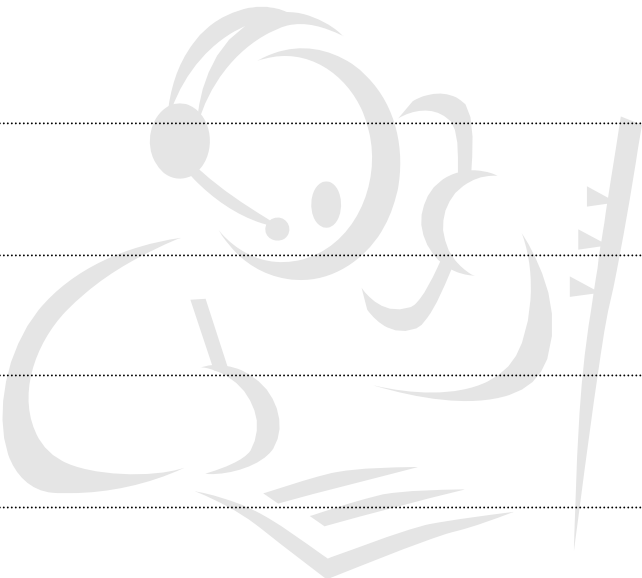


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## This month's round up

With the summer at an end this month's NICVA News focuses heavily on events, training and funding opportunities.

A recruitment drive is currently underway for the next round of the IFI Community Leadership programme and some other notable events to look out for this month include: *Members Day* on 16 October which offers you key skills in finance and HR, *Managing Community Assets* on 27 October, and *Meeting the Charity Test – Demonstrating Public Benefit* which will let you have a say on what 'public benefit' means. On the training calendar, some courses not to be missed include *Winning Contracts*, *Marketing your organisation* and *Train the trainers*—check out the events and training pages for details.

Finally, with competition for funding on the increase, this month we bring you some top tips to making a better funding application on page 31 as well as the usual deadline listings to give you a chance to put these tips to the test.

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## IFI Community Leadership Programme recruiting now for second year

NICVA, in conjunction with the International Fund for Ireland (IFI), has launched the second year of its £2.1 million Community Leadership Programme for Northern Ireland and the southern border counties.

Una McKernan, Director of Corporate Services at NICVA said:

*“Following the success of our first year, the Programme is now recruiting for groups to participate in year two. It continues to offer exciting and innovative training and learning opportunities which aim to strengthen the leadership capacity of community groups.”*

She added: *“The Programme aims to build the capacity of groups so that they will be able to work together to address issues, network with others, improve their community and influence policies that affect local people's lives.”*



The Programme is targeted at grassroots community groups working at a local level to develop their communities. It is for groups that work with the whole community not single issue groups.

This is a one year leadership journey for groups, and by participating you can:

- Build the management and leadership capacity in your organisation.
- Participate in ten action learning sessions with a dedicated facilitator for your group.
- Benefit from a governance review, if one is required.
- Receive ongoing support and advice from NICVA.
- Network at three roundtable workshops with others from the Leadership Programme.
- Achieve accreditation for individuals at Institute of Leadership and Management level 3.
- Gain a Certificate in Management Practice from University of Ulster free of charge (for up to two people).
- Receive a maximum bursary of £2,500 (2,750 Euro) for an action-learning project of your choice.

Groups interested in the 2010/2011 programme should complete an expression of interest form by 8 October 2009.

Find out more at:

 [www.communityleadershipprogramme.org](http://www.communityleadershipprogramme.org)  
or contact Nuala Muldoon at NICVA on  028 9087 7777.





## Looking for some radio publicity?

Media Ireland is offering local charities, youth groups and community organisations the opportunity to publicise their work and make appeals free of charge through its community radio stations in Belfast and Newry.

IÚR-fm 101.4FM launched in Newry in October 2007 and is the city's only local community radio station broadcasting to a population in excess of 50,000 while Blast 106 on 106.4FM is Belfast's latest FM radio station serving the student and youth population of greater Belfast.


The stations carry a limited number of free public service announcements which are allocated strictly on a first come first served basis. They are pre-recorded and can highlight group activities, appeal for funds or promote organisations' websites or contact details. You can choose to record your own announcement in Media Ireland's studios in Belfast or Newry, or it can be produced by the Media Ireland's in house production team.

The announcements are broadcast on an ongoing random basis and are not suitable for advertising specific events or offers. However, local charities and NICVA members receive discount off rates for standard advertising.

For an application form and guidelines on the creation of your advert, please contact:



[info@mediaireland.org](mailto:info@mediaireland.org)

For advertising details, please contact Shane on:  0844 991 1014

## 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 2009.

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 £355 million.

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.
- 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.

For more information, please visit:



[www.socialenterpriseawards.org.uk](http://www.socialenterpriseawards.org.uk)





## Volunteering conference is calling for papers


There is growing discussion and debate within the public, private and third sectors about the role and impact of voluntary action and the difference volunteers are making to individuals and local communities. Policy makers are increasingly focusing on the role that volunteers can play in helping to deliver services and promote community cohesion, while organisations and groups grapple with how best to demonstrate the impact their services and volunteers are having.

Alongside this are ongoing debates about the definition and measurement of voluntary action. National, regional and local government and agencies are increasingly looking to measure levels of volunteering whilst discussions continue around the concept and definition of volunteering with debates on 'compulsory' voluntary service, incentives for volunteers and paying trustees.

**Volunteering Counts** - a Research Conference on Voluntary Action in Manchester next March - will bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners to share and debate current research on these issues. It aims to help advance knowledge and understanding on these topics and identify an agenda for future research. The event is being organised by the UK Volunteering Forum Research Group, a consortium of researchers from the Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR), Volunteer Development Agency Northern Ireland, Volunteer Development Scotland (VDS) and Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

Research papers from researchers, policy makers and practitioners are welcome at the conference under the following broad themes:

- Defining and conceptualising volunteering.
- Measuring volunteering and counting volunteers.
- The value and impact of volunteering.

Abstract submissions should be emailed to Christine Reilly at:  [research@vds.org.uk](mailto:research@vds.org.uk) by 5.00pm on **22 October 2009**.

## Onus launches new website

Onus (NI) Ltd - the only Northern Ireland wide training organisation offering a training and consultancy service in domestic violence training and expertise for employers, employees and managers - has just launched its new website at  [www.onustraining.co.uk](http://www.onustraining.co.uk).

For each agency, business, or community there are effective measures that can be put in place to ensure the best possible response for women and children experiencing domestic violence.

### Onus offers:

- Tailored in house training courses.
- Training programmes at basic, intermediate and advanced level to further skills development.
- Consultancy services to assist in the development of domestic violence policies and procedures.

For further information, please visit the website at:

 [www.onustraining.co.uk](http://www.onustraining.co.uk)





## Conversational Workshops on Dealing with the Past


HTR (Healing Through Remembering) is holding conversational workshops on dealing with the past as part of the 'Whatever you say, say something' project. Workshops are delivered by trained facilitators using the HTR Conversation Guide.

### Workshops include:

- Commemoration.
- Day of Reflection.
- Storytelling.
- Truth Recovery.
- Acknowledgement.
- Living Memorial Museum.

The Conversation Guide is designed for facilitators interested in supporting individuals and groups to engage on the issue of dealing with the past.

HTR is building a resource of delivery partners to facilitate conversations on dealing with the past. Those interested in workshops or in becoming a delivery partner should visit:

 [www.healingthroughremembering.org](http://www.healingthroughremembering.org)

## Struggling to convince funders of the value of arts projects? Here's an IDEa

The creative industries are increasingly recognised as vital to the health of the UK economy at both national and local level. The sector contributed £60 billion to the UK economy in 2004 and provides two million jobs throughout the country.

Yet if the creative industries are to continue to thrive in a challenging economic environment, the UK needs to continue to invest in creative talent, career pathways, research and business support.

A new web resource from the Innovation and Development Agency (IDeA) aims to help local authorities make decisions about whether to invest in creative industries and, if so, how. Arts groups can use the resource to help make a case for investment in arts and crafts provision in their area.

For more information and to access the guide, please visit:

 [www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=10079358](http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=10079358)

## New technology keeps 'dual mandate' debate live

Can one person be an effective local councillor and an MLA and maybe an MP and a Minister too? This event in NICVA on 7 September was blogged live online as it happened.

Dawn Purvis MLA has tabled a Private Members Bill dealing with the controversial and timely issue of elected representatives holding more than one job. Can one person be an effective local councillor and an MLA

and maybe an MP and a Minister too? Or is it a matter of personal choice for elected representatives to decide how hard they work as suggested recently by the Minister for Finance and Personnel?

Our event gave you a chance to have your say, but if you couldn't make it—or you were there and want to see how the event was recorded—you can catch up with the debate on the blog that was recorded live during the event.

Check it out at:

 <http://handofhistoryni.blogspot.com/>





## Noble indicators to be updated

NISRA has begun work on updating the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005 (also known as The Noble Indicators). This is not a new set of indicators but an attempt to keep the existing indicators as up to date as possible before the next major revision, likely to be after the next census and post-Review of Public Administration boundary changes.

A consultation document has been produced setting out how the measures will be updated. This document was published on 27 July 2009 and gives users the opportunity to comment on the content of the updated measures.

The consultation process will end on 6 November 2009. NICVA is holding a consultation event with NISRA to discuss the issues in the document on **30 September 2009** at Lisburn Civic Centre from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

To register please contact:

 [deprivation.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk](mailto:deprivation.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk)

The final report including the new measures will be published in early 2010. Until publication of the final report the NIMDM 2005 remains the official measure of spatial deprivation in Northern Ireland.

Read the consultation document at:

 [www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/deprivation/Updateof2005Measures/NIMDM\\_2009\\_Consultation](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/deprivation/Updateof2005Measures/NIMDM_2009_Consultation)


## Nominations sought for Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office has called for nominations from Northern Ireland for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups, ahead of this year's 30 September 2009 deadline.

This UK National Honour was created to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and recognises the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups of volunteers. Among the 750 organisations who have already received this Award are volunteers from young people's groups, rural community organisations and groups working in black and minority ethnic communities.

In June this year, six outstanding groups in Northern Ireland received the 2009 Award from the 406 nominations made across the UK after being nominated by family, friends, beneficiaries or members of the public.

Although nominations can be made at any time during the year by visiting:

 [www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk](http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk), those wishing to be considered for the 2012 Award, must submit their nomination by **30 September 2009**.

For details of all Queen's Award for Voluntary Service winners or to download a nomination form, please visit:

 [www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk](http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk)





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## Host a Green Communities training course

The Energy Saving Trust Green Communities service (formally CAfE) is giving community groups the opportunity to host their own Green Communities course. In hosting a training session, Green Communities will provide your group with a bespoke course enabling you to improve your knowledge of energy and develop a community energy project. Best of all it's free of charge.

Green Communities courses can cover project planning and delivery of a community energy project; energy efficiency; sustainable energy use and renewable energy technologies; how to conduct energy audits for community buildings and old or listed buildings; funding a community energy project; and how to get involved with the local authority planning process.

Previous hosts have included local community and environmental groups, local authorities and parish councils who themselves host or are involved with local community energy projects.

On the day Green Communities will provide a trainer, training resources and manuals. As hosts, all you have to find is a venue and the delegates. Green Communities can also provide up to £150 towards lunch and refreshments for your group.

Green Communities wishes to run courses throughout the country and is keen to find new groups and locations to hold future events.

Please call an advisor on:



0844 848 0077



greencommunities@est.org.uk

or visit  [www.est.org.uk/community](http://www.est.org.uk/community)

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## Oxjam gears up for month-long music festival

Oxjam is a festival with a difference: thousands of music events are put on by ordinary people - from schools to clubs, front rooms to pubs - making it the biggest line-up of any music festival in Ireland.

Last year over 300 acts took part in Oxjam across Ireland and now it's your turn to get involved by organising music themed events for October.

*"This year some of the biggest names in Irish music will be playing intimate gigs for Oxjam. Names and locations are being kept very hush hush but keep checking the website for updates", said Oxjam Co-ordinator Ger Murphy.*

All money raised will go help Oxfam's work fighting poverty in eastern and southern Africa, including helping poor people to cope with the devastating effects of climate change.

Find out more at



[www.oxfamireland.org/oxjam/](http://www.oxfamireland.org/oxjam/)





## Running an effective organisation

The next NICVA Members Day on 16 October 2009 is a direct response to your requests for practical help and information on general governance and finance issues for smaller organisations.

The half day event begins with ***What's on the horizon?*** - a presentation on the latest legislation and funding situation. This will be followed by workshop sessions to include a choice of either **Assessing and managing risk** or **Committees and Trustee responsibilities** and a choice of either **Best practice approach to human resource issues during recession** or **Basic accounting procedures**.

### ***Who should attend?***

Staff who have responsibility for their organisation's human resources or finance requirements and committee/board members who would like to know more about their own responsibilities and gain some advice on building a stronger committee would benefit most.

### ***Workshops***

#### (a) *Committees and Trustee responsibilities*

- Role of the committee of a voluntary and community organisation.
- Roles of the honorary officers.
- How to devise a skills audit for your committee.
- The characteristics of good and bad meetings.
- Best practice in committees.

#### (b) *Assessing and Managing Risk*

- How to carry out a risk assessment.
- Analysing risks and drawing up an action plan.
- Monitoring and reviewing the action plan.

#### (c) *Best practice approach to human resource issues during recession*


- How to implement a fair redundancy procedure.
- Alternatives to prevent job loss.
- How to make changes to terms and conditions.

#### (d) *Basic accounting procedures – an overview during recession*

- The need to keep accurate records.
- An outline of the types of records your organisation should maintain.
- Statutory and redundancy payments.

### ***Booking details***

Full NICVA Members are entitled to one free place per organisation. The extra member delegate rate is £30 per person and non member rate £70 per person.

Please visit  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) to download a brochure and booking form, return it to:



Georgie Finlay  
NICVA  
61 Duncairn Gardens  
Belfast  
BT15 2GB



[georgie.finlay@nicva.org](mailto:georgie.finlay@nicva.org)





## Managing Community Assets - the urban context

This event at NICVA on **27 October 2009** is targeted at voluntary, community and social economy groups that manage community assets in urban areas of Northern Ireland. The event has been organised by NICVA in association with Charity Bank, Social Economy Network and UCIT.

Representatives from Charity Bank, Social Economy Network and UCIT and other support organisations will be in attendance. The event will enable you to network with others running similar projects, learn about three successful projects and find out more about the support that's out there.

### Programme

10.00am **Welcome and Introduction** - NICVA

10.15am **Case Studies**

- Paula Bradshaw, Greater Village Regeneration Trust.
- Paul Roberts, Ashton Community Trust.
- Glen Barr, Maydown Ebrington Group.

11.15am **Can larger organisations help smaller ones?**

- Niamh Goggin, Charity Bank

11.45am **Workshops**

What are the issues and barriers to (a) generating income and (b) gaining local support involvement?

How can we be successful in generating income and involving others?

What support is needed?

12.30pm **Feedback**

12.45pm **Lunch and Close**

The cost is just £20 for NICVA members and £30 for non members. Please contact Georgie Finlay at NICVA by **20 October 2009** to register on:

 028 9087 7777  [georgie.finlay@nicva.org](mailto:georgie.finlay@nicva.org)

## Dormant Accounts consultation event for funders

The Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF) and the Northern Ireland Trusts Group (NITG) would like to invite its members to a consultation event for grant-making organisations on the proposed spending priorities for the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Scheme.

The Treasury estimates that there is likely to be in the region of £10 to £20 million available through the scheme in the first year followed by hundreds of thousands of pounds each year thereafter for distribution to social or environmental purposes.

The Department of Finance and Personnel is inviting views on the development of the draft Northern Ireland spending priorities and the underpinning policy directions.

This meeting will be an opportunity for grant-makers to discuss how they might respond collectively or individually to the proposals.

The meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October 2009, from 10.00am to 12.30pm in NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast. Responses to the questions raised in the consultation paper are required by Thursday 29 October 2009.

To register for the event please contact the Northern Ireland Trust Group secretary, Neil Irwin, on:



028 9087 7777 or



[neil.irwin@nicva.org](mailto:neil.irwin@nicva.org)







## Reflections and Opportunities - Equality Commission 10th Anniversary Conference

Taking place on the Commission's tenth anniversary, the conference will reflect upon the significant equality developments of the past ten years and look to the future equality agenda.

The event takes place on 1 October 2009 in the Hilton Hotel, Belfast, and contributors include Belinda Pyke of the European Commission in Brussels, the Honourable Mr Justice Weatherup, and Dr John Kremer.

Workshop sessions will provide participants with useful guidance and updates on key equality issues including:

- Key discrimination issues for advisers.
- Equality - an employer focus.
- Section 75 guide - new directions.
- Equality budgeting.

More details are available at  [www.equalityni.org](http://www.equalityni.org) or by contacting the enquiry line on  028 9089 0890.

## Consultation on public benefit guidance

The Charities Act (NI) 2008 provides that to be a 'charity' an organisation must be established for charitable purposes. It further provides that these purposes are charitable only if they satisfy the test that they are for the public benefit.

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI) is required to issue guidance on how it will apply the 'public benefit test' and has published a consultation document entitled **Meeting the Charity Test – Demonstrating Public Benefit**. This document sets out the Commission's views on what it needs to take into consideration when deciding whether an organisation can become, or continue to be, a charity under the law of Northern Ireland.




If you are a charity employee, trustee, volunteer or member of the public the Commission would like to hear your views on the draft guidance.

The launch of the consultation document and first public consultation event took place on 3 September 2009.

Further consultation events are scheduled from 5.30pm to 9.00pm as follows:


- 29 September 09 - Millennium Forum, Londonderry
- 5 October 09 - Braid Centre, Ballymena
- 8 October 09 - Clinton Centre, Enniskillen
- 14 October 09 - Lodge Hotel, Coleraine.

Places are limited so advance booking is required for all of these events by emailing CCNI on:

 [admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk](mailto:admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk) or by calling  028 9051 5490. You should also contact CCNI for hard copies of the consultation document and the summary guide. These are also available to download at  [www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk).

All comments on the consultation document should be sent in by email or post by **27 November 2009**.

NICVA has produced a briefing paper on the Charities Act. Find the latest updates and download a copy at

 [www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/news/key/210809-charity-regulation-update](http://www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/news/key/210809-charity-regulation-update).





## Parents Week 2009 – The Changing Face of Families

The tenth annual Parents Week will take place from 19 to 25 October 2009. All over Northern Ireland, charities, voluntary sector organisations, children's centres, schools and libraries, are working to help families flourish. Parents' Week will give you a great opportunity to celebrate your unique successes in supporting families and enabling them to thrive.

Parents' Week will be launched with the Parenting Forum NI Annual Conference on 19 October in the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast. It is aimed at professionals working with parents.

Check out updates on the latest events at [www.parentsadvicecentre.org](http://www.parentsadvicecentre.org) or contact Alison or Gemma on 028 9031 0891 or email [gemma@pachelp.org](mailto:gemma@pachelp.org) to find out more or if you are organising an event to celebrate Parents' Week.

## Equality Commission seminar programme

In partnership with NICVA, the Equality Commission will deliver a series of seminars this autumn to help voluntary sector employers meet their responsibilities under employment equality legislation. All seminars are free of charge and will be hosted by NICVA at 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast.

*The programme includes:*

### **Equality Awareness** - 24 September 2009

An introduction to equality employment law in Northern Ireland.

### **Fair Employment Monitoring and Review** - 13 October 2009

Seminar aimed at providing voluntary sector employers with information and practical guidance on how to meet statutory monitoring duties under Fair Employment legislation and complete an Article 55 Review.

### **Recruiting Fairly** - 17 October 2009

Seminar aimed at helping voluntary sector employers ensure that they meet recommended best practice when recruiting staff.

### **Bullying and Harassment at Work** - 10 November 2009

Co-delivered with the Labour Relations Agency, this seminar is suitable for all employees seeking an understanding of the types of behaviour that lead to complaints of harassment or bullying and the responsibilities placed on employers and employees to prevent these occurring.


### **Notes and Queries** - 9 December 2009

A briefing lunch aimed at providing managers and HR professionals with an update on current developments in equality legislation and best practice.

To book a place on any of these events, please contact Margaret Thompson at NICVA:

 [margaret.thompson@nicva.org](mailto:margaret.thompson@nicva.org)  028 9087 7777

For more information check out the event listings at:

 [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org)





## Are you ready for change?

Impending changes to the local public sector will impact both positively and negatively on community development, presenting challenges for all.

It is important that the community sector is part of the change process and active in developing solutions to emerging problems, while promoting new ways of working in partnership with other groups and the public sector.

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland is hosting a series of community consultation seminars to capture opinion on key issues including:

- The Review of Public Administration/ Community Planning and Community Engagement.
- The current challenging economic environment and its impact on the future support and funding of the community sector.
- Influencing the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland and the Building Change Trust's future funding and support priorities.

To learn more about the impending changes and to help shape the community sector's response, register now to attend the seminar most convenient for you:

**13 October 09**  
Diamond Centre, Claudy  
10.00am to 1.00pm

**15 October 09**  
Grosvenor Hall, Belfast  
10.00am to 1.00pm



**20 October 09**  
Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown  
1.30pm to 4.30pm

**20 October 09**  
Seagoe Hotel, Portadown  
6.30pm to 9.30pm

Download a registration form at:

 [www.communityfoundationni.org](http://www.communityfoundationni.org)

Or contact CFNI on:

 028 7137 1547  
 [ecanavan@communityfoundationni.org](mailto:ecanavan@communityfoundationni.org)

## 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 2009**  
Belmont Hotel, Banbridge

**22 October 2009**  
City Hotel, Derry

**26 October 2009**  
Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena

**28 October 2009**  
Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh

To book a place, please email Bebhinn at:

 [bebhinn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:bebhinn@ruralcommunitynetwork.org)





## Developing European cultural partnerships

60% of UK applications to the EU's Culture programme were successful last year - yet the Culture Programme sees only a few applications from Northern Ireland.

To help artists and cultural organisations in Northern Ireland, EUCLID, the UK Cultural Contact Point, is organising a Cultural Connections day on 6 October 2009 at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast, to help you to learn about opportunities for building partnerships in Europe, particularly with France, Germany, Spain and Poland. This event is supported by the Department for Culture, Arts and Libraries, and by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

Ten representatives from the performing arts, visual arts, museums and heritage sectors in these countries will be coming to Belfast for the day.

There will be short presentations about arts and culture in these countries, and opportunities throughout the day to meet in small groups to find out more about possible partnerships and how you might start to make contact, build links and develop successful applications.

In addition, the cultural sections of a number of European embassies in London will be providing information materials on the arts and culture in their countries.

The cost to attend is £80 (+VAT) which includes a full information pack, as well as lunch and all refreshments. Places are limited so book now online at:

 <http://connectni.culture.info/>

For any queries, please email:

 [info@culture.info](mailto:info@culture.info)

## Northern Ireland and the transition to a sustainable economy

The Sustainable Development Commission NI and The Queen's University Belfast School of Law, invite you to this keynote seminar on 29 September 2009 in the Elmwood Learning Centre with Professor Tim Jackson, Sustainable Development Commission Economics Commissioner.

In the Sustainable Development Commission's report, '*Prosperity Without Growth?*' Professor Jackson outlined the argument that the mantra of unrestricted economic growth led to the current financial crisis. Professor Jackson will argue that simply rebuilding the economy on the same flawed model will only lead to catastrophe in the future. Only by making the transition to a sustainable economy can we hope to build a flourishing, stable, and equitable society.

A panel of experts will tease out the options and consequences of such a modal change for the economy and society in Northern Ireland with Professor Jackson. There will also be to a question and answer session.

For more information, or, if you wish to attend, please contact James Dillon at:

 [james.dillon@ofmdfmni.gov.uk](mailto:james.dillon@ofmdfmni.gov.uk)





## ‘Open Space’ on pathways towards (re)balancing our sustainability equation

The structures and system of the Earth are out of balance. Our pathways are converging at crossing roads; in early December 2009 the leaders of the world's nations will come together in Copenhagen, Denmark. There they will decide, on our behalf, the future of international policy that will affect not just the course of climate change, but global economy and social justice alike.

Despite the conference in Copenhagen we know that true change does not come from the top down, or outside in - such mechanisms open the door - true change grows from the bottom up, the inside out. Everyone has a role to play. Now is our time. Centuries from now our future children and their children may well ask of the people of our time. What prevented them from taking the necessary actions to fulfil their roles as guardians of our world?

Corrymeela and the 7th Generation Project invite you to this Open Space event to further these conversations and our individual and corporate strategies for awareness and action; as we seek a sustainable future. The event runs from 9 to 11 October 2009 at the Corrymeela Peace and Reconciliation Centre, Ballycastle.


### Confirmed speakers include:

**Dr John Barry** - Assistant Director of the Queens University Sustainable World Institute on *The psychological and spiritual dimension of the transition away from unsustainability.*


**Colin Craig** - TIDES Training Development Director on *Conflict Management in a Changing Climate - Dialogue for Peaceful Change.*

**Davie Philip** - Cultivate Learning and Resource Centre on *Transition Towns - A Path into the Future?*

For further information, please visit:

 [www.communityni.org/event/open-space-pathways-towards-rebalancing-our-sustainability-equation](http://www.communityni.org/event/open-space-pathways-towards-rebalancing-our-sustainability-equation)

Or contact Matt Scrimgeour at:

 [openevents@corrymeela.org](mailto:openevents@corrymeela.org)  028 2076 1726

## Age Awareness Week 2009


Age Awareness Week takes place from Monday 28 September to Saturday 3 October 2009 with a host of events scheduled to explore issues on ageing in venues across Northern Ireland.

Organised by the Changing Ageing Partnership (CAP), this year's theme is 'representation'. All events celebrate the diversity of older people's lives and highlight the positive contribution older people make to our society.

The events calendar includes art exhibitions, films, discussions and conferences in Belfast; poetry and storytelling in Portadown; an intergenerational event in Strabane; information events in Ballymoney, Newry and Limavady; and dance and drama in Lisburn, Derry, Omagh, Armagh and Coleraine.

Age Awareness Week launches at 8.00pm on 28 September with a drive-in movie showing of *Harold and Maude* (organised in conjunction with Jameson Belfast Film Festival) at the Kings Hall Complex, Belfast.

Tickets are available from Jameson Belfast Film Festival on 028 9032 5913 or online at:

 [www.belfastfilmfestival.org](http://www.belfastfilmfestival.org).

See the full Age Awareness Week programme at:

 [www.ageawarenessweek.com](http://www.ageawarenessweek.com)





## Time Banking information workshop

Time Banking is an exciting new type of volunteering programme that offers potential for development across Northern Ireland.

Time Banking is already being successfully practiced in a wide range of settings, including community groups, hospitals, jails and housing associations across the UK.

It was originally developed in the USA in the 1980's by Dr Edgar Cahn, A Civil Rights Lawyer. After suffering a heart attack and feeling a sense of 'uselessness' while ill, he dreamed up a new way of exchanging skills and knowledge which didn't require actual money, but still meant that a system of giving and receiving would flourish.



To find out more about how it works in practice and the benefits that can be gained for communities, come along to one of these free workshops:

**Fermanagh House, Enniskillen**  
8 October 2009 — 2.00pm to 4.30pm

**Volunteer Development Agency, Belfast**  
9 October 2009 — 11.00am to 1.30pm



For further information please contact either:

Maeve Donaghy (Fermanagh Volunteer Centre)

 MaeveDonaghy@vsb.org.uk  
 028 6605 0000

or

Christine Irvine (Volunteer Development Agency)

 Christine@volunteering-ni.org  
 028 90818332

## Community consultation events

The Building Change Trust has launched a series of community consultation events to engage with a range of organisations across the sector to discuss key issues and help to inform how the Trust's resources will be used to support the sector.

What do you think your organisation needs to do to respond to current and future challenges facing the community and voluntary sector?

What do you need to do to ensure that the needs of your community are better identified and met now and into the future?


These are critical questions and will be the focus of a series of consultation events across Northern Ireland during the autumn. The Building Change Trust has planned and will deliver the events in partnership with a number of local, regional and thematic support networks.

Download the full schedule at  
[www.buildingchangetrust.org](http://www.buildingchangetrust.org)

## Caring Under Pressure

Carers Northern Ireland will hold its annual conference on 6 October 2009 at the Craigavon Civic Centre. A varied programme of speakers, panel discussion and workshops will address some of the pressures that both carers and our community care services are under in the current climate.

The conference will also highlight and share good practice in support for carers.

Speakers include Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. For more information, or to register, please email  [admin@carersni.org](mailto:admin@carersni.org)





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## Commemorative days this month

October is a popular month for campaigning with a number of commemorative days coming up including:

1 October 2009

**International Day of Older Persons**

2 October 2009

**World Smile Day**

2 October 2009

**Jeans for Genes Day**

5 October 2009

**World Habitat Day**

8 October 2009

**World Sight Day**

10 October 2009

**World Mental Health Day**

10 October 2009

**World Hospice and Palliative Care Day**

10 October 2009

**World Day against the Death Penalty**

11 October 2009

**National Coming Out Day**

15 October 2009

**World Rural Women's Day**

17 October 2009

**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

24 October 2009

**World Development Information Day**

24 October 2009

**United Nations Day 2009**

As well as these, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### List your own day

If your organisation is organising a commemorative day, week or month, or you know of any, why not list it in the CommunityNI events calendar at:


 [www.communityni.org/](http://www.communityni.org/)


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## DrupalCampBelfast - a web development weekend

NICVA is hosting DrupalCampBelfast on 26 and 27 September 2009 - a free volunteer organised weekend focused on web development using the Drupal Content Management System.

Drupal is a free and Open Source Content Management system used by thousands of organisations, companies and individuals across the globe.

NICVA uses Drupal for it's family of websites including  [www.communityni.org/](http://www.communityni.org/),

 [www.grant-tracker.org](http://www.grant-tracker.org/) and

 [www.communitybuyer.org](http://www.communitybuyer.org/).

The weekend is technology focused and will be useful for people with some web development and/or content management experience.

There will be beginner sessions to cover Drupal basics and case studies to give some background on extending Drupal - including a case study on building the CommunityNI site.

If you are thinking about a new website for your organisation to improve efficiency and increase flexibility then Drupal may be an option to consider.

Register online at

 <http://belfast.drupalcampireland.org>





## Using web technology to turn clients into advocates

At this free 90 minute non technical seminar, Invest NI ebusiness advisors will illustrate the ways of implementing low or no cost technology into your organisation, that will reduce the money you spend in creating awareness and engaging your audience.


Find out about:


- Easy to implement technology that saves time and opportunity costs.
- Using online in a way that positively impacts the perception of your business.
- Providing more value to your clients and partners by making your organisation more accessible.
- The real business impact of the latest technologies: Blogging; Social Networking; Twitter; YouTube.
- Planning and measuring the non cash investment required to make these technologies work.
- How a local company successfully implemented its IT project.
- Using the Invest NI eSolutions Centre to help make the technology come to life for your business.

Using scenario based presentations and live demos, the seminar will engage non-technical people and provide a kick start to understanding how these technologies can be applied in any business.

### Dates and venues:


28 September - **Ormeau Business Park**

 [info@ormeaubusinesspark.com](mailto:info@ormeaubusinesspark.com)

 028 9033 9906


15 October - **Lisburn Enterprise Organisation**

 [seonaid@lisburn-enterprise.co.uk](mailto:seonaid@lisburn-enterprise.co.uk)


 028 9266 1160


7 October - **North City Business Centre Ltd**

 [sarah.smith@north-city.co.uk](mailto:sarah.smith@north-city.co.uk)

 028 9074 7470

22 October - **Mallusk Enterprise Park**

 [lorraine.moore@mallusk.org](mailto:lorraine.moore@mallusk.org)

 028 9083 8860

Places at these workshops are limited. Call your local enterprise agency above to book a place.


## Keep your workplace a racism free zone

Anti-Racist Workplace Week takes place from 19 to 23 October 2009. It is an initiative organised by the Equality Commission and key social partner organisations such as employers, trade unions and black and minority ethnic groups. The main focus of the week is to raise awareness of racism in the workplace and to encourage employers to develop strategies to achieve equality of opportunity in a culturally diverse workforce.

The aims of the initiative are:

- To raise awareness around the role the workplace can play in challenging racism in the wider community.
- To ensure employees are made aware of their rights in the workplace.
- To encourage employers to implement best practice measures to achieve equality for both employees and customers.

Find out how to become involved at

 [www.equalityni.org](http://www.equalityni.org)





## Want to be more successful at winning contracts?

More and more services are being provided outside of the mainstream public sector. This has created new opportunities for third sector providers but inevitably means competition in bidding in for funding.

Third sector organisations need the capacity to demonstrate how they add value and offer competitive advantage in order to attract public funds. The Winning Contracts programme is a great way to increase the capacity of your organisation to do this.

Winning Contracts is aimed at organisations that are making or intending to make competitive bids for grants and service contracts. The design and development of this programme was funded by The Big Lottery Fund. It is delivered by Richard O'Rawe and Frank McGlone in three full day workshops on 1, 8 and 28 October 2009 at NICVA. The programme costs £500 for members and £700 for non-members.

The three workshops will provide important information on tendering processes and will enable you, as participants, to develop and practice proposal-writing skills. Each participant will increase their ability to achieve higher scoring bids


by understanding the processes used in public procurement.


The workshops will look at ways you can help your organisation develop an effective approach to meeting the needs of funders and avoid the type of basic mistakes that often rule out or undervalue an otherwise comprehensive bid for a grant or contract.

### Participants will:

- Gain knowledge and awareness of public procurement processes.
- Be more able to collaborate and/or compete with other organisations (across sectors) in bidding for and securing tendered service contracts.
- Develop the ability to produce a credible and winnable proposal in response to an invitation to tender and terms of reference issued by a third party organisation.
- Improve their communication and influencing skills.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Roisin Kelly at:

 [roisin.kelly@nicva.org](mailto:roisin.kelly@nicva.org)  
or download and complete a booking form at:

 [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org)


## Marketing your organisation

This course on 14 October 2009 will give participants the skills to apply a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) to their organisation, and to describe and apply the four elements of the marketing mix within the context of their work.

It will also explain why the marketing concept is relevant within the context of the voluntary and community sector.

Accreditation is available.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Roisin Kelly at:

 [roisin.kelly@nicva.org](mailto:roisin.kelly@nicva.org)  
or download and complete a booking form at:

 [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org)





## Assessing and managing risk

**22 October 2009**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

Risk management is an important tool in ensuring the efficient and successful operation of voluntary and community organisations, regardless of their size or nature. This session introduces voluntary and community sector organisations to assessing and managing risk.

By the end of the session participants should be able to:

- Outline the benefits of risk management.
- Develop risk management procedures.
- Identify risks and carry out a risk assessment.
- Analyse risks and draw up an action plan to deal with risks.
- Monitor and review their action plan.

## A question of trust - how to get trusts to fund you

**4 November 2009**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

This course will raise the possibility of being funded by independent grant-making trusts and foundations.

There are still many funding opportunities from grant-making trusts, even in a recession, however applicants will have to raise their game to get it.

The session will give an overview of the grant-making trust sector and how to identify funders for your own organisation and projects. It will explain what grant-making trusts look for in funding applications and how you can stand out from the crowd.

## Train the trainers

This three day programme on 10, 17 and 30 November 2009 will cover barriers to learning, learning styles, planning timed sessions, writing training objectives, preparing training materials, dealing with difficult behaviour in groups and evaluation techniques.


On the final day participants will deliver a 20 minute training session for assessment. The course carries an ILM endorsed award.

The course runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day and costs £330 for NICVA members or £480 for non-members.

## More information

For further information on the above courses or to book a place, please contact Roisin Kelly at

 [roisin.kelly@nicva.org](mailto:roisin.kelly@nicva.org)

Alternatively download and complete a booking form at  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org)





## Not-for-profit management courses

The Open Training College offers three individually accredited management awards that can give you essential management skills, improve your chances of employment or promotion, and help you be more effective in the non-profit/voluntary/human services sector.

The courses are delivered by the Open Training College through the Supported Open Learning Model. Each module begins with either a face-to-face or an online skills workshop/seminar where students discuss management theory with their tutors and fellow students, followed by a written assignment six to eight weeks later.

The student is supported through the written assignment process with regular telephone and email tutorials as well as an extensive online eLearning platform.

The Supported Open Learning Model allows each student (either those employed within the sector or those seeking employment) to earn a nationally accredited qualification accredited by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC)

### The courses are:

- Certificate in Applied Management (Non-Profit/Human Services).
- Higher Certificate in Arts/Bachelor of Arts Applied Management (Non-Profit/Human Services).
- Bachelor of Arts (Ordinary) Applied Management (Non-Profit/Human Services).

All courses are scheduled to begin in October 2009.

For more information, please contact Monica or Conor at:



Open Training College  
Prospect Hall  
Willowfield Park  
Goatstown  
Dublin 14



00 353 (1) 298 85 44



Info.otc@smh.ie



www.opentrainingcollege.com

## Community Facilitator Programme

WRDA is recruiting for its Community Facilitator Programme starting in October 2009. The programme is open to women from the Eastern Health and Social Services Board area and trains local women to be Community Facilitators (Peer Educators).

Participants will:

- Develop facilitation skills.
- Gain an NVQ Level 3.
- Become a Community Facilitator.
- Deliver sessions in the community.
- Enhance their employment opportunities.

If you are interested in the programme and would like to know more, please contact Sadhbh Branton on:



028 9023 0212



sadhbh.branton@wrda.net





## Diploma in Training and Education in Supported Employment

The Northern Ireland Union of Supported Employment (NIUSE) is delivering the Foundation Diploma in Training and Education in Supported Employment (FDSE) in October and November 2009. The training will be delivered in conjunction with the Open Training College (OTC), Dublin, and will be accredited by the National University of Ireland (NUI), Galway.

This training is suitable for Employment Officers/Facilitators working in the field of vocational training and employment for people with disabilities and those who facilitate people with support needs to find and keep employment.

The FDSE training aims to provide supported employment practitioners with professional education and training in the principles and practices of supported employment.

The course starts in October 2009 with two 2 day workshops in Belfast as follows:

### 15 and 16 October 2009

UNISON, Galway House, 165 York Street

### 19 and 20 November 2009

NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens

For further information and to register, please contact NIUSE on:



028 7137 7709



info@niuse.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **25 September 2009**.

## Social Security Tribunal Representation

This is a six day course aimed at advisers who have a working knowledge of social security benefits and who wish to represent clients at Social Security Appeals or improve their skills in representation.

The training runs from **6 October to 4 November 2009** in 3rd Floor Training Room, Law Centre (NI), 124 Donegall Street, Belfast.

Participants are expected to complete written work and participate in a mock tribunal and will receive feedback. As well as having a working knowledge of social security benefits participants should have good literacy skills and basic numeracy skills to benefit fully from the course.

### This training includes:

- The process of decision making.
- Challenging decisions.
- The process of appealing decisions.
- Collecting evidence and planning legal arguments.
- Preparing a submission for a tribunal hearing
- Tribunal practice and procedure.
- Mock tribunals

Contact Deborah Hill at the Law Centre (NI) for details on:



028 9024 4401





## Recruitment and selection of volunteers

Are you responsible for recruiting volunteers? Want to find out more about good practice in attracting and selecting volunteers for your programme?

This two day course on 7 and 14 October 2009 in Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, explores the principles and procedures for the effective recruitment and selection of volunteers. It provides volunteer managers with practical information and advice to support them in attracting volunteers to appropriate roles.

Developing appropriate roles for volunteers in line with the organisations objectives, and following fair, efficient and consistent recruitment procedures for all potential volunteers are important tasks for volunteer involving organisations.

Effectively carrying out these tasks can assist you in benchmarking against or working towards accreditation for the Investing in Volunteers Quality Standard for Volunteer Management.

For more information on Investing in Volunteers, please visit:



[www.investinginvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.investinginvolunteers.org.uk)

## BCM Autumn Training

BCM Training Services offers a range of courses and bespoke programmes designed to meet your needs. All programmes can be delivered in Belfast Central Mission's Grosvenor House building or in a venue suitable to your requirements. Upcoming courses include:

**Protection of Vulnerable Adults**  
29 September 2009

**Physical Activities for Children**  
6 October 2009

For more information or to book a place, please contact Connie or Gail on:



028 9024 1917



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# nicva diary

Use this at-a-glance guide to keep track of all NICVA's upcoming events this month.

All events are at NICVA , 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, unless otherwise stated. See  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) for full details or get in touch with the contact person below.



<b>October</b>		
1, 8 and 28	<b>Winning contracts (3 days) ®</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
14	<b>Marketing your organisation</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
16	<b>Running an effective organisation (NICVA Members Day)</b>	Georgie Finlay ☎ 028 9087 7777
22	<b>Managing and assessing risk</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
27	<b>Managing community assets</b>	Georgie Finlay ☎ 028 9087 7777
<b>November</b>		
4	<b>How to get trusts to fund you</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
10	<b>Train the trainers (3 days)</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
12	<b>Working in partnership and collaboration</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
20	<b>NICVA AGM</b>	





## Featured Member Page

Welcome to the featured member page where we give an opportunity to you, our member groups, to tell us what you've been up to. We'd like to profile a new group each month, so if you feel you've got a story to tell or just want a bit of publicity for your organisation, why not give us a call?

Contact John McCormick for more information on:  028 9087 7777 or  [john.mccormick@nicva.org](mailto:john.mccormick@nicva.org)

## NEXUS Institute

### 25 years at the forefront of countering sexual violence

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Nexus Institute. From humble origins in 1984, driven by the passion and endeavour of a few individuals challenged by their concerns to make a difference for the many imprisoned by the affects of childhood sexual abuse, Nexus was incarnated as The Rape and Incest Line (RAIL). Now, re-incarnated as the Nexus Institute, we are a primary voluntary agency with four regional offices and in excess of thirty outreach centres province-wide. Employing more than forty counsellors in part-time and full-time capacity, Nexus offers a therapeutic intervention to facilitate clients in moving on with their lives and heal the traumas of sexual violence incurred in childhood and adulthood which can be debilitating to the point of incapacity.


To mark this milestone Nexus is hosting a one day conference at the Waterfront Studio with the theme, *Transformative Relationships*. We are delighted to have Professor Dave Mearns and Dr. Tony Humphries as guest speakers. Both these men and their many publications have been inspiring to many and together they make this event a not-to-be missed occasion. Dave Mearns will be delivering his unique ideas on working at relational depth, drawing upon his experiences of working with victims of trauma, while Tony's focus will be on the creative aspects of the

therapeutic relationship with emphasis on the two individuals engaged and their unique creative capacities.

The day will be further enhanced with vignettes from survivors of sexual violence and inputs from the counselling perspective of working with trauma in this field. There will be further creative aspects to this event which demonstrate the creative capacities of survivors to externalise their pain and break the negative chains that have hitherto bound them. All in all this will be a day of insight and inspiration with opportunity to participate, network and enjoy.

All those with a professional interest in the field of relationships and sexual violence and those in the course of studying to become a counsellor, psychotherapist or counselling psychologist will find this day invaluable. Also, those with an interest in policy and provision will benefit from insights gained.

Find out more about the Nexus Institute or book a place at the conference by calling:

 028 2832 6802 or by visiting the website at:

 [www.nexusinstitute.org](http://www.nexusinstitute.org)










# membership

## NICVA extends a warm welcome to our new members ...

### Public Interest Litigation Support project

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 melissa@pilsni.org  
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### Belfast Youth and Community Group

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 dowey@iol.ie

### The Talent Tribe

**Contact:** George Stanley Megahey  
 028 9065 0293  
 stanley@thetalenttribe.com  
 <http://www.thetalenttribe>




### Scout Foundation NI

**Contact:** John Melkeham  
 028 9266 7696  
 si@scoutfoundationni.org.uk



### North Down Community Network

**Contact:** Lynette Mahaffy  
 028 9146 1386  
 ndcn@hotmail.com



### Children of Brazil

**Contact:** Brian Geraghy  
 028 9020 8481  
 info@childrenofbrazil.co.uk  
 [www.childrenofbrazil.co.uk](http://www.childrenofbrazil.co.uk)

### South East Fermanagh Foundation

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 028 6772 3884  
 seff.ni@btconnect.com


### Cairn Lodge Amateur Boxing

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 0794 964 9056  
 tomduun51@hotmail.co.uk



### Rock Ministries

**Contact:** Ian Hasson  
 028 7034 4319  
 info@rockministriesnitrust.org


### Cats Protection

**Contact:** Julie Meredith  
 028 9046 6194  
 julie.meredith@cats.org.uk

### New Beginnings Charitable Trust

**Contact:** Sidney McKee  
 028 4176 3172  
 newbeginningscharity@hotmail.co.uk



### Armagh Pipers Club

**Contact:** Grainne Crothers  
 028 3752 4118  
 grainnecrothers@gmail.com  
 <http://www.armagh-pipers.com>



### Sydenham House

**Contact:** Jacqueline McLenaghan  
 028 9065 6444  
 sydenhamhouse@btconnect.com  
 [www.womensrefuge.co.uk](http://www.womensrefuge.co.uk)

### Camara Education UK

**Contact:** Ann Fitzpatrick  
 028 90332470  
 belfast@camera.ie

### Global Country of World Peace (NI)

**Contact:** Andrea Gribben  
 028 9042 7388  
 globalcountry@btconnect.com





## Connecting business with the voluntary and community sector



NICVA has just launched a new look communitybuyer.org website. This successful site is much more than an advertising platform, it acts as a directory of products and services for the sector, rates the experience buyers have had with individual suppliers and provides purchasing advice and other guidance on more specialist products and services.

With a free directory listing for all suppliers wishing to provide products and services to the voluntary sector and with various other advertising opportunities throughout the site, NICVA's communitybuyer.org offers suppliers from all sectors a focus to target their products and services.

New to the site is a special offers section. If you have a special discounted service or product that is limited or time bound, communitybuyer.org is the place to advertise it. Just create an account on the site and add your offer - the process is quite simple and takes only a few minutes.

There is also a section for **free items**. NICVA is often approached by companies or organisations with offers of equipment or services that they wish to make available to the voluntary and community sector free of charge.

**Buying** — buying products and services to suit the needs of your organisation is often complicated and time consuming. Through the mixture of guidance, peer reviews and supplier directory, communitybuyer.org aims to connect groups with the right supplier.

Organisations can also share their knowledge by publishing guidance information on the site. All guidance information published is attributed to the organisation who supplies it, with contact details and company information, effectively providing another opportunity to raise your organisation's profile.

**Rate your supplier** — you can help other organisations make more informed purchasing decisions by posting a review alongside the listing of those companies that have supplied you with goods or services. Share your own experiences with the wider sector and take advantage of the advice of others.

**Social Enterprise** — do you manage a conference facility, offer training, provide a catering service or indeed provide any of the many other services run by social enterprise organisations throughout Northern Ireland? If you would like the opportunity to market your products or services to the entire voluntary and community sector, then sign up to communitybuyer.org free of charge and join the private sector companies and other social enterprise organisations already advertising on the site.

For more information on NICVA member discounts and communitybuyer.org, please contact Frances McAtamney, Membership Officer at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777



frances.mcatamney@nicva.org or



admin@communitybuyer.org





## Capacity building manual for Northern Ireland

The Department for Social Development has launched a Community Capacity Building Manual for Northern Ireland. The manual is a collection of best practice case studies showcasing the work of voluntary and community groups across Northern Ireland.


The Capacity Building Manual is for use by anyone involved in community development - from those just starting out - through to the more experienced organisation. It highlights the diverse achievements of 20 local community groups in the fields of community capacity building, community leadership and organisational development.


The manual was funded by the Department's Voluntary and Community Unit and was produced by a steering group of voluntary and community sector organisations.

The Capacity Building Manual is available on the Department for Social Development website at:

 [www.dsdni.gov.uk/vcni-community-capacity-building.pdf](http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/vcni-community-capacity-building.pdf)

Hard copies can be obtained from:

 Business Support Unit  
Voluntary and Community Unit  
3rd Floor, Lighthouse Building  
Gasworks Business Park  
Ormeau Road  
Belfast  
BT7 2JB

 028 9082 9430

## Production for arts events: a planning checklist

First time events organisers and those wishing to produce more ambitious events will appreciate this new guide from Voluntary Arts Ireland that will help you plan the logistics of putting on your event; whether a theatre piece, exhibition or arts festival.

Use this guide to think through your event step by step.

Key Features include:

- Checklists on venue/site, performance/exhibition area, front of house, programme and stage management, artists/speakers, team and management, compliance/legal, health and safety overview and disability access.
- Checklist for briefing sound/light suppliers.
- Case studies and technical advice.
- A two step system— step one for the basics and step two for further issues which might apply depending on the event you have in mind.
- Links to help you move through the guide as you would a website.
- Links to a wealth of further guidance material.

Download the 38 page guide at [www.vaireland.org/eventplanning](http://www.vaireland.org/eventplanning).

Contact Voluntary Arts Ireland for more information on  028/048 4483 9327 or  [info@vaireland.org](mailto:info@vaireland.org)






## Directory of community venues

This online publication lists community venues throughout Northern Ireland and includes details on room hire, catering and disability access.

If you would like to promote your community venue within this publication, please contact Linda at Rural Community Network on:

 028 8676 6670

 linda@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Download your copy now from:

 [www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org](http://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org)

## The Complete Special Events Handbook

The Complete Special Events Handbook takes special events organisers through the stages required to plan and implement a major or special event, using proven project planning methods to ensure a successful outcome.

It gives the basic 'nuts and bolts' techniques for the conception, planning and management of events.

The handbook includes a selection of case studies from organisations, which offer sound and practical advice on the reality of special event management.


The book is available from Directory of Social change priced £22.95.

See  [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk) for details.

## Got a publication to plug?

NICVA News is keen to promote your publications. Have you got a manual, good practice guide or report you'd like to share with the sector? Why not write about it here?

Contact John McCormick at NICVA for details on:

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## Poverty, inequality and human rights

People working to tackle poverty in the UK are increasingly interested in using human rights in their work. This Joseph Rowntree Study looks at how this has been done in other countries, its impact on affected communities, debate, policy and government programmes, and its relevance for the UK.

The report covers:

- How human rights have been used to understand poverty.
- How communities experiencing poverty use human rights to act against injustice, build alliances between disparate groups, and articulate their conditions and claims.
- The tools that communities and their allies use to hold the state accountable for its human rights obligations.
- How human rights have been implemented in practice in anti-poverty work by governments and other organisations.
- Lessons for integrating human rights and anti-poverty work in the UK.


Download the report at  [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)





## NICVA Revamps Fundraising Advice Service

NICVA has specialised over the years in giving advice on identifying and applying to grant-making organisations.

The funding website  [www.grant-tracker.org](http://www.grant-tracker.org) is one of the main successes of this work, providing as it does comprehensive information on grant opportunities from the voluntary, statutory and private sectors.

NICVA has taken a fresh look at how it provides a fundraising advice to the voluntary and community sector and decided to re-focus its work to help the sector find increased financial sustainability.

*"We will put increasing time and resources into developing the sector's capacity to fundraise from the community and from trading activity, to complement our established advice on grant sources of funding"* said Neil Irwin, Fundraising Advice Manager at NICVA.

*"NICVA's fundraising advice team will continue to provide advice and support to organisations looking for grant support via email, telephone and face to face enquiries, but will expand the work to provide advice on fundraising from more unrestricted sources of*

*income."* added Neil.

*"Small and medium sized organisations need to diversify their funding base, so we are changing the emphasis of our work to put in place information, advice and training on raising money from the general public, as well as how to engage more in trading activity."*

NICVA will look at new strategic initiatives to help the sector strengthen its range of fundraising activities. An example of this is bringing charities together on the Will to Give campaign with the aim of promoting legacy fundraising.

Further initiatives will be developed over the coming months to broaden our fundraising support to the sector.

*"If there are areas you would like to see developed you can join the Fundraising Information Group on [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org) and we would love to hear your suggestions."*

For further information, please contact Neil Irwin or James Lavery at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777



[neil.irwin@nicva.org](mailto:neil.irwin@nicva.org)



[james.lavery@nicva.org](mailto:james.lavery@nicva.org)

## Charities Benefit from Gift Aid Gold

NICVA recently provided training to charities on how to maximise income from donations through the Gift Aid scheme. It is NICVA's experience that Gift Aid is very undervalued by organisations who often completely ignore the scheme. Research by NICVA suggest that over £40 million goes unclaimed by Northern Ireland charities each year.

The course Gift Aid Gold took place in September, giving information on the criteria for Gift Aid and how to claim the extra 28% on donations. Gift Aid allows charities to claim back the basic rate of income tax on donations, adding 28% to the money they receive. So for example, a donation of £100 becomes £128 under the scheme, at no extra cost to the charity or the donor.

NICVA's Fundraising Advice Service can answer queries on Gift Aid for the beginner and the more experienced organisation just looking to exploit the scheme better or in different ways.

NICVA also recommends the IOF website  [www.tax-effective-giving.org.uk](http://www.tax-effective-giving.org.uk) for more information on Gift Aid.





## Join the Fundraising Information Group and enter a draw for free GrantTracker subscription

NICVA is offering GrantTracker free for a year to one lucky organisation or person who creates a profile and signs up to the Fundraising Information Group on [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org).

GrantTracker provides subscribers with access to a database of hundreds of funding opportunities. Features like MyTracker enable users to create their own funding directory online.

The Fundraising Information Group is an online forum to talk with other fundraisers, discuss fundraising issues, ask questions, view events and access publications. It is entirely free to join.

To be in with a chance of winning the year's subscription just visit [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org), register and create a profile for yourself or your organisation, preferably with a picture, then join the Fundraising Information Group by 29 September 2009.

The draw will take place on 30 September 2009 and all members of the Fundraising Information Group at the time will be eligible for entry.

If you already subscribe to Grant Tracker and you win the draw - your subscription will be extended for a year for free.

If you can't wait and want to sign up for Grant Tracker now, please contact us at:



[grant.tracker@nicva.org](mailto:grant.tracker@nicva.org)



028 9087 7777.

## Government cuts and recession watch

With the recession beginning to bite and government budgets being squeezed, NICVA would like to know if your funder has said it is going to cut your funding and for what reason, or if the recession is seriously impacting on you in other ways.

NICVA is in a stronger position to lobby against government cuts if we can maintain an up to date picture of how the sector is being affected. We can also seek to help organisations seriously affected by the recession if we get a call early enough.


*"Unfortunately we are beginning to hear about changes to previously agreed service level agreements and contracts with what appear to be for unreasonable reasons"* said Neil Irwin, Fundraising Advice Manager at NICVA.

*"It is vital that organisations keep us informed about how they are being treated by their funder so we can react promptly and effectively"*.

Please let us know by emailing [neil.irwin@nicva.org](mailto:neil.irwin@nicva.org) with the following information:

**For Government Cuts** — your name, your organisation, your contact details, the funder making the cuts, the funding programme name and whether it is a grant, service level agreement or contract, and the reason given for the cut.

**For Recession Watch** — your name; your organisation; your contact details; the nature of the problem and how serious it is; the timescale of impact; what help NICVA might be able to give – if you know.

Your information will not be used in publicity (without your prior permission) but it may be used to compile a report for lobbying purposes. If you would rather speak to someone, please call Neil on:  028 9087 7777.





## Grant-makers say applicants must do better

Local grant-making organisations have commented on the poor quality of applications they receive. One funder stated recently that from every 50 applications received only two are of the quality the funder would wish to see.

This feedback from local funders reflects the opinion of other UK trusts and foundations which suggests that applications from Northern Ireland need to improve greatly.

A number of funders are of the opinion that applications are all too often 'tired' and obviously made 'last minute'. This issue came up again and again at meetings between grant-makers. It was first raised last year at a conference for Northern Ireland members of the Association of Charitable Foundations. It was an issue again at a NICVA meeting with funders to discuss the recession in August and one more at a recent meeting of the Northern Ireland Trusts group.

*So what can applicants do to improve their chances of success?*

It goes without saying that you need to identify and research any funder thoroughly before applying and read the guidelines provided. You should also plan your project before you identify the funding for it. Plan the project to tackle the cause and then consider who might fund it or how you can raise money in other ways.

NICVA provides a free service to review applications that have been drafted before they go to the funder. Just contact us for more information.

Here are five tips to help improve chances of success in applying to grant-makers:

### 1. *Convince of Need*

Imagine someone who adamantly doesn't believe there is a need for the project you are applying for – then go about convincing them with reference to a range of sources, not just your own opinion. Think about the competition from other applications for the same money. Are you convinced you have proven a need greater than that of similar organisations from elsewhere in your neighbourhood, region or across the UK? Fail to do this and no matter how strong the rest of the application is, the chances are it will be rejected.

### 2. *Plan Properly*


If you are clear there is a need you ought to have a clear plan for tackling that need. Prepare your plan as if you were standing before the panel on *Dragon's Den*. You should always avoid jargon and waffle and have clear and quantifiable aims, objectives and outcomes.

### 3. *Inspire*

If the application bores you it will bore everyone else. You should seek to inspire the people you are applying to without going overboard with enthusiasm. You are appealing to people who want to make a difference to the causes they are funding – put a little 'fire in the belly' of the application. Remember, funders want to fund new things, so give them new things. If you need funding for core work you have been doing for years, you will need to repackage this in new and interesting ways to be successful. If you can't do this then your funding will have to be raised in alternative ways.

### 4. *Ask for the right amount of money*

Be accurate with your costs and think carefully about the amount you are asking for.

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You need to realistically consider what any funder is likely to give you, not just hope they will give you what you ask for. Look at the average grants the funder makes and ask yourself, is your project really worth more than the average? If not then ask for the average level.


Never ask for more than the stated maximum and only ask for the maximum if your application is truly exceptional.

### 5. *Be realistic*

You will need to think about where else you can raise money from beyond grant sources. Northern Ireland has been privileged for years with its amount of finance from the European Union, National Lottery and Government grants. This pot is diminishing every year so inevitably organisations will have to raise money from elsewhere. You will need to raise money from your communities and/or through trading activity to survive in the long term.

If you are interested in developing skills in applying for funding why not sign up for 'Making a better application to charitable trusts' on 4 November 2009.

For further information, please contact Neil Irwin or James Lavery on:

 028 9087 7777

Or visit:

 [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org)

## Join the Will to Give Campaign


Since May 2008 NICVA has been working with local organisations to develop a campaign to encourage people to consider leaving a gift to charity in their will. The campaign *Will to Give* is now formally seeking founding members of the campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to increase the awareness of legacy fundraising with charities, the public and will-making professionals. The Will to Give campaign is now calling on local charities and other interested parties to formally join the campaign. The steering group which has been driving the campaign's development to date has set a membership fee of £50 for organisations to show commitment to the initiative. There will be an opportunity for founding members to drive the campaign and ensure their organisation can fully benefit for the work that follows.


This campaign recognises the enormous difference a legacy gift can make to a charity but individual charities are rarely able to get that message across. By working together charities can get a shared message across on giving through wills, while being on the inside track for promoting their own cause as part of the campaign.

Recent TV adverts by the Remember a Charity campaign contribute to broader public awareness of legacy giving. The Will to Give campaign wants to make sure that message reaches everyone so even small, medium sized and regional charities can benefit.

Founding members are asked to sign up by 30 September 2009. Membership forms, terms of reference and the action plan is available from the campaign's online group website:

 [www.communityni.org/group/will-give-ni](http://www.communityni.org/group/will-give-ni)

Alternatively, contact Neil Irwin on:

 028 9087 7777

 [neil.irwin@nicva.org](mailto:neil.irwin@nicva.org)






## DFID Development Awareness Mini Grant Scheme

Applications are now invited for the DFID Development Awareness Mini Grant Scheme for Northern Ireland 2010.


The scheme is aimed directly at not-for-profit organisations working at a grassroots level in Northern Ireland. It aims to build public support for development by generating greater levels of awareness and understanding of international development issues, across different audiences within Northern Ireland.


The Mini Grant guidelines set out how to apply for grants under the scheme and are available at:

 [www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF)

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on **30 October 2009**.

For more information please contact Stephen McCloskey at:

 Centre for Global Education  
9 University Street  
Belfast  
BT7 1FY

 028 9024 1879


 [Stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com](mailto:Stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com)

## Deadlines

**United States Institute for Peace**  
USIP Annual Grant Programme

The Annual Grant Competition funds projects focused on preventing, managing, and resolving violent conflict and promoting post-conflict peacebuilding in settings outside the borders of the US.

Deadline  
**1 October 2009**

 [grants@usip.org](mailto:grants@usip.org)  
 [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org)

**AJ Muste Foundation**  
AJ Muste Grants Programme

From its regular grant program, the Muste Institute makes about 25 to 35 grants annually of up to \$2,000 for grassroots activist projects in the US and around the world, giving priority to those with small budgets and little access to more mainstream funding sources. There are no geographical restrictions.




Deadline  
**1 October 2009**

 [info@ajmuste.org](mailto:info@ajmuste.org)  
 [www.ajmuste.org](http://www.ajmuste.org)

**Baily Thomas Charitable Fund**

Baily Thomas funds projects to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations working in this field. Grants range from £350 to high thousands.

Deadline  
**1 October 2009**

 01582 439225  
 [info@bailythomas.org.uk](mailto:info@bailythomas.org.uk)  
 [www.bailythomas.org.uk](http://www.bailythomas.org.uk)





## Deadlines


### Europa Nostra


EU Prize for Cultural Heritage

The aims of the Europa Nostra Awards are to promote high standards of conservation practice and to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experience throughout Europe. Award prizes of €10,000 each.

Deadline

**1 October 2009**

 00 31 7030 2 4058

 [ao@europanostra.org](mailto:ao@europanostra.org)

 [www.europanostra.org](http://www.europanostra.org)

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### Inttereg IVB

North West Europe (Interreg IVb)

The INTERREG IVB North West Europe Programme is a financial instrument of the European Union's Cohesion Policy. It funds projects which support transnational cooperation. The aim is to find innovative ways to make the most of territorial assets and tackle shared problems of Member States, regions and other authorities.

Deadline

**1 October 2009**

 0190 082 1322

 [ian.nweurope@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.nweurope@btinternet.com)

 [www.nweurope.eu](http://www.nweurope.eu)

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### Fidelio Charitable Trust

Fidelio welcomes applications for grants in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

Deadline

**1 October 2009**

 [fidelio@act.eu.com](mailto:fidelio@act.eu.com)

 [www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk)

### European Commission DG Education and Culture

EC Culture programme 2007 - 2013

#### Strand 1.1: Multi-annual Cooperation Projects (from 3 - 5 year projects)

Seeks to foster multi-annual, transnational cultural links by encouraging a minimum of 6 cultural operators from at least 6 eligible countries to cooperate and work within and across sectors to develop joint cultural activities over a period of three to five years.

#### Strand 1.2.1: Cooperation Projects (up to 2 years)

This concerns actions shared by at least three cultural operators, working within and across sectors, from at least three eligible countries over two years. Actions that explore means of long term co-operation are especially targeted.

Deadline

**1 October 2009**

 [info@euclid.info](mailto:info@euclid.info)

 [www.culturefund.eu](http://www.culturefund.eu)


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### Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland

CARDI is inviting applications for grants to fund cross border research or to create networks of academics and the public, private and voluntary sectors that will examine issues that arise out of an ageing society in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Deadline

**1 October 2009**

 028 9069 0066

 [info@cardi.ie](mailto:info@cardi.ie)

 [www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme](http://www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme)

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## Deadlines

### Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Winston Churchill Fellowships

The Winston Churchill Fellowships are to enable men and women from all walks of life to acquire knowledge and experience abroad via a number of different fellowships.

Deadline

**6 October 2009**

 020 7584 9315

 [office@wcmt.org.uk](mailto:office@wcmt.org.uk)

 [www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk)


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### Community Development and Health Network Northern Ireland Building the Community Pharmacy

Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership aims to support local communities working in partnership with community pharmacists and other organisations to develop initiatives and services tailored to meet local health needs using a community development approach. This deadline is for Level 1 which is for those interested in working on a local community-pharmacy partnership.

Deadline

**8 October 2009**

 028 3026 4606

 [sharonbleakley@cdhn.org](mailto:sharonbleakley@cdhn.org)

 [www.cdhn.org/bcpp](http://www.cdhn.org/bcpp)

### Performing Rights Society Foundation PRSF Grants Programmes


PRSF is looking to support music creators, performers and promoters who are involved in creatively adventurous or pioneering musical activity. This deadline is for:

**Live Connections** — funding for the electronic/dance music sector.

**New Works** — support for music creators based in the UK to create and perform new works.

Deadline

**9 October 2009**

 020 7306 4044

 [info@prsfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@prsfoundation.co.uk)

 [www.prsfoundation.co.uk](http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk)


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### Lloyds TSB Foundation NI


The Lloyds TSB Foundation is a generous multipurpose funder of voluntary and community organisations and projects in Northern Ireland. The Foundation is one of the principle sources of funding for small grants for many organisations.

Deadline

**9 October 2009** (quarterly deadline)

 028 9032 3000

 [info@lloydstsbfoundationni.org](mailto:info@lloydstsbfoundationni.org)

 [www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org](http://www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org)


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### Groundswell UK Groundswell Small Grants


The Groundswell Grant Award Scheme offers anyone with experience of homelessness up to £700 to set up self help projects or service user involvement initiatives.

Deadline

**15 October 2009**

 020 7737 5500

 [info@groundswell.org.uk](mailto:info@groundswell.org.uk)

 [www.groundswell.org.uk/  
grants\\_home.html](http://www.groundswell.org.uk/grants_home.html)






## Deadlines

### 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.

Deadline

**15 October 2009** (quarterly deadline)

 028 9033 8221

 [pudsey@bbc.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@bbc.co.uk)

 [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)


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### First Light Schemes


First Light Movies funds groups of young people aged 5 to 19 to make films and movies. This deadline is for the Pilot Grant which is for one short film up to five minutes in duration and also the Script Grant which is for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals.

Deadline

**20 October 2009**

 0121 753 4866

 [info@firstlightmovies.com](mailto:info@firstlightmovies.com)

 [www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/youth-film-fund/](http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/youth-film-fund/)

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### Community Foundation NI

Turkington Fund


The Turkington Fund will support projects which benefit older people including the encouragement of older people to engage in a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities and influence policy.

Deadline

**20 October 2009**

 028 9024 5927

 [skillen@communityfoundationni.org](mailto:skillen@communityfoundationni.org)

 [www.communityfoundationni.org](http://www.communityfoundationni.org)


### Hilton Foundation


Hilton in the Community Foundation


Under the banner Supporting Young People Worldwide, the Foundation is dedicated to making a real difference to those most in need, wherever Hilton operates. Through targeted grant giving, it aims to support smaller charities that might otherwise be overlooked.

Deadline

**20 October 2009**

 020 7605 7733

 [info@hilton-foundation.org.uk](mailto:info@hilton-foundation.org.uk)

 [www.hilton-foundation.org.uk](http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk)


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### Architectural Heritage Fund Grants and Loans


The Architectural Heritage Fund helps to repair and regenerate historic buildings. They do this by helping voluntary and community groups, with grants, low interest loans, and advice.

Deadline

**22 October 2009**

 020 7925 0199

 [ahf@ahfund.org.uk](mailto:ahf@ahfund.org.uk)

 [www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk)


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### Wellcome Trust Arts Grants

The Arts Awards are part of the Wellcome Trust's Engaging Science grants programme, which funds projects that investigate biomedical science and its social contexts.

Deadline

**23 October 2009**

 020 7611 7222

 [arts@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:arts@wellcome.ac.uk)

 [www.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk)





## Deadlines

### Wellcome Trust

Engaging Science: People Awards

People Awards enable you to explore the impact of biomedical science on society, its historical roots, effects on different cultures, or the ethical questions that it brings, by supporting activities such as events, debates, exhibitions, art projects and drama productions related to biomedical science.

Deadline

**23 October 2009**



020 7611 8801



people@wellcome.ac.uk



www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/People-Awards

### Sainsburys Family Trust

Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy

The aim of the Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy is to promote the widespread use of local, sustainable energy, because of the environmental, social and economic benefits which it can provide.

Deadline

**27 October 2009**



020 7410 0330



info@ashdenawards.org



www.ashdenawards.org

### Centre for Global Education

DFID Development Awareness Mini grants

The Mini Grants Scheme is aimed at organisations with an interest in development education work who want to undertake 1-3 year projects. DFID's contribution to a project will be a minimum grant of £1,000 and a maximum grant of £10,000 per year.

Deadline

**30 October 2009**



028 9024 1879



stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com



www.dfid.gov.uk

### Peace III Programme

Carrickfergus Antrim and Newtownabbey  
Peace III Cluster

Under Priority 1.1 of the Peace III Programme, Building Positive relations at a local level, councils will work within self defined clusters on the development of peace and reconciliation action plans which focus on tackling sectarianism and racism in their area. This deadline is for the small grants programme.

Deadline

**30 October 2009** (for projects wishing to start in 2010)



028 9034 0053



mmcalister@newtownabbey.gov.uk



www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/  
community/peace3.asp

### Community Relations Council Core Funding

The Community Relations Council's Core Funding grant scheme contributes towards the salary and running costs of a number of organisations which are considered of strategic importance in promoting community relations or cultural diversity work in Northern Ireland.

Deadline

**30 October 2009** (deadline for renewal applications)



028 9022 7500



info@nicrc.org.uk



www.community-relations.org.uk

### MacRobert Trust

The MacRobert Trust is a Scottish grant-making trust which funds general charitable purposes primarily in Scotland but also in other regions of the UK including Northern Ireland.

Deadline

**31 October 2009**



013 3988 1444



www.themacroberttrust.org.uk





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## Deadlines

### Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation


Gates Award: Access to Learning Award

Given each year by Global Libraries, the Access to Learning Award honours innovative organisations that are opening a world of online information to people in need.

Deadline

**31 October 2009**

 [abishop@clir.org](mailto:abishop@clir.org)

 [www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA)


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### Church of Ireland Priorities Fund


The objective of the Priorities Fund is to raise and distribute money on behalf of the Church of Ireland to various worthy projects within the island of Ireland.

Rolling deadline

**31 October 2009**

 00 353 1 497 8422

 [priorities@ireland.anglican.org](mailto:priorities@ireland.anglican.org)

 [www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org)


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### Whitley Awards

The Whitley Awards were developed to recognise conservation leaders from around the world who are applying sustained effort to conserve the natural environment.

Deadline

**31 October 2009**

 020 7602 3443

 [info@whitleyaward.org](mailto:info@whitleyaward.org)

 [www.whitley-award.org](http://www.whitley-award.org)

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