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1 Fundraising with Gift Aid Workshop - North West

NICVA estimates that £48million goes unclaimed in Gift Aid each year by Northern Ireland charities. This **free** workshop aims to help local groups, large and small, to understand better and claim more funds using Gift Aid including the latest plans for Small Donations.

Date: **26 February 2013** - 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Cost: Free

Facilitator: Neil Irwin

Location: Unit B5, Rath Mor Shopping Complex, Bligh's Lane, Creggan, Derry, N Ireland, BT48 0LZ

This free workshop from 2.30pm to 4.30pm will cover the rules of reclaiming Gift Aid on a range of fundraising methods such as donations/standing orders, sponsorship/challenge events, charity shops, gala balls, cultural attractions etc. and the new proposals on Small Donations claiming without declarations. Gift Aid is worth at least an extra 25% on top of eligible donations (more for higher rate taxpayers) representing an impressive additional income.

Workshop Objectives:

- Describe the rules and eligibility criteria for applying Gift Aid
- Identify fundraising methods where Gift Aid can be applied
- Identify how an organisation can improve its income using Gift Aid
- This workshop is recommended for both beginners new to Gift Aid and those seeking to improve their fundraising to maximise Gift Aid income. This session is a chance to ask those burning questions you have on all things Gift Aid.

To book a place on this course contact Georgie Finlay at NICVA on 028 9087 7777 or email georgie.finlay@nicva.org.

Places are limited so it is recommended to book early.

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2 NWCN Annual General Meeting

30 Jan, Clooney Hall Centre, 10.30 – 12.30

To include: Address by Chief Executive / Town Clerk, Derry City Council & Community Places (North-West launch of Community Planning Toolkit – www.communityplanningtoolkit.org)

Nominations to the incoming NWCN Executive 2013 can be made using the nomination form which can be downloaded at: www.nwcn.org

To register please email neola@nwcn.org or call 028 7127 9090

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3 Event Management Training

PESP, in partnership with the Ulster Business School, (UU Magee) through its Widening Access Programme, are

offering a series of free workshops in Event Management training for local community and voluntary groups. In this City of Culture year, with its emphasis on neighbourhood festivals and events, this is a great opportunity to get some training on how to run and manage events effectively while attracting as wide an audience as possible.

An initial information session with Ulster Business School at Magee will take place on **29th Jan 2013 at 10.00am at the Magee campus** (room to be confirmed). The structure and content for the training will develop from dialogue and exchange of information from this meeting.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting and the additional workshops should contact PESP officers to register:

Nuala: nuala@nwcn.org

Gabrielle: gabrielle@nwcn.org

Mob: 075 4329 8322

Mob: 075 9574 8009

Tel: 028 71368811.

Date: 29th Jan 2012

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Magee Campus, (room to be confirmed)

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4 Irish Epic Award Goes To The Public Vote

What do a special ability arts project, wakeboarding leprechauns, a 3km chalk mural, yambombing, community choirs and a guitar festival all have in common?

They've all made it onto the shortlist for the 2013 Irish Epic Awards!

And now people can vote for their favourite to win a **People's Choice Award**. The Epic Awards are an initiative of Voluntary Arts, the development agency for amateur arts and crafts activity across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Voluntary arts groups from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, entered the Epic Awards, with just a handful chosen from each nation to go through to the next round. An overall winner and runner-up from each country will be chosen by a panel of experts – but the People's Choice award will be voted for by the public.

As it stands, **The Vent Collective** from Belfast are the highest placed Irish group and currently sit in 3rd place. If they are to take the People's Choice award they will need your votes to overcome the two groups from English and Scotland sitting just in front of them.

To read all about the shortlisted entries, and vote for their favourite projects, people should visit www.epicawards.co.uk before the deadline on **Wednesday 30 January 2013**.

The shortlisted entries all used their skills and passions to encourage participation in the arts and crafts and improve life in their local community. The Irish shortlist features:

- **Fermanagh St. Patrick's Day Festival** - Fermanagh St. Patrick's Day Festival held the first parade in the county for more than 5 years.
- **Newcastle Arts Festival** - The Newcastle Arts Festival was set up to create a fusion between diverse artistic talents in the area
- **City of Derry Guitar Festival** - The 10th City of Derry Guitar Festival took place 24th-26th August 2012. It offered courses for guitarists and concerts open to the general public.
- **Ballymeena Cultural Olympians** - 3 local arts groups came together to celebrate the Olympic & Paralympic Games through arts & culture
- **The Vent Collective** - Vent Collective created a 3km long chalk mural through the streets of Belfast for Culture Night 2012.
- **Butterflies Special Abilities Arts and Drama Project** - This project helps children & young people with disabilities to engage in art activities
- **Phizzfest** - Phizzfest held its third and biggest festival this year with over 80 events over the week
- **Club Ceol na Lochanna** - The group encourages children and adults alike to get involved in traditional Irish music and dance

Winners will be announced on the Epic Awards website at the end of January.

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5 BT Portrait of a City

BT Portrait of a City will create one of the largest digital community archives ever compiled, creating a visual memory bank for the city and bestowing a rich digital legacy for the future.

We are looking for people with an interest in photography or local history, or those who have bundles of photographs and film stored in the attic! Throughout 2013, we'll make a series of public call for images for the archive, which we can digitise for free for you.

Further details of how you can get involved in BT Portrait of a city are available on our website: www.btportraitofacity.com

email: poac@cityofculture2013.com / Tel: 028 7127 9919

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6 First Steps to Funding and Organising and Running a Workshop

Free WEA/AGE NI Training for Older People's Groups in March & April

Following the success of this programme last year, the WEA and Age NI have joined together once again to present 4 sessions on finding sustainability for Older People's groups in the North West. The First Steps to Funding with Age NI offers 3 Half day sessions which gives you a step by step approach to raising funds for your group. The final half day session with Sinead Devine focuses on the skills needed to organise and run a workshop with your own group. Maybe you have wonderful skills e.g. knitting or painting etc to share but don't have the confidence to present and share these with others in your group. All sessions are offered free to participants aged 50+. Participants should attend all sessions to get the most from the training.

Venue for all Sessions : WEA, 2nd Floor Magazine Studios, 5- 6 Magazine Street, Derry.Londonderry

Time for All Sessions: 10.30am – 1.00pm followed by light lunch

Introduction to Fundraising Sessions With E.J Havlin from Age NI

Tuesday 5th March – Session 1 'Planning & Preparing for Funding'

Tuesday 12th March – Session 2 'Making the Approach – Sources of Funding'

Tuesday 19th March – Session 3 'Understanding Applications'

First Steps to Organising and Running a Workshop With Sinead Devine from WEA

Tuesday 9th April - First Steps to Organising and Running a Workshop

Places are limited so please contact:

Sinead Devine at WEA on 028 71 36 994 7 or email at sinead.devine@wea-ni.com

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7 YouthAction is calling all young singer songwriters

The Irish Youth Music Awards are an all -Ireland event targeted at young singer songwriters aged 12yrs-19yrs and for those interested in developing complementary roles within the music industry such as photography, journalism, stage management and band management.

YouthAction Northern Ireland, Youth Work Ireland and Garageland are delighted to announce that the Irish Youth Music Awards (IYMA's) is returning for its 6th massive year

The 2012 events involved 36 regions throughout the country, 1,500 young musicians and writers directly taking part, supported by their local communities with an overall interest of over 20,000 young people. The final was held in Dublin's Liberty Hall, with live music, alongside music industry workshops with Ireland's most influential music business figures from the recording industry, press, radio and television. This year the IYMA's final event will take place in Dublin's Liberty Hall on Saturday 27th April 2013.

Young people wishing to take part in the IYMA's 2013 must express their interest as soon as possible to one of four regions within Northern Ireland: Belfast, North West, Enniskillen and Newry. Local live selection gig nights will take place throughout February and March.

The contacts for YouthAction North West (Derry) are Emma Johnston and Connor Mc Gilloway - emma2@youthaction.org / connor@youthaction.org

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8 Introduction to Mediation

Please find attached information on Introduction to Mediation with PRG on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st February 2013, presented by Michael Doherty.

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9 Call for Applicants for Programmes in Czech Republic and Israel

Inside Out is recruiting two participants for the following two programmes (one participant per programme):

(i) **Oral history as a tool for Intergenerational Learning** to be held in Liberec, Czech Republic between 3rd & 10th March 2013

(ii) **Yes We Can!** to be held in Ashdod, Israel between 10th and 16th March 2013

Food, Accommodation and materials is provided and 70% of travel costs is reimbursed up to a maximum amount.

Information is provided in the attached documents. Programmes aimed primarily at those in Northern Ireland but open to those within the UK.

Applicants should fill out the attached application form and return to thekingisalive@hotmail.com and by **Friday 25th January 2013** (and not to any other e-mail or by any other date provided in any of the information attached.)

Any questions in the meantime just mail me.

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10 New Training Offers with SALTO Youth

Please see attached a host of opportunities for training for young people with Salto Youth Training including: **Democracy Explored, Social Map of our local surroundings and Taking Chances!**

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11 The British Red Cross refusing to ignore people in crisis ~ Job Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity for a project coordinator to join us and effectively deliver and coordinate a six month youth exchange project. The key activities include communication with partners, the planning and preparation of an advance planning visit to Northern Ireland of youth leaders from each participating National Society, co-ordinating and organising travel and visas for participating young people and leaders from participating countries, planning and co-ordination of a weeklong humanitarian education and action youth exchange in Derry/Londonderry in June/ July 2013 and the project monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

The successful candidate will be educated to Degree level or equivalent by experience in education/development/community/youth work and have proven experience of project management. You will have strong interpersonal skills in partnership working and the ability to prioritise your workload. It is essential

that you have experience of planning and delivering youth programmes to young people, including supporting youth action and monitoring and evaluating programmes and services. You will have demonstrable knowledge and interest in local and global humanitarian issues. The ability to work and travel within the Territory as appropriate and more widely in the UK as required.

For further information and to apply on-line please visit our website: www.redcross.org.uk/About-Us/Jobs or email wrk4us@redcross.org.uk. Quoting Youth/Project. Please note that we do not accept CV's for any of our positions.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday 1 February 2013.

As the post holder will be carrying out regulated work with children they will require an Access NI check.

We are committed to welcoming people from the widest possible diversity of background, culture and experience.

The British Red Cross, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949) and Scotland (SC037738)

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12 You are invited to Afternoon Tea in Strabane

Strabane Family centre on 4th February from 3pm to 4.40pm.

To help us launch a 26 week Pilot Project

This is a multi-agency community support programme for families who live in the Strabane Council District and have a young person aged 14-18 in the family.

At its core is the 14 week STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME, which is a recognised early intervention programme that delivers multiple benefits to vulnerable families.

This pilot is being funded by the Department of Employment and Learning (DEL) and will be delivered in partnership with Customize Training, Jobs Direction and Barnardo's and Derry Healthy Living .

WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

- 2 days free training.
- The chance to refer families for 26 weeks of holistic support.
- The chance to facilitate some sessions and support the family through the process.
- The opportunity to develop and enhance a multi-agency approach to working with vulnerable families.

If you would like to join us please email me ASAP on Jacqueline.duffy@barnardos.org.uk or text me on 07783596886. (Jacqueline Duffy, Family Liaison Officer at Barnardo's, Strabane)

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13 Motivational Interviewing 2 Day Courses

Please find attached information on two training courses organised by the Community Support Services. The Community Support Services have organised two courses in Motivational Interviewing. The course is a 2 day course running in Derry and Omagh:

MI - Derry - 11.03.13 and 12.03.13 - St Columbs Park - 9:30 - 4:30pm

MI - Omagh - 14.03.13 and 15.03.13 - Sliverbirch Hotel- 9:30 - 4:30pm

A third day follow up has also been organised for those who are interested and will take place on the 27th March 2013 in Derry at St Columbs Park.

Glenn Hinds will be facilitating all courses and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the appropriate staff within your area that you feel could benefit from this training. **Please ensure you give staff all attached information as there is a closing date for applications.**

Closing date for applications is 15th February 2013

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14 Want to market your services to the over 60's?

Promotional opportunities at the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament

The 2013 Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament will officially kick off in February, with the first of seven local parliaments (one in each county, and an extra one in Belfast). The process will see between 500 and 700 older people from across the province come together at local parliaments, providing an ideal opportunity for you to raise awareness of your organisation or service with the over 60's.

For more information, visit www.pensionersparliament.org.

I am pleased to provide some of the promotional opportunities for the local parliaments, including advertisements in the programmes and inserts in delegate packs. To view these unique opportunities, simply click [HERE](#).

There are some very attractive discounted 'bulk rates' if you wish to promote your business or service at all seven parliaments.

All bookings must be made by Monday 4 February 2013, and space is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Invoices will be issued during March/April. If you have a preference (in relation to your financial year), please let us know.

Quotes for tailored packages are available on request.
Please email your requirements or phone 028 9031 2089.

Our mailing address is:
Age Sector Platform, Merrion Business Centre, 58 Howard Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT1 6PJ
Age Sector Platform: alison.mckenna@agesectorplatform.org

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15 When and How to use the Small Claims Court

FREE Workshop Invitation

Friday 25 January 2013, 10.00-12.00pm, NICVA, 2 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast,

Have your group members been left out of pocket because they bought faulty goods or shoddy services? If you've answered 'YES', come along to a free workshop to find out when and how to use the Small Claims Court.

Interactive workshop with:

- The Consumer Council; and
- The Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service

Who is the workshop for?

- Community & Voluntary Workers;
- Family workers and older people's representatives;
- Potential constituency staff; and
- Essential Skills tutors
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Book your place now: To book your free place, contact Nora Quigley at the Consumer Council on 028 9067 4803 or nquigley@consumercouncil.org.uk

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16 Culture Tech Festival

Just to confirm that the [Culture Tech Festival](#) launch will be at 1pm in the Tower Hotel – Tuesday, February 12th!

[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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NWCN is a membership organisation for Community & Voluntary groups in the North-West, - click [here](#) for a membership form for 2012-2013.

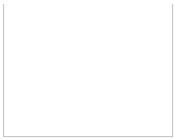
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