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## **1 The McKibbin Family Fund**

The McKibbin Family Fund aims to improve the lives of young people living with physical disabilities, learning disabilities or who are affected by illness.

The Fund hopes to impact positively on their lives by helping create opportunities for their development and increased inclusion in society.

**What will be funded:**

- Equipment
- Outings
- Residentials
- Tutors

To apply please complete the online [Responsive Grant Making Application form](#).

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## **2 Charity Commission opens public consultation on interim reporting requirements for charities**

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has opened a public consultation on the interim reporting requirements for all registered charities – and is calling on you to take part.

At present, charities in Northern Ireland are not required to submit annual monitoring returns or accounts and reports to the Commission for inspection.

This will change after compulsory registration of charities begins later this year with annual reporting by charities playing an important role in the Commission's regulation and monitoring work as well as helping to ensure the register of charities is accurate and up to date.

To make the process for regulation and monitoring of charities as accessible and smooth as possible, the reporting requirements for all newly registered charities in Northern Ireland will be introduced on a phased basis.

The Commission's consultation is focused on phase one, the interim requirements. Under this phase registered charities will have to submit an annual return, including their annual accounts and reports in the format they currently prepare them, to the Commission for annual inspection.

A consultation on phase two – the full accounting and reporting regulations – will be held later in 2014. All consultation details, including the interim reporting proposals, the draft annual monitoring form and details on how you can take part are available on the Commission's website [www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk)

The Commission will host five consultation events during October and November (see table below). You can

book a place at an event by contacting the Commission by telephone on 028 3832 0220, by TextPhone on 028 3834 7639 or by email on [admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk](mailto:admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk)

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Belfast*	Riddell Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast, BT9 5EE	Friday 4 October 2013	9.15am – 2pm (registration from 8.45am)
<b>Omagh</b>	<b>Tara Centre, 11 Homeview Terrace, Omagh, BT79 OAH</b>	<b>Wednesday 16 October 2013</b>	<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm (registration from 6pm)</b>
Belfast	NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB	Tuesday 5 November 2013	2.30pm – 4.30pm (registration from 2pm)
Ballymoney	Joey Dunlop Centre, 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney, BT53 7DB	Wednesday 13 November 2013	6.30pm – 8.30pm (registration from 6pm)
Craigavon	Craigavon Civic centre, Lakeview Road, Craigavon, BT64 1AL	Wednesday 27 November 2013	6.30pm – 8.30pm (registration from 6pm)

\*This event is a joint conference with Queen's University Management School (QUMS), which will provide an insight into the new draft Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities as well as a consultation workshop on the interim reporting proposals for Northern Ireland charities. To book a place at this event please contact Ciaran Connolly via email at [c.j.connolly@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.j.connolly@qub.ac.uk) or telephone 028 9097 4796

**The consultation opened on Monday 23 September 2013 and will run for 12 weeks, closing on Friday 13 December 2013.**

For more information please contact the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on telephone: 028 3832 0220, TextPhone: 028 3834 7639, email: [admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk](mailto:admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk) or visit: [www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk)

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### 3 Public meetings over local councillors' remuneration

As part of the Local Government Reform programme, a review of councillors' remuneration is being conducted. The Councillor Remuneration Panel for NI is also advising on the system and level of allowances appropriate for the 11 new councils. The panel is holding a series of public meetings and everyone is welcome to come along and have their say.

#### Dates and venues:

The meetings will also be an opportunity to answer any questions you may have about councillor remuneration. The dates and venues for the meetings are:

- Friday 6 September (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm), Ballymena: Ballymena Showgrounds, Warden Street, Townparks, Ballymena, BT43 7DR
- Tuesday 17 September (3.00 pm to 6.00 pm), Belfast: Grosvenor House and Training Centre, Grosvenor Hall, 5 Glengall Street, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT1 5AD
- Monday 23 September (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm), Craigavon: Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre, Lakeview Road, Balteagh, Craigavon, BT64 1AL
- **Friday 27 September (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm), Londonderry/Derry: Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane and Mall Wall, Bishop Street, Derry, Londonderry, BT48 6PU**
- Monday 30 September (4.00 pm to 7.00 pm), Enniskillen: Enniskillen Town Hall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7BA

To reserve a slot to speak or request any special arrangements, it is preferable that you register in advance by contacting the Local Government Reform Programme Office on: Phone: 028 9041 6716 / email: [lgru-programoffice@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:lgru-programoffice@doeni.gov.uk)

You can find out more about the Panel at the following link:

[Councillors' Remuneration Panel - Department of the Environment website](#)

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### 4 Community Owned: Community Shared Workshop Series

This autumn, Co-operative Alternatives in collaboration with the Building Change Trust are organising a series of thematic workshops exploring 'community shares' and how crucial they have been to the development and regeneration of communities across the UK. Community shares are a financial tool available to community enterprises to raise money to get started, to grow and to buy the resources they need to be successful and profitable. Community shares are a meaningful and democratic way to engage with a community who supports and recognise the social value of the enterprise.

Visit [www.coopalternatives.coop](http://www.coopalternatives.coop) for more information on community shares.

With more than 120 successful share offers made since 2009, they have invited speakers with firsthand experience of community share offers who can bring a real understanding of why the use of community shares is thriving.

There are five themes, reflective of some of the needs of communities in Northern Ireland; registration is now open for the following workshops, please note places are limited:

- Community buildings and heritage on 26 September, Belfast

- Community rural shops on 10 October, Cookstown
- Community supported agriculture on 22 October, Ballymena

Planning is in progress for two other workshops on:

- Community owned energy, November
- Community sports and leisure, November

For more information and to book visit <http://www.coopalternatives.coop/events/community-shares-workshops/> or contact Tiziana O'Hara on [tiziana@coopalternatives.coop](mailto:tiziana@coopalternatives.coop) or on 07858 317 634 if you want further information.

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## 5 Do you spend too much time on your funding reports?

Social Impact Tracker, is a secure web-based data application for frontline organisations to report on their outputs, outcomes and social impact. It has been developed by a local Social Enterprise and used by community, voluntary, charity organisations and other social enterprises nationwide.

### It has many benefits including:

- Reporting to all your funding channels including ESF
- Managing your beneficiaries and activities
- Producing your social impact reports
- Monitor and account on participant engagement

Social Impact Tracker is completely self managed and has over 70 customisable data fields. It is affordable, simple to use and a recommended model of practice. So if you want to free up more time for programme delivery, find out more or book a free demo, click on the link: [\[Link\]](#)

[www.socialimpacttracker.org](http://www.socialimpacttracker.org) / [peter@socialimpacttracker.org](mailto:peter@socialimpacttracker.org) / 0287186 3722

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## 6 Peace & Equality seminar - last reminder

This is your last chance to book for CWC's **free seminar** on The Links Between Equality and Peace Building to be held in **Letterkenny on 26 September**.

We are delighted to have **Niall Crowley as the keynote speaker**. Niall was chief executive officer of the Equality Authority in Ireland, from its establishment in 1999 until 2008. Prior to this he worked in the community and voluntary sector with the Travellers' rights organisation Pavee Point. He is the author of An Ambition for Equality, which was published by Irish Academic Press in 2006 and he now works as an independent equality and diversity expert.

The seminar will also be addressed by Hilary McCollum, Project Manager of Donegal CWC's Collective Action for Positive Peace project. Hilary has worked on issues of equality and human rights within the community and voluntary sector, local and central government for more than 20 years, with a particular focus on violence against women and girls and identity based violence.

To book a place, please email [hilarymccollum@cwci.ie](mailto:hilarymccollum@cwci.ie)

*This project is supported by the European Union's PEACE III Programme managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Community Relations Council/Pobal consortium*

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## 7 Gulp or Sip? Alcohol Culture in 21st Century Europe. Call for participants

The Community Support Service for Drugs and Alcohol (CSS) was established in 2006 to support local communities throughout the Western Health and Social Care Trust Area of Northern Ireland in addressing alcohol and drug issues. The CSS facilitate three Drugs and Alcohol Forums which consist of members for different sectors including public, private and community and voluntary and different fields including their aim to reduce alcohol and drug related harm. The Foyle Drug and Alcohol Forum is one of the Forums facilitated by the CSS.

CSS and Foyle Drug and Alcohol recently secured funding from the British Council through the EU's Youth in Action Programme to deliver a training programme exploring Alcohol Culture. 'Gulp or Sip? Alcohol Culture in the 21st Century' is a six-day residential training programme (**between 10th and 17th November at the White Horse Hotel, Derry~Londonderry**) that will provide opportunities for participants from 5 countries (including UK and Ireland) to share, exchange and promote models of good practice that deals with alcohol culture. The event has been organised against the backdrop of Derry~Londonderry's 'UK City of Culture 2013' status which presents a significant opportunity to address the culture of alcohol and its social, political and educational implications but primarily its health implications for local communities.

CSS & FDAF are inviting applications from youth work practitioners, young leaders and other practitioners (with a remit or responsibility for the welfare of young people or who through their interest in and commitment to the use of pro-active alcohol-related strategies and approaches that aim to reduce alcohol-related harm among young people) to take part in the training.

Food and Accommodation is covered 100% for the duration of the programme and travel is reimbursed at 70% For participants from UK and Ireland there will be a €75 fee.

If you are interested in participating please see attached information and application form. A link for the training is also available at <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/gulp-or-sip-alcohol-culture-in-the-21st-century.3875/>.

**Deadline for the 'Gulp or Sip?' Programme is 11th October 2013. Participants will be notified by 16th October 2013.**

Please return your application form to [aaron.mcshane@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:aaron.mcshane@westerntrust.hscni.net) by said date.

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## 8 "Mind the Gap" Programme launches in Northern Ireland

There are 214,000 family carers (1 in 8 of the population) in Northern Ireland saving the Northern Ireland economy over £4.4 billion a year. There are 30,000 people who care for more than one person and 26% of all carers provide over 50 hours per week meaning that in all probability they will become the cared for themselves.

Given that the majority of these people are in the 60+ age bracket the need to dedicate a specific programme to these carers has never been more relevant.

**The "Mind the Gap "Project aims over the next three years to:**

Assist older carers (aged 60+) in Northern Ireland (through existing service provision channels, and by identifying gaps in services) to:

- Have improved quality of life through better access to advice on benefits and services

**The programme will address their issues of:**

- Poor health - in particular related to emotional distress caused by carers not knowing where to go for help and are left struggling;
  - Social isolation - by facilitating access to peer support groups;
  - Respite - by facilitating access to breaks;
  - Lack of confidence - through better access to specialised help and support
- Overcome social isolation experienced by older carers particularly but not exclusively living in rural areas

Be able to manage the impact of caring on their physical and mental health. Older carers involved in the project will have increased confidence in carrying out their caring role through gaining technical and life skills specifically focused on their needs as carers. This will address the lack of confidence many older carers face in providing care to their loved ones. It will equip them to 'care with confidence' and feel empowered in their carers' roles.

For more information contact the Carers Trust outreach support worker for the Western Trust area: Maureen Gormley on Email: [mgormley@carers.org](mailto:mgormley@carers.org) / Tel: 078 2701 4687

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## **9 Tendering for CALMS Stress Management Centre**

C.A.L.M.S (Community Action For Locally Managing Stress), currently funded by the Victims Survivors Service (VSS) is seeking to recruit a pool of sessional Counsellors, Therapists, Facilitators and Tutors for a number of programmes and services to provide assistance and support to Victims/Survivors of the "Troubles" to March 2014.

**Competitive tenders invited for the following positions:**

- Complementary Therapists for (Massage, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Aromatherapy)
- Counsellors – Qualified/Accredited (or working towards Accreditation)
- Facilitators/Tutors required for a variety of Social Support Programmes including Welfare Support and Youth Mentoring Programmes.

Interested applicants for any of the above positions should email [calms.stresscentre@btconnect.com](mailto:calms.stresscentre@btconnect.com) indicating which role(s) you are interested in and a Tender Application Pack will be forwarded. Please note on returning your submitted Tender C.A.L.M.S will only accept a hard copy of your Tender, which must include all relevant certificates and delivered or posted in a sealed envelope. The declared area(s) of interest must be indicated externally on the envelope. Only hard copies will be accepted from all applicants.

**Please address envelope to:**

Elaine Porteous, Project Manager, 10 Northland Road, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7JD  
Email [calms.stresscentre@btconnect.com](mailto:calms.stresscentre@btconnect.com)

**Closing date for returned applications 12.00 noon Tuesday 1st October 2013**

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## **10 Samaritans - Recruitment of Listening Volunteers**

The Derry Branch of Samaritans are recruiting Listening Volunteers. They are holding an **Information Session on Thursday 26th September at 7pm and a Selection Session on Tuesday 1st October at 7pm.**

Both sessions are being held in the branch at 16 Clarendon Street.  
Sessions are open to anyone over 18 who is interested in becoming a listening volunteer.

Please contact [recruitment@derrysamaritans.org](mailto:recruitment@derrysamaritans.org) for further information

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## **11 The Prince's Trust is looking for volunteers in the NW area to support our programme delivery**

**Roles required:**

**Workshop Facilitators:** To deliver a half day workshop to young people interested in starting their own businesses. Topics include Marketing, Selling, Finance and Cash Flow and Business Planning. Full session plans are provided but volunteers add value by bringing real life experiences and examples. Time commitment: To deliver a half day session every 2 months

**Business Mentors:** To support a young person to start and sustain their own business. Time commitment: 1-2 hours per month for a period of up to 2 years

**Progression Mentors:** To support a young person upon completion of one of our programmes to decide their next steps e.g. Training or employment opportunities. Time commitment: 2-4 hours per month for a period of up to 6 months.

Full training for all the roles will be provided.

For more information or to apply, please contact Lisa on Tel: 07432 701 934 / Email: [lisa.mcgeady@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:lisa.mcgeady@princes-trust.org.uk)

The Prince's Trust has been shortlisted for the Coca-Cola Ireland Thank You Fund 2013! Get [voting now](#) to win €25,000 for our Fairbridge 'Active & Healthy Life Skills' initiative helping young people aged 16 to 25 to lead more balanced and healthy lives - [www.coca-cola.ie/vote](http://www.coca-cola.ie/vote).

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## **12 Beyond Brief Intervention training**

Please find below information on follow up to Brief Intervention Training, participants will have completed the 1 day Brief Intervention training and so will be familiar with using AUDIT, FRAMES etc.,

Beyond Brief Intervention 1 day training - For practitioners & community workers working with young people, clients or adults where alcohol maybe a problem.

**Who is this course aimed at:** This 1-day course is for practitioners & community workers, who are working with young people, clients or parents where alcohol is an issue, and who have completed the Synergize 1-day Brief Intervention course. This course looks at what we can do to help support people and motivate change when more than a 'quick chat' is needed. It is aimed at those who have tried/are using BI already.

**What is its focus:** It looks at building on the skills of 'doing' a Brief Intervention, using the recognised FRAMES model approach, and explores tools, activates and approaches for delivering extended brief interventions, and signposting into appropriate local services for those who need more help. This course focuses on practically developing ways of working with clients (young people or adults) to help motivate behavioural change around alcohol misuse.

Time: 10am to 4pm

Date: **Friday 8th November**

Venue: Arts Factory, Gasyard Centre, 126 Lecky Road, Derry BT48 6NP

Please complete attached registration form and return it as soon as possible as places are limited to [catriona@bbhealthforum.org](mailto:catriona@bbhealthforum.org) For further information please contact Mary or Catriona on 02871363925

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## **13 Growing Through Change Residential for Young People Who Have Experienced Bereavement and Loss**

Please find attached information relating to a forthcoming residential weekend for Young People who have experienced bereavement and loss. The Growing Through Change residential programme is designed to help young people work through the 5 stages of the grief process. It is open to young people from the age of 11 years upward who have experienced bereavement and loss. The loss may be due to the death of a parent, sibling, grandparent or other significant person in their lives. It may also be due to the separation or divorce of parents.

The weekend is happening from **Friday 11th until Sunday teatime 13th October**. Registration is at 7.00 pm in the Youthlife office at our Bishop Street office. A coach will then transfer the group to the Residential Centre in Omagh Folk Park.

Please see attached for more information and application form

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## **14 Youth achievement programme**

goal4Youth are delivering a one day confidence, team building and life coaching day for 13-18 year olds. This event will teach young people how to set and achieve goals as well as making positive choices.

Places are limited on the programme, so it advise to book early.

For more information you can visit this link <http://www.goal4youth.com/achieving-youth>

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## **15 Get Started with Football in partnership with Institute Football Club**

*Get Started With Football - Derry/Londonderry*

Want to gain skills and qualifications in Football? If you are 16-25 and unemployed, Get started with the Prince's Trust and achieve your goals?

- gain an IFA Grassroots Introductory Award
- gain a Safeguard Children in sport Certificate
- learn coaching skills and put into practice what you learnt
- participate in games and a final challenge match
- enjoy a fun week, improving your teamwork, communication skills and confidence
- lunch and travel expenses provided
- optional three months of support to help you achieve your next steps

**Derry/Londonderry 21st-25th October 2013**

To find our more, please contact: The Prince's Trust, [outreachNI@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:outreachNI@princes-trust.org.uk) / 028 9089 5000

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## **16 Restoring Wellbeing through Contact ~ Service users and carers' opportunities at Contact**

At Contact we provide outstanding regional counselling services built on our evidence based reputation for excellent service user outcomes. We manage this standard every day with our unrelenting focus on compassionate engagement. We are passionate to ensure that service users and carers are at the heart of everything we do, actively involved in Contact planning, evaluation and governance processes.

We are therefore inviting applications from current or past Contact service users to contribute to our work. If you or someone you care for has used the regional Lifeline crisis counselling service or any Contact service over the past two years, and you would like to help us continuously improve our service provision, we would like to

hear from you. Joining the Contact service user/carer advocacy group you will have a direct influence on service delivery, project and policy development, advising and challenging the professionals at every stage, informing our working relationships with Health and Social Care, Justice, Education and community partners.

You will bring first hand life and times expertise on care and recovery from psychological distress, vital for service improvement and strategic direction.

If you are interested in learning more about Contact service user and carer opportunities please come along to one of our Information Sessions which will be held at:

GROSVENOR HOUSE, GLENGALL STREET, BELFAST BT12 5AD  
Thursday 2nd October 2013 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**CITY HOTEL, QUEENS QUAY, DERRY, BT48 7AS**  
**Thursday 10th October 2013 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

You will have the opportunity to hear of the different ways you may help improve our work with people suffering distress and despair. We will also outline the brief application process and describe training and support available. To register for the event please call Lynn Hill on 028 90744499 or email [lynn.hill@contactni.com](mailto:lynn.hill@contactni.com).

Should you wish to make an informal enquiry please call Paula Beattie on 028 90744499.

**Lifeline - 0808 808 8000**

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## **17 Drugs Awareness Training Programme**

Community Support Services have organised three workshops to help with the preparation for; Alcohol Awareness Week 2013, 18th – 22nd November 2013, Reduce and Enjoy – Lees Alcohol/ More Fun. On the day we will look at putting together an action plan for any events and resources that are required to make this a successful Alcohol Awareness Week 2013, further details will follow.

**The dates for the workshops are as follows:**

- **Foyle Workshop - 7th October 2013, 10 to 12noon in St Columbs Park House, Derry**
- Fermanagh Workshop - 8th October 2013, 10 to 12noon in Action Mental Health, New Horizons, Drumcoo, Enniskillen
- Omagh Workshop – 8th October 2013, 2pm to 4pm in the CKS Community Centre, Omagh

If you are interested in attending any of the three workshops as highlighted above, please can you email Jenny Curry @ [jenny.curry@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:jenny.curry@westerntrust.hscni.net), confirming which of the workshop/s you wish to attend?

**The closing date for responses will be Thursday 3rd October 2013.**

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## **18 Two Garden of Reflection Lunchtime Events this week**

The sessions that will be held are:

- **Wednesday 25th September** (@ The Thatched Cottage, Craft Village) - Colm Bradley (Community Places) will talk about a new funding approach being attempted in Belfast.
- **Friday 27th September** (@ St. Augustine's Hall, Princes Street) - Susan McKay will lead a discussion on WAVE's 'Stories from Silence' project - [www.storiesfromsilence.com](http://www.storiesfromsilence.com)

Each event will run from 12.30 until 2.00.

The Lunchtime Events Series is **free** and open for all to attend. Simply let us know that you are coming so that we can make sure we have enough food for you!

Please reply to Gerard to confirm your attendance: [gerard@gardenofreflection.org](mailto:gerard@gardenofreflection.org)

**Upcoming Event:**

**2nd October** - Eamonn Deane - DiverseCity III Proposals - St. Augustine's Hall, Palace Street

*The Lunchtime Event Series is part of the City Centre Garden of Reflection Project. The project is supported through the PEACE III Programme through the European Union's Regional Development Fund managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.*

*The City Centre Garden of Reflection Project is a partnership between Inner City Trust (lead partner), Derry City Council and DiverseCity Community Partnership. The Lunchtime Event Series is part of the programme element of the project that has two other physical elements – the installation of lights to illuminate the City Walls and the development of the Garden of Reflection to the rear of the under construction Holywell building in Bishop Street.*

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## **19 Peaceday Campaign Postcards 2013**

Send an e-message to celebrate UN International Day of Peace on 21st September

- Step 1 - [Click here](#) to go to the website and click on the postcard you wish to email
- Step 2 - Send your message by completing a table outlining who you want to send the postcard to.
- Step 3 - Verify your email address and the Postcard is sent

[Click here to start sending today and join us in celebrating Peaceday 2013](#)

*'Be the change you wish to see in the world' Gandhi*

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## **20 Big Sunday in Portstewart 29th September 2013**

*Have you heard about Portstewart's Big Sunday yet?*

Legend has it that the country folk from South Derry/North Antrim/East Londonderry all came to Portstewart on

the last Sunday in September, to celebrate the end of the harvest before the long hard winter.

**Big Telly is actively supporting the traders to put together another Big Sunday programme, just for 3 hours 2 – 5pm on Sunday 29th September.**

Plans are well afoot now, as they say.

Most of the traders on the prom are doing something from the 1950's era in their shops/spaces...even the post office is doing 'pass the parcel', Morelli's ice cream shop, 'The Big Sunday Sundae'. Picture shows, talking tales and much, much more. We hope to have mermaids on the rocks, and a sky liner (1950's style!). Golf on the prom, penalty shooting and tug of war ~ Just like the good aul days.

We particularly would love to hear from anyone who has been to a Portstewart Big Sunday in the past? As we are probably talking about the more senior members in your community, if any family member/friend would forward us a contact number or address, we would love to go and have a chat with them, or even on the phone.

Do come and support the Portstewart Traders on their first BIG SUNDAY since the 1950's.

Lots happening in and around the prom and in the shops.

*Do tell all your friends about it ~ Great Day Out... 2 – 5pm only*

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**21 Help the Millennium Forum**

Please help us become the UK's Most Welcoming Theatre. Please click the link below and vote now.

Please support us. Help The Millennium Forum become the UK's Most Welcoming Theatre [Vote here.](#)

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**22 Ursula & Co present Club Cabaret Supper Club Special**

The Beech Hill Pavilion Country House Hotel, 32 Ardmore Road, Derry-Londonderry

**Saturday 28 Sept 2013, 7:30pm – 10.00pm**

Glass of wine on arrival with light supper at intermission

Tickets £25

Tickets available from the Beech Hill Hotel & Little Acorns Bookstore, Pump St, Derry

Local songstress, and Creative Director of Club Cabaret, Ursula McHugh, along with an accomplished and professional band of musicians that include Peter Doherty (Musical Director and Double Bass), Deirdre Doherty (Musical Arrangement and Piano); Mark Bradley (Trumpet and Vocals) and Aidan Dunphy (Drums) collectively known as Ursula & Co., bring their highly successful theatre jazz night Club Cabaret to the Beech Hill Hotel for the first time and for one night only.

Club Cabaret has already had three successful sell-out shows at the Playhouse Theatre in Derry since it first began on Culture Night 2012 and was recognised as the "quickest selling ticketed event of the City of Derry Jazz Festival 2013."

**On the upcoming event, Ursula McHugh said:**

"I'm really excited about our next event and our first collaboration with the charming Beech Hill Hotel. Their beautiful new pavilion is a dream setting for Club Cabaret. The combined reputation of previous sell-out Club Cabaret events together with the long-standing reputable hospitality of the Beech Hill makes for the perfect location and experience.

"Here we invite the audience to step back in time and dress up in style, within a specially-themed 1930's-40's Supper Club setting celebrating Timeless Classics from the Great American Songbook that we hope will take them on an enchanting musical journey through the romantic era of musical theatre, stage and silver screen. Sumptuous drapes, romantic lighting, with little lanterns and a glitter ball above a small dance area, will be recreated to reflect Club Cabaret's aspirations of the era reminiscent of Rick's Cafe in Casablanca, Lazar's Lounge in Gilda and Ten Cents A Dance with Doris Day.

"As special guest, we welcome the return of the mysterious Lady J. Described as a 'revelation' resonating the 'true meaning of rhythm and rhyme' on her debut appearance at Club Cabaret earlier this year, Lady J will perform some sensual, soothing and upbeat jazz poetry that includes her own work and a special reading from The Great Gatsby."

**Conor Donnelly, Sales Manager at the Beech Hill, said:**

"We are delighted to be hosting Ursula & Co with their latest Club Cabaret event in the new pavilion at the Beech Hill. Our family-owned 18th century Country House Hotel seems the perfect location as it was in 1942 that the United States Navy established its first base on this side of the Atlantic, whereby some 750 marines were billeted in the grounds of the Beech Hill estate, many forming warm and lasting friendships and who went on to marry local girls. We are excited to be stepping back into that special and nostalgic era of music and romance and hope that this event may be the first of many."

Tickets: £25.00 per person. To book, please contact the Beech Hill Hotel on 028 71 349279 or call into Little Acorns Bookstore, Pump Street, Derry (open Wednesday – Saturday 11am – 5:30pm)

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**Reviews:**

"A beautifully-pitched individual voice; [with] fresh, original versions of the classics" – Kevin McAleer, Comedian

"Club Cabaret is indeed stylish, intimate and elegant. Ursula & Co project the music of the chosen era perfectly" – Anita Robinson, Author and broadcaster

"The highlight of the Derry Jazz Festival. Simple mesmerising. She [Ursula] lives and breathes every word she

sings" – Eileen Walsh, Drive 105FM's Arts Show

"Ursula fills the room with a dreamlike, romantic quality. Slick and melancholy, she [Ursula] doesn't just hold back the years; she rolls them back. Effortlessly" – Simon Fallaha, Arts Reviewer

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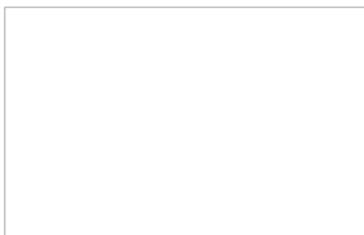
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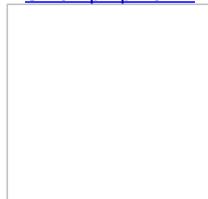
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