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1 PESP presents: Public Appointments Workshop ~ Why not YOU?

Do you have:

Passion; Life experience; Specialised interests; a desire to get more involved in public life?

Then this fun, interactive and practical workshop is for you!

Learn more about the role of Public Bodies, what Public Appointments are and the benefits of getting involved!

Women, ethnic minorities, young people, disabled people are really under-represented in Public Bodies – Lets Change this!

Eileen Mullan (Strictly Boardroom) and Helen Henderson (Board member of the NI Fisheries and Harbours Authority and past participant of training) will facilitate this practical, interactive and fun workshop.

Date: **Thursday 28th February**

Time: 9.45am - 1pm.

Venue: Apex Housing Association, Butcher Street, Derry/Londonderry.

To register for this informative, lively event contact: PESP on 028 71368811 or

Nuala: 075 4329 8322; nuala@nwcen.org

Gabrielle: 075 9574 8009; gabrielle@nwcen.org

See homepage of www.nwcen.org for a factsheet with more information on Public Appointments.

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2 Ministers call for applications to Minority Ethnic Development Fund

The First Minister Rt Hon Peter D Robinson MLA and deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness MLA called for applications to the funding scheme for community and voluntary organisations working with or representing minority ethnic communities.

With a new three tier funding approach being introduced, applicants will be able to apply for varying amounts of money dependent on the scope and scale of the intended use.

The First Minister said: **"The revised funding scheme will now run for a two year period, until the end of March 2015. This will support work which contributes to the promotion of good relations between people of different ethnic backgrounds, the building of community cohesion and facilitation of integration. This funding will run for a period up to two years and will bring greater stability to the sector and help retain the talent, knowledge and energy of the groups in the sector."**

The deputy First Minister added: **"The Fund has been very successful since its inception. It provides a practical response to promoting good relations between people of different ethnic origins and assisting members of those communities to integrate into wider society. With three tiers of funding streams being offered, groups will be able to apply for need specific and smarter funding. This will help targets be achieved and allow for a greater dispersal of support to a larger number of groups, including newly established groups."**

Groups wishing to apply should download applications from: www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality/race/minorityethnicfunding.htm or email race.equality@ofmdfmi.gov.uk for more information.

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3 Community-led funding programme opens in March 2013

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is launching a major new funding programme to support communities across Northern Ireland and the border counties to tackle sectarianism and racism in their areas. Grants from £500 - £50,000 will be available.

The 'Building Peace through the Arts - Re-Imaging Communities' programme will provide funding to local authorities, constituted community groups and voluntary organisations to employ artists to work with local communities on creative projects - large and small - that will promote tolerance and understanding.

Funding Information Sessions:

Wed 6th March @ 5.30pm - The Studio, Ardhoven Theatre, Enniskillen

Thurs 7th March @ 2pm - The Alley Arts Centre, Strabane

Tues 12th March @ 2pm - The Burnavon Centre, Cookstown

Tues 12th March @ 6pm - The Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry

The Arts Council has organised an information session in your area for anyone who wants to find out more about the new funding programme. Booking is not required.

The programme team will explain the support available and the application process.

Further details

For further details about the information session, please contact the Building Peace through the Arts - Re-Imaging Communities team on:

Tel: 028 9038 5228 from NI

Tel: 048 9038 5228 from ROI

Email mbeck@artscouncil-ni.org

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4 Do you need to attract new business people to your board? Business on Board can help you

Business on Board is Business in the Community's free, web-based matching service for business and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Its purpose is to strengthen the not-for-profit sector in Northern Ireland by increasing business representation and impact on the boards and management committees of voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Through our web-based matching service, Business on Board will offer you the chance to:

- Attract the right skills and diversity to your board or management committee
- Improve leadership and governance within your organisation
- Re-energise and reinvigorate your board or management committee
- Increase the level of professional and business representation on boards within the sector
- Enable widespread accessibility to potential board members
- Strengthen relationships between the private and voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors

In addition to providing potential matches, Business on Board will help individuals and groups make informed decisions before a formal match is made. Through training, advice and knowledge sharing, it will promote good governance and leadership across the sector.

How can you get involved?

If you would like to attract business people to your board, visit www.businessonboardni.org or contact Patricia O'Rourke on patricia.orourke@bitcni.org.uk or call (028) 9046 0606.

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5 Be in the audience for BBC 1's The Big Questions

The Big Questions Live from Londonderry ~ **Sunday March 10th 2013**

The Big Questions broadcasts live from Derry on Sunday 10th March 2013 and we'd like to invite you to be part of the audience.

The Big Questions is the BBC's flagship religious and moral debate programme. It's presented by Nicky Campbell and goes out live on Sunday mornings from locations all over the UK. The show takes on the major moral questions of today, consulting front row experts and the studio audience.

As an audience member, you get the chance to take part in the debates yourself, but due to the number of people in the audience, we can't guarantee this. Beliefs, informed opinions and personal stories are all aired during the show.

If you'd like a seat, please contact Eleanor Gruffydd-Jones at egruffydd-jones@mentom.tv or 0141 611 9630 ASAP and leave a phone number.

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6 PHA standards package

Following feedback from participants at the PHA Stakeholder Engagement workshop on Friday 1st February 2013 at Greenmount College we are now seeking further views on the Standards for promoting mental & emotion wellbeing and suicide prevention.

We would ask that you share this standards document within your own organisation and more widely as we would welcome comments from a wide range of stakeholders including carers and service users. We have developed a standard response template which we would ask that you use (attached)

PHA will be sharing the document and seeking feedback from a range of partners including all of those who expressed an interest in the consultation event

- Members of SSIB,
- Members of Bamford commissioning team

- Members of Bamford mental & emotional being sub group
- Members of locality implementation groups & locally funded services
- Members of Family Voices Forum
- Patient Client Council / Bamford monitoring group

In addition local PHA offices will be making arrangements for contact with some service users groups to seek their views.

PHA will also be talking to the Victims Unit to ensure they are aware of this work and the standards.

We are very keen to hear from as many groups / organisations as possible but we do need to keep to a tight timeline and therefore would ask that all responses are completed on the attached template and sent to lisa.carson@hscni.net as early as possible and **no later than Friday 1st March**.

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7 Pathways to Health update

Applications are now open for Pathways to Health, Level 3, which will take place in Derry and run from April to June 2013. Level 3 is delivered as a series of 6 master classes and is suitable for workers with a strategic or policy development role within their organisation.

For more information on the training, including the fantastic speakers confirmed, log on to www.cdhn.org and click on Pathways to Health.

If your organisation would like to discuss the possibility of having training tailored to your specific needs and delivered in a setting of your choice please contact Kathy Martin on 028 3026 4606. There *will* be a charge for this service.

Pathways to Health – Level 3 Training – 2013 course now taking applications

Pathways to Health Level 3 is a training programme for community and voluntary sector leaders who are committed to tackling inequalities in health using a community development approach. The benefit of this training is the chance to link grass roots practice with operational, strategic and policy working. It will provide participants with the opportunity to tackle health inequality in a unified way underpinned by the principles and practice of community development.

Pathways to Health training will be delivered as a series of master classes, one a fortnight for 12 weeks. Each master class will focus on one of 6 main themes to explore the efficacy of community development within.

1. Health inequalities – 10th April 2013

- Dr Mike Grady, UCL Institute of Health Equity
- Dr Eddie Rooney, Public Health Agency

2. Community Development – 24th April 2013

- Professor Margaret Ledwith, University of Cumbria

3. Sustainability and health – 8th May 2013

- Professor Hugh Barton, University of the West of England, Bristol
- Ann Marie Cross, Health Service Executive

4. Economy and health – 15th May 2013

- Peter Hutchinson, Centre for Economic Empowerment, NICVA
- Stewart Lansley, Economist and financial journalist

5. Research and health – 5th June 2013

- Professor Mike Kelly, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
- Dr Eimear Barratt, Centre for Excellence in Public Health at Queens University

6. Local Government and health – 12 June 2013

- Dr Fiona Campbell, Policy and practice
- Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer for NI

To register please email: carolinemcnulty@cdhn.org for an application form or log on to www.cdhn.org

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8 Rural Enabler Programme conference celebration event

We would like to invite you to join us at our Rural Enabler Programme conference celebration event in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan on Friday 8th March 2013 from 10am finishing with lunch at 2pm.

As the programme comes to an end in March 2013, a special symposium has been organised to celebrate and highlight the achievements of the Programme.

Keynote speakers during the event include:

- **Susan McKay**, renowned author and political commenter
- **Pat Colgan**, Chief Executive of Special European Union Programme Body (SEUPB)
- **Paddy Logue**, Irish Peace Centres
- **Seamus Boland**, CEO of Irish Rural Link

There will also be a selection of conversational workshops highlighting some of the local projects funded and supported - a selection form will be forwarded by email for your choices of attendance.

Entertainment will be provided by Cultural Fusion, which showcases the best of Scottish and Irish Traditional Music & Dance.

To confirm your attendance at this event please contact Patricia at Rural Community Network on 028 8676 6670, from Republic of Ireland 00442886766670, or by emailing patricia@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

9 Job Opportunity with The Garden of Reflection Project

The Garden of Reflection project, a partnership between Inner City Trust, Diverse City Community Partnership and Derry City Council, wishes to appoint:

- Programme Co-ordinator
- Administrator

For an application pack for these posts please contact: Diverse City Community Partnership, 12-14 The Diamond, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6PW, Tel. (028) 7126 1941 Email hello@holywelltrust.com.

The deadline for completed applications is 1.00 pm on **4th March 2013**. Interviews for these posts will be held on 12th March. Both positions will commence on 1st April 2013.

These posts are funded through the EU PEACE III Programme administered by the Special EU Programmes Body.

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10 Living Life to the Full - A FREE six week course beginning in Limavady

Aware Defeat Depression is offering people in the Limavady area the chance to attend their popular 'Living Life to the Full' (Lifeskills) course. Using the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy, this six week course will help participants to break the vicious cycle of negative thinking and give them the tools to create positive change in their lives.

Lifeskills has been developed by Dr Chris Williams, Professor of Psychological Medicine, University of Glasgow, a recognised expert and trainer in cognitive behavioural therapy with many years experience of developing self-help resources. Living Life to the Full has proven very effective in the treatment of mild-moderate depression, a recent course participant described how "what I have learned over the last six weeks has completely changed my life for the better, I have suffered depression and anxiety for many years but this is the first time I have understood why, and what I can do to make positive changes."

If you would like to attend **Living Life to the Full** for free there are still places available on the following programme:

Date: Wednesdays 6th March – 10th April 2013 (6 weeks)

Time: 10.30am-12.00pm

o **Venue:** Limavady Library, 5 Connell Street, Limavady, BT49 0EA

For further information and an application form please contact Aisling at aisling@aware-ni.org, or <http://www.aware-ni.org/training.aspx>. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the course, please contact Michaela or Aisling on 02871260602

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11 Latest training from SALTO Youth

Please see attached document for the latest training offers from SALTO Youth to include: **Sharing Experiences, Social Justice and Diversity Long Term Training Course, Faith, Acceptance and Cultural Racism** plus much more.

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12 Foyle Flyers Powerchair FC

Indoor Hall, Templemore Leisure Centre, Londonderry

Power Wheelchair Users: Boys and Girls, Ages 7 and Over

Saturday 23 February, 12pm – 1.30pm (arrive early)

FREE

Mobility, Skill Development, Small Sided Games
IFA/UEFA Qualified Coaches

To register please contact Alan Crooks on 07894614234 or acrooks@irishfa.com for more information

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13 Views sought on making the FHRS statutory in Northern Ireland

The Food Standards Agency has launched a consultation to assess the impact of mandatory display of food hygiene ratings in Northern Ireland. Essentially this would require food businesses to display their food hygiene rating in a prominent place where consumers could easily see it – under the current scheme, display of food hygiene ratings is voluntary.

The consultation comes as all district councils agree to operate the scheme in Northern Ireland. It's considered that a statutory approach would increase the scheme's potential to improve public health by providing consumers with more information about where they eat or buy food.

Work is already under way in Wales to make the scheme statutory with the introduction of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill, which will come into force later this year.

Working towards this, the FSA in NI is carrying out a formal consultation on proposals to make FHRS statutory in Northern Ireland and comments are being invited from all interested parties during the consultation period – 4th February to 26th April. An event will be taking place for industry stakeholders on the 14th March at the Ramada Plaza, 117 Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 7XP, from 2pm to 4pm. The purpose of the event will be to discuss the proposals and will be of particular interest to those in the hospitality, catering and food retail sectors. If you would like to attend the event please contact Hayley Hamilton at the Food Standards Agency on 028 9041 7763 or by email at hayley.hamilton@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk. The full consultation package along with details on how to respond can be found on the Food Standards Agency website at www.food.gov.uk/northern-ireland/

About the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

The scheme is run by local authorities in Northern Ireland, England and Wales in partnership with the Food Standards Agency, and helps consumers choose where to eat out or shop for food by giving them information about the hygiene standards in places such as restaurants, pubs, cafes, takeaways, hotels, Supermarkets and other food shops are also included in the scheme.

Each business is given a 'hygiene rating' when it is inspected by a food safety officer from the business's local authority. The hygiene rating shows how closely the business is meeting the requirements of food hygiene law, ranging from zero at the bottom (which means urgent improvement necessary) to a top rating of five (which means the hygiene standards are very good).

Related Items

Consultation package: [Impact of mandatory display of food hygiene ratings in Northern Ireland](#)
[Search for food hygiene ratings](#). Find out if a restaurant, takeaway or food shop you want to eat at or buy food from has good food hygiene standards.

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14 Singing the Bridge – A Community Music/Music Therapy Festival

Singing the Bridge Derry~Londonderry is a 4 day event consisting of workshops, concerts, talks and discussions exploring the role music can play in building positive, inclusive and individual community identities. The benefits arising from the use of music in healing traumas and in reconciliation have been scientifically proven by evidence-based research.

Internationally renowned experts in the fields of music therapy, community music and amateur music will join with local community leaders, young people and musicians to develop long-term projects where music function as a bridge-builder between communities, cultures, ethnicities, religions and classes. The goals of the festival include creating a legacy of exchange, skill sharing and mutual inspiration. To ensure maximum inclusiveness, non-musicians and musicians of all levels are welcome to participate.

There will be workshops in:

- Creative leadership
- Community development through music participation
- Conflict resolution
- Community music teaching in fragile environments
- Amateur choir training
- Drumming/percussion for teenagers
- Dance/song/body percussion for any age group
- Improvisation as a model for social change
- Training leaders in music-based work
- Introduction to Music Therapy
- Musicians in the class; training teachers in music workshop techniques

For more information:

Email: singingthebridge@gmail.com / Web: www.singingthebridge.org

To register for workshops, please visit the website and fill in the online registration form. **All events are free of charge for participants.**

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15 RTE's The Genealogy Roadshow is Back!

Do you think you might be related to someone famous or infamous?
Could you be connected to a big event in local history?
Need to solve a family mystery?
Or just love Genealogy?

The Genealogy Roadshow is back for a second series on RTÉ Television and you are invited to the making of the show! It's a free day out at an Irish landmark. Presented by Derek Mooney, the show is coming to **Lumen Christi College, Bishop Street, Derry/Londonderry BT48 6UJ on Saturday, 23rd of March 2013 and we want you to be there!**

The Roadshows crack historical and genealogical team will be in the College all afternoon eagerly helping people find extraordinary stories in their family, as well as giving free advice on how to track down a family history.

Stories that will be featured on the day include:

Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep, can we find her relatives?

A farmer searches for a link to St Oliver Plunkett

A local Family's link to the First 'Medal of Honour' Winner of WWII

These fascinating subjects and more will be explored on the day.

There's a new genealogy expert this year too. Susan Chadwick from Offaly will be chasing down the leads and revealing all the answers along with John Grenham and Turtle Bunbury.

Admission is free and all are welcome. But we would ask people who are thinking of attending to get in touch because we will be **filming twice – at 12.30pm and again at 2.30pm** on the day. You can come along for the whole event or the time of your choice.

Call Ciara (from Derry) on 028 308 34046 or (from Donegal) on 048 308 34046

Or drop her an email to genealogy@bigmountainproductions.com - Thank you!

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16 BT Blocks Nuisance Calls for customers in Northern Ireland with New BT6500 Phone

Nuisance calls are a major issue in the UK with BT receiving over 50,000 calls to its Nuisance Calls Advice line every month

BT today announced a brand new landline phone that lets customers in Northern Ireland control their calls by allowing them to block calls from "International" numbers, "Withheld" numbers, or specific numbers. The BT6500 will give customers the power to block up to 80 per cent [\[1\]](#) of unwanted calls, such as PPI claim sales calls and

other cold marketing calls.

Nuisance calls are a familiar issue with companies who don't want to be identified flouting the rules. BT receives more than 50,000 calls to their Nuisance Calls Advice Line each month[2]. [Especially irritating are silent calls, generating up to 3,392 calls to Ofcom per month\[3\].](#) [Of those who receive silent calls, 57% receive five or more calls](#) a month, causing customers distress. Ofcom also found that just over seven in 10 (71%) people have received live marketing calls on their fixed-line phone in the past six months[4]. [Older consumers are more likely to have been affected; with four in five \(80%\)](#) people aged between 65 and 74 reporting that they receive these types of calls[5].

The BT6500 comes equipped to help combat the irritations associated with nuisance calls. Users can specifically block calls from "International" numbers, "Withheld" numbers and numbers without a caller ID which will cancel out most unwanted calls. The handset also allows users to block up to 10 specific numbers, so any nuisance calls from a known number can be automatically blocked.

The BT6500 also has a "Do Not Disturb" mode, which is ideal when customers want peace and quiet. Do Not Disturb mode switches off the ringer and can either be operated manually by the customer or they can set it on a timer. Friends and family that you still want to get through, even when Do Not Disturb is switched on, can be saved as VIP contacts within the phone memory, making it an ideal phone for home workers, people with disabilities, parents and the elderly. Blocked calls will be silently routed to the answer machine so genuine callers can leave a message, except when the customer has blocked a specific number.

The BT6500 is also equipped with parental controls which allow you to block outgoing calls to selected numbers, for example premium numbers, mobile numbers, international, and the speaking clock, but will still allow customers to call contacts designated as VIPs in the phonebook.

Conal Duffy, director of BT's consumer division in Northern Ireland, said: "We know from talking to our customers that nuisance calls cause huge frustration and even anxiety at times. When people feel as though they are being harassed in their own homes they need to be able to take action and block the offending callers. The BT6500 puts the customer in control of the types of call they receive. We believe this phone gives customers the peace of mind that when the phone rings it should be someone they want to speak to." BT is launching two variants of the phone with different designs, the BT6500 and the BT6510, which have exactly the same functionality. The BT6500 is available from BT from today and will be available from Tesco and other independent retailers from the end of February.

BT takes the issue of nuisance calls very seriously and is constantly looking for ways to help our customers to manage their calls. We are also working with Ofcom and industry and consumer groups to establish ways to tackle this issue, which we know customers find frustrating.

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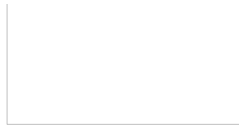
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[1] Based on BT's Nuisance Calls Advice line data for 2012, up to 80% of international, withheld nuisance calls, and specific UK numbers could be blocked.

[2] BT's Nuisance Calls Helpline receive on average 56k call per month. They reassure customers that not all calls are of a malicious nature, direct them to the website and offer BT's Calling Feature products to help handle calls

[3] July 2012. Ofcom Consumer Experience Report for 2012 published in January

[4] Ofcom Consumer Experience Report for 2012 published in January

[5] Ofcom Consumer Experience Report for 2012 published in January