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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](mailto:georgie.finlay@nicva.org).

*Places are limited so it is recommended to book early.*

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## 2 NWCN & the Sheila McKechnie Foundation presents 'Introduction to Campaigning' Workshop

North-West Community Network is working in partnership with SMK to run an Introduction to Campaigning workshop. The day will provide:

- Insight into the successful features of a campaign
- Sessions on the key steps in planning a campaign
- An opportunity to consult experts on how to put your ideas into practice and what tactics have the most impact

**15 February 2013, 9.45am – 4.00pm, St Columb's Park House**

The speakers will be: **Harmit Kambo**, Learning and Development Manager, SMK (Facilitator); Councillor **April Garfield-Kidd**, Democratic Unionist Party; **Maeve McLaughlin MLA**, Sinn Féin; **Mark Durkan MP**, Social Democratic and Labour Party and **Eamonn McCann**, North-West Journalist/Media Commentator.

If you would like more information about the workshop, or to book your place, please visit <http://www.smk.org.uk/campaign-workshops> or contact Aura Lehtonen at [aura.lehtonen@smk.org.uk](mailto:aura.lehtonen@smk.org.uk) or on 020 7697 4044.

Spaces are limited so book your place now. These workshops are heavily subsidised but we still require all participants to pay a **small fee of £10** to attend. However, if there is a reason you are unable to pay this amount, please email Aura **prior to the workshop**, briefly explaining your circumstances.

Lunch and refreshments are provided on the day. Please contact us to discuss any accessibility requirements you may have.

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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 Tuesday **29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 at 10.00am at the Magee campus**, room MD106 – the Minor Hall. 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@nwc.org](mailto:nuala@nwc.org)

Gabrielle: [gabrielle@nwc.org](mailto:gabrielle@nwc.org)

Mob: 075 4329 8322

Mob: 075 9574 8009

Tel: 028 7136 8811

**Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 / Time: 10.00am / Venue: Room MD106 – the Minor Hall**

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### 4 FareShare Belfast is a project of Council for the Homeless operated under licence to FareShare UK

**“No good food should be wasted.”**

What we do:

We collect surplus food from local manufacturers, distributors and retailers and re-distribute it to **56 organisations** throughout Northern Ireland which are providing meals to vulnerable people in the community.

**In the last three months alone FareShare IOI through CHNI's Belfast Depot, delivered a total of 23.8 tonnes of food from landfill, which equated to 56,564 average meals for families, senior citizens, homeless people and other disadvantaged groups. 99.96 tonnes of CO2 emissions was simultaneously prevented.**

The food we collect is fit-for purpose but cannot be sold due to a variety of reasons such as outer packaging damages, overstock or seasonal lines for instance. Product is then sorted at our re-distribution depot at Weaver Court Business Park in Linfield Industrial Estate in Belfast and delivered to voluntary, community and faith organisations which work to relieve food poverty.

We were recently awarded the Green Initiative Award at the Brighter Belfast Environmental Awards held at Belfast City Hall in January 2013

Our depot is EHO registered and can handle chilled or frozen product with full temperate control, food safety, and traceability assurance. We operate two delivery vans, one of which is equipped with a freezer, allowing us to deliver all food products included frozen meats to towns and cities across Northern Ireland. We make weekly deliveries to organisations in Belfast, Lisburn, Ballymena and Antrim and Derry.

For more information contact Meabh Austin at; [meabh.austin@fareshare-ioi.eu](mailto:meabh.austin@fareshare-ioi.eu) or Tel; 02890 246440

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### 5 Free Courses For Over 50s

If you want to find out more about digital cameras, improve your photographs, record topics of interest on film/video, try your hand at a bit of writing, maybe recalling past events, or harness new technology to tell your life story through iPads – now is the time to act. Short beginner six week courses, run by Creggan Enterprises, start soon in Rath Mor on Wednesdays and Thursdays for people over 50 and they are free to people from in and around Creggan.

**Video/Film Making** - Wednesday 30 January @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tutor: Terry Coyle

**Digital Lives (Using Apple iPads)** - Wednesday 30 January @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tutor: Kevin Hipsley

**Creative Writing** - Thursday 31 January @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tutor: Eamonn Baker

**Digital Photography** - Thursday 31 January @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tutor: Emmett Mc Laughlin

#### Summary:

- Courses are open to people who live in or around the Creggan area
- Participants must be fifty or over to take part
- All courses are free
- Each course lasts six weeks

- No previous experience is necessary and digital equipment can be supplied

All courses have a practical output at the end so each person can have a lasting record of their creative efforts  
If you want more information, or wish to enrol in any one of the courses, please contact:  
Brendan McKeever at: Email: [brendan@rathmor.com](mailto:brendan@rathmor.com); Tel: 075-8094-3683 or 7137 3170

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

WAVE Trauma Centre are offering an upcoming **Free OCN Level 2 Grief, Trauma and Helping Relationship course from 10 am – 4 pm** on the following dates:

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

To register please contact Pamela Hogg on 0287126 6655 or [admin@wavederry.co.uk](mailto:admin@wavederry.co.uk)  
[www.wavetraumacentre.org.uk](http://www.wavetraumacentre.org.uk)

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## **7 Age Sector Platform Information Event**

Thursday 31 January 2013  
10.30am – 1.00pm (Lunch will be provided)  
St.Patrick's Hall, Barrack Street, Strabane (Booking essential)

Age Sector Platform is a charity which represents the interests of older people in Northern Ireland ; it supports older people to make their voice heard on the issues that matter to them. With a membership base of 35 older people's organisations and networks, it represents approximately 200,000 older people across Northern Ireland . It is the organiser of the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament.

This event will allow you to learn more about the work of Age Sector Platform, and the upcoming NI Pensioners Parliament which will be coming to Strabane in April 2013. You will also find out about Age Sector Platform's current 'Silver Saver' campaign, calling on food retailers to introduce a pensioner discount day for older shoppers.

To book your place at this unique event, please phone 028 71 883102 or email [strabanecommunityproject@btopenworld.com](mailto:strabanecommunityproject@btopenworld.com) with your name and telephone number. Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a 'First come' basis.

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## **8 North West Carnival Initiative & Derry City Council**

Open call to participate in St Patricks Day Carnival 2013

NWCI are now calling on interested Community Groups, Schools, Youth Groups, Students, performers, individuals and Artists to get involved in this year's St Patrick's Day Carnival Parade.

This year's carnival parade invites audiences to go on a big adventure, journeying across land, sea and sky to discover wonderful and magical worlds.

North West Carnival Initiative and Derry City Council offer a range of support to interested groups. The central objective in all activity is to promote shared celebration by encouraging participation in quality, carnival based activity that is inclusive to all communities within the North West area.

If you would like to participate or require further information please contact Sharon Meenan on Tel: 028 71 365151 or e-mail: [sharon.meenan@derrycity.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.meenan@derrycity.gov.uk)

Please note: By registering for the workshops you are agreeing to participate in the St Patrick's Day Carnival Parade 2013 with your own adequate supervision. Support will be granted on a first come first served basis, so please try to get in touch as soon as you can.

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## **9 The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**

A short service of prayer to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place in Oakgrove Integrated College, Stradreagh, Gransha Park, Derry-Londonderry BT47 6TG at 3.30 pm on Thursday 24 January 2013. This event celebrates a culture of faith in the City of Culture. Refreshments will be served with an opportunity to meet and mix. For further information and to confirm places, please contact Oakgrove: 028 71860443 or [jharkin576@c2kni.net](mailto:jharkin576@c2kni.net)

### **Holocaust Memorial Day 2013 – Bridging our divides by remembering the Holocaust**

Special assemblies will be held as part of Oakgrove's ongoing commitment to do more each year to remember, to teach and to take action about the Holocaust. All participants are asked to pledge an action to build a better world. One assembly is open to the community, hoping to strengthen a culture of compassion in the UK's first City of Culture. The public event is to be held on Monday 28 January at 11.10, lasting thirty minutes. Members of the public should confirm attendance by telephone 02871860443 or email [jharkin576@c2kni.net](mailto:jharkin576@c2kni.net) This honours the memory of all victims of genocides and encourages actions to bridge divides between people, not just on this day, but every day.

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## **10 Update on the Community Capacity Building Programme**

We are now beginning to rollout various projects in the North West and the updated information on our website may be of interest to you: <http://www.ccb-ymca.org/>

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## **11 HURT - Annual General Meeting**

HURT will be holding their Annual General Meeting on the **6th February 2013**, 4pm at HURT Centre – 14 Clarendon Street

All welcome.

If attending please contact: 02871369696

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## **12 Local Jobs**

Please see attached for job opportunities with the **Verbal Arts Centre, Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum, The Playhouse** and **British Red Cross**.

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## **13 Foyle Cage Soccer Tournament**

Community Groups within the Derry City Council area are being invited to enrol teams of two players to participate in a Cage Soccer Tournament (maximum of 20 teams per night, places allocated on first come first served basis).

Please forward Team submission Application and Registration Forms to PCSP on or before Tuesday 12 February 2013 to Derry PCSP, Derry City Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN

Please see attached documents to include the timetable, Young Persons application form and Leaders application form.

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## **14 Group Coaching Session**

You are invited to a Group Coaching Event on **29 January 2013**, The Ramada Hotel, L'Derry, 6-8pm and the setting will be informal/experiential learning.

### **What you will get from this evening:**

1. Insights into the Power of Coaching from Personal/Organisational Benefits, i.e. what is Coaching and its benefits
2. Introduction into Emotional Intelligence and the benefit of improving your EQ in life and business

Client autonomy and emotional intelligence underpin the learnings of all Coach Training Programmes delivered by McStravick Institute of Coaching and Coach Trainees "learn by doing" (Aristotle)

This will be an experimental and fun event with engagement at all levels showing how Coach Training is delivered as a personal and group experience

### **There is no cost to you for this event**

RSVP: [info@mcstravickinstitute.com](mailto:info@mcstravickinstitute.com) / Tel: 028 9043 6646  
[www.mcstravickinstitute.com](http://www.mcstravickinstitute.com)

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## **15 An introduction to Taiko Drumming**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013**, The Verbal Arts Centre, 2.15pm – 4.00pm  
Cost: £15

Places limited so call Fiona on 077 2661 1862 to secure your place or join us on our Ibuki Taiko Face book page.

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## **16 WillFredd Theatre in association with Arts & Disability Ireland present: Follow**

WillFredd Theatre in association with Arts & Disability Ireland present: FOLLOW  
Co-created by WillFredd Theatre, Jack Crawley and Shane O'Reilly.

The Alley Theatre, Railway Street, Strabane, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, BT82 9FJ

### **Friday 1st March at 8pm**

Tkts: £10. £8 (con) Special Offer: Buy 10 tickets get 1 free

Box Office: 028 71 384444 [www.alley-theatre.com](http://www.alley-theatre.com)

Shane O Reilly is a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults). Shane's parents are deaf. He grew up in a house with doorbell lights and subtitles on the TV. A house where to be heard, you had to be seen.

Follow him. To a place where sound is a feeling and signs are all around.

Can you Follow?

Come to the Deaf Disco. We'll meet you there.

Every journey to the theatre commences in hope (too often dashed) – here it is totally justified. \*\*\*\*\*  
*Irish Theatre Magazine on FOLLOW, Dublin Fringe Festival 2011*

Shane O Reilly is a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) and has grown up in the Deaf Community. Last year he approached WillFredd Theatre with a question: Was it possible to create a truly integrated piece of the theatre, one that was fully accessible to both a Deaf and Hearing audience?

WillFredd Theatre took the challenge on the chin and went into the local Deaf Community to meet with people and to hear their stories and experiences of growing up as part of the Deaf Community in a hearing world.

FOLLOW went on to be the surprise hit of the 2011 ABSOLUT Fringe going on to win the coveted Spirit of the Fringe Award. The response to the performance from hearing and non-hearing audience members alike was phenomenal. WillFredd are very excited to be performing the show in Strabane for the first time. This is the first time the show will be performed in BSL and ISL simultaneously.

WillFredd Theatre were amazed to find out that this first piece of its kind in Ireland which integrates ISL (Irish Sign Language ) & BSL (British Sign Language) with performance in this unique way. FOLLOW is the first piece of theatre in Ireland created for both a Deaf and Hearing audience and is inspired by sign language as a form of communication and narrative device.

FOLLOW tells humorous and moving stories and experiences from the Deaf community through sound, light, ISL, (Irish Sign Language) , BSL (British Sign Language) and traditional story telling.

Follow - Developed as part of Project Brand New. Supported by Arts & Disability Ireland, ABSOLUTE Fringe, CREATE, Dublin City Council, The Arts Council and Rough Magic Hub.  
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*Use single-line spacing*

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

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