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1 PESP Event: Clever Committees ~ Training for Committee Members

Tuesday 14th May: Understanding Finance ~ The Basics
Tuesday 11th June: Submitting Successful Funding Applications

Venue: St Columb's Park House
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm (Registration and tea/coffee from 6.15pm)
Cost: **FREE.**

This is a great opportunity for your committee members or staff to revise or update their skills around their roles and responsibilities. They will gain expertise in completing application forms and sourcing funding opportunities. Participants will also be taken on a step by step revision of the financial documents required for committees.

To register or for further information please contact Nuala or Gabrielle Email: nuala@nwcn.org or email: gabrielle@nwcn.org / Tel: 028 7136 8811

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2 Caring for Carers – Look after your Health and Wellbeing – Last chance to register

A PESP Engagement Event
Date: **TOMORROW, Friday 26th April 2013**
Venue: St Columbs Park House
Time: 10.00am to 12.30

Are you a family carer who could do with a little 'me' time or do you know someone who does?
Come and take advantage of free therapies and treatments including Head and Neck Massage, Reflexology, and Nail Art with workshops in Hand Massage Techniques, Scented Pot Pourri making, and Quick and Easy Cooking.

All treatments delivered by qualified therapists.
Refreshments will be served throughout the morning.

This networking event is Sponsored by Big Lottery under Foyle Womens Information Network's (FWIN) Live and Learn Programme.

Contact Nuala or Gabrielle for further information
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3 Compassionate Communities: Understanding and Valuing End of Life Care Masterclass

Thursday 16 May 2013, Beech Hill Hotel, Derry~Londonderry, 9am – 3pm
Free of charge and lunch will be provided

This event is aimed at community and voluntary organisations, and domiciliary care workers who are supporting those living with advanced illness.

The event aims to explore:

- The essential role of the carer
- The importance of collaborative and integrative models of care
- The core importance of communication

There are a wide range of groups involved in this work in the community including clergy, community organisations and health care professionals ~ All are welcome.

To book a place please contact by Friday, 26 April 2013 either:

Colleen Harkin, Macmillan Palliative Care Improvement Lead, WHSCT: 07525 897184
Email: colleen.harkin@westerntrust.hscni.net

Gabrielle Quinn, PESP Project Officer, North West Community Network: 07595 748009
Email: gabrielle@nwc.org

This event has been organised in partnership by the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Participation, Engagement and Skills Project (PESP)

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4 Small Grants for Volunteering Summer Programme 2013

The Small Grants for Volunteering Programme is a government funded grant programme designed to encourage and support volunteering by funding a wide range of volunteer-involving projects within voluntary and community groups. The North West Volunteer Centre administers this programme on behalf of DSD in the **Derry City and Strabane District Council areas**. It is targeted specifically at projects that promote volunteering amongst people not in paid work and other groups who are currently under-represented in the volunteering population.

The Small Grants for Volunteering Programme makes small grants (of up to £1,000) available to small, locally based volunteer-involving organisations incorporating the above ethos. Please note, this small grant programme will be a 3 month programme (1st June to 31st August 2013) aimed at summer schemes. A summer scheme is defined as community activity during the summer period that involves volunteers. The maximum allowable grant will be £1,000 however it is expected that the typical grant size for this programme will be £500.

Small Grants is funded and administered by the Voluntary & Community Unit, part of the Department for Social Development.

Small Grants for Volunteering Summer Programme 2013

Aims of Programme

1. To promote active citizenship and diversity and make volunteering more inclusive by increasing activity within groups under-represented in the volunteering populations. (These include: people unemployed or not in paid work; 16-25 year olds; people over 50; people with disabilities; and members of minority ethnic communities.)
2. To increase the number of volunteers, particularly those new to volunteer activity.
3. To support the development of good practice and ensure a wide range of volunteering opportunities that enhance learning for volunteers, and other benefits.
4. To support projects that benefit individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage, including places communities of place and interest.

Who can apply for a Small Grant for Volunteering?

Any small, locally based volunteer-involving organisation that is independently established for charitable purposes and has a constitution or set of rules defining aims, objectives and operational procedures. (Projects need not be recognised by the Inland Revenue as a charity.) Successful applications have been received in the past from: community groups; women's groups; residents associations; childcare/support groups, single-issue organisations, youth groups etc.

Grants cannot be made to individuals or to statutory or commercial organisations.

- Applications will be accepted from groups with a turnover in the previous financial year of not more than £100,000.
- At least 40% of the volunteers involved in the proposed project must be people who are not in paid work. (Defined as any person aged 16 or over who is not in paid employment or full-time education and includes: people with disabilities; people who have taken early retirement; and those in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance and other unemployment-related benefits.)
- Applications must also demonstrate how the proposed project will involve volunteers from one or more of the groups currently under-represented in the volunteering population. (People with disabilities; young people aged 16-24; older people aged 50 and over; and people from minority ethnic communities.)
- Organisations with a VBI Main Grant or a small grant from another volunteer centre will not be eligible.

What can the grant be used for?

- Volunteer expenses (travel, subsistence, childcare, protective clothing etc.) and training for volunteers (this category should account for at least 50% of the total grant).
- Project running costs (heat, light, rent, phone, etc.) that are attributable to volunteering.
- An equipment grant (up to a maximum of 50% of the total payment) can be authorised where the applicant can demonstrate that their volunteering project requires equipment.
- Grants may not be spent on salary costs or any staff related costs such as staff travel.
- Funding programme will need to be completed by 31st August 2013. (It is envisaged that this will be a 3 month programme starting from 1st June 2013).

How much can we apply for?

Grants of up to £1,000 per year are available, however it is envisaged that the typical grant size for this programme will be £500. At the end of the year, you may re-apply, but there is no guarantee that you will be successful again.

Checklist

- Is your organisation a small local community or community group?
- Does your organisation involve volunteers in its work (or hope to involve volunteers)?
- Will your volunteer team include at least 40% unemployed people?
- Does your organisation's activities benefit the community?
- Will your volunteer team involve volunteers that are currently under-represented in the volunteering

population?

If you can answer yes to these questions you may be eligible for a Small Grant.

For further information, please contact the North West Volunteer Centre by contacting seanna@volunteeringnorthwest.co.uk
North West Volunteer Centre, 22 Bishop Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6PP
Tel: 028 71 271017 / Email: seanna@volunteeringnorthwest.co.uk
<http://www.volunteeringnorthwest.co.uk/small-grants>

Closing Date: Friday 17th May 2013 at 12 noon

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5 Latest funding from The Arts Council of Northern Ireland

1. Project Funding for Organisations now open

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland Project Funding is now open and is designed to encourage organisations to develop and deliver their ideas, linked to artistic needs and to future plans.

The aim of this programme is to assist organisations to deliver arts projects which contribute to the growth of arts in the community for new and existing audiences and which reflect the diversity of Northern Ireland's society and culture.

The programme is open to:

- Registered charities and other organisations which cannot distribute profits may apply for funds.
- Local Authorities are eligible to apply but they are a low priority
- Commercial organisations can only apply for support if the project is primarily for the benefit of the public rather than their own commercial interests.
- You do not have to be primarily an arts organisation, although the focus of the project must be on arts activities.
- If your organisation has a limited membership, or is a school, college or university, you must show that the project will benefit the wider public.
- Public sector agencies can apply for projects which are outside their statutory remit.
- Groups of organisations (consortia) working together to deliver specific projects.

In most cases we expect the activity to take place in Northern Ireland. However, **organisations based outside Northern Ireland can apply where they can demonstrate significant benefit to the people of Northern Ireland.**

Organisations currently in receipt of a 2013/14 Arts Council Annual Funding programme award may apply to this programme for projects of an exceptional nature and which were not anticipated at the time of the 2013/14 application.

The minimum grant available is £10,001 and grants are not likely to exceed £100,000.

Under this programme the Council wishes to support programmes which:

- Encourage the involvement of children and young people, older people, or people with disabilities with organisations and artists of the very highest professional standards across the disciplines
- Promote innovative, original work by Northern Ireland artists, especially in drama and dance, which tours outside the company's administrative base
- Advance collaborative audience development projects
- Promote inter-cultural dialogue
- Aim to grow audiences and increase participation in the most socially disadvantaged areas

For more information, visit http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/award/project_funding.htm.

The closing date for applications is 2 May 2013 at 4pm.

2. Arts Council Funding Information Sessions – Re-Imaging Communities

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland has launched 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:

Thursday 25th April @ 7pm – Strule Arts Centre, Omagh

Tuesday 30th April @ 7.30pm – Stephenstown Pond, Knockbridge, County Louth

Tuesday 7th May @ 2pm – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast

Wednesday 8th May @ 7pm – Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena

Wednesday 15th May @ 7pm – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast

Thursday 16th May @ 7pm – Ards Arts Centre (Londonderry Room), Newtownards

Monday 20th May @ 10am – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast

Wednesday 22nd May @ 7pm – Island Arts Centre, Lisburn

The Arts Council has organised an information session in your area for anyone who wants to find out more about the new funding programme. For the Belfast & Louth events, due to limitations in space, please contact the programme team to book a place at your preferred session – there is no need to book for the other venues. You can use the link below to book spaces – there is no charge for attending.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/org>.

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

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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6 Ulster Scots Agency Summer Schools 2013 open for applications

Applications are now invited for the Ulster-Scots Summer School Programme in 2013. The objective of the 'Community Summer Schools' Programme is to provide support, encouragement and financial assistance to Ulster-Scots community groups who intend to provide an Ulster-Scots summer schools for children within their communities aged 7 to 16 years.

The Ulster-Scots Agency will offer the following format for the delivery of Ulster-Scots Summer School Programme in 2013:

- Option A - Standard Summer Schools
- Option B- Drama Summer School
- Option C - Residential Summer School (Agency will fund max of 2 Residential Summer Schools)

Summer Schools will operate between June and September of each year. Standard and Drama Summer Schools will be of 5 days duration. In exceptional circumstances, Summer Schools of shorter duration may be eligible for financial support on a pro-rata basis.

The Ulster-Scots Agency has identified the following learning outcomes for Summer Schools in 2013, successful applicants must identify and demonstrate ways in which they will meet these objectives.

1. Provide an appropriate and sufficient range of good-quality Ulster-Scots learning opportunities and resources.
2. Use a variety of approaches to encourage creativity well-matched to the participants' different needs and abilities.
3. Encourage and facilitate the development of Ulster-Scots interests and skills appropriate to the age/experience of the participants.
4. Encourage enjoyment and achievement for participants.
5. Participants acquire new skills and interests in Ulster-Scots language and culture.
6. Participants demonstrate improvement over their previous knowledge of Ulster-Scots.

How to Apply

Funding for the Ulster Scots Summer School Programme in 2013 is limited. For further information and to download this year's guidelines and application forms please visit :

www.ulsterscotsagency.com/community-projects/apply-for-funding.

If you discuss any of our funding programmes, contact a member of the Agency's Grants Team on (028) 9026 1989 or (028) 9026 1985.

The programme will close at noon on Tuesday 30 April.

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7 Do you need volunteers?

Do you require practical help or skills assistance or both?

Business in the Community is a membership organisation with over 260 companies in membership – check out who they are and how they are making a difference with their corporate responsibility on our website www.bitcni.org.uk

We can help your organisation with a practical or skill based project by matching you with one of our member companies. This match will provide you with a team of volunteers (for practical challenges) or an individual (for skill-based projects).

Some examples are set out below – these are not exhaustive!

Practical Assistance

- Painting a room/mural
- Planning a fun-day
- Gardening activities
- Fundraising

Skilled Assistance

- Digital marketing
- Business planning
- Strategy advice
- People management
- Project management
- Legal/accountancy

Volunteering is important to our members and they want to make a difference – could they help your organisation by sharing their skills? If so, please do get in touch and we will do the rest.

What we ask from you:

1. Complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form attached
2. Meet a team leader at a site visit to agree actions
3. Meet and greet the volunteer/s on the day of the event
4. Complete an evaluation form

Did you know?

In 2012:

- Over 4000 business volunteers assisted over 200 voluntary sector groups
- Our members raised £127,000 for their community
- 100% of voluntary sector groups would work with us again

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8 Evaluation of Derry City Council's Good Relations Strategy - Focus Groups

Holywell Consultancy has been appointed to conduct an independent evaluation of Derry City Council's Good Relations Strategy 2011/12 and 2012/13. As part of the evaluation process we are holding two focus groups on **Wednesday 1st May** as follows:

- 10.30am at St Columbs Park House, Waterside, Derry/Londonderry

- 2pm at DiverseCity Community Partnership Offices , The Diamond (above HSBC Bank) Derry/Londonderry

We particularly need input from community and voluntary groups in the Derry/Londonderry area, including groups that have participated in Derry City Council good relations initiatives such as attending training workshops/programmes or sought funding through the Good Relations Grant Aid.

For further information contact Gerard or Roisin at Holywell Consultancy on 028 71 267997.

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9 City of Sanctuary Update

As you are aware The Junction secured funding from the Community Relations Council to undertake a consultation process on the possibility of having our city a 'City of Sanctuary'. We requested tenders and appointed a group of individuals to assess them, Holywell Consultancy was ultimately appointed to take this piece of work on and to date they have been meeting with a range of stakeholders.

As part of the consultation, we are holding a meeting on **Thursday 9th May** at St Augustine's Hall, Palace Street (off Society Street) from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

We would very much value your participation at this meeting – we will update you on the consultation so far and more importantly ask for your input.

In order to organise light refreshments, could you please confirm your attendance and if there are others interested, please pass on this information to them as well.

mhetherington@thejunction-ni.org / 02871 361942

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10 How to measure your Social Impact with Social Enterprise NI

Join Peter McCafferty, Founder and CEO of Cunamh ICT and the internationally acclaimed Social Impact Tracker Online, will give a Masterclass on how you can:

- Understand what Social Impact is and why you should be measuring it;
- Developing a meaningful Social Impact Measurement Strategy tailored for your organisation;
- Identify ways to collect the information you need

Date: **Friday 24 May 2013**

Venue: Kilcronaghan Centre, Rectory Road, Tobermore, BT45 5QP

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm – Free Event & Lunch will be provided

<http://www.socialimpacttracker.org/> - All attendees can enter a draw to win 50% off the first year subscription costs for Social Impact Tracker which keeps all your information in one place and allows you to track the social impact you are having

register online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/6178294445

email: denise@socialenterpriseni.org / tel: 07711 009 976 or 028 9267 3223

www.socialenterpriseni.org

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11 Upcoming events with the DrinkThink Project

1. Drinkthink Project Community Facilitator Training: Introducing The Moderate Drinking Kits

DrinkThink, as part of its role to promote community health and wellbeing through the encouragement of moderate drinking, is launching a new kit to encourage and support people who seek to make lifestyle changes that involve both being more active but also more selective in their lifestyle choices.

DrinkThink is offering a one-day training session for community facilitators seeking to be directly involved in the launch and promotion and of the packs.

Who's it for?

Frontline community/voluntary/health professionals who are in contact with the general public and in a position to promote the moderate drinking message by giving people the DrinkThink box and talking people through the appropriate use of the contents if necessary.

The training will cover the following areas:

- Introducing the packs
- Explaining the key ideas involved in choosing and maintaining a moderate approach to the enjoyment of alcohol
- Understanding the idea of moderation and why it can be quite difficult in practice
- Explaining in detail how to use the kit.
- Anticipating possible issues:
- Dealing with Negative Feelings
- Impact of Relationship, Family and Life issues
- Possible lack of social support for change
- How to assist individual people to set up their own moderate drinking programme and keep track of it as they progress.

The training will run from 9.30-3.00pm, with two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. It will be interactive throughout and we are asking participants to prepare for the workshop by applying the diary from the kit to any area of their own life for ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WORKSHOP so that we will have a picture of current experience to use as a starting point: (examples include: any current diet they may be using; a programme to increase their use of positive affirmations; their approach to exercise or physical training; participants are free [but not obliged] to use their own drinking or any area where they may be trying to make some lifestyle changes of their own).

Please complete the registration form overleaf and send to catriona@bbhealthforum.org by **8th May 2013** to book your place on this course.

2. Are you concerned about street drinking within your local area?

If so, we can help!

The Drink Think Project Resident Response Workshop is designed for residents who may be experiencing problems with people drinking on their street within their community. The workshop includes information on things you can do at the time of the disturbance and tips on coping with a stressful situation.

If you are interested in attending a workshop & for further information contact Mary on 71363925 or mary@bbhealthforum.org

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12 Institute of Fundraising presents: Introductory Certificate in Fundraising

New to the sector and looking to improve and develop your understanding and knowledge of fundraising? The Introductory Certificate in Fundraising is the first stage in the IoF Professional Qualification Framework and will provide you with a basic knowledge and understanding of fundraising and the sector itself, the surrounding legal framework and introduce you to some fundamental fundraising tools and techniques.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for those who have been in post less than six months and who need to improve their current understanding; those not yet working in the sector and volunteers and trustees who wish to extend their knowledge of fundraising.

What are the benefits to you and your organisation?

You will become more confident in your knowledge and understanding of the fundraising sector to help you develop in your role. You will have a better understanding of key fundraising tools and techniques, an understanding of the fundamentals of why and how donors give and be able to use tools to help you measure successful fundraising activities. In addition to this you will gain an improved insight into the legal framework surrounding the sector.

What will you learn?

- The Fundraising Environment unit provides you with an introduction to the voluntary sector, the nature of the giving relationship, the Fundraising Code of Practice and charity stakeholders.
- The Role of Fundraising unit examines different sources of voluntary income, the case for support and fundraising performance.
- The Fundraising Skills unit highlights key skills and the link between the category of fundraising, fundraising volunteers and donor relationship models.
- The Learning about Fundraising unit covers the role of the Institute of Fundraising (IoF), fundraising standards and fundraising education.

How will you be assessed?

To gain the Introductory Certificate in Fundraising qualification you must successfully complete an online multiple choice assessment.

Booking and further information

The Introductory Certificate in Fundraising qualification is achieved through a two-step process:

Step 1

A training course* which you can choose to study in one of two ways; either through face-to-face training, delivered through our [National and Regional Groups](#), or through the [IoF Academy Online](#). If you choose a face-to-face course you will be given access to pre-course learning materials online, which we advise you to read before the course (as part of the course fee you will have access to these materials for your reference for 12 months).

Step 2

Once you have completed the course either face to face or online, to gain the Introductory Certificate in Fundraising qualification you must successfully complete the [online assessment](#) (which you can start, save and return to at your convenience). Please note you must be an Individual member of the Institute to hold the qualification - see further details below.

* Please Note: it is possible to take the course, either face-to-face or on-line, as a stand-alone training course without pursuing the qualification.

Course Fee

A fee of £75 is payable either to the relevant Regional or National Group hosting the course or via the IoF Academy Online course booking system. The course payment is made separately to the assessment fee – details below.

Assessment Fee

A fee of £125 is payable for the online assessment. This is only payable online by credit/debit card at time of booking your online assessment. This fee includes the first year of IoF membership; existing members will have their current renewal date extended by one year.

Please note if you are a new member you will need to provide a reference to complete your membership application and our Membership team will get in touch with you to arrange this on receipt of your booking. You can [visit our membership pages](#) for more information.

Course Dates

You can study this qualification through a face-to-face one-day course or online. Dates for all face-to-face one-day courses can be found in our [Training and Events](#). Our online course can be accessed via [this link](#).

In House Training

We can also deliver the Introductory Certificate to Fundraising to your staff team via [In House Training](#). For more information please contact our IoF Academy team on 020 7840 1020 or email academy@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk.

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13 Launch of Assembly Community Connect

'Better representation through greater understanding'

6pm, Tuesday **21st May 2013**, The Great Hall, Parliament Buildings

Enhancing connections between the Assembly and the Community and Voluntary sector through education and outreach

RSVP by 10 May 2013 via Email: outreach@niassembly.gov.uk

About Assembly Community Connect (ACC)

ACC works to provide training, information and support for the community and voluntary sector.

ACC aims to:

- Help local voluntary and community groups gain a greater understanding of the work of the Assembly through the provision of training and educational programmes and opportunities to engage directly with MLAs, Committees and the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- Develop MLAs' understanding of the work of the Community and Voluntary Sector and create understanding about the impact of public policy and decision making.

For more information about the launch or ACC please contact Stephanie Mallon, Community Outreach, via 028 9052 1785 or stephanie.mallon@niassembly.gov.uk

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14 Local Jobs

Please find attached job opportunities with **Holywell Trust, Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum** and **Walk The Plank**.

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15 PUNCH – Power U Need for CHange

Are you 16-24?

We offer:

- SCIEP! (Personal Empowerment)
- Nail Art and Make Up 4 U (Fun & Skills)
- Zumba
- DJ Skills International DJ Academy – 5 Day Residential
- Theatre and Multimedia

For more information contact Dee or Rayna at the Women's Centre:
The Women's Centre, Beibhinn House, 5 Guildhall Street, Derry, BT48 6BB
Tel: 028 7126 7672

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16 Environmental Photography & Art Exhibition

Bay Road Park, **Saturday 25th May** 12:30 – 14:30

Do you have paintings or photographs of local wildlife or landscapes?

If you would like to have your work displayed at an environmental photography & art exhibition at Bay Road Park, please email a completed expression of interest application form (attached) to christine.doherty@derrycity.gov.uk **by 10th May**.

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

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

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

Use single-line spacing

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

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

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

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

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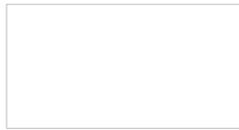
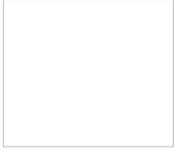
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**NWCN is a membership organisation for Community & Voluntary groups in the North-West,
- [click here](#) for a membership form for 2012-2013.**

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