

BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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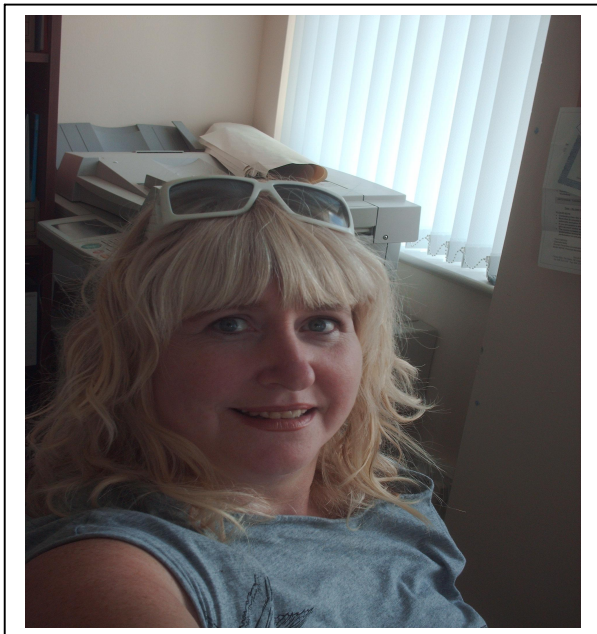
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Hi everyone, and welcome to the September newsletter. The summer months have been very busy for BCRC with planning, discussion and research relating to new projects which are allied to the new round of Peace III funding.

NEW COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER



Angela Mulholland has recently joined the team at the Ballymoney Community Resource Centre as the Community Outreach Worker in July 2009 and is looking forward to her new role.

Angela's post is part funded by the new Peace III funding and by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Anti-Sectarianism Fund. Her remit will include engaging with targeted communities to support action plans of communities and community groups and to encourage networking and partnership working in order to further good community relations over the NE Council Areas.

Angela has been involved with Community Development over the last three years (2006-2009) and was previously employed with Coleraine Borough Strategic Partnership as the Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator, based in the Ballysally estate in Coleraine.

Angela assisted in the implementation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan and has worked closely with statutory, voluntary and community groups on many projects and programmes. She has experience in assisting groups with funding applications and of facilitating both sub group and working group meetings.

Angela was a member of the Ballysally Neighbourhood Partnership and is still on the management committee of Focus on Family in Ballysally.

Angela volunteered with her local Citizens Advice Bureau in Coleraine for a period of eighteen months (2006-2007) and trained as an adviser.

She has just completed the second year of a BA Hons Degree in Advice Studies at Staffordshire University through the medium of distance learning. Angela has found that this line of study has assisted her understanding significantly around the themes and subject matter of community development and neighbourhood renewal.



FUNDING

Big Lottery Fund (Northern Ireland)

Awards for All Programme in Northern Ireland is delivered and funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland and awards funds of between £500 – £10,000 over a 12 month period. Northern Ireland office - For funding information or general enquiries call the BIG advice line on **028 9055 1455**

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation is one of the largest grant-making trusts in the UK supporting the broadest range of charitable purposes with grants of all sizes. There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome. Telephone: 020 7399 6565.

In Kind Direct

In Kind Direct provides a huge range of products donated by companies to be used by not-for-profit organisations across the UK. The recipient organisation only pays a handy charge which is roughly 10-15% of the items value. Tel: 020 7714 3930 E-mail: info@inkinddirect.org

Ulster Rugby stars take One Small Step Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

The One Small Step fund re-opens as Ulster Rugby stars sign up to the campaign.

Headed by former British and Irish Lions rugby star Trevor Ringland, the One Small Step initiative aims to build a shared and peaceful future for Northern Ireland by promoting equality and respect. In a timely move, Ulster Rugby have signed up just as the One Small Step Grant Fund has been re-launched, offering financial support to local projects building good relations in Northern Ireland. Administered by the Community Foundation NI, the fund is now open for application by individuals across Northern Ireland and grants of up to £1,500 will be awarded to successful applicants. Michael Reid, CEO of Ulster Rugby said: "Ulster Rugby is pleased to be able to take its One Small Step, by supporting the Community Foundation NI, as one of our nominated charities for the 08/09 season. "From the grass roots game, right up to professional level, Ulster Rugby and the IRFU Ulster Branch, are dedicated to building strong and lasting community relations across our province." Tony McCusker, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation NI, said; "Our organisation is proud to administer the One Small Step Fund and I encourage individuals considering an application to contact us immediately." Applicants should have the support of a constituted community organisation which can oversee their work and manage any grant monies awarded. The Fund can support activities working toward a shared future in Northern Ireland, involving people in peace building or inspiring them towards positive action. A successful applicant must be able to demonstrate community impact in spreading the One Small Step message."

FUNDING

UnLtd Sport Relief *Make it Happen* Awards

The *Make it Happen* grant programme funds young individuals aged 11 to 21 who have an idea of a sporting, recreational or arts based project that can be used to develop community cohesion and/or address conflict resolution. Funding of £500 to £10,000 per project is available and no project experience is necessary as UnLtd also provides a mentoring service and is interested in developing the skills of future social entrepreneurs. Money can be used towards a one off event and/or a lasting project. All new applications are welcome. The programme is open until March 2011 and all projects must be completed by this stage. Previous awardees can also apply for top up awards. You can also attend one of UnLtd's 'dragon's den' events to pitch an idea to the UnLtd Sport Relief Youth Panel get an on the spot decision. Contact Ashley Whittley for details on 028 9024 4007, email: ashleywhittley@unltd.org.uk.

NI ENVIRONMENT AGENCY - Natural Heritage Grants

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) administers the Natural Heritage Grant Programme (NHGP) to support projects in Northern Ireland that encourage people to enjoy our natural heritage. Deadline is 16 September 2009. For further details telephone 028 9056 9610 or email nhgrants@doeni.gov.uk

Mace seeks long term charity partner

Does your organisation work with young people and are you interested in corporate support which would help achieve organisational objectives, raise your profile and potentially generate funds within Northern Ireland? Mace the Musgrave Retail Partners brand is seeking a long term, mutually beneficial partnership as part of its corporate responsibility programme. The 175 Mace stores in Northern Ireland will get behind the successful cause. Sponsorship and marketing support will also be available. If you work across northern Ireland with young people in any field, including sport, health, music or education, or if you help young people play an active role in society and you would like to be considered for this major corporate partnership opportunity please send a proposal (Word document up to 3,000 words) to Joe Braden at joe@differentcomms.com by 12 noon on Friday 18 September 2009. Your submission should highlight:

- Background to your organisation
- The service/programme which requires support
- What level of funding is required annually for up to 3 years
- How Mace stores can directly link with the campaign locally
- Public relations opportunities available for the partners
- Suggested partnership mechanisms, including account management
- Potential programme development over a 3 year period
- Your experience of working with companies at this level

find out more at www.socialenterpriseawards.org.uk.

PHILIP LAWRENCE YOUTH AWARDS

The Philip Lawrence Awards recognize outstanding achievements by groups of young people aged 11 to 20 who make a real contribution to their community. The deadline is 28 September 2009. For further details telephone 020 7512 2100 or email philiplawrenceawards@4children.org.uk

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GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards

The IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. An overall winner will receive £35,000, nine other winners receive £25,000 and up to ten organisations that are highly commended or runners up receive £5,000 or £3,000. You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work. You decide how to use the award money. Organisations that win or are highly commended for an IMPACT Award will be offered free training valued at £3,500 for each organisation. The deadline for applications for the 2010 awards is 5.00pm on Friday 25 September 2009.

National Social Enterprise Awards

The Social Economy Network (NI) Ltd is calling on all social enterprises in Northern Ireland to apply for the Social Enterprise Awards – a nationwide competition that will reward Britain's best social enterprises. The application period is open until 28 September. Social enterprises are businesses run for social and environmental purposes – it is estimated that there are over 1000 social enterprises in Northern Ireland with the most recent official figures in 2007 showing that of the 400 surveyed, the combined turnover is £355m. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) and Invest NI have lent their support and commitment to the awards as a new UK benchmark for social enterprise success in Northern Ireland. The Social Enterprise Awards offer a chance to win in the following categories: Best Social Enterprise (turnover of £1 million plus) sponsored by Charity Bank with in-kind business support packages from the University of Ulster; Best Social Enterprise (turnover of less than £1 million) sponsored by Ulster Community Investment Trust with in-kind business support from Enterprise NI and Best New Social Enterprise sponsored by Business in the Community. Winners can receive up to £5,000 as well as a national media platform to promote themselves.

TESCO CHARITY TRUST –Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards

Funding 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 Tesco stores in the UK. Deadline is 30 September 2009. For further details telephone 084 5612 3575 or email tescocommunityawards@accworks.co.uk

Accessibility grants

The Building Equality and Inclusion Grant Scheme offers financial support to arts, cultural, leisure, community and heritage venues and organisations that are committed to enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities. Adapt NI will distribute incentive grants of up to £2000 depending on the ownership of the venue, quality of application and proposed work to be undertaken. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis and priority will be given to those proposals which request support for projects that can be completed by March 2010. The competition for funds is expected to be high. For more information visit www.adaptni.org, call 028 9023 1211 or email: info@adaptni.org.

TRAINING

Invest Northern Ireland recognises the important role the social economy has to play in developing the wealth of Northern Ireland. If you are thinking about setting up a social enterprise or growing an existing social enterprise, the Social Entrepreneurship Programme may be able to assist you.

The concept of the Social Entrepreneurship Programme is firmly founded on a commercial business model. Focus will be placed on maximising economic impact and business growth after start up and those businesses which are capable of making a significant economic impact.

The four elements of the programme funded by Invest NI are all aimed at the promotion of sustainable models of business and provide capability support to allow organisations to set up and develop businesses with the potential of start up, growth or export development.

Lead in Development – Advice for groups without a clearly identified business start up idea or who need help to refine their idea.

Core Capability Support – A package of assistance to help groups develop their business plan, the potential for financial assistance towards start-up costs, start up capability advice and aftercare during the first year of trading.

Post Start Strategic Mentoring – One to one strategic mentoring specific to the needs of the groups. This is aimed at existing social enterprises with growth and export potential.

Mentoring Support for Transitional Groups - advice and support for voluntary and community sector groups seeking to make the transition to a social enterprise.

For further information please contact:-

Lawrence Greer at LEDCOM (telephone 028 2826 9973)

Email lawrencegreer@ledcomwbp.org

Art and Conflict

Applications are being sought for an Art and Conflict course being delivered in Belfast by Theatre Lab. The course is free but requires commitment to an introduction on 30 September, a residential on 2 - 4 October and 11 further sessions each Wednesday until 16 December. The first few sessions will take participants through a Theatre of the Oppressed process, and other sessions will involve guest speakers and workshops using different art forms to work with community groups, particularly in peace and reconciliation work. The course is aimed at practitioners already working in the field or those wanting to work at a grass roots level with communities to address conflict and community development issues. To apply please send your CV and a brief explanation of why you are interested in the course and the benefits you think it would bring to your own work to: Karen McFarlane, Theatre Lab, c/o 283 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GG or email: karen.mcfarlane@bcdanet

PARENT/TEEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS- FACILITATOR'S TRAINING COURSE

This accredited Parent Facilitator Course has been designed by ACET for those who wish to enhance and develop their knowledge and skills of Parenting Education as part of their current professional or voluntary role. ACET are currently recruiting for this course and places are limited to 12. If you would like further information and/or an application form please contact **Linda Allen** on linda@acet.ie or telephone on **07971065641**. This course is free of charge to successful applicants.

TRAINING

ACCESS TO BENEFITS TRAINING AT BCRC

Training will be taking place on Wednesday 9 September 2009 at BCRC at 9.30am. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Angela at BCRC on 028 2766 5068 as soon as possible. This training is free.

A2B is a not-for-profit organisation funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies and a grant from the Department of Finance and Personnel. It works to help older people across Northern Ireland maximise their take-up of benefit entitlements. It started operations in May 2007 and has 8 staff based in its North Belfast offices.

People can already use A2B's Benefit Calculator on this site. It's an online questionnaire A2B developed to help older people work out what benefit entitlements they're due.

With advice and age sector organisations, A2B is developing an Older Person Advisers' Course to provide advisers with the specialist skills and knowledge needed to work with older people.

A2B is jointly developing ways of linking existing information systems used by different organisations which help older people apply for benefits, and to automate complex application forms whenever possible. We call this Case Recording Integration and Application Form Automation.

Our Data mine of anonymised information on benefit uptake across Northern Ireland will help improve the effectiveness of future benefit uptake campaigns.

A2B is developing its **Partnership Network** of organisations which can help bring the message about benefit uptake to older people. It does this by supporting their outreach and community development work.

CHALLENGING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TRAINING AT BCRC

We are planning to run this course on **Thursday 15 October 2009 (1.30 -4.30pm)** and **Friday 16th October 2009 (9.30am-1.30pm.)**

If anyone is interested in attending please contact Angela at BCRC on 028 2766 5068 as soon as possible. This training is free.

Anti Social Behaviour has now entered the language as the buzzword to describe a huge range of low level crime affecting our daily lives. Although the term is often misused it is clear that the issue is very important and will continue to challenge government and communities alike into the future.

This short course will give participants a clear understanding of the meaning and nature of Anti Social Behaviour so that its importance and impact is better understood. It will also examine possible solutions by looking at the role and limitations of the law and alternative strategies adopted by community organisations. During the course participants will:

- Examine a definition and types of Anti Social Behaviour
- Analyse the influencing factors and impact of Anti Social Behaviour throughout the community.
- Appraise the current legislation and enforcement powers
- Critically analyse a specific project or approach which focuses on Anti Social Behaviour.
- Evaluate the key issues relating to Anti Social Behaviour in the community.

The course is of interest to all those working in any community where Anti Social Behaviour is an issue. It is also highly relevant to services and structures set up to tackle crime and enhance public safety such the PSNI, District Policing Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships.

This 10 hour course is accredited by the Open College Network at level 3

EVENTS

Steps into dialogue

Community Dialogue is initiating a programme to use dialogue as a means to allow those affected by the conflict to deal with and address their past and to begin to respect and understand the views and past of others. In order to get a sense of the issues, there will be a dialogue session at the Community Relations Office, Linen Green, Moygashel, on 10 September at 7.00pm. Key questions to be asked include:

- What are the issues that you and the people in your community need to discuss?
- Who needs to be targeted to engage around those issues?
- Are there barriers to getting people involved?
- Is there a need to provide safe spaces to enable people to discuss the issues?

Please email: admin@communitydialogue.org or call 028 8676 6670 to find out more

Sharing our space - overcoming division in communities

Rural Community Network and the Community Relations Council with support from the Interface Working Group (IWG) is holding events to provide an opportunity for the community to comment on a draft working document on the nature of rural interfaces. The concept of rural interfaces is less well explored and defined and could be related to townlands, extremely localised physical features, or a mindset that impacts on people's behaviour and social patterns. All events run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm commencing with buffet on arrival as follows:

- 20 October Belmont, Banbridge
- 22 October City Hotel, Derry
- 26 October Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena
- 28 October Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh

To book a place, please email Bebhinn at bebhinn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

There has to be a better way to raise money ... we'll show you how

Short of ideas on funding sources? *How to get trusts to fund you* on 4 November 2009 will look at ways to gain funding from independent grant-making trusts and foundations. Find out more and download a booking form at www.nicva.org or contact Roisin Kelly on 028 9087 7777 or email roisin.kelly@nicva.org.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 September 2009 – Rasharkin Women's Group 10th Year Anniversary Celebrations at Rasharkin Community Centre 10.30am – 4pm. (Guest Speaker Anna Lo – Alliance Party)

9 September 2009 – Disability Forum Meeting – BCRC Offices 6pm.

18 September 2009 – Community Planning The New Council, Communities and Agencies Working Together, G.A.D.D.A Building, Garvagh. Registration, tea and coffee at 9.30am 10.00am – 1.00pm (lunch provided)

21 September 2009 – UN International Day of Peace. Peace Day Concert