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1 PESP presents exciting course on Lobbying and Campaigning

Take Your Campaign To Stormont.....and beyond!! (**Starting Thursday 11 April 2013**)

Does your organisation have an issue it wants sorted??
Not sure how to go about it or who to talk to??

Then this course is for you...

- Develop your issue into a successful lobbying campaign
- Understand how policy works... and make it work for you!
- Understand the basics of successful lobbying and campaigning
- Meet your MLA's in their local constituency
- Understand local government
- Develop Presentation Skills. Define your USP (Unique Selling Point) and Elevator Pitch
- Visit Stormont
- Hear from organisations who have successfully lobbied on their issue.
- Gain ILM Level 3 qualification in Presentation Skills

This 10 day course (1 day per week over 10 weeks) is offered **FREE** to workers/volunteers of community organisations and is a brilliant opportunity to learn more about lobbying and campaigning while gaining accreditation. **Open to community organisations in Strabane, Derry and Omagh District Council areas and Limavady Borough Council area.**

Start date: **Thursday 11th April 2013**
Time: 9.30am-2.30pm
Venue: St Columb's Park House.

For further information or to receive application form, please contact PESP on 028 71368811 or Nuala: 075 4329 8322; nuala@nwc.org / Gabrielle 075 9574 8009; gabrielle@nwc.org

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2 Derry City Council Support Grant

The second round of Derry City Council Support grant is now open for application

You can access the application at: <http://www.derrycitygrantaidd.com/support-grant.asp>

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3 Foster announces new scheme to help SMEs get funding

Enterprise Minister Arlene Foster today announced a new initiative by Invest Northern Ireland to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) access funding. The Finance Voucher initiative will provide support to businesses to access professional help to prepare funding proposals.

Speaking about the initiative Arlene Foster said: "Having a robust, well constructed and detailed funding proposal is vital when approaching lenders; be that banks, private investors or fund managers.

"The Finance Voucher initiative will help SMEs ensure they have the right support to develop good funding proposals, giving them the best chance possible to be successful in their application. Businesses will be able to use the voucher to cover up to 49% of costs incurred by using a professional to help them develop their funding proposal.

"Accessing finance remains a challenge for many small businesses, so I am especially pleased that Invest Northern Ireland is proactively addressing this by introducing yet more ways to help businesses raise the capital they need to develop and grow. This help also includes a suite of equity and debts funds created to ensure businesses are not held back because they are unable to access finance – part of Invest NI's Access to Finance initiative.

"In addition to the Finance Voucher, Invest NI is also running Raising Finance workshops across Northern Ireland over the next few months. I would encourage any business looking for funding to attend one of these workshops."

To be eligible for a Finance Voucher businesses must demonstrate they are exporting, or planning to export, or alternatively have a turnover of £150,000 per annum, or will achieve this level within the next three years.

The first round of applications for the Finance Voucher will close on 30 April 2013.

Full details on the eligibility criteria and an application form can be found at <http://www.boostingbusinessni.com/jobs/access-to-finance/>

Details on the Raising Finance workshops can be found at <http://www.boostingbusinessni.com/events/>

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4 Humanitarian Citizen Award – 2013

We have now launched the Humanitarian Citizen Award - 2013. Do you know a young hero that you could nominate?

The web address to nominate or for more information is www.redcross.org.uk/theaward

Celebrating the extraordinary things ordinary young people do

You might not be able to actually see their gold stars, but every day young people are making a huge difference to other people's lives across the UK.

They are giving first aid, befriending vulnerable people, and fundraising and campaigning for good causes. The British Red Cross Humanitarian Citizen Awards celebrate community heroes aged 25 and under, both individuals and groups of young people.

So if you know someone who does something extraordinary, why not celebrate them?

The award categories are:

- First aid
Young first aid heroes who have stepped forward to help when needed, performing life-saving acts or responding to small-scale incidents
- Volunteering
Young people who give up their own time to help others, in whatever capacity
- Community action
Young people – or groups – who make a positive contribution in the community
- Fundraising
Do you know anyone who's been using their imagination and energy to raise money for a good cause?

Gemma Robinson, Youth and Schools Manager (NIIOM), British Red Cross, 12 Heron Road, Sydenham Business Park, Belfast, BT3 9LE

Office: 02890 735350

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Email: gemma@redcross.org.uk

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5 Developing Your Community/Voluntary Organisation's Social Media Strategy

VIEW Digital Media presents: Developing Your Community/Voluntary Organisation's Social Media Strategy

3rd April 2013, 9:30am - 4:30pm

CO3, 34 Shaftsbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB

A comprehensive Social Media strategy that looks at your online presence and guides you to an overall goal is crucial to the success of your organisation in building its support base

This workshop will guide you step-by-step through the process of considering your specific social media needs, and developing a social media strategy that helps you meet these needs, while fitting in with your organisation's capabilities and overall communications goals.

Topics covered:

- What is Social Media/ The Social Media Landscape
- Defining Your Social Media Audience & Goals

- Social Media Tools & How They Might Help
- Most Common Social Media Platforms Demo'd
- Which One for Me? Choosing the Right Tools for Your Needs/Goals
- Creating Engaging Content
- Optimising Your Social Media Profiles
- First Steps on a Social Media Strategy – What to say and how to say it; Measuring Your Impact; Creating a Social Media Policy for your Organisation.

Click [HERE](#) for more details

LIMITED PLACES! So reserve yours TODAY! Contact me at umurphytv@gmail.com, or better still just ring me on 07528 367312

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6 Timebanking set to change how organisations access services they need - without paying a penny

Volunteer Now, the lead organisation for Volunteering in Northern Ireland is the force behind Northern Ireland's first Organisation to Organisation Timebanking scheme whereby voluntary and community groups can exchange resources and expertise without the need for payment.

Volunteer Now's, Billy Eagleson, explained, "Timebanking is a grass roots tool that uses time as the currency to exchange resources and expertise. For example, a small community group might not have the budget to send their staff on IT training but may have a room that is empty for part of the week which could be used by another group for an event in return for time credits. These credits could then be used to purchase the IT training from another member organisation. By equally valuing the services and resources groups and organisations can offer each other, exchanges can be made that are of real value without the need to exchange money."

He added, "The more groups that join the Organisation to Organisation Timebank, the more groups can benefit and the more exchanges can be made. For every hour a group 'deposits' in the Timebank, they can 'withdraw' an hour of support. As well as running the Timebank, Volunteer Now are also members and we have 'deposited' an hour's communication/marketing consultancy which was accessed by the Centre for Health and Wellbeing in West Belfast who were looking some guidance on drafting a marketing plan. They in turn are able to offer donating staff time for a one off event, acupuncture, sharing facilities and meeting spaces, management coaching and training. The joy of Timebanking is that you don't have to do a direct exchange with one organisation and everyone's time is equal irrespective of what is being exchanged. So we'll bank our hour until we need to access a service or expertise which our organisation needs."

The Organisation to Organisation Timebank is free to join and is open to all kinds of organisations. Each member organisation receives 3 time credits free upon signing up. Offers and requests are posted and marketed through Volunteer Now. If your organisation or group is interested in finding out how Timebank can support your organisation and how you are best placed to help other groups contact Sinead Quinn, Timebank Development Officer on 028 9023 2020 or email: timebanking@volunteernow.co.uk

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7 Community Workers Co-op presents: Social Analysis course (FETAC level 6)

The course is being delivered by the Community Workers Co-operative (CAPP Project) in association with the Inishowen Development Partnership.

What's the course about?

The course aims to assist community workers and activists in their core work of promoting social change through collective action, challenging inequality and developing an understanding of social analysis and how it relates to their experiences.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at people who are involved in community work/community development/education who wish to learn more about equality and the importance of social analysis:

Paid and voluntary leaders in various community/voluntary groups
 Management committee members of funded and non funded projects
 Community Education Tutors
 Youth & Community Leaders
 Community workers employed in funded Projects
 Public sector workers with responsibility for community related objectives

Cost of the course? The course is free

Course Tutors? Francine Blaché Breen and Annette Patton (Development & Training staff CWC)

Location:

Inishowen (April 2013)
 Letterkenny (September 2013)
 South Donegal (January 2014)
 Venues to be confirmed

Enquires and further information to:

Francine Blaché Breen, Community Worker's Co-operative-Donegal Network, 2nd Floor, Riverfront House, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal 074/9128792 francineblachebreen@cwv.ie

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8 Urgent action - Commissioning Framework

Please find attached the documents for the Commissioning framework for immediate circulation. These include a covering letter from John Compton and Eddie Rooney, the Framework Document, a consultation response form and the Equality and Human Rights Framework.

9 INCORE Announcement - 12/Mar/2013

Seminar: Inclusive Peacebuilding Locally and Globally

April 10th is the 15th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. As yet, we do not have a programme for sharing. Permeating boundaries and challenging conventional views through Active Dialogue will be the major focus of this seminar. The keynote speaker is Dr Olivier Urbain, Director of Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, Tokyo. He will propose original and new ideas concerning peace building and dialogue, based on his research of Dr Daisaku Ikeda's philosophy and practice Daisaku Ikeda's Philosophy of Peace: Inner Transformation (similarities with theories and practices of Carl Rogers and Abraham Maslow) Dialogue (similarities between Ikeda's approach and that of Jurgen Habermas' concept of communicative rationality and Global Citizenship, a result of interconnectiveness of the other dimensions. Ikeda's philosophy has been applied mostly in cultural and structural peace building.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Olivier Urbain, Director Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, Tokyo

Respondent: Dr Duncan Morrow, Institute for Research in Social Sciences, School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy, University of Ulster

Chair: Professor Brandon Hamber, Director INCORE, University of Ulster

Seminar Convenor: Professor Pauline Murphy

Emerita Professor Social Inclusion, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ulster

Details:

Time: 9.30am-1.00pm, Wednesday 10th April 2013

Room 82A31, Belfast Campus, University of Ulster

RSVP:

RSVP to reserve your place by contacting Mrs Janet Farren

Email: JE.Farren@ulster.ac.uk or call Janet at INCORE 02871675575

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10 G8 Youth Summit

Where? Lough Erne Golf Resort, Enniskillen

When? **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May '13**

Why should I apply?

The summit will allow young people to discuss development issues, to listen to international speakers, and create a communiqué which will be passed on to the G8 leaders when they come to Fermanagh in June.

Can I apply?

If you are aged 16-25, available on both dates, and have a strong interest in international development issues, then YES!

How do I apply?

Application forms are available to download at <http://fermanaghtrust.org>

Completed applications should be emailed to chloe@fermanaghtrust.org or handed to staff in Enniskillen, Lisnaskea or Irvinestown Libraries, **no later than FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2013**

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11 Creating a GREENER Youth Service

21st-27th April 2013, Hastings, UK

This is a 6-days residential training course aimed for youth workers, youth leaders and mentors from youth organisations across the UK.

The course will teach youth workers how to engage with young people on climate issues. This course also aims to give youth workers access to climate change information to gain resources, support and access to funding opportunities in delivering climate change projects.

The objective of this training course:

- demonstrate how climate change is a local issue and important issue for the future of young people in society.
- Share 'Green Skills' and examples of how to use these in action
- Share access to climate change information and support the participants to engage with local climate change organisations, which they will find useful in delivering projects about climate change to young people.
- Identifying the gaps in youth services to support climate change activity & active citizenship
- Highlight funding opportunities for activities with young people
- Inform youth workers about development education centres, their roles and how they can provide support to youth services
- Creating a national network of youth workers and leaders engaged in climate issues with young people
- Demonstrating tools to create and international network
- Links to Education policies such as the ESDGC Agenda
- Demonstrate project management skills and theory as well as networking and goal setting techniques

Participants should:

- Be 18 years old or older
- Work directly with young people on a daily basis
- Work with / interested in working with young people on the topic of climate change
- Want to reflect and share experiences on working practices with diverse youth groups
- Have an interest in climate change as a topic
- Feel confident to express themselves in English about these topics
- Be motivated to work on the topic of climate change in the youth field
- Be committed to attend the full duration of the course

Act Global CIC will cover 90% of travel cost and 100% of training fees and accommodations including meals throughout the course

Please email info@act-global.eu for more information and the application form

This training course is funded by Youth in Action & British Council

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12 The Sectarian States of Ireland

You are invited to attend The Sectarian States of Ireland, a seminar looking at institutionalised sectarianism on both sides of the border. The seminar is part of a series being developed on a cross border basis by Donegal Community Workers Co-operative, North West Community Network, Community Dialogue and The Junction. The event will take place in **Derry on 1st May** between 10am and 3pm. It will be preceded by the launch of Donegal CWC's Collective Action for Positive Peace Project.

More information about the seminar will be circulated after Easter, but please hold the date for what should prove to be a thought provoking event.

Hilary McCollum, Project Manager, Donegal CWC, 2nd Floor, Riverfront House, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Tel: 00353 74 9128792 / www.cwc.ie / www.facebook.com/CWC.Donegal

The CWC is a national network of community workers and organisations working for social change at a local, regional and national level.

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13 Theatre of Witness Workshops

'Sanctuary' on **Thursday 11th April 7 - 9pm and Saturday 13th April, 9.30 - 11.30am**

The Playhouse Theatre of Witness Programme is creating a new production about sanctuary, refuge and peace-building.

In preparation for the project Teya Sepinuck, director of The Playhouse Theatre of Witness Programme, will facilitate two workshops and discussions. The free workshop is open to anyone over the age of 16 who is interested in the theme of safe haven, oasis, refuge or sanctuary. Personal story and imagery will be explored along with themes of forgiveness, reconciliation and healing.

To register please contact Emma Stuart on emmastuart@derryplayhouse.co.uk or call on 028 7126 8027. Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

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14 Walls 400! History Conference

400 years of history in a single weekend. When you have been around for 400 years, it is not surprising that you can become a little taken for granted. The Walls of Derry are so visible as a feature of the city of Londonderry, it is easy to assume that there is nothing new to discover about them. On the quadricentennial year, Holywell Trust believes it is time to shake up our perceptions about our national monument and have brought together an unparalleled line-up of experts for a weekend of talks and practical workshops.

The Walls 400! History Conference takes place on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th** in the Verbal Arts Centre by Bishop's Gate.

The conference programme and full list of contributors can be downloaded at www.walls400.com Tickets are priced at £10.00 (£5.00 concessions) must be reserved and paid for in advance of the conference. Conference size is limited to 100 delegates. Contact Playhouse Box Office on 028 71268027. All proceeds will go towards preserving and making available the Annesley Malley Book Collection.

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15 Kinship Care ~ Walk in our Shoes

15 kinship carers and their supporters will walk 86 miles over a 4 day period to raise awareness of kinship care and the role grandparents and other family members play in raising their family and friends' children.

Starts 4th April 2013 at 10.00am Lisnagelvin Swimming Pool, L'Derry
Ends 8th April 2013 at 12.00noon at Stormont, Belfast.

To find out how you can get involved or how to make a donation contact Jacqueline on 075 1547 8885 or email kinshipcare.ni@gmail.com

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16 Latest offers from SALTO Youth

Please see attached document for all the latest exciting offers from SALTO Youth to include: **Let's Act, We Are Citizens** and **introduction to international youth work** plus much more.

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17 Local Jobs & Tenders

Please see attached for job opportunities with **Walk The Plank** and **Electoral Canvassers** and tender opportunities from **Derry City Council**.

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18 Take the stress out of your life at Focus on Family's Complementary Therapy Day

Almost everyone suffers from stress in their day to day life. With so much to contend with in today's non-stop society, it's no wonder that more and more people are being admitted to hospital for stress-related symptoms. Stress has been called "the silent killer" and can lead to [heart disease](#), high blood pressure, chest pain, and an irregular heartbeat.

Stress can be defined as the way you feel when you're under abnormal pressure. All sorts of situations can cause stress. The most common involve work, money matters and relationships with partners, children or other family members. Stress may be caused either by major upheavals and life events such as divorce, unemployment, moving house and bereavement, or by a series of minor irritations such as feeling undervalued at work or dealing with difficult children. Sometimes there are no obvious causes.

So what can we do to get away from all the stresses in our lives and enjoy some much needed 'me-time'? One local family centre has been providing the answer to this question for many years now and as a result of a recent grant from the DSD under Neighbourhood Renewal, residents of Ballysally/Millburn and further afield can now benefit from a programme of complementary therapies starting soon.

It all kicks off with an invite to Focus on Family's Open Complementary Therapy Day on **Thursday 28th March 2013**. Everyone is welcome to come along at any time between 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm to try out or find out more about the exciting range of therapies starting this Easter - Yoga, Holistic Therapies, Massage, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Creative Writing, Reiki, Pilates will all be available on the day with live demos and interactive talks with qualified tutors. Everything is free on the Open Day and then courses start after Easter and cost just £1 per hour

To find out more, ring Brendan on 028 7032 9550 email managerfof@btconnect.com or simply turn up on Thursday 28th March 2013 between 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm at 11-19 Glenburn Crescent, Ballysally, BT52 2QR

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19 Creative Industries Career Workshops

Tuesday 23rd April, 9.30am – 3pm (Admission free)
Venue – Playhouse, Derry

100 places are available. Places will be allocated on a "First come first serve" basis after meeting basic criteria (i.e. young people wishing to gain insight into the creative industries). This is a one-day exclusive opportunity to experience, through participative workshops, the diverse range of career opportunities available in the back stage creative industry sector. Young people aged 16 – 24years will gain insight and experience into the careers that are available backstage of the creative industries. Participants must be over 16.

A team of facilitators who are actively working within their industries will present workshops on the day. Five groups (of 20 individuals per group) will cover ALL five subjects;

1. Events Management
2. Costume Management
3. Directing for Theatre
4. Stage Make-up
5. Lighting & Sound Techniques

To book your place please contact Emma or Suan on 02871268027 or emma@derryplayhouse.co.uk or suan@derryplayhouse.co.uk

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20 Easter Tours of Parliament Buildings

Following on from the success of the Public Tours of Parliament Buildings since the launch in 2012, we are delighted to announce that tours will be available again over the Easter period.

From 25 March – 5 April (excluding 28-29 March and 1-2 April) there will be free hourly tours, Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm.

You will see the Assembly chamber where MLAs debate and make laws; visit the historic Library; and learn all about the architecture of the building from one of our experienced guides.

For more information relating to the Public Tours, please contact the Events Office on 02890 521802 or 02890 521975.

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21 Good Morning Strabane Coffee Morning

Friday 5th April at St Patricks Hall Strabane ~ 10 am to 12 pm

Everybody Welcome!

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22 Screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' on Good Friday

Friday April 29, 12.30pm

The Playhouse will hold a special free screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' this Easter. On Good Friday, the Artillery Street Theatre will show the 2004 film which details the final hours and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Directed By Mel Gibson, and starring Jim Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Maia Morgenstern, and Christo Jivkov, the film was met with controversy and critical acclaim, with particular praise for the performance of Jim Caviezel as Jesus.

The powerful depiction of Christ's Crucifixion became a box office hit, and has become a popular choice for screening over Easter.

'The Passion of the Christ' will be screened in the theatre on Friday April 29 at 12.30pm. The Playhouse will only be allowing access to those 15 years of age or older. For more information contact The Playhouse on (028)71268027 or visit www.derryplayhouse.co.uk.

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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.

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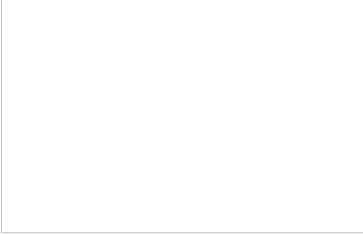
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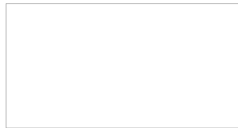
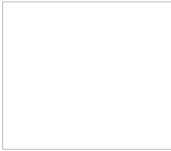
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