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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 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 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@nwcn.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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3 The Sectarian States of Ireland & Collective Action for Positive Peace – Project Launch

TOMORROW, Wednesday 1st May, 9.30-2.45

The Waterfoot Hotel, Derry/Londonderry

The Sectarian States of Ireland seminar will explore the history of sectarianism in Ireland on both sides of the border. It will look at how sectarianism within states and institutions impacts on the everyday lives of people living in Ireland. It will provide opportunities for participants to consider the ways in which sectarianism continues to manifest itself in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties and identify ways to reduce and eliminate it. Speakers include Dr. Johnston McMaster, author of *Overcoming Violence: Dismantling an Irish History and Theology* and Derek Poole from the LINC project.

The seminar is the first in a series being developed on a cross border basis by Donegal Community Workers Co-operative (DCWC), North West Community Network, Community Dialogue as part of DCWC's PEACE III funded programme. The seminar will incorporate the launch of:

Collective Action for Positive Peace

DCWC's Collective Action for Positive Peace (CAPP) project aims to work collaboratively with community workers, activists and organisations in Donegal and the Border Counties (North & South) to embed the principles of social justice and equality within peace building. Through providing training courses, seminars and newsletters and establishing two Peace Action Networks and a cross border Equality Forum the project will build linkages with both voluntary and statutory partners working to address peace and equality as well as developing policy in related areas.

To book a place, please email hilarymccollum@cwic.ie

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4 Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards

The Social Enterprise Development Awards were created in 2011 as part of Santander's commitment to supporting small businesses and local communities. SEDA aims to help social businesses looking to grow, to support economic regeneration and ultimately to create jobs. SEDA is targeted at established organisations with a turnover of up to £1 million working to address one of three impact areas -

- Supporting skills, training and employment
- Improving social inclusion
- Creating a greener environment

A small number of awards will be available for social enterprises in Northern Ireland.

A morning workshop will be held in **The Tower Hotel, Derry on Thursday 9th May 2013 from 10.00am - 1.00pm** to provide information on the Award programme including what is expected from the Award Winning Entries.

To confirm your attendance please contact Nikki Bradford by **Friday 3rd May 2013**
Email: nbradford@communityfoundationni.org / Tel: 028 9024 5927

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5 McDonald's KickStart Grants

McDonald's are providing grants through their KickStart scheme to help support community football clubs throughout the UK which will help to develop their players and the community.

Examples of project that will be supported include club facilities, grounds-keeping tools, training courses, pitch hire and mini-vans. However, funding is not available for kit/team wear. One-off grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available.

Community football clubs recognised by their national FA had have at least one team at or below junior level

The application periods for 2013 are as follows:

Opens: 1st April 2013 - Deadline: 30th June 2013

Opens: 1st July 2013 - Deadline: 30th September 2013

Opens: 1st October 2013 - Deadline: 31st December 2013

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 28 days of the application period.

<http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/small-grant.html>

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6 Turkington Fund

The Turkington Fund was established in recognition and celebration of the contribution of older people to our society. It offers funding (normally in the range of £200 - £3,000) for locally based community projects that are planned and run by and for older people.

While not exclusive, the Fund welcomes applications that address the following:

- The promotion of interaction between older people and other sections of the community
- Activities to address shared concerns amongst groups of older people
- Activities that focus on the positive contribution of older people within the community
- Projects that enhance the active participation of older people in decision-making and policy influence
- Encouragement of older people to engage with a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities
- Priority will be given to those applications that show a clear involvement of older people in the design and delivery of a project
- An emphasis will be placed on locally-based self-help groups that are working in disadvantaged areas.

Turkington will not fund:

- Salaried posts
- Holidays & trips abroad

- Individuals
- Vehicles
- Major capital building programmes
- Running costs of large organisations
- Holiday schemes
- Parties & shopping trips
- Promotion of religion
- Applications from statutory organizations

Small Grant Application deadlines for 2013:

1.00pm on Tuesday 28 May 2013
 1.00pm on Thursday 15 August 2013
 1.00pm on Monday 7 October 2013

The Turkington Fund is part of the Community Foundation's Responsive Grant Making application process.

Please apply online at www.communityfoundationni.org/grants

For more information, please contact [Sharon Barry](#) or [Elizabeth Boyd](#) by email or by telephone on 02890 245 927

To donate to the Turkington Fund, please [click here](#).

To donate via Text, please text TURK05 and the amount to 70070. Eg. TURK05 £5

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7 An Accessible City of Culture

"Making our venues accessible for all visitors and residents of this City would be a major legacy of City of Culture 2013." - Mayor of Derry Cllr. Kevin Campbell was speaking at the launch of the Change a Little Change a Lot Accessibility Awards, which aims to engage 30 venues hosting events as part of the UK City of Culture programme.

CEO of Culture Company, Shona McCarthy, echoed Mayor Campbell's comments: "With 60 venues and over 30 schools hosting events and performances throughout 2013, accessibility is a live issue. This awards campaign will have significant positive impact on making our venues accessible to people with varying abilities."

Brendan Bonner, Head of Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement (West) at the Public Health Agency says, "The PHA wants to ensure that people with a disability can participate in, and experience as many of the programmes and events that are being planned for the year-long City of Culture celebrations. It is also important that in terms of leaving a legacy, equality of access is at the heart of the long-term outcomes of this year of celebration. Also, in our role with CAWT we had been looking at the developments of the Change A Little, Change A Lot initiative and therefore it made sense to support the roll-out of the programme as part of the City of Culture events."

Kevin Doherty, Acting CEO of Disability Action, the organisation who will deliver the free support package to participating venues says, "This programme, which is already happening in Donegal and Strabane encourages organisations to make little changes that will make a big difference to the lives of people with disabilities attending events and performances throughout City of Culture and beyond. We look forward to extending our relationship with venues across the City and giving them the recognition deserving of their achievements. We have no doubt there will be huge interest."

Participating companies will be awarded formal certification and get free support along the way from Disability Action. They will also be profiled in local media and online for their actions with a free marketing package from Media Box.

Funding for this project has been provided by the European Union's INTERREG IVA programme, secured by Co-operation and Working Together's (CAWT) Community Awareness Programme. It is supported by the Public Health Agency, Western Health and Social Care Trust and Derry-Londonderry City of Culture.

CAWT CEO, Bernie McCrory says the programme is a significant step forward in making the North West an accessibility friendly region: "Accessibility is simply good business. Improving accessibility for disabled people has a much broader public benefit for the whole community. Our hope is that the North West will be viewed as a region of excellence in terms of accessibility just as Louth is viewed as an age-friendly county. With Donegal and Strabane already participating we hope other Councils will look at the experience in the North West and consider getting involved."

The Change a Little Change a Lot Awards programme offers free support, training and expertise in accessibility covering five areas: built environment, awareness and attitudes, access to information, communication and event venue/performance specific. It is open to venues participating in the City of Culture programme.

An Independent Advisory Committee will decide on the allocation of all Awards. At the end of the campaign one overall Change a Little Change a Lot Accessibility Award winner will be announced at an Awards Ceremony to be held in 2014.

Awards will be presented in three categories: Bronze, Silver and Gold to recognise the achievements of the participating venues.

For more information on the awards or to get involved contact Aisling Irvine, Disability Action on 028 7136 0811, you can text phone 028 7137 2077 or email Culture2013@disabilityaction.org.

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8 Welcome to Community Relations Week 2013!

Community Relations Week 2013 has a packed programme of events in the Derry~Londonderry area. There are about 55 events which are free, open to all and should give some food for thought. This year we are challenging you to 'En-Counter' culture which may be different to your own – so give something new a go!

Community Relations Week is an annual event which aims to promote our city and district as a place where all cultures and traditions should be welcomed. Many people are not aware of the hard work that community groups and statutory agencies do throughout the year to challenge racism and sectarianism, and promote

peace-building and cultural diversity locally, so the week helps publicly showcase a sample of that ongoing effort and commitment.

2013 is a year of cultural activity in the city and district – but how often do we challenge ourselves to engage with cultures which are different to our own or to find out about minority cultures which are represented in our local society? Many events come with a free cuppa and a chance to meet new people too!) From bus tours and training to tree-planting; dialogues, drums, dance and drama; workshops and walking tours; conferences, culture, competitions and consultations; exhibitions, sport, music and film screenings – there's bound to be something to whet your appetite to 'En-counter culture!' We will be advertising the full programme shortly so watch this space...

Register Now for our NW Regional launch event in the Everglades! Register with:
helena.kearney@derrycity.gov.uk

Where: Everglades Hotel

When: **Monday 13th May**

Time: 10.30am – 1.45pm (For the launch programme and performances – includes lunch)
1.45pm – 3.15pm (For our 'Encounter Culture' Diversity Workshops)

To register contact: Helena Kearney or Laura Gibson 028 7136 5151ext 8223

Or e-mail helena.kearney@derrycity.gov.uk

We will need your name, organisation (if applicable) and preferably an e-mail address.

We cannot accept 'block bookings' from community groups without a list of names.

NB Advance registration is essential

A free entertaining programme launching CR Week for councils across the North and West. Programme includes performances from Different Drums, Japanese Taiko, historic drama, world DJ music, a few speeches and much more! There will also be stalls from community and voluntary sector groups and the equality commission at the event. Participants from the morning event are encouraged to make a day of it and stay on for afternoon diversity workshops. Workshops should be great fun and participants will have 4 choices (choose on the day subject to availability) from: 'Different Drums', 'Japanese Culture and Taiko Drums', 'Introducing India', and 'Encountering the City of Culture' (walking tour). There are people coming to this event from across 6 different council areas – so let's get a good audience from our own city and district to welcome them!

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9 Some Towards Understanding and Healing events during Community Relations Week

Diary Dates:

May 21st:

"So you think I should forgive"- Verbal Arts Centre 10-1 followed by light lunch @ 1pm ...
Seamus Farrell chairing /facilitating.....an open-hearted workshop with drama input (More details to follow)

May 22nd:

10 am -3pm

"Threading your life through beads" in association with Strabane District Council.

Venue: Room 4, **Strabane Library**; facilitated by Frances Mc Aneny and Brigid Mc Elroy. Light lunch provided

May 23rd:

City Hotel, 10-2pm

"The Protestant experience- uncomfortable truths?" in association with Community Dialogue, LINC and CCWA; Brian Dougherty, director St Columbs Park House to speak; Maureen Hetherington to chair; Blue Eagle Productions to provide drama input. Light lunch, 1pm (More details to follow)

For more information contact: Aileen @02871361942; aileen@hollywelltrust.com; Eamonn Baker @07921210703

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10 Developing a city-wide Timebank – First Steps and Next Steps

Discussion facilitated by David Russell, Spice

Date: Thursday 9 May 2013

Time: 2pm – 3.45pm

Venue: Verbal Arts Centre, Bishop Street Within, Derry, BT48 6PU

RSVP: To Natasha Weatherall by 3rd May 2013

Email: natasha.weatherall@volunteernow.co.uk

T: 028 9023 2020

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11 Beyond Words Project Launch

Wednesday 15 May 2013, 1 – 3pm (with lunch at 1pm)

Playhouse Theatre, 5-7 Artillery St, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

Beyond Words is a new partnership bereavement project between Cruse and Stroke Association providing support to people over 60 including Stroke survivors and their carers and people living in sheltered accommodation.

Also being celebrated at this launch is the 25th anniversary of Foyle Cruse who have provided constant support and advice to bereaved clients from the city since 1988.

To confirm your attendance call Paul Finnegan on 028 9079 2419 or email Paul.finnegan@cruse.org.uk

Please see attached for more information on Beyond Words

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12 Sessional Workers for Parenting Education

Parenting NI is seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to be Sessional Workers to deliver

parenting programmes across the North West.

Those interested should have:

- Qualification at NVQ Level 3 or above (or equivalent qualification)
- OCN Level 3 in facilitator skills
- At least 3 years experience in working with parents delivering parenting programmes
- At least 3 years experience of work in the field of Child Care, Parenting Education or Family Support
- Proven experience of facilitating groups

To obtain an expression of interest form please visit our website www.parentingni.org/about/vacancies.asp

Closing date for applications: Noon on Friday 31st May 2013

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13 Participants sought for 3 International Programmes

Inside Out in partnership with Civic Forum NGO (Armenia), Eco-Initiative Association (Poland) and Semper Avanti (Poland) invite young musicians, young leaders and youth workers to apply to take part in the following programmes. Food and Accommodation is covered 100% and 70% of travel is reimbursed.

Sounds of Peace

We are looking to recruit 6 young musicians between the ages of 18 and 25 to take part in 'Sounds of Peace' Musical Exchange in Armenia between 30th June and 9th July (new dates). The programme will provide participants with the opportunity to share the music of each country and their understanding of peace with other young musicians from Armenia, Poland, Turkey and Georgia.

Happy Europe

'Happy Europe' is an Action 1.3 project, which will be run in Nowy Gieraltow (Poland), between 30th June and 7th July 2013. The project will involve young people aged from 18 to 30 from different European countries and will be a simulation of the European Parliament. The simulation will be the base for a broader discussion on the current topics such as urban development, youth participation, democracy, European citizenship, civil society, education, discrimination and tolerance, migration, economic problems, international cooperation, cultural diversity, youth unemployment, a healthy style of life.

The objectives of the project are:

- Youth involvement in participation in local, regional, national and European life:
- draw the attention of young people to current issues and problems of Europe such as unemployment, social exclusion,
- discrimination of ethnic and other minorities, the architecture of urban space and its requirements, space for businesses,
- infrastructure, education and sport
- identification of the opportunities and threats for the implementation of youth policies at local, regional, national and international level
- development of a dialogue between young people and the authorities
- discussion on the involvement and participation of young people and existing tools and ways of promoting their active
- participation in decision - making processes at European level
- integration of young people from different European countries and beyond, and to build a sense of community

Let's Risk It

This programme aims to increase the quality of international projects in the Youth in Action Programme through the development of participants' competence in risk assessment and risk management. The programme will take place in Kwidzyn, Poland between 17th and 21st June 2013. After the training course participants will:

- have broader understanding of risk in youth projects,
- know their individual perception of risk,
- be able to identify factors of vulnerability of young people,
- be able to identify risk in international environment including categories of abuse,
- understand and be able to do a risk assessment for Youth in Action projects (before and during implementation),
- understand and be able to identify risks in different phases of project implementation,
- know how to involve young people in the process of identification and reduction of risk in projects,
- know and be able to use crisis management,
- know various tools and methods that can facilitate risk management,
- know good practice in risk management used in different European organizations.

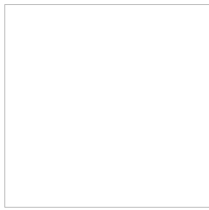
If you are interested in attending any of these programmes please see attached information and application form.

All application forms should be returned to thekingisalive@hotmail.com by midnight on **Friday 10th May 2013**.

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14 Do you suffer from Long-Term (Chronic) Pain?

The Patient and Client Council is an independent voice for people in Health and Social Care. We want to find out about people's experience of the treatment and care they have received for long-term pain to ensure that their voices are heard by decision makers in health and social care with a view to developing a pain strategy for Northern Ireland. We will use what people tell us to produce a report for decision makers that is based on their experience. We will make recommendations for changes and improvements based on what you tell us. If you suffer from Long Term (Chronic) Pain please complete the questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LongTermPainNI> or scan the QR reader below



If you have any questions about filling in the questionnaire or need help to complete it please contact Sorcha Forbes or Avril Craig at the Patient and Client Council on: 0800 901 0222 or 028 9032 1230.

Your views are important as they will inform and help develop future services

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15 Latest offers from SALTO Youth

Please see attached with the latest offers from Salto Youth to include: **Quality Coaches, Inclusive Sport For All** and **ONE 2 ONE. Supporting learning face-to-face** plus many more offers.

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16 Stepping up and stepping out, jazz style...

Second Line NI is calling on all music lovers to come and strut their stuff in the city's first ever jazz street parade, made possible by the Music Promise.

Derry City Jazz Festival favourites, JayDee Brass Band, will be leading a New Orleans style 'second line' procession as part of this year's festival and the official launch of Second Line NI.

Second Line street performances have always been connected to New Orleans, traditionally heralded as the birthplace of Jazz. Combining music, jubilant dancing, and brightly decorated umbrellas, a second line is a chance for everyone to let loose and get a taste of that New Orleans vibe.

Along with JayDee Brass Band, this year's inaugural procession will also include musicians from local schools/colleges, and well known performers from the city. Full pageantry will be on show with local community groups displaying their recently decorated umbrellas.

Parade Route:

Date: Saturday, 4 May 2013

Time: 12:30 -2:00

Location(s): Walking from Shipquay Street to Ebrington Square

1. Meeting Point (12:30) – On the pedestrian walkway of Shipquay and Castle Street
2. 13:00 Parade begins – Moving down Shipquay Street
3. Pick-Up Point A – On the pedestrian walkway of Shipquay and Bank Place
4. Parade moves past the Guildhall to Queen's Quay
5. Pick-Up Point B – Just before the cityside entrance to the Peace Bridge
6. Parade finishes in the Ebrington Square – followed by the premiere of a newly commissioned piece.

So take that step and swing that hip to the syncopated, feet-moving glory of a street party.

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17 Ladies Day at the YMCA ~ LegenDerry Ladies Ltd Showcase Event

Location: YMCA, Drumahoe, Derry/Londonderry

Date: **Saturday 11th May 2013**, Time: 11am to 4pm

Admission: **Free, everyone welcome.**

LegenDerry Ladies Ltd are a group of lovely ladies who have set up their own enterprises from home and who are really a force for growth in a time of recession. We formed as a collective at the start of March and have come together to support each other through sharing ideas and best practice, organising events and helping each other. We have gone from strength to strength with an eclectic mix of businesses and have over 200 ladies within the group already.

Our first showcase event will be a fantastic day out for anyone who wants to come along. We will be in the YMCA at Drumahoe with around 50 of our ladies businesses in every nook and cranny of the building on that day. There will be something for everyone: scrumptious cupcakes; handbags; fashion advice; boutique Danish fashion; handmade jewellery; stationery; accessories; beauty; paintings; knitting; sewing; crochet; hand crafted items for the home; vintage tea party; pet accessories as well as activities for the kids including music workshops and face painting. We also will have some craft workshops running on the day too.

Our aim of the day is showcase our group to the community, to bring the talent of our ladies to the public and to introduce our collective. Hopefully it will inspire people to become entrepreneurs themselves as well. It will be the first of many showcases for our group.

Contact Information:

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c/o LegenDerry Ladies Ltd

243 Woodbrook, BT48 8FH

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/legenderryladiesLtd/>

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18 Celebrate & Give Wedding Favours

Do you know someone getting married soon? If so, tell them about our Wedding Favours!

Age NI's Celebrate & Give for Weddings provides personalised table cards with a message about why you've chosen to accept a donation instead of traditional presents or favours. Each guest will receive an Age NI pin badge.

[Read more about Celebrate & Give](#)

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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@nwcen.org

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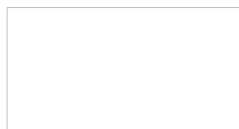
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