

BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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SINGLE IDENTITY WORKSHOPS

Hi everyone, and welcome to the **November newsletter**. October has been a very busy month for the Resource Centre. We have successfully delivered the first round of the Peace III Single Identity workshops involving young people from the Ballymoney Borough.



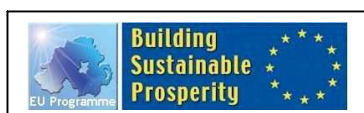
Young people from The Mill Youth Club, Balnamore and from Carnany Estate participated in the Single Identity Workshops held at the Ballymoney Resource Centre during October and November 2009.

[The Mill Youth Club, Balnamore](#)



[Carnany Youth Club, Ballymoney](#)

The young people received their certificates on the last evening session of each workshop and were congratulated on their excellent work and commitment throughout the programme.



FUNDING

CRC COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Community Relations Council with the support of Government has established a fund of approximately £400,000 to spend each year on community relations projects.

Community Relations Council funding is intended to help community/voluntary groups throughout Northern Ireland develop their capacity to engage in community relations work and to enhance the community relations potential of projects they undertake.

The maximum award payable is £10,000 but normally most grants are much smaller than this. It may be useful to refer to Community Relations Council annual reports for details of previous grant allocations.

This grant scheme seeks to achieve the aims listed below by providing advice and financial support for projects.

1. To develop opportunities for groups to explore their own cultures, beliefs and traditions, thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships of trust with those of different traditions and values.
2. To develop opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of others' cultures, beliefs, traditions; increasing their acceptance of and respect for diversity.
3. To enable groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address difference.
4. To increase the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address those issues that divide them.
5. To develop networks of communication, trust and co-operation between divided communities.
6. To promote models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland.

The scheme is aimed at locally based groups such as community development groups, cultural organisations, women's groups, church groups, tenants associations and other organisations and groups involved in community relations, reconciliation projects and cultural engagement. The scheme is aimed primarily at projects involving adults. Closing Temporarily 14 December 2009. Another round up to 12 December 2010

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FUNDING

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

The Children in Need Trust seeks to improve the quality of life for children and young people of 18 yrs and under who are disadvantaged. All applications must now be completed online. The Appeal gives grants to organisations working to combat or alleviate disadvantaged children and young people who must be aged 18 years and under, living in the United Kingdom. New deadlines have been announced and the big change is that all applications must be completed ONLINE. They will not accept any applications in writing and applicants are encouraged to submit supporting materials electronically wherever possible. Children in Need will do everything they can to signpost smaller groups to local points where they can obtain support and practical assistance should they have difficulty with online applications.

Deadlines: 15th January, 15th April, 15th July & 15th October each year

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TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS

The funding they give goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around their stores in the UK.

The Tesco Charity Trust aims to help Tesco **support the local communities in which we operate**

- On a local level, to support the needs of employees, customers and communities around our stores
- On a national level, to support initiatives that address identified need through existing charities' activities
- On an international level, to help our business and supply chain to make a difference in their locations

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FUNDING

CALOR GAS (NI) CHARITABLE SUPPORT

In-kind Support

Calor also receive applications for in-kind product. These applications are received on an ongoing basis until the budget has been depleted.

The Calor Village of the Year

The Village of the Year competition is open to all rural communities throughout Northern Ireland with a population of 4,500 or under. Entry is open to community based organisations / groups if they meet any of the following criteria:

- A 'not for profit' local organisation or trust which has been set up to improve the social, economic or environmental well-being of your local community.
- A strong emphasis on the involvement of local individuals or groups active within the community.
- Partnerships, networks or forums acting within a localised community.

Applications are welcomed from single organisations operating within a community, however, if more than one group operates in your area we suggest you consider applying collectively since the competition is about recognising your Village as a whole. This could help you complete more categories and help the judges fully understand the extent of community activity in your area. Prize money of £5,000 goes to the winner.

Village of the Year. If you are unsure about your group's eligibility, please telephone Calor Village of the Year competition, on 028 9045 8466 or e-mail: competition@calorgasni.co.uk. Alternatively you may contact RDC on 028 8676 6980 or email info@rdc.org.uk. There is an annual closing date. 1 January 2010. The Dublin office address is: Dublin Office, Teoranta, Longmile Road, Dublin 12.

UNLTD SPORT RELIEF MAKE IT HAPPEN AWARDS

Who is it for?

- > Young people aged 11-21 years old.
- > Young people with a great idea to make their communities a better place to be.
- > Young people who can make it happen through sport and recreational activities.

How much can I apply for?

- > 'Try It' Award **Up to £1,000** for 11-21 year olds
- > 'Shape It' Award **Up to £5,000** for 11-21 year olds
- > 'Do It' Award **Up to £10,000** for 18-21 year olds

(Selected applicants will be invited to apply with a **mini business plan**. Template available at www.UnLtdSportRelief.com) You can also attend one of UnLtd's 'dragon's den' events to pitch an idea to the UnLtd Sport Relief Youth Panel to get an on the spot decision contact Ashley Whittlely for details on 028 9024 4007, email: ashleywhittlely@unltd.org.uk.

If any young person you know has any ideas regarding a project that would fit the criteria, please contact Angela at BCRC and she can assist with the application and all the stages to follow.

TRAINING

EQUALITY LEGISLATION AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE

This event at NICVA on 9 December 2009 will provide senior managers and HR professionals with a succinct update on current developments in equality legislation and recommended employment practice. By the end of the briefing participants should have:

- Explored answers to a range of the most current and/or commonly asked questions relating to employment and equality in Northern Ireland.
- Received an update on anticipated legislative developments relating to equality and employment.
- Considered recent significant tribunal decisions and what they mean for employers.

Participants are also invited to submit questions of their own when booking for this event. Responses to questions received before Wednesday 2 December will be provided as part of the briefing.

Find out more at www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/events/key/equality-employment.

MAKING A BETTER APPLICATION TO GRANT-MAKING TRUSTS

This half day session at NICVA on 3 December 2009 will prepare participants for making funding applications at all stages of the process, explaining what to do before, during and after making an application.

The session will also look at some of the typical questions asked by funders and how to answer them well.

The session will:

- Describe the funding application process
- Describe what makes a successful funding application
- Identify what to include when completing an application form

Find out more at www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/events/key/grant-making-trusts-dec09.

COLERAINE RURAL & URBAN NETWORK

Drug & Alcohol Training Courses for Practitioners

FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY IN SUPPORT OF NDACT'S ACTION PLAN

January 2010

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| 7 th & 8 th | – Motivational Interviewing |
| 11 th & 12 th | – Non-violent crisis intervention |
| 15 th | – CBT Skills Training |
| 21 st | – OCN Train the trainer: Drugs & Alcohol Practitioner |
| 28 th & 29 th | – Motivational Interviewing |

All courses are free to anyone who lives or works in the NDACT area, that is, the local District Councils of Antrim, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Cookstown, Larne, Magherafelt, Moyle and Newtonabbey.

For further information or to register contact Geraldine on:

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TRAINING

INVITATION TO INVOLVING PEOPLE AN ACTION LEARNING PROGRAMME TO HELP YOU FACILITATE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH & WELL-BEING

What is Involving People?

If you haven't heard of PPI, you should have. It is a policy of government to encourage Private and Public Involvement (PPI) in the planning and delivery of health and social care services.

Involving People is an action-learning programme to show you how to do this. Action learning means what it says. You get a chance to learn from experience and practice.

There are no assignments. We base the learning on discussion and feedback based on practical experiences, reflection on good practice and a practical project that allows you to explore and experiment with new knowledge and skills in a safe environment.

If you want to be up-to-date in your thinking and if you are genuinely interested in trying new ways of addressing health inequalities, then join our programme.

Programme Commitment

You will be committing to attending a series of action-learning workshops for discussion on subjects such as:

- Providing leadership to motivate individuals and communities to work with you to address health & well-being issues you are concerned about
- Working in Partnership with others to achieve a more 'joined up' approach
- Learning how to lead in a partnership where you have no formal authority
- Understanding how communities can organise and help themselves and understanding how to make best use of the other public, private and community resources around you
- Learning how to plan, organise and get results from a PPI health and well-being project.

The programme is free to you. It is funded by the Northern Investing for Health Partnership and managed by the Northern Trust. You can expect a lot of support during the programme.

By engaging in and completing the programme you attain an accredited ILM Award in Leadership. Your only formal task at the end will be to reflect on and tell us what you have learned from participation in the programme and how you intend to apply that learning.

It starts Wednesday 13 January 2010 and runs through to Wednesday 23 June 2010.

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TRAINING/INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION TO PEOPLES HISTORY

This short introductory course from the Ulster People's College will help groups learn more about key events in history and discuss what these events mean for them. Your group will have the opportunity to explore the crucial historical period from 1886 to 1921. Participants will learn more about how Nationalism and Unionism developed the involvement of soldiers from Nationalist and Unionist Communities in Ireland in World War One, the events of the Easter Rising, the Partition of Ireland and the formation of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland. A range of perspectives on key events will be explored.

The course will also introduce participants to the skills required to explore the past such as; examining the same historical event from different perspectives; using different materials to look at history and critical exploration of history. The course runs over seven sessions of two hours each.

For more information contact Karen McCartney on 028 9033 0131, email: kmccartney@upclearn.org.

EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS

EGSA is running another series of its popular workshops to help you develop your career and employment opportunities, as follows:

CVs: Tuesday 1 December - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Interview Skills: Wednesday 2 December - 10.00am - 1.00pm

Places are limited and registration is essential. The workshops will take place in EGSA's Belfast Office.

To register please email: info@egsa.org.uk or visit

www.connect2learn.org.uk/Content.aspx?nSectionId=809&nSubSectionId=821&nContentId=2005.

RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK

If you do not have a website and would like some help with building one, Rural Community Network wants to hear from you. We are exploring a potential programme which will offer rural community groups assistance in this key area.

To register your interest, contact Kathryn email kathryn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

BBC MY STORY - EVERYONE HAS A STORY. WHAT'S YOURS?

My Story is a new BBC project to gather the UK's true stories and publish them online and is open to anyone who has a story to tell. 15 of the best will be made into TV programmes for BBC One and five winners will see their stories published in 2010.

The My Story website will show entries from members of the public and feature celebrities' real-life stories, along with other inspiring, famous true stories. There are also videos and interactive tools to help plan and structure a story as well as tips on writing styles and skills.

For more information see www.bbc.co.uk/mystory or call 0800 0150 950.

EVENTS/INFORMATION

27 November 2009

Community Network Meeting at BCRC at 10.30am, followed by BCRC AGM, followed by Lunch

1 December 2009

Disability Forum Meeting at BCRC at 4.00pm

16 December 2009

Christmas Drop In at BCRC 12.00PM – 2.00PM

18 December 2009

BCRC Christmas Holidays are from Friday 18 December 2009 to Monday 4 January 2009.

COMMUNITY CHANGE AGM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

29 January 2010 from 9.30am to 1.30pm Antrim Civic Centre
For further information, email anne.mckenna@communitychange-ni.org or telephone Anne on 028 9023 2587

DOES YOUR PROJECT NEED VOLUNTEERS? MAYBE DARD CAN HELP

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) is a keen supporter of Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV) projects among its staff. It is an opportunity for team building and networking, and to make a lasting and worthwhile contribution to the local voluntary sector.

Have you got a project DARD volunteers could help with? Projects that staff have been involved with previously include:

- Turning an old portacabin into office space for the Foyle Cookie Company
- Painting and decorating rooms in Foyle Women's Aid
- Preparing food and toy Christmas hampers for local charities
- Restoration of 'The Quiet Garden' – a cross community walled garden at See House in County Londonderry.
- Helping with the 'Get Going' gardening project at Leonard Cheshire Disability in Omagh

Benefits to you include getting a task completed or an activity undertaken, publicity within DARD, leading to raised awareness of the organisation, fundraising and effectiveness brought about by the donor organisation's skills, expertise and experience.

Please contact Kathryn Clarke for more information on 028 9052 4189 or email: kathryn.clarke@dardni.gov.uk