumen Christi College!

On **Saturday 20th April 2013** join the audience at this fantastic **FREE** event!

Series 2 of The Genealogy Roadshow for RTÉ sees Derek Mooney and his team of genealogists crack the mysteries and stories of Derry City, county and beyond! This is a day out **NOT** to be missed!

Demand will be high so book your place now. Call Sean on 028 3083 4046 or 07791574463. You can also email sean@bigmountainproductions.com for more information.

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15 North West Street League Season 3

The Irish Football Association's Peace III funded Football for All project is starting a new season of the North West Street League. The NW Street League is a 5-a-side football league for marginalised groups such as the homeless, drug and alcohol dependant, refugees, asylum seekers and long term unemployed representing various hostels, community groups and action projects.

The 3rd Season of the Street League will begin this Friday at Magee's 3g pitch **every Friday at 2pm to 4pm**. The League will run for the eight weeks from April 19th to June 7th.

We will also be attending an introduction to coaching course to the activities for this season. There are limited spaces available for the coaching programme.

Please follow the link to see a short video which gives an overview of the project.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIm47mpY2b4&feature=share&list=UUZewQrQZcpeShcjY70jBIDw>

If you are a hostel, community group or action project and would like to enter the North West Street league or would like further information please contact,

Sarah Keys, IFA Football For All Development Officer on 077 3076 3849/ 02871 3651 51 Ext: 8214 or skeys@irishfa.com

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16 Calling all local charities and community groups- let the Wild Walls Cycle do the work for you!

North West Adventure Company Far and Wild's Wild Walls Cycle on **Sunday 12th May** is a City of Culture event that could help you generate much needed income. On the day a Charity Cycle event will take place at 12.30pm open to anyone who'd like to take part and raise money for their local community group or favourite charity. We can offer up to 10 places per charity.

So why not dress up, get a team together, cycle in your charity's t-shirt, challenge your boss to take part- some or all of the above!- and get sponsored as you go? We'll have drummers along the way to keep you going and enjoy a great day out.

Entry is easy. Go to <http://www.farandwild.co.uk/index.php/wild-walls-cycle>, press the Book Now button, fill out a few details and we'll be in right in touch. Entry is only £10 and we hope you'll raise much more for your good cause! Bikes can be hired at the event, so there's every reason to join us!

Call Lawrence on 07775911198 to inquire or book by phone. Thanks!

Submit an article - Email info@nwcen.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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