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1 PESP presents exciting course on Lobbying and Campaigning

Take Your Campaign To Stormont.....and beyond!! (**Starting Thursday 11 April 2013**)

Does your organisation have an issue it wants sorted??
Not sure how to go about it or who to talk to??

Then this course is for you...

- Develop your issue into a successful lobbying campaign
- Understand how policy works... and make it work for you!
- Understand the basics of successful lobbying and campaigning
- Meet your MLA's in their local constituency
- Understand local government
- Develop Presentation Skills. Define your USP (Unique Selling Point) and Elevator Pitch
- Visit Stormont
- Hear from organisations who have successfully lobbied on their issue.
- Gain ILM Level 3 qualification in Presentation Skills

This 10 day course (1 day per week over 10 weeks) is offered **FREE** to workers/volunteers of community organisations and is a brilliant opportunity to learn more about lobbying and campaigning while gaining accreditation. **Open to community organisations in Strabane, Derry and Omagh District Council areas and Limavady Borough Council area.**

Start date: **Thursday 11th April 2013**

Time: 9.30am-2.30pm

Venue: St Columb's Park House.

For further information or to receive application form, please contact PESP on 028 71368811 or Nuala: 075 4329 8322; nuala@nwcnc.org / Gabrielle 075 9574 8009; gabrielle@nwcnc.org

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2 EC Life+ Environmental Programme reopens for 2013

The seventh LIFE+ environment call for proposals has been published with up to €21.7 million available in the UK for co-financing of projects under three headings: **nature and biodiversity; environment policy and governance; and information and communication**

LIFE+ is the EC's financial instrument supporting environment and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. It is the only financial instrument aimed purely at improving the environment and is complementary to the other Community research programmes (such as FP7), the structural funds (such as ERDF) and other rural development programmes.

LIFE+ has been designed to contribute to the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and communication of EU environment policy. The Commission has created three strands:

- **LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity**
This strand is designed to protect, conserve, restore, monitor and facilitate the functioning of natural systems, natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, aiming to halt the loss of biodiversity within the EU.
- **LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance**
This strand focuses on climate change, water, air, soil, urban environment, noise, chemicals, environment and health, natural resources and waste, forests, innovation and strategic approaches.
- **LIFE+ Information and Communication**
This strand is focused on disseminating information and raising awareness on environmental issues, including forest fire prevention; and to provide support for accompanying measures, such as information, communication actions and campaigns, conferences and training, including training on forest fire prevention

The Commission has proposed to commit a total of €2.143 billion from 2007 to 2013 to LIFE+. In all cases, grants can cover up to 50% of eligible costs except in the case of projects dealing with priority habitats/species under Life+ Nature and Biodiversity, where the maximum grant will be 75% of eligible costs to projects that target priority habitats/species of the Birds' and Habitats' Directives.

There will be €21.7 million will be available in the UK with LIFE+ having a total budget of roughly €300 million per year during the 2007-2013 period.

Northern Ireland

A lot more specific information on the Life+ programme is also available in Northern Ireland from the Department of the Environment - please visit the link below for more information:

http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/natural_environment/lifeplus.htm

How to Apply

The National Contact Point for the Life+ Programme in the UK is Beta Technology and they offer a free and confidential service for LIFE+. This service is available to all organisations that would like to find out more information or participate in LIFE+

www.betaeurope.co.uk/life.htm

Email: life@betatechnology.co.uk

tel: +44 (0)1302 322633

The closing date for completed applications is 25 June 2013

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3 Regional Food Programme opens for applications

Applications will be accepted within four key areas;

- Regional fairs/shows;
- Information programmes;
- Award ceremonies; and
- Seminars/ workshops;

Assistance is restricted to not for profit organisations with an north of Ireland wide membership/remit. These can be agri-food groups representative of producers and/or processors, registered Charities and others fostering economic development locally. Applications are particularly welcome for collaborative ventures involving two or more of these organisations working together to deliver the objectives of the programme.

An application form for funding can be downloaded from http://www.dardni.gov.uk/nirfp_2013-14 or obtained from: Ms Una Hollywood, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Room 518, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB

Tel: 028 9052 4497 / E-mail: una.hollywood@dardni.gov.uk

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4 Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership, New Round of Funding Open!

Easter is just around the corner - Have you downloaded your application form yet?

The BCPP programme promotes and supports local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists to address local health and social wellbeing needs using a community development approach. Level 2 funding is for those who have a clear vision of what the project wants to achieve and it consists of a maximum of £10,000. Please note additional criteria have been set for Level 2 applications.

Level 3 funding is available to those who have completed several Level 2 projects and are now keen to sustain and further develop the work their project has already carried out. It is a max of 3 years funding at £10,000 per year.

Funding closing dates-

Level 2 & Level 3 - 18th April 2013.

Application packs can be downloaded from www.cdhn.org/bcpp. For further information call 028 3026 4606.

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5 'Hold the Date' – Monday 20th May

Monday 20th May, The Everglades, **morning event**, CRC are holding their annual policy conference.

Monday 20th May, The Everglades, **afternoon event**, Derry City Council Community Relations Team are launching their open consultation on what should go into councils next 3 year Good Relations Strategy.

The launch will include the first of a series of open public consultation meetings in various venues across the city and district. We will be holding other sessions in June as well, but if you have an interest in Good Relations and can hold this afternoon date in your diary it would help us get off to a good start.

Further details will be circulated closer to the time.

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6 Information Event: Changes from DLA to PIP (Derry/Londonderry)

Want to find out more about the changes to DLA?

DLA will be replaced by a new benefit called PIP this year - this is your opportunity to come and find out more.

Date: **Tuesday 26th March 2013**

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Alexander Room, City Hotel Derry, Queens Quay, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7AS

BSL and ISL will be available

Disability Action & the Social Security Agency has organised this event to bring together people and organisations to find out more about Personal Independence Payment. The event will help everyone understand the changes that will be happening to DLA and when.

Disability Action Information and Advice staff will be available after the event to speak to people on a one-to-one basis.

As places are limited, please register for this event by contacting Michelle McCoy on the details below or by [completing an online registration form](#).

Registration is essential for this event

Contact Details: Michelle McCoy

Address: Disability Action, Portside Business Park, 189 Airport Road West, BT3 9ED

Telephone: 028 9029 7880

Textphone: 028 9029 7882

Email: michellemccoy@disabilityaction.org

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7 Gender on the Agenda for Europe Workshop

Derry City Council Invites you to Gender on the Agenda for Europe Workshop

In the Verbal Arts Centre on **22 March** 2013 from 10am finishing with a light lunch at 12.30pm

RSVP to Joanna Boyd Women's Officer, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN or email:

joanna.boyd@derrycity.gov.uk

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8 Stakeholder Engagement Events on YJA Corporate Plan and Approach to Community Engagement

Youth Justice Agency would like to invite you to participate in our forthcoming engagement events to seek stakeholders' views on our draft Corporate Plan 2013-15 and draft Approach to Community Engagement.

This will 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 to help ensure that we are engaging effectively with you.

Local events are being at each of our local area offices and will last around 90 minutes (please see details below). **Please RSVP directly to the designated contact number in one of the offices if you would like to attend their event.**

In the event that you are unable to attend, a summary of the key messages to be discussed, together with the response pro-forma, are available for download from our website - www.youthjusticeagencyni.gov.uk. These documents can also be made available in hard copy upon request. We would welcome your feedback, returned by post or e-mail, to the contacts listed on the individual documents by **3rd April 2013**.

Stakeholder Engagement Events:

- **20th March @ 10.30am – YJA Ballymena**
 - Venue - 7 Springwell Street, Ballymena, BT43 6AT
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 2563 9900
- **22nd March @ 10.30am – YJA Omagh**
 - Venue - Anderson House, Market Street, Omagh, BT78 1EE
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 8225 2398
- **22nd March @ 10.30am – YJA Foyle**
 - Venue - 3 Strand Road, Londonderry, BT48 7BH
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 7127 8070
- **27th March @ 11.00am – YJA Belfast North**
 - Venue - 171 - 179 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GE
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 9035 1982
- **27th March @ 2.30pm – YJA Banbridge**
 - Venue - 15 Castlewellan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4AX
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 4062 9158
- **28th March @ 10.00am – YJA Belfast Central**
 - Venue - 41-43 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2DY
 - RSVP to Mary Keeley **Tel:** 028 9031 6418

- **28th March @ 10.30am – YJA Lisburn**
 - Venue - 2nd Floor, Lisburn Square House, Haslem's Lane, Lisburn, BT28 1TS
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 9260 6820
- **29th March @ 10.00am – YJA Newtownards**
 - Venue - 36 Francis Street, Newtownards, BT23 7DN
 - RSVP - **Tel:** 028 9182 0611

Please RSVP in advance of attending to ensure sufficient places are available

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9 Sport Northern Ireland pre-consultation events

Sport Matters, the Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009-2019, highlights Sport Northern Ireland's commitment to creating, strengthening and sustaining opportunities that support pathways to lifelong participation in sport and physical recreation. To fulfil this commitment, Sport Northern Ireland will be inviting the views of key stakeholders during April 2013 as part of a pre-consultation process to discuss how this can be achieved through the implementation of a new investment programme – 'Pathfinder'.

- Monday 8 April 2013 at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon from 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Wednesday 10 April 2013 at Ecos Centre, Ballymena from 2.00pm-4.00pm
- **Monday 15 April 2013 at Tower Hotel, Derry from 2.00pm-4.00pm**
- Tuesday 16 April 2013 at Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh from 2.00pm-4.00pm
- Wednesday 24 April 2013 at House of Sport, Belfast from 2.00pm-4.00pm

If you would like to attend a pre-consultation event please email Patrick Gallagher – patrickgallagher@sportni.net to confirm attendance.

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10 Gift of Health ~ Screening Day For Women

Friday 22nd March 2013, 10a.m.—5p.m.
Derry Well Women, 17 Queen Street, Derry

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Cholesterol Testing
- Diabetes Screening
- Ask the Pharmacist?
- Body Mass Screening (BMI) 10am—1pm
- Foot Screening 2-5pm
- One to One advice from a GP 2pm—5pm

Contact Patricia on 028 7136 0777

Free of Charge / Walk in service / No appointments necessary

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11 Connected Together!

Residential Training Programme, City Hotel, Derry~Londonderry, **25th - 27th March 2013**

Do you worry about the quality of life of older and people with disabilities in your community?
Would you like to know how to speak up for others living in your area?
You may be interested in Disability Action's Connected Together Training programme?

Why Connected Together?

Disability Action has been talking to older people and gathering information on the important issues facing older people in our communities.

In order to address some of these issues Disability Action have developed the Connected Together Training programme to promote active citizenship amongst older people.

Who?

We are looking for older people who are passionate about the rights of older people and people with disabilities and those who are interested in playing a more active role in the community.

Why get involved?

The programme will enable you to develop your skills connecting older people and help increase your confidence to speak up on the important issues affecting older people in the North West area.

This group will and then go on to form a local Peer Advocate Advisory Group.

The Residential & Training:

The three day course includes modules on:

- Challenging Stereotypes
- Exploring community participation & barriers
- Active citizenship & lobbying
- Exploring the Rights of Older People & People with Disabilities
- Tackling poverty
- Accessing information & advice
- Dealing with the loss of contact with partner

If you are interested in the Connected Together programme please complete the attached form and return to Carey Ann Clarke **TODAY (19/03/2013)**:

Email: careyannclarke@disabilityaction.org

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12 Questionnaire: ICT / Mobile / Broadband provision and usage within rural Northern Ireland

Access to Information Communications Technology (ICT) and modern communications in rural areas is often an emotive issue.

The potential benefits of good access have been much discussed. However, access to these services varies considerably across rural Northern Ireland.

This attached questionnaire seeks to gather YOUR VIEWS and YOUR EXPERIENCES on accessing ICT, Mobile and Broadband services within your household or business.

The questionnaire aims to:

- Demonstrate the reality of access to ICT/Mobile/Broadband provision within households and businesses across rural Northern Ireland;
- Demonstrate the potential benefits of accessing and utilising such services;
- Provide evidence to feed into the implementation of current and future rural development policies and programmes; and potential funding opportunities.

We would be pleased if you could take the time to complete the questionnaire and return by **FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2013** to: info.costa@btconnect.com or your nearest rural support network or Rural Development Council.

Or by post to: Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas (COSTA), President Grant's Homestead, 45 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 1TW.

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13 New Interactive Guide for City of Culture

Please see link for this handy new guide: <http://interact.discovernorthernireland.com/city-of-culture>

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14 Local jobs and opportunities

Please find attached job opportunities with **Top of the Hill 2010 & Inishowen Development Partnership** and tenders from **The Verbal Arts Centre** (Crows on the Wire) plus calls for an expression of interest with **Participation and the Practice of Rights Organisation**.

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15 Improve rather than move with Architect in the House

Architect in the House 2013 provides free one hour design consultations with Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA) Chartered architects for a suggested donation to Housing Rights Service of £45.

It's a great way to improve your home and help a local charity.

Northern Ireland homeowners can register from 12 March until 21 August at www.architectinthehouse.org.uk.

Submit an article - Email info@nwc.org to submit an article for inclusion in E-Bulletin.

When submitting an article for inclusion in this E-Bulletin, please conform to the following guidelines to ensure not only inclusion but clear understanding of the information you wish to convey:

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

Use single-line spacing

As far as possible, do not use images or include attachments - information is best received when it is concise and straightforward.

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

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

Please do not reply directly to this email, use one of the links above to feedback or to submit an article. For general enquiries, email info@nwc.org

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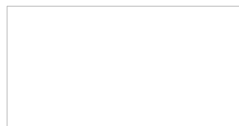
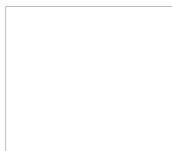
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