

BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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JUSTICE & THE THREE R'S – RECONCILIATION, RESTORATION AND REPARATION

Ballymoney Community Resource Centre and Wave Trauma Support joined together to organise a conference on Restorative Justice in Ballymoney Town Hall on Friday 12 December 2008. The conference was being funded by the Community Relations Council and Ballymoney Borough Council's Good Relations Programme.

As Pat McCauley, the Manager of WAVE in Ballymoney, said:

"We put together a strong programme of speakers and facilitators who talked about how restorative justice processes have a role to play in housing estates, within the Youth Justice Agency, in local police stations, in incidents of anti-social behaviour, to relieve community tension and to help bring healing to victims and survivors of the Troubles."

The conference, attracted participants from all over Northern Ireland, who represented the community and voluntary sector, local councils and legal and justice professionals. The keynote speaker was Assistant Chief Constable Duncan McCausland, who reinforced the ideas put forward by the panellists, Aideen McLaughlin of the Youth Justice Agency, Harry Maguire of CRJI, Dermot Curran of the Belfast Community Housing Association, and Nigel Gardiner of React North West. He gave a very powerful speech in support of the process of restorative justice, highlighting the value of partnership working, the positive impact on both victims and perpetrators of crimes, its potential to reduce re-offending and the numbers of prisoners in our gaols, and, in addition, to reduce resources necessary for the operation of the criminal justice system.

When closing the conference, Lyn Moffett of BCRC said,

"At the start of the proceedings today, we talked about Justice and the 3 'R's – Restoration, Reparation and Reconciliation, I think now we have realised just how many more 'R's there are in Justice – from rights and responsibilities, restitution and retribution, reassurance and relationships, to reconciliation and the resolution of problems. I am going to leave you with two final questions – is restorative justice relevant? Should restorative justice schemes be resourced?"

If you would like any further information, please contact either Pat McCauley of WAVE or Lyn Moffett at BCRC. Pat's email address is projectmanager@waveballymoney.co.uk, and the telephone number is 02827669900, while Lyn can be reached at BCRC on 028 2766 5068, or by email at manager@ballymoneycrc.org.uk.



FUNDING

ADAPT NI

The Adapt building and Inclusion and Equality Grant Scheme aims to provide culture, arts, heritage, community and leisure venues with practical support to improve physical access and to assist venues to adopt the social model of disability to facilitate participation by disabled people in social activities.

Next deadline 23 February 2009. For more information see www.adaptni.org or telephone 028 9023 1211. Email: info@adaptni.org

COOPERATION IRELAND EXCHANGES PROGRAMME

Cooperation Ireland also runs an exchange programme, which concentrates on the Youth and Community sector and groups within this sector are facilitated and supported to participate in cross-border and cross-community projects.

Their deadline is 13 February 2009, and more information can be found at www.cooperationireland.org, tel: 028 9089 1009 and by email at exchanges@cooperationireland.org

CONNECT YOUTH

The British Council initiative Causeway British Irish Exchange has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young people on the islands of Britain and Ireland. Funding is available for Connect Youth projects beginning in April 2009, if applications are submitted before the 1 February deadline.

For more information contact: bsweeney@ycni.org, tel: 028 9064 3882. Website: www.causewayyouth.org/index.html

ANCHOR FOUNDATION

The deadlines for the Anchor Foundation, which supports charities concerned with social inclusion, particularly through ministries of healing and the arts, is 31 January and 31st July each year. Grants range from £500 to £12,000.

Contact them by email at secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk. Website: www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk.

GENERAL INFORMATION



Unit 18, Acorn Business Centre, 2 Riada Avenue, Ballymoney, BT53 7LH
Tel: 028 27663443 email: phoenixproject@btconnect.com

Do you know of anyone in the local community who has a child or young person (6 to 18 years of age) with ADHD, (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), or a related problem, often displaying challenging behavior and lack of concentration? Or perhaps you work with these children and young people. If so, the Causeway ADHD Support Group's Phoenix Project may be able to help.

The aim of the Causeway ADHD Support Group's Phoenix Project is:

"To support children and young people with ADHD and their families, at home, at school and in the community"

We provide this support in a number of ways, including the following:

- Offering ADHD Specialist Coaching to young people and their families
- Providing an information sharing, advice and support network for parents, children, adults and professionals working with the children/young people.
- Providing "Why Try?" training. This is a strength-based approach to helping children and young people overcome their challenges and improve outcomes in areas including truancy, behaviour and academics.
- Providing an information service to schools and teachers.

To obtain further information on any of the above services please contact us at our office at the Acorn Business Centre, 2 Riada Avenue, Ballymoney, (the road opposite the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre), telephone (028)27663443 and speak to Jenna or Mamie. We can also be contacted by e.mail at phoenixproject@btconnect.com Our core office hours are currently Monday to Wednesday from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FAREWELL PEARSE!



On 19 December 2008, Ballymoney said a very fond farewell to Pearse Boyle, who had been Disability Development Officer in the town for almost ten years, and certainly made his mark! We shall miss his sense of humour, his knowledge and expertise in the field, his innate decency and integrity.

Pearse has left the Resource Centre to take up a new post with 'Good Morning Magherafelt', and we wish him every success and happiness in the future. Let's hope we see him back in Ballymoney in the very near future when we will be sure to find some topic we can break into a small group and discuss with him!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A new resource to support community groups to develop self-evaluation is now available online. The website has advice and guidance on self-evaluation, downloadable questionnaires which can be amended to suit the needs of each group, links to other resources and forums to support evaluation for community groups in Northern Ireland.

Check out the website at: www.communityconnections.wikidot.com

DEBRIEFING MEN'S HEALTH EVENT

The sexual health team at Belfast Trust is hosting an information morning on men and their sexual health at NICVA from 9.15am on 11 February 2009. There will be presentations and workshops on a range of male sexual health topics. To reserve a place or find out more please call 028 9090 0051 or email: shealth.team@belfasttrust.hscni.net.

TRAINING

DEALING WITH ISSUES WHICH REALLY AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE

This OCN accredited course is excellent for parents, young people, teachers, and leaders of youth groups or anyone going into a career in healthcare. The course will start on Monday 19th January from 7 - 9 pm in Rasharkin Women's Group. The issues which really affect young people that will be covered by the course are:

- Self Confidence
- Exploring risks related to drugs & alcohol
- Dealing with peer pressure

With certification from the Open College Network on: the introduction to issues of substance misuse. The course will start on Monday 19th of January from 7 pm till 9 pm in Rasharkin Women's Group, if interested please contact Viki on 02829571385.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A GLOBAL EDUCATOR?

New Accredited Training for the Ethnic Minority Sector on Global Education.

A global educator draws upon the personal experiences of people involved with or from minority ethnic backgrounds and enhances their skills and knowledge to bring global issues 'alive' at a local level.

What Does the Training Provide?

This accredited training programme will:

- Provide you with the chance to develop your knowledge and skills central to an understanding of global education;
- Provide you with methodologies and resources to enhance your ability to deliver global education training and/or organise intercultural activities;
- Provide an exciting new opportunity to develop professionally and to share learning experiences with different sectors of society such as schools, teachers, community groups and development NGOs.

For further information and an application form please contact:

Charo Lanao – Madden, Centre for Global Education, 9 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1FY.
Tel: 028 9024 1879 E-mail: charo@centreforglobaleducation.com

MAKING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Ulster People's College is running a number of courses in International Development. To register, contact Tracey Loughens on 028 9033 0131 or by email at tloughens@upclearn.org

Peace and Conflict on 12 /13 February will be of interest to community activists who would like to develop their understanding of peace processes and conflict.

Fair Trade/Global Trade on 10 /11 March will examine international trade principles of fair trade.

TRAINING

SuicideTALK - FREE SUICIDE AWARENESS TRAINING

Due to demand NHSSB are offering a number of additional training workshops in 2009 to all groups within the NHSSB at no cost. To confirm your booking you will need a date, time and know the approximate numbers you expect to attend. Dates are available from March - August 2009.

SuicideTALK is aimed at almost all members of the community; this training helps to make direct, open and honest talk about suicide easier. SuicideTALK is ideal for professional staff, community groups and volunteers. We come to conferences, staff meetings, group meetings, public events and more. The trainers are fully qualified and trained to deliver global standards professional training programme

Making it accessible

Straight forward booking process

We come to you

At a time that suits you

Training is approximately 1.5hrs

Professional and friendly approach

Training adapted to meet your individual, group or organisational needs

These course booked up fast in 2008 so if your interested in us running a workshop for your group in 2009, or in more information, contact: Aine Wallace on 028 90584629 (leave a message) mobile 07921861104 email: ainewallace@live.com

YOUNG PEOPLE AND MONEY

Sponsored by the FSA and delivered by Citizens Advice, Young People and Money is a free, one day training course that delivers financial capability training to those working with 'NEET' young people. The course is designed to improve their confidence by equipping them to better support their young people in becoming financially capable. There will be a course in Coleraine on 3 March 2009, and one in Ballymena on 8 September.

To book a place on a training day or for further information visit the Young People and Money website at www.youngpeopleandmoney.co.uk or contact Citizens Advice on 028 9023 1120, or by email at: ypam@citizensadvice.co.uk

CHILDCARE MATTERS: WHAT THE PUBLIC THINKS ABOUT CHILDCARE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

This seminar led by Dr Liz Fawcett (Liz Fawcett Consulting) is organised by ARK, a resource dedicated to making social and political information on Northern Ireland available to all. The seminar takes place at NICVA at 12 noon on 3 February 2009 and will be followed by a light lunch at 1.00pm. Please call 028 7137 5513 or email: info@ark.ac.uk to register.

The ARK website holds information on a wide range of social and political topics. Visit www.ark.ac.uk to find out more