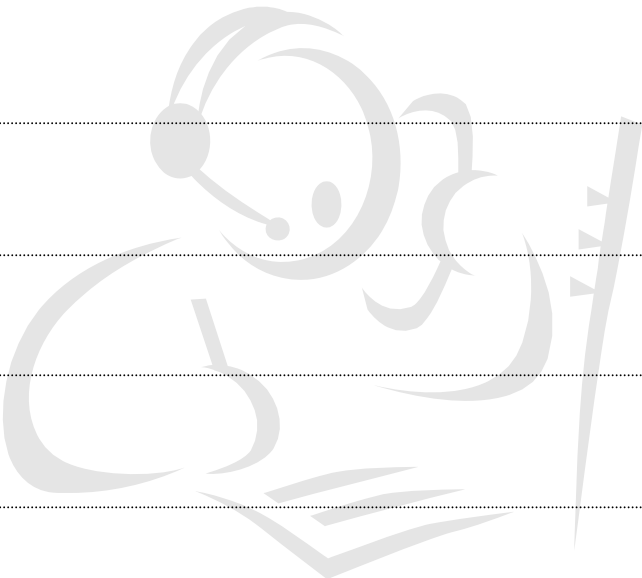


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## ***This month's round up***

In the news, NICVA has signed up to the European Network of National Associations (ENNA) which will work on issues of common concern to civil society across the EU and candidate countries.

Also this month we are launching the second year of the Community Leadership Programme, in conjunction with the International Fund for Ireland (IFI). The first recruitment was immensely successful - see inside to read how some of the participants are getting on.

September sees so much happening for us at NICVA that we've added a new 'at-a-glance' calendar to help you keep track of all our events. From training courses, to poverty in the media to managing assets, there's a jam packed programme to choose from.

Look out for a number of consultations this month including The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005 (also known as the Noble Indicators), the use of dormant bank account funds and the Local Government Finance Bill.

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 the all new CommunityNI website. Want to talk fundraising and be in with a chance to win?

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

Finally we hope you like NICVA News's subtle makeover with its fresh new typeface - maybe it's the editor's turn next ...

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## ***European umbrella organisations come together***

Fifteen European voluntary sector umbrella organisations have come together to discuss a range of issues affecting voluntary organisations across the European Union.

Organisations from Austria, Cyprus, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, England, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland and Slovenia were represented, in addition to NICVA's representational role for Northern Ireland.

The new grouping, called The European Network of National Associations (ENNA) will share experiences of how the recession is affecting voluntary organisations and how they can develop support for them. ENNA will work on issues of common concern to civil society across the EU and candidate countries, especially in relation to how organisations like the European Commission and Parliament listen to the views of voluntary and community organisations.

Urmo Kubar, Network of Estonian NGOs, said:

*"We are pleased to be working closely with all our European partners. We have a stronger voice if we speak as one and this can only have a positive benefit for communities across the Union."*

Lisa McElherron, Policy Manager at NICVA said: *"NICVA has been committed to this project for quite a while now and it was great to see it come to fruition. As we discussed issues such as relations with government, the impact of the recession and communication with members I was once again struck by how such different organisations, from very different backgrounds can have so much in common."*

For more information on the network, please contact Lisa McElherron at NICVA at:



[lisa.mcelherron@nicva.org](mailto:lisa.mcelherron@nicva.org)





## **IFI Community Leadership Programme recruiting for year two intake**

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 effect local people’s lives.”*

The Programme is targeted at grass-roots 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 a group and its committee will have the opportunity to:

- 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.
- Opportunity for up to two people to gain Certificate in Management Practice from University of Ulster free of charge.
- Receive a maximum bursary of £2,500 (2,930 Euro) for an action-learning project of your choice.

The first year of the programme was a great success and we want to ensure that groups from across Northern Ireland and the southern border counties (Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth) have an opportunity to take part in the programme. Groups currently in receipt of IFI revenue funding are not eligible to apply for this programme.

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

For further information, please visit:



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

Or contact Nuala Muldoon at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777

This month's NICVA News has a number of case studies from this year's programme.





## ***IFI Community Leadership Programme update***

The International Fund for Ireland (IFI) Community Leadership Programme 2009/2010 is now underway. This year 27 groups are taking part from across Northern Ireland and the Border counties of the Republic of Ireland.

Over the next year NICVA News will be bringing you stories from the groups taking part.

**Ionad Teampall Chroine** from Dungloe is involved in community development including managing Ionad Spirt Na Rosann. The group manages a community building and a number of business development units. In addition to the learning more about leadership and how it will benefit the community, the group is keen to use the Programme to develop a strategic plan to develop a shared vision for the future and to direct the work of the organisation. The group has so far had sessions on team building and community leadership.

**PAKT (Parents and Kids Together – Ballymena)** aims to engage with families from the Dunclug area to improve the life chances of parents and children. PAKT provides formal and informal training and capacity building programmes to meet the needs of parents. The group is constantly evolving because of ongoing parent participation. Together with a dedicated facilitator the group is working on developing skills such as community development and fundraising. PAKT plans to work with other groups on the Programme which will bring the benefit of additional learning and networking.

**Maydown Community Association** aims to support the community development of its area through a range of activities including: regenerating the play park and activities for older and younger people. The group plans to work with other local groups on the Programme to share information and learn from other participants. The groups have so far taken sessions on community leadership and vision and strategy.


## ***Dormant bank accounts consultation***

The Department of Finance and Personnel is seeking views on the development of the draft Northern Ireland spending priorities and the underpinning policy directions for the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Scheme. This is to ensure that the policy framework and the funding programmes that will flow from it are designed to address the needs of people in Northern Ireland.


The consultation is asking for your input on a number of questions such as:

- Are there particular areas/issues that would benefit from these funds?
- Are there particular groups of individuals/organisations that should be targeted?
- Do you think disadvantaged areas in particular should be targeted?
- Do you have any views on how the funds should be delivered?

The consultation paper is available on the Department's website at:

 [www.dfpni.gov.uk](http://www.dfpni.gov.uk) and responses should be submitted by 29 October 2009.

If you require the document in an alternative format please contact Supply Division on:

 028 9127 7656





## Update of Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005

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 document can be found at:

 [www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/deprivationUpdateof2005MeasuresNIMD\\_2009\\_Consultation\\_Document.pdf](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/archive/deprivationUpdateof2005MeasuresNIMD_2009_Consultation_Document.pdf)

The consultation process will end on 6 November 2009.

NICVA is holding a consultation event with NISRA to discuss the issues in the document from 10.30am to 1.00pm on 30 September 2009 in Lisburn Civic Centre. To register please email:

 [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.

## Community NI gets social networking bug

The all new CommunityNI website is now into its second month. Its purpose is to be a networking and communications tool for the voluntary and community sector, but it has useful new features for all of us in the information world. As well as old favourites like news, jobs and events, the site is definitely more aimed at social networking.

Registered CommunityNI users can:

**Contribute:** news articles, write and comment on opinion articles (visit 'Opinion'), start or join groups (visit Groups section), and have their ideas seen by thousands of people.


**Advertise:** publish free job adverts, by visiting 'Careers' and promote events in the news and events section.

**Network:** visit the 'people' section, create a profile and make connections with other CommunityNI users. You can even link up with your Facebook and Twitter account if you wish.

The group feature is already proving popular. 21 new groups have signed up in the last month with interests ranging from policy to funding to IT.

The Information Workers Network (IWN) is one group that has taken the opportunity to re-launch via the new website.

Do you work in information? The Information Workers Network is a forum to share and develop knowledge and expertise between information workers in Northern Ireland's Voluntary and Community Sector. The social networking possibilities of the site are ideal for information workers.

Visit:  [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org) to find out more. You can find and join IWN in the groups pages.





## Connecting business with the voluntary and community sector

Communitybuyer.org offers a free directory listing for businesses, advertising, guidance and reviews for those seeking business services and access to 30,000 potential customers in over 4,500 organisations.

Communitybuyer.org 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.

### **So far so good but what can you use it for?**

**Find or list special offers and freebies** — If you have a discounted service or product that is limited or time bound, communitybuyer.org is the place to advertise it.


**Get a quote** — voluntary organisations often need to provide more than one quote for a funder or grant maker. Communitybuyer.org can make the process easier with its company listings.


**Find the best buy** — check the buyer reviews or pick up a NICVA member discount.

**Have your say** — post a review of your buying experience.

**Promote or find out about social enterprise** — Do you manage a conference facility, offer training, provide a catering service or provide any of the many other services run by social enterprise organisations throughout Northern Ireland? Get a listing on the site.

Check out the site at:

 [www.communitybuyer.org](http://www.communitybuyer.org) or contact Frances McAtamney for more details on:

 029 9087 7777

 [frances.mcatamney@nicva.org](mailto:frances.mcatamney@nicva.org)

## Chance to win GrantTracker free for a year

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 you must have visited [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org), created a profile for yourself or your organisation, (preferably with a picture added) and then joined the fundraising information group by midnight on 29 September 2009.

A draw will take place on 30 September 2009. All people who are members of the Fundraising Information Group at the time will be eligible for the draw.


Create your profile on:

 [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org) and don't forget to choose to join the Fundraising Information Group on:

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

If you already subscribe to GrantTracker and you win the draw - your subscription will be extended for a year for free. If you can't wait to sign up for GrantTracker please contact the team at:

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

 028 9087 7777





## ***Boost your business performance through IMPACT! Business Coaching***

IMPACT is a new coaching programme, which currently attracts 100% funding from the Department for Employment and Learning's (DEL) Bursary Scheme. It delivers practical one-to-one coaching that helps leaders and managers effectively address their key challenges. The programme is now open to Social Enterprise organisations.

The programme is delivered through Director Development Ireland, which operates the Regional Centre for the Institute of Directors (IoD) in Northern Ireland.

The programme provides a total of ten hours coaching over a six month period. The format can vary, but would typically be five two hour monthly sessions.

Using the GROW model IMPACT! Offers coaching that develops and applies your skills to:

- Setting realistic and achievable objectives or goals.
- Developing purposeful strategies and implementation plans.
- Formulating solutions for ongoing challenges.
- Building on achievements for sustained growth.

For more information, please contact Shane Mackle on:



077 2563 5514



shane.mackle@hotmail.com

## ***Northern Ireland moving to the back of the public transport queue***

Northern Ireland's investment in public transport is falling well behind the rest of the UK and Ireland according to a new study by business advisors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC).

The report, Bridging the Gap - Transforming Public Transport in Northern Ireland, says that, over the past decade, England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland have invested twice as much on public transport per head of population than Northern Ireland, while Scotland currently invests five times more.

PwC says that is unlikely to change over the next decade, with the Northern Ireland Executive planning to invest £3 billion on the North's regional road network, while the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI) has earmarked only £725 million for public transport.

On the back of this the Assembly's Committee For Regional Development has launched an Inquiry Into Sustainable Transport to:

- Explore and clarify the social, environmental and economic aspects of sustainable transport.
- To identify the policies, attitudes and technologies likely to underpin a move to more sustainable transport in Northern Ireland.
- To make recommendations arising out of the above investigations, and report to the Assembly.

For further information, please visit:



[www.niassembly.gov.uk/regional/2007mandate/inquiry\\_sustainable/inquiry\\_sust\\_home.htm](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/regional/2007mandate/inquiry_sustainable/inquiry_sust_home.htm)





## ***Business support for local community groups***

Could your voluntary or community group benefit from professional assistance and advice from a local business person? Business in the Community has developed a programme that could bring valuable business skills to assist your group to be more sustainable.

The Building on Talent programme helps employees identify and value their existing skills. It provides employees with a real and necessary project in a voluntary sector organisation and gives them confidence in taking on new roles or activities. It also helps employers with implementing corporate social responsibility initiatives by allowing them to invest their expertise into the voluntary and community sector of Northern Ireland. From the community perspective, Building on Talent is a way to benefit from a range of business skills and expertise on a pro-bono basis.

Find out more and download expression of interest forms at:



[www.communityni.org/news/business-support-local-community-groups](http://www.communityni.org/news/business-support-local-community-groups).

## ***Coca-Cola Clean Coast Awards 2009***

TIDY Northern Ireland is running the very first Clean Coast Awards in Northern Ireland in association with Coca-Cola. Designed to acknowledge the excellent work of individuals and groups involved in the volunteering up and down our coast, the awards recognise the vital role volunteers play in protecting our fragile coastal environment.

If you think your group deserves an award for the work carried out on a coastal project, or if there is an individual in your group who you think is so inspiring they deserve to be recognised for their contribution to protecting the Northern Ireland coastline then TIDY NI wants to hear from you.

Entrants can include groups, individuals and businesses who feel they have made a difference to help protect and conserve our coastline. A panel of judges will select the ten finalists who will each receive £200 worth of equipment for their group or £100 worth of equipment for each individual finalist.

Entries should be submitted by **Monday 21 September 2009**.

For further information, or to download an entry form, please visit:



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

Or contact:  028 9073 6920





## **The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan**

The Government's UK Low Carbon Transition Plan plots out how the UK will meet the cut in emissions set out in the budget of 34% on 1990 levels by 2020. A 21% reduction has already been delivered – equivalent to cutting emissions entirely from four cities the size of London.

### **By 2020:**

- More than 1.2 million people will be in green jobs.
- 7 million homes will have benefited from whole house makeovers, and more than 1.5 million households will be supported to produce their own clean energy.
- Around 40% of electricity will be from low carbon sources, from renewables, nuclear and clean coal.
- We will be importing half the amount of gas that we otherwise would.
- The average new car will emit 40% less carbon than now.

Read the plan online at:



[www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/publications/lc\\_trans\\_plan/lc\\_trans\\_plan.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/publications/lc_trans_plan/lc_trans_plan.aspx)

## **Awards for Bridging Cultures**

The Awards for Bridging Cultures (ABCs) reward grassroots projects run by voluntary and community organisations that help to build bridges between communities and cultures. The Awards are funded by the Baring Foundation and run by iCoCo.

The Awards for Bridging Cultures are open to organisations across the UK and are keen to attract more applications from Northern Ireland, to highlight good work that is going on here.

There are three categories for organisations (two for voluntary sector, one for public/private sector) and one category for individuals. The voluntary sector winners and commended organisations will receive cash prizes.

All applicants are invited to attend a one day learning event and awards ceremony at a prestigious London venue in December.

The application and assessment process is simple but fair. The emphasis is on the impact of the project itself and how well it meets the judging criteria, rather than on how well written the application is!

Download the ABCs guidance for applicants to see if your project is eligible for an award or visit [www.bridgingcultures.org.uk](http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk) for more information, see last year's winning projects, and apply online.

The deadline for applications is 5.00pm on Monday 14 September 2009.

For further information, please contact the ABCs team at:



[awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk](mailto:awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk)



024 7679 5768





## ***Mace seeks long term partner***

Does your organisation work with young people and are you interested in corporate support which would help achieve organisational objectives, raise your profile and potentially generate funds within Northern Ireland?

Mace the Musgrave Retail Partners brand is seeking a long term, mutually beneficial partnership as part of its corporate responsibility programme. The 175 Mace stores in Northern Ireland will get behind the successful cause. Sponsorship and marketing support will also be available.


If you work across Northern Ireland with young people in any field, including sport, health, music or education, or if you help young people play an active role in society and you would like to be considered for this major corporate partnership opportunity please send a proposal (Word document up to 3,000 words) to Joe Braden at:

 [joe@differentcomms.com](mailto:joe@differentcomms.com) by 12 noon on **Friday 18 September 2009**.

### **Your submission should highlight:**

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

## ***Contact Northern Ireland - direct***

There are changes to the look and content of  [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk) - the new government website designed for the citizen.

The homepage has been redesigned to feature the newsroom, making it easier for you to access the latest news and public information campaigns. Selected online transactions have been highlighted across the bottom and themes devoted to people have been moved up the page.

For summer, there are new pages about hay fever in the health and wellbeing section, offering useful information and advice for sufferers. You can also find out about attractions and events taking place across Northern Ireland this summer. Or, you can watch online videos, highlighting some of the wonderful places to visit locally.

You can also get things done online at a time that suits you. For example, you can book your car in for an MOT, apply for or renew your passport or order a birth, death or marriage certificate.

With [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk) no-one needs to know how government works to find the information they need, as it is organised by easily recognisable themes. You can also use the search facility to get directly to what you're after – from online transactions, news, public information videos and useful advice on a range of topics.

For government information and services on one site, please visit:

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





## ***Travel voucher scheme for rural community groups***

The Department for Regional Development's Rural Transport Fund Voucher Scheme is aimed at rural community groups and organisations wishing to transport 17 or more passengers. The scheme will provide a voucher towards the cost of transport for successful applicants.

The Voucher Scheme was initially piloted by Newry and Mourne Community Transport and the Department for Regional Development is rolling it out across Northern Ireland for the benefit of larger groups in rural areas. Supported by the Rural Transport Fund the scheme will work in partnership with private transport operators who will deliver transport for the scheme.

This round of the scheme incorporates the rural areas in and around the Ards Peninsula, Downpatrick, Newcastle, Newry and Mourne, Lurgan, Banbridge, Lisburn, Strabane, Foyle, Omagh, Fermanagh, Dungannon, Armagh, Cookstown and Magherafelt. Application packs are now available for non-profit making community groups in these areas that are planning on travelling during October, November and December 2009.

There is a limit to the number of vouchers available in each area. To ensure those community organisations that help or support the most vulnerable in society there is a selection process.

The closing date to return completed applications is **28 August 2009**.

For an application pack, please contact:



028 9054 0620



melanie.parker@drdni.gov.uk

## ***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 and Best New Social Enterprise sponsored by Business in the Community. Winners can receive up to £5,000 as well as a national media platform to promote themselves.

For further information, please visit:



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






## **Public views invited on draft local government finance**

A draft Local Government Finance Bill has been launched with a 14 week consultation. The draft Bill proposes the introduction of a prudential regime for capital finance to ensure that finances are managed as carefully as possible; giving councils more responsibility for the management of their own financial affairs through the removal of the need to obtain the prior approval of the Department of the Environment (DOE) in most instances; and the introduction of certain new powers, including the power to invest.

The Bill also includes proposals to update the legislation on councillors' remuneration. This includes making provision to enable an independent remuneration panel to be established to consider and make recommendations to the DOE on allowances for councillors.

For further information, please visit:

 [www.communityni.org/news/public-views-invited-draft-local-government-finance](http://www.communityni.org/news/public-views-invited-draft-local-government-finance)

## **Wanted: Half a million volunteers**


Social Development Minister Margaret Ritchie has launched public consultation on the first ever Volunteering Strategy for Northern Ireland. The Minister has set an ambitious target of almost doubling volunteering in Northern Ireland from 282,000 to half a million.

The consultation is seeking ideas to enable volunteering to flourish and is asking how we:

- Support and strengthen the volunteering infrastructure.
- Recognise the value of volunteering and promote the benefits.
- Enhance accessibility and diversity in volunteering.
- Improve the volunteering experience.

A number of public consultation events have been arranged across Northern Ireland. The consultation will close on 9 October 2009.

The consultation document and a covering letter are included in this mailout. Alternatively, for further details, please visit:

 [www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-dsd/news-dsd-020709-wanted-half-a.htm](http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-dsd/news-dsd-020709-wanted-half-a.htm)

## **Nature's Hotspots**

Northern Ireland is full to the brim with wonderful wildlife and natural places. It has fantastic creatures, habitats and landscapes, many of which are literally on our own doorsteps.

RSPB has launched a photography competition - Nature's Hotspots - running through the summer until November 2009 and culminating in an exhibition at Parliament Buildings, Stormont on 23 November 2009.

For further information and to download an entry form please visit:



[www.rspb.org.uk/northernireland](http://www.rspb.org.uk/northernireland)






## **Managing Community Assets - the rural context**

Does your organisation manage community assets like a community hall or centre? This event is targeted at voluntary, community and social economy groups which manage community assets in a rural area of Northern Ireland. The event has been organised by NICVA in association with Charity Bank, Social Economy Network and UCIT and takes place in The Rural College, Derrynoid, Draperstown on 26 August 2009.

Representatives from Charity Bank, Social Economy Network, UCIT and other support organisations will be in attendance and you'll get to hear case studies from successful projects and have an opportunity to network with like minded organisations. Workshops will look at generating income and gaining local support and involvement.

A further event will take place at NICVA on 27 October 2009, this event will look at the urban context, buying or developing community assets. See  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) for more information.

To register, please contact Georgie Finlay at NICVA before 5.00pm on Thursday 20 August 2009 on:



028 9087 7777 or



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

## **Building community assets**

Perhaps you don't currently have assets but are maybe thinking about developing a community building?

*Building Community Assets in Northern Ireland: Is Now A Good Time to Buy?*, facilitated by NICVA and Charity Bank, is targeted at voluntary, community and social economy groups that are considering purchasing community assets and wish to find out more to help inform their decision.

The event takes place at NICVA on 15 September 2009 from 9.45am to 1.00pm and the programme includes:

- Welcome and setting the scene - Frances McCandless, NICVA
- Building Community Assets - Niamh Goggin, Charity Bank
- Should you Buy? - Mark Finlay, Barnabas Ventures
- Legal Issues - Graham Pierce, L'Estrange and Brett
- Using an Estate Agent - Brian Kidd, Frazer Kidd and Partners
- Finance - James Moore, Charity Bank
- Building Community Assets Marketplace - discussion.

Find out more at:



[www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/events/key/building-community-assets](http://www.nicva.org/index.cfm/section/events/key/building-community-assets)

To register, please contact Georgie Finlay at NICVA before 5.00pm on Wednesday 9 September 2009 on:



028 9087 7777 or



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







## ***Should there be an end to elected representatives having more than one role?***


NICVA is hosting an event from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on 7 September 2009 to discuss the proposals being put forward by Dawn Purvis, MLA in a Private Member's Bill to end dual mandates. The Bill would stop members of the Northern Ireland Assembly also being members of local councils.

Dual mandates have been condemned as 'double jobbing' and defended as providing continuity and co-ordination through different levels of government.

What do you think? Come along to hear speakers discuss the pros and cons of our current system and the arguments for change. Confirmed speakers so far are Dawn Purvis and political expert Professor Rick Wilford from QUB.

More information on the areas covered by the Bill are available at:

 [www.pup-ni.org.uk](http://www.pup-ni.org.uk). If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy Breslin at NICVA on:  028 9087 7777


 [cathy.breslin@nicva.org](mailto:cathy.breslin@nicva.org)

## ***Public attitudes and media coverage of poverty***

NICVA and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation are holding this seminar on 9 September 2009 at NICVA to look at attitudes to poverty and how poverty is reported in the media. The seminar will look at two new Joseph Rowntree poverty research reports - Poverty in the media: being seen and getting heard and Building public support for UK poverty eradication.

This event will be your opportunity to find out more about this research; share experiences; and explore how voluntary and community organisations can help to increase public understanding about poverty and enable people on low incomes to shape the debate.

Both these reports pull together experience of over a hundred UK organisations and discuss what has worked, the challenges faced and gaps that we need to tackle to address the lack of public understanding about poverty in the UK - its existence, causes and solutions.

Places at the event are limited, so if you would like to register, please contact Cathy Breslin at NICVA on  028 9087 7777

 [cathy.breslin@nicva.org](mailto:cathy.breslin@nicva.org)


## ***What on earth are Transition Committees and how can we get involved?***


The establishment of transition committees is the latest development in the work to implement the Review of Public Administration. There are eleven committees - one for each new council area - with membership drawn from elected members from each existing area.

The committees are important as they have the power to try out community planning in local areas as well as discussing and agreeing key priorities for the council.

This seminar at NICVA on 16 September 2009 will give voluntary and community organisations the opportunity to find out more about the work of transition committees and catch up on other developments in the changes to local government and discuss any issues or concerns.

If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy Breslin at NICVA on:

 028 9087 7777

 [cathy.breslin@nicva.org](mailto:cathy.breslin@nicva.org)





## ***Palliative Care: a vision for the future***

Southern Area Hospice Services is celebrating 20 years of providing hospice care in the Southern Board area.

To mark this milestone the Hospice is hosting an All Ireland conference on 30 September in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry to look at where palliative care is going in the future as well as addressing the issues and challenges facing the hospice movement.

### **Speakers include:**

Nicholas Owen, BBC, Conference MC and former cancer patient

David Prail, CEO of Help the Hospice

Professor Patrick G Johnston, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, Queen's University, Belfast

For more information please visit:



[www.southernarea-hospiceservices.org](http://www.southernarea-hospiceservices.org)



[breda@stakeholdergroup.com](mailto:breda@stakeholdergroup.com)

## ***Caring under pressure***

Carers Northern Ireland's annual conference and carers summit will take place on 6 October 2009 in Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre.

The programme includes keynote addresses from Brian O'Hagan and Monica McWilliams and workshops on hospital discharge, emergency back-up, community pharmacy, money matters (how to survive the credit crunch) and respite. The carers summit will feature a Question Time-type panel discussion with local politicians, chaired by Monica Wilson, Chief Executive of Disability Action. MLAs from all major political parties will answer questions from the workshops and from the audience.

For further information, or to register, please contact Carers Northern Ireland on:



028 9043 9843




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

## ***Running an effective organisation***

The next NICVA Member Day on 16 October takes the theme of 'Running an effective organisation'. This latest session is a direct response to your requests for practical help and information on general governance and finance issues for smaller organisations.

The half day even 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*.

A brochure and booking form is included in this mailout. Alternatively check  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) for details and to download the booking form.





## ***A Changing Sector in Challenging Times***

As the rural community infrastructure enters a critical phase in a change process, Rural Community Network's Annual Conference is a timely reminder that we are not on our own during this journey. Several organisations at regional, sub-regional and local level have embarked on a change programme and these journeys will be highlighted. The event will also afford us the space to reflect on all our change experiences and give critical assistance and impetus in the continual development of a rural community development networking infrastructure that will not only meet current and future challenges but will create and seize opportunities that may arise from them.

The event will take place in the Millbrook Hotel, Ballynahinch on 25 September 2009. Following a welcome from the Chair of Down District Council, key contributions on the theme will be given by Seamus McAleavey, from NICVA, Rural Community Network and East Down Rural Community Network.

After lunch, there will be workshops and a plenary session and the event will finish with keynote speaker Dr Malcolm McKibben, Permanent Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

For more information and to register please contact: ☎ 028 8676 6670  
💻 info@ruralcommunitynetwork.org  
Or visit: 🌐 www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org

## ***Something Different***

26 September 2009 is a date for your diary if you are a care experienced young person aged 25 or under. Voice Of Young People In Care are holding its annual young people's conference at 10.30am in Belfast Central Mission, Grosvenor House, Belfast.

Based on the youth work values Equity, Diversity and Interdependence, the theme for the conference this year is 'Something Different.' The aim is to challenge stereotypes held by young people by providing them with alternative experiences and by so doing, increase understanding of and respect for difference.

The conference will open with a contemporary dance performance by young people. After lunch there will be a wide variety of fun workshops on offer including one delivered by Live Music Now which will allow young people to hear music and play musical instruments from around the world. The Different Careers workshop will provide young people with alternatives to traditional vocational career outlets. Other workshops include Different Cultures; Different Dance; Different Hobbies and Different Street Safety.

For more information, please contact Maelisa Kennedy at: 💻 mel@voypic.org  
☎ 028 9024 4888

## ***Connecting Head and Heart***

Marking the 40th Anniversary of the start of Northern Ireland Political Conflict, 40 Years On - Connecting Head and Heart is Trauma Recovery Network's annual conference.

The event takes place on 17 to 18 November 2009 in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, and features 40 innovative contributions featuring dialogue, debate, demonstration, drama, dance, music and more.

For further information, please contact Colleen Symington at:  
💻 colleen@traumanetwork.org Or visit 🌐 www.traumanetwork.org





## Steps into Dialogue

Community Dialogue is initiating a programme a project to use dialogue as a means to allow those affected by the conflict to deal with and address their past and to begin to respect and understand the views and past of others.


In order to get a sense of the issues, there will be a dialogue session at the Community Relations Office, Linen Green, Moygashel, on 10 September 2009 at 7.00pm.

**Key questions to be asked include:**

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

For further information, or to register, please contact:

 [admin@communitydialogue.org](mailto:admin@communitydialogue.org)

 028 8676 6670


## Lifestart Foundation AGM and Symposium 2009

The Lifestart Foundation AGM and Symposium 2009 will take place at Queen's University Belfast on 9 September 2009.

The Keynote speaker at the event is Professor Edward (Ted) Melhuish, leader of the National Evaluation of Sure Start. The focus of Professor Melhuish's presentation will be 'The Home-learning environment in Early Years - its long-term significance'.

The QUB Research Team will report on the progress of The Lifestart Study.

Further details will be released closer to the event, however, if you require any information please contact Emma Doherty

on:  028 7136 5363

 [emma@lifestart03.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:emma@lifestart03.orangehome.co.uk)

## Migrant Worker Support Network: Values, Ethics and Purpose


Beginning in September, the Migrant Worker Support Network is running a seminar series on the themes of human rights and social justice as they are realised in working with migrant communities.

The series begins on 2 September 2009 in Ballysaggart Business Complex, Dungannon, with a discussion on values, ethics and purpose in the community development sector and the minority ethnic sector, led by Siobhan O'Donoghue, Director of Migrant Rights Centre Ireland.

In part, this will be a policy discussion to inform and enhance discussions later in the series but it will also require people to reflect on their personal and organisational values and ethics.

While the discussion will have a strong focus on community development issues, the conversation will also draw on experiences and issues from the statutory sector. This discussion is important for all those working in the community and delivery of services to the community, and those who have an interest in human rights, social change and civil society, particularly in a climate of increasing vulnerability and decreasing resources.

To register, please contact  [keelin@stepni.org](mailto:keelin@stepni.org)

 028 8775 0211





## ***New duties on transport providers***

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland is consulting on its draft Statutory Code of Practice on the draft Disability Discrimination (Transport Vehicles) Regulations (NI) 2009. The Code aims to explain the new duties on transport providers which will come into force later this year. Transport providers will be under a legal duty not to treat disabled people less favourably than other service users, and to make reasonable adjustments to make their services accessible. Transport services affected include: buses and coaches, taxis, trains, rental vehicles and breakdown / recovery services.

There are a number of consultation events from 10.00am to 1.30pm as follows:

### **1 September 2009**

The Junction, Derry

### **2 September 2009**

Omagh Community House

### **3 September 2009**

Ballybot House, Newry

### **4 September 2009**

NICVA, Belfast

The Equality Commission is keen to hear the views of any interested parties.

If you would like to attend or to request a copy of the consultation pack, please contact Oonagh Smyth on:



028 9050 0664



osmyth@equalityni.org.

Alternatively you can make a consultation response online at  [www.equalityni.org](http://www.equalityni.org).

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

## ***Litter at its peak***

The most comprehensive Litter Summit ever staged in Northern Ireland will be hosted by TIDY Northern Ireland on Friday 2 October 2009 in the Pump House, Northern Ireland Science Park, Belfast.

Tailored towards local litter issues, speakers from Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland will share their successes and lessons learnt from past campaigns, enforcement drives and educational activities.

The conference will address topics such as:

- Encouraging Public Involvement.
- Effective Enforcement.
- Litter monitoring and targeted campaigns.
- Legal Issues.
- PSNI/Council partnerships.
- Litter and its effects on anti-social behaviour.
- How councils and businesses can work together.
- Running an effective litter campaign.

With millions of pounds spent annually cleaning the litter off our streets, TIDY Northern Ireland is inviting interested parties to the first NI Litter Summit to share best practice and raise the bar on tackling littering and related issues.

Attendance at the TIDY NI Litter Summit will be limited to 80 delegates, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you to attend please let us know by phone or email.

Contact TIDY NI for details on:



028 9073 6926





## ***What the south needs to hear – what the north needs to say***

The Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Summer School on 29 and 30 August 2009 is an opportunity to listen, discuss and reflect on the issues facing peace builders in the new Northern Ireland context, with informed speakers, a friendly atmosphere, and the beauty of the Wicklow hills.


For more information please contact:

 00 353 1 282 9711  
 geraldine.fitzgerald@glencree.ie.

## ***Story sharing residential***

The Conflict Trauma Resource Centre is hosting a series of weekend story sharing residential workshops to be held from September 2009 to May 2011.

These workshops are aimed at all those who have been affected by our 40 years of violent conflict and the Centre is actively seeking both participants and facilitators for the workshops. The project is supported by the Peace III Programme managed for the SEUPB by the Community Relations Council and Pobal Consortium.

For more information please contact Gwen Johnstone on:  028 9092 6060

## ***Hot topics for the Assembly***

Here in Northern Ireland we regularly see Assembly debates on TV and hear our MLAs on television and radio. But how do you get your chance to have your say and ask them the questions that really matter? At an Assembly Roadshow, of course.

The Northern Ireland Assembly kicks off its second series of Roadshows this September as follows:

**East Belfast** - 22 September 2009  
The Park Avenue Hotel

**South Belfast** - 23 September 2009  
Chinese Welfare Centre Ormeau Road

**North Belfast** - 30 September 2009  
NICVA


**West Belfast** - 1 October 2009  
Farset International

Following a welcome address by William Hay MLA, Speaker of the Assembly, a panel of five MLAs will take their seats and the hard questions start. The previous roadshows sparked questions about hospital services, the 11-plus, fishing rights, the economy and its impact on jobs, support for people with disabilities, bin collections, women in politics, funding for community initiatives and banks were just some of the hot topics.

The 'Let's Talk' style allows for lots of debate and discussion and the guest presenters don't let our MLAs off the hook easily.

Delegates find the opportunity to get involved really valuable and feel that they have a better feel for how to get involved with the Assembly.


The Northern Ireland Assembly is YOUR Assembly. This is your chance to make your voice heard where it really matters. For more information contact Stephanie Mallon, Communications Office on:

 028 9052 1953 or 07825 146794





## 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


 [john.mccormick@nicva.org](mailto:john.mccormick@nicva.org)

## This month's member ... Educati

### Educational Shakespeare Company - understanding through film

The Educational Shakespeare Company Ltd (ESC) is an educational charity working with a wide range of marginalised people, including prisoners, ex-prisoners, people on probation, homeless individuals and youth at risk. ESC uses drama and film to challenge perceptions, change lives, tackle social exclusion and encourage civic engagement through providing accredited training.

This year ESC celebrates 10 years of radically transforming people's lives and communities. ESC has won national awards including national Human Rights, Arthur Koestler and Impetus awards for its films, most of which can be viewed online at:

 [www.esc-film.com](http://www.esc-film.com).


ESC achieved a first in 2006-7 when its modern adaptation of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *Mickey B*, was made inside Maghaberry jail with life prisoners. The film has gone on to become an underground cult classic and to win one of prison arts' most prestigious awards, the Roger Graef Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film in 2008. The Koestler judge said: "This is such an outstanding piece of work, it is clearly in a league of its own. It was breathtakingly powerful." *Mickey B* is now available for public screening and purchase on the website.

ESC's partnership with Queen's Film Theatre, Belfast 'Bridging the Divide' brought together young people from divided communities to make a short digital film. It used filmmaking as a metaphor for teamwork, creativity and personal development. The project empowered young people to transform their own lives by turning their unique stories into films and documentaries to share with an international audience. These films won Impetus Human Rights Awards and gave their young actors a taste for film and an opportunity to experience the power of creativity.

ESC is a small company with a big vision: to create a global initiative, using drama and film to tackle grassroots issues within local communities. It is engaged in further work with homeless young people, medically retired prison officers and widows of prison staff, Barnado's, the Probation Board, social work students, school children and ex-offenders.

ESC has one part-time employee and depends on its strong team of hugely committed volunteers.

If you are interested in joining ESC's team, check out the website at:

 [www.esc-film.com](http://www.esc-film.com) and get in touch.





# discounted services



## 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



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## ***Back to school with NICVA's training calendar***

Come September and with the kids all safely packed off to school, don't neglect your own training needs. Check out these essential courses from NICVA's jam packed September training programme:

### **Problem solving and decision making**

1 September 2009

This session will ask participants to look at a problem in their workplace, analyse its impact and try out some decision making techniques to arrive at the best solution.

### **Managing Staff**

3 September 2009

This session describes a framework for managing the performance of staff including supervision and appraisal. Motivation of staff is a key part of supporting them and this session will outline motivation theories and give an opportunity for participants to share ideas. It also covers how to give feedback and tips for how to deal with difficult situations.

### **Running a charitable company**

10 September 2009

The Companies Act 2006 has brought in new rules for companies including companies limited by guarantee. This session will outline the administration requirements for companies, covering both the new regulations and those administration requirements that haven't changed.

It will also examine the duties of directors, highlighting new duties that have come into being along with looking at the implications of the new Charities Act (NI) 2008.

### **Conflict handling and negotiation**

15 September 2009

Participants will be guided through the stages in the development of conflict and consider techniques to minimise or eliminate the conflict in the workplace.

### **eCampaigning and advocacy**

17 September 2009

This session will explore the potential of the internet to motivate campaigners and get your message across to decision makers and examine how voluntary and community organisations can make the most of online tools such as youtube and e-petitions.

### **Strategic planning in the recession**

22 September 2009

This session will help participants manage change in the workplace. It will also cover the main elements involved in strategic planning - what should be in a strategic plan, strategic planning tools, examining vision, mission and values and devising SMART objectives.

### **Managing stress in the workplace**

29 September 2009

This session will look at what stress is, how to recognise stress in ourselves and others and finding ways of overcoming stress in the workplace.

### **Winning Contracts**

three days - 1, 8 and 28 October 2009

Winning Contracts is a three day programme for organisations making or intending to make competitive bids for grants and service contracts.

For further information or to download a booking form, please visit:



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

Or contact Roisin Kelly at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777



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





## **Art and Conflict**


Applications are being sought for an Art and Conflict course being delivered in Belfast by Theatre Lab.

The course is free but requires commitment to an introduction on 30 September, a residential on 2 - 4 October 2009 and 11 further sessions each Wednesday until 16 December 2009.

The first few sessions will take participants through a Theatre of the Oppressed process, and other sessions will involve guest speakers and workshops using different art forms to work with community groups, particularly in peace and reconciliation work.

The course is aimed at practitioners already working in the field or those wanting to work at a grass roots level with communities to address conflict and community development issues.

To apply please send your CV and a brief explanation of why you are interested in the course and the benefits you think it would bring to your own work to:

 Karen McFarlane  
Theatre Lab  
c/o 283 Ormeau Road  
Belfast  
BT7 3GG

Or email:

 karen.mcfarlane  
@bcda.net

## **Digital Curation, Preservation Outreach and Capacity Building**

The Joint Systems Information Committee (JSIC) and the Digital Curation Centre (DCC) in co-operation with the Strategic Content Alliance (SCA), the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) and the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) will deliver a joint two-day workshop on 14-15 September 2009 in the Holiday Inn, Belfast, to help to establish more effective digital curation and preservation networks of support across the UK and between domains of public sector activity.

Participation in this workshop will provide registrants with an opportunity to establish peer support networks to share their concerns, experiences, and approaches both with colleagues from Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK for digital curation and preservation activity within their institutions. The workshop will also enable participants to help inform the development of future training and professional development courses to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

To register, please complete the online form at:

 [www.dcc.ac.uk/events/capacity-building-belfast-2009/register](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/capacity-building-belfast-2009/register).





## ***IT training from Bryson Charitable Group***

Bryson realises that, although the recent economic environment has had an effect on the voluntary sector, staff still require training to ensure they are properly skilled and qualified to undertake their roles.

It is currently offering ECDL courses at a reduced rate of £240+VAT which includes ECDL registration, all training materials, exams and certification.

The course, which is the latest ECDL Syllabus Version 5, consists of seven modules - theory, file management, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, internet and email.

Bryson is also offering Microsoft Office 2007 Update courses. All courses will take place at Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast.

For further information and dates, please contact Monica on:



028 90 325 825

## ***Keeping Safe: Child Protection Course***

Two day certificated training course starting on 17 September 2009 in Enniskillen aims to raise awareness of child protection of those working directly with children and young people. It is based on the principles of good practice and covers residential and field trips in addition to provision of services or activities.

For further information or to register, please contact:



sarah@fermanaghtrust.org




028 6632 0210





# consultation

This section lists key consultations of interest to the voluntary and community sector. Any that NICVA is responding to are marked by an asterisk \*.

If you would like to feed into NICVA's response, or if you would like a copy of NICVA's responses, please visit  [www.nicva.org](http://www.nicva.org) or contact Cathy Breslin at: [cathy.breslin@nicva.org](mailto:cathy.breslin@nicva.org)

Consultation	Organisation	Response Date
New Road Safety Strategy for Introduction in 2010	Department of Environment: HQ	14/08/2009
Consultation on Vetting Arrangements in Adoption, Fostering and Private Fostering	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: HQ	03/09/2009
Consultation on the Retrofitting of Mirrors on Heavy Goods Vehicles	Department of Environment: HQ	07/09/2009
*Consultation on the National Minimum Wage	Low Pay Commission	08/09/2009
Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2011	Commission for Victims and Survivors	18/09/2009
A Consultation on the Proposal to Exempt Student Loans from Individual Voluntary Arrangements	Department for Employment and Learning: HQ	23/9/09
Gas (NI) Bill - Policy Consultation	Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment: HQ	25/09/2009
Amendments to the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Regulations (NI) 2005 A Public Consultation 2009	Department for Employment and Learning: HQ	28/09/2009
Draft Northern Ireland Strategic Energy Framework 2009	Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment: HQ	30/09/2009
Executive Agrees to Consultation on New Energy Future for Northern Ireland	Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment: HQ	30/09/2009





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Consultation	Organisation	Response Date
*Government launches consultation on Eames/Bradley Recommendations	Western Trust (Community Support Services)	02/10/2009
*Dealing with the Past in Northern Ireland: The Recommendations of the Consultative Group on the Past	Northern Ireland Office	02/10/2009
Consultation on Proposed changes to Northern Ireland's Tourism Legislation	Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment: HQ	02/10/2009
Join In, Get Involved: Build a Better Future - A Consultation Paper on a Volunteering Strategy for Northern Ireland	Department for Social Development: HQ	09/10/2009
Proposals for the Northern Ireland Funding Code - Public Consultation	Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission	16/10/2009
Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Scheme	Department of Finance and Personnel	29/10/09
The Draft Local government (Finance) Bill - Consultation Document	Department of the Environment (NI)	31/10/2009
Poots Invites Views on Finance Arrangements for District Councils	Department of Environment: HQ	31/10/2009
The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005	NISRA	6/11/09





## ***Active citizenship and community relations in Northern Ireland***

This booklet is based on presentations at a series of special seminars entitled Active Citizenship and Community Relations in Northern Ireland, which took place in Belfast in early 2008.

A Shared Future (2005) – the Government’s policy and strategic framework for good relations in Northern Ireland – pointed to the role of the voluntary and community sector in helping create a less divided society. Indeed, in Northern Ireland, the sector is often cited as being at the vanguard of creating an environment within which the old divisions can be tackled and resolved.

This booklet aims to examine the progress made so far, and what more is possible including whether civil society is sufficiently aware, resourced and, indeed, willing to meet expectations. It is based on presentations at a series of special seminars entitled Active citizenship and community relations in Northern Ireland, which took place in Belfast in early 2008.

Organised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in collaboration with NICVA, these events enabled experts based in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in the UK to share their insights with practitioners, academics and policymakers.

Please contact Lynn Anderson at NICVA if you would like a copy on:



028 9087 7777



lynn.anderson@nicva.org

## ***Transforming societies after political violence***

‘Transforming Societies after Political Violence’ offers a template for those tasked with providing truth, justice, reconciliation, and healing.

This interdisciplinary study identifies the complex relationships between recovery from political violence and the psychological processes that accompany widespread social change, showing how these can be integrated to strengthen both individual and society.

Author Brandon Hamber draws on his extensive experience in South Africa and comparative examples from elsewhere to examine the centrality of mental health issues in transitional justice, and the social, cultural, and identity issues involved in meeting the needs of victims. In discussing reparations (what the author terms ‘repairing the irreparable’), the power of ambivalence, and especially concepts of closure, he eloquently sets out professionals’ roles in helping survivors move beyond the toxic past without covering it up or becoming mired in it.

Find out more at:



[www.brandonhamber.com/  
transformingsocieties.htm](http://www.brandonhamber.com/transformingsocieties.htm)

## ***Making the Connection***

*Making the Connection* is one of the most comprehensive pictures of the lifestyle, attitudes and experiences of volunteering for the 50+ age group in Northern Ireland. A mixed method approach using both a telephone survey and six focus groups were used to investigate the under researched area of older people and volunteering.

The report outlines the practical implications of the findings on the selection and management of volunteers in this age group.

Download the report at:



[www.volunteering-ni.org](http://www.volunteering-ni.org)






## ***New report into Maghaberry Prison***

Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) has released a report of an unannounced inspection of Maghaberry Prison and has called for urgent action to be taken to improve the management and care of vulnerable prisoners.

The Chief Inspector said the inspection had found Maghaberry was not performing sufficiently well in any of the four key inspection areas it was assessed against. They have called for a clear development plan for improvement to be put in place alongside a commitment from management within the Northern Ireland Prison Service to challenge the existing status quo and make change happen.

Download the CJINI report into Maghaberry Prison at:

 <http://www.cjini.org/NewsAndEvents/Latest-News/Chief-Inspectors-call-for-urgent-action-to-improve.aspx>

## ***No Home from Home - Investigation report launch***

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission is to launch its latest investigation report ***No Home from Home*** at two separate events in Belfast on 1 September and Dungannon on 2 September.

The report examines the situation affecting homeless non-UK nationals in Northern Ireland who are excluded from accessing public funds. It examines the reasons for homelessness among non UK nationals, the extent of this problem in Northern Ireland and any existing practices, standards and procedures.

Printed copies of the report will be made available after the event and online at:

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

## ***New Looked After Children Directory***





September will witness the launch of an invaluable resource aimed at those supporting young people living in and leaving care within the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area. Voice Of Young People In Care has, in partnership with the Trust, compiled a directory of services which is being launched at a series of roadshows from 12.00noon to 2.00pm in Newtownards, Downpatrick and Lisburn as follows:

**10 September 2009** - St Marks Parish, Newtownards

**17 September 2009** - The Great Hall, Downshire Hospital

**24 September 2009** - The Island Centre, Lisburn

Many of the organisations profiled in the directory will have stands at the roadshows giving people an opportunity to learn about services in their area and to network with other people working in this field. A free lunch will be provided.

For further information, please contact Lauren Spiers on  028 9024 4888 or  [Lauren@voypic.org](mailto:Lauren@voypic.org) or Alison McCarroll on:  028 9250 1379 or  [Alison.mccarroll@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:Alison.mccarroll@setrust.hscni.net).





## **Continuous Household Survey Bulletin 2008/09**

This Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) bulletin includes information on renewable energy, recycling, internet access, health, smoking, drinking, voluntary work, parental involvement in children's education and job applications.

### **Some interesting findings include:**

- The majority of households (92%) regularly recycled at least one of the following; glass, paper and cans, a similar level to the previous year (91%). The proportion of households regularly recycling paper (91%) and glass (85%) has increased significantly every year since 2003-04.
- Over half (55%) of households used energy saving light bulbs an increase from 51% the previous year. 41% had reduced the amount of energy used in the home.
- Half of all households (51%) had broadband internet access an increase from 47% the previous year. Nine out of ten (91%) households with internet access had a broadband connection.
- 83% of adults reported their health to be good or fairly good in the previous 12 months.
- A quarter (24%) of individuals were smokers in 2008-09, the same proportion as in 2007-08 (23%).

- Three-quarters (74%) of adults aged 18 years or more drank alcohol in 2008-09, with more male drinkers than female drinkers (79% and 70% respectively).
- A quarter of individuals (23%) had carried out unpaid work with an organisation that was not solely for their own benefit or that of their family. A quarter of males (25%) had been involved in voluntary work compared to one fifth of females (19%).
- 24% reported doing voluntary work as an individual in their neighbourhood. Keeping in touch with someone who has difficulty getting out and about (34%), looking after a property or a pet for someone who is away (30%), babysitting (26%) and transporting or escorting someone (20%) were the most common activities carried out by people on a voluntary basis.
- Over three-quarters (77%) of pre-school aged children have parents who read to them several times a week or more.

Copies of the bulletin and tables are available at:



[www.csu.nisra.gov.uk](http://www.csu.nisra.gov.uk)





## ***The truth about poverty in Northern Ireland***

New research by Age Concern Help the Aged NI has found that the numbers of people living in poverty in Northern Ireland is underestimated.

One of the Research Authors, Professor Eileen Evason said:

*“The figures that the Department relies on to count Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance as income but do not take account of the increased costs associated with living with a disability and as a result underestimates the number of people in Northern Ireland living in poverty, in particular single female pensioners.*

*In households where the head of the household is over pensionable age, 24% are living in poverty. However, if the calculations took into the account the costs associated with living with a disability as well as the benefits, this figure would rise to 30% The most significant increase from revising the method of calculating poverty is with single female pensioners where it rises from 33% to 41%.”*

Chief Executive of Age Concern Help the Aged NI, Anne O'Reilly said:

*“The outcome of this research leads us to call on the Department to urgently review its methodology for calculating poverty to ensure that we truly understand who is living in poverty. This flaw in the methodology does not just affect older people, it has implications for any section of our society accessing Disability Benefits.”*

Download the report at:



[www.ageconcernni.org/  
AgeConcernNIPressand  
MediaPage.htm](http://www.ageconcernni.org/AgeConcernNIPressandMediaPage.htm)

## ***Got a publication to plug?***

Please contact John McCormick at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777



[john.mccormick@nicva.org](mailto:john.mccormick@nicva.org)



## GrantTracker Case Studies

In September 2008, as part of a wider sponsorship deal with UCIT, NICVA awarded 20 annual subscriptions to GrantTracker - Northern Ireland's essential fundraising tool. The bursaries were randomly drawn from UCIT's membership base at its AGM. As this subscription year is nearly up, NICVA is taking a look back at some of the organisations awarded the bursary, to find out how they have used the resource. Here's how they got on.

### Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency

Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency became one of the founding members of UCIT in 2001. Some of its objectives include, increasing the number of new businesses in the area, and to support existing small businesses. In working towards these objectives, it has found GrantTracker an extremely useful tool, rating it 'very highly'.

Pauline Coghlan, Senior Business Development Executive at Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency said:

*"The voluntary and community groups I am involved with have found their efforts greatly improved. Grant Tracker has identified and assisted successful applications for grant assistance."*

Pauline also mentioned that some of the groups she has worked with had been successful in receiving grant assistance with the use of GrantTracker.

### Sion Mills Building Preservation Trust

A Preservation Trust is 'a registered charity that regenerates historic buildings whose cost of repair is uneconomic for the private sector'. With funding from heritage bodies at a premium at present, partnership is the preferred option and this can be with public or private funding partners, with grants available to meet the difference in cost between developing an old building or building a new one.

The organisation became a member of UCIT in 2008 following its acceptance of a £28,400 a loan. The funding package provided by UCIT was used to cover the costs involved with the re-development of a listed building within the Herdman's Mill Complex.

Sion Mills BPT has made extensive use of GrantTracker to source additional funding streams. Norman King commented:

*"This is a worthwhile tool enabling quick access to a vast amount of relevant information in a format that serves us very well".*

He continued *"We pride ourselves on preparing high quality and full applications based on years of experience. What the tool does do is help us identify clearly the criteria important to the funder. That in itself is worthwhile. GrantTracker is an important tool for busy fundraising Trusts in a very competitive market."*

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## Onus (NI) Ltd

Onus (NI) Ltd became a member of UCIT in 2008. Onus (NI) Ltd was established in 2007 by Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne & Newtownabbey (ABCL&N) to develop their financial sustainability and maintain their core services to women and children affected by domestic violence. Women's Aid provides services such as crisis refuge accommodation and resettlement, training and education programmes for women, prevention work with children and youth and court support service.

Established as a social enterprise, the company provides a range of entrepreneurial projects including:

- Onus Training and Consultancy Service
- Management of Women's Aid's property portfolio.

In order to support the social enterprise business, fundraising is extremely important.

Lorna Dougherty, from Onus commented:

*"Access to grant tracker has been great for getting current information on fundraising sources. We have been more aware of opportunities in a range of areas, they may not have applied directly to us but we have also been on occasions been able to share information with groups associated with us. GrantTracker is a great resource for those in the third sector."*

To find out more about fundraising and grants available in Northern Ireland, or to subscribe, please visit:




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







## **Funding alerts? Try GrantTracker**

NICVA News gives a snapshot of the funding opportunities available. Stay on top of all funding news with a subscription to GrantTracker.

Find out more at:  [www.grant-tracker.org](http://www.grant-tracker.org)

## **And for even more funding news ... join the Fundraising Information Group**

NICVA has launched a new fundraising information and advice forum on the newly revamped  [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org) website. This new forum will give an opportunity for people to share ideas, ask questions, debate issues and generally network in a way that has not been available through the website before.

The new Group is free to join and complements the fundraising advice service already offered by NICVA. To join the new group visit:  [www.communityni.org](http://www.communityni.org), register - it's free and takes a few seconds - set up your profile and choose the group or groups you wish to join. You can join the Fundraising Information Group and any others on the site you are interested in eg Information Workers Network.

Topics currently being discussed on the forum include:

- NI Charities using eBay.
- Which is the best online sponsorship website provider?
- Abseiling fundraising events.
- Donor management software.

Not convinced - have a look at:

 [www.communityni.org/group/fundraising-information-group](http://www.communityni.org/group/fundraising-information-group)



## **UnLtd Sport Relief Make it Happen Awards**

The Make it Happen grant programme funds young individuals aged 11 to 21 who have an idea of a sporting, recreational or arts based project that can be used to develop community cohesion and/or address conflict resolution.

Funding of £500 to £10,000 per project is available and no project experience is necessary as UnLtd also provides a mentoring service and is interested in developing the skills of future social entrepreneurs. Money can be used towards a one off event and/or a lasting project.

All new applications are welcome. The programme is open until March 2011 and all projects must be completed by this stage. Previous awardees can also apply for top up awards. You can also attend one of UnLtd's 'dragon's den' events to pitch an idea to the UnLtd Sport Relief Youth Panel get an on the spot decision.

Contact Ashley Whittlely for details on:

 028 9024 4007  
 [ashleywhittlely@unltd.org.uk](mailto:ashleywhittlely@unltd.org.uk)

or visit:

 [www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief](http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief)





## Big Thinking Reports

The Big Lottery Fund is to pump a multi-million pound package of funding into communities to help them cope with the effects of the recession and increase its funding commitment to the voluntary and community sector following its Big Thinking consultation.

£43 million is to be invested across the UK to tackle the longer-term effects of the recession on the UK's communities. BIG is working closely with stakeholders to determine what form the support will take, but it is thought that it could include targeted funding for specific services such as debt advice and support to help train increasing numbers of volunteers.

Responding to the increasing pressure facing the sector, BIG has also reprioritised and refocused its portfolio and increased the budgets of some of its most popular programmes, to the tune of around £45 million. All these adjustments have been made to help get funding fast to where the sector says it is most needed.

A key difference in BIG's approach will be an enhanced UK wide target that at least 80% of funding goes directly to the voluntary and community sector from 2009-2015.

A range of other factors that will determine BIG's approach to funding through to 2015 are contained in BIG's Strategic Framework, published at:

 [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking)

NICVA has reiterated its call for 100% of BIG's funding to go to the voluntary and community sector – a view shared by its sister councils in England, Scotland and Wales.

## HBOS Foundation Closes

The HBOS Foundation has closed. The activities of the Foundation will be replaced by the Lloyds TSB Foundation.

## Time to Ask for Support


Small and medium-sized organisations need to encourage individual supporters to make donations according to Neil Irwin, Member Services Manager at NICVA. To do this best you need to develop a database of individual donors. With this in mind Neil is asking volunteer and professional fundraisers if there is a need for a cheap or free donor management tool.

*"I have wondered for some time if fundraising organisations here could use a simple database designed to manage the contact they have with donors. I would envisage creating a basic database with all the essential features so that organisations without a big budget would have some way of keeping in touch with donors"* said Neil.


The software could include some or all of the following:

- Donor contact details.
- Donor profile information.
- Donation records and reports.
- Gift aid audit information.
- Income reports.
- Mailing lists.

Is this something you'd like to see? Maybe you know of something already? Neil has opened an online discussion at:

 [www.communityni.org/content/donor-management-database](http://www.communityni.org/content/donor-management-database) and would welcome comments on this initiative.

NICVA has already started work on a prototype and sample screenshots can be viewed at:

 [www.communityni.org/content/donor-tracker-screen-views](http://www.communityni.org/content/donor-tracker-screen-views)





## **Invest NI Social Entrepreneurship Programme**

This offers a range of assistance to help new and existing social enterprises develop and grow sustainable and viable businesses. The concept of the Social Entrepreneurship Programme is firmly founded on a commercial business model. Focus will be placed on maximising economic impact and business growth after start up and those businesses which are capable of making a significant economic impact.

The four elements of the programme provide capability support to allow organisations to set up and develop businesses with the potential of start up, growth or export development.

- **Lead in Development** – Advice for groups without a clearly identified business start up idea or who need help to refine their idea.
- **Core Capability Support** – A package of assistance to help groups develop their business plan, the potential for financial assistance towards start-up costs, start-up capability advice and aftercare during the first year of trading.
- **Post Start Strategic Mentoring** – One to one strategic mentoring specific to the needs of the groups. This is aimed at existing social enterprises with growth and export potential.
- **Mentoring Support for Transitional Groups** - Advice and support for voluntary and community sector groups seeking to make the transition to a social enterprise.

Contact the Invest NI team for more information. The programme will be managed through Enterprise Northern Ireland and delivered through regional centres.

For further information, please contact Catherine O'Neill on:



028 9069 8157



catherine.oneill@investni.com



www.investni.com

## **Gift Aid Gold**

Gift Aid is worth at least another 28% on top of donations made to charities - but only if the charity claims it back from the tax man.

NICVA is offering a training course on Gift Aid on 8 September 2009 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. It costs £50 for NICVA members or £75 for non NICVA members.

If you are not fully aware of the amount of money that your organisation can claim from the tax man on top of donations you receive then this course is for you. Gift Aid is a scheme every charity should be using - not doing so is a waste of your charity status.

*Gift Aid Gold* is designed for organisations that do not currently use Gift Aid - or think they are not fully exploiting the scheme. Gift Aid is worth at least an extra 28% on top of eligible donations - representing an impressive additional income.

Contact Neil Irwin to find out more or to book a place, please contact Roisin Kelly at NICVA on:



028 9087 7777



roisin.kelly@nicva.org





## **Drinkaware grants**

The Drinkaware grants scheme aims to change the UK's drinking culture for the better. It works to positively influence public behaviour and find innovative ways to raise awareness about the effects of alcohol, to help reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm.

Funded projects include peer-led education schemes, alcohol education work, awareness raising among disadvantaged people who are at risk of harm from alcohol misuse, pilot projects and innovative work.

Grants are available to groups in any part of the UK, working with any population group, through three schemes:

### **Ideas Fund – up to £2,000**

The Ideas Fund is ideal for community-based projects needing support to work out an initial idea before applying for a larger award.

### **Awareness Projects – up to £25,000**

Perhaps you need a larger award to help with project costs, resources or publicity for work already developed? This scheme offers the funds you need to deliver messages which raise awareness about alcohol misuse and bring about tangible change.

### **Big Impact Awards - up to £100,000**

This initiative is designed to help larger scale projects pack a more powerful punch or reach a wider audience. Proposals need to show how an organisation's work has impact, and how it contributes to learning about alcohol awareness and education.

To apply, or to download an application form, check out the grants guidelines at:



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

## **CARDI Grants**

The Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI) has launched a grants programme to improve policies and services for older people. Applications are invited 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 Ireland, north and south.

The grants will encourage ground-breaking studies that bring together different perspectives and academic subjects. Projects that are funded will involve older people themselves and will aim to promote better policies and improved services for them.

The CARDI grants programme aims to stimulate research into the urgent and complicated issues of ageing. It plans to promote co-operation among medical specialists, technologists, social scientists, psychologists and many others to create a society in which older people can lead long, healthy, active lives.

The closing date for applications is **2 October 2009**.

For further information, please visit:



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





## **GSK IMPACT Awards**

The IMPACT awards give UK-registered charities the chance to win 10 awards of £25,000, with one overall winner receiving an extra £10,000. In addition, 10 highly commended organisations receive £5,000 and five runners up £3,000.

Working in partnership with the King's Fund, a leading independent health charity, the GSK IMPACT awards to recognise and promote the existing work of small to medium sized voluntary organisations in the UK, which have made a demonstrable impact on the health of their local communities.

Since the awards began ten years ago, over 105 UK community healthcare charities have been awarded a total of £1.8 million in recognition of their success and achievements dealing with such diverse and difficult social issues as domestic violence, male prostitution and mental health disease.

The IMPACT Awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, work in a health related field in the UK, with a total annual income under £1 million.

You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work.

Full guidelines and application forms are available at:



[www.kingsfund.org.uk/  
gskimpactawards](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards)

or



[gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk](mailto:gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk)

## **Cash 4 Clubs**

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in their sustainability.

The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded by Betfair and supported by SportsAid. It offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants of either £250, £500 or £1,000. It is a simple scheme aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club.

Any sports club that is registered with its sport's National Governing body or local authority can apply. Entries are not restricted to any specific sport or sports activity and as already stated can cover improving facilities, buying new equipment or gaining coaching qualifications to name a few. No preference is given to types of sport or the age of people involved with the club, but they do look for sports clubs that play an active role in the local community.

Grant applications from clubs on an ongoing basis. There are no deadlines. For further information, please visit:



[www.cash-4-clubs.com](http://www.cash-4-clubs.com)

## **Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation**

The Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation has two funding programmes:

**Overseas Development or Social Welfare in the UK** — a small amount of funding will be made available from 2009/10 to provide grants, normally up to £5,000, for projects that focus on either overseas development or social welfare issues in the UK.

**Nature Conservation** — this programme is for nature conservation projects in developing countries undertaken by small to medium-sized organisations. Find out more at:



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






## Deadlines

### Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Executive Agency

DG EAC Youth in Action Programme  
Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

Deadline

**1 September 2009** (for projects from 1 December 2009 to 30 April 2010)




 00 322 2 997824  
 youth@ec.europa.eu  
 www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/  
youth/programme/index\_en.htm

### Britten Pears Foundation

The majority of available funds from The Britten Pears Foundation will be granted for the commissioning of new music, and the trustees intend to support a small number of applications of the highest artistic quality.

Deadline

**1 September 2009** (bi annual closing date)

 017 2845 1700  
 grants@brittenpears.org  
 www.brittenpears.org




### Leverhulme Trust

Artists In Residence

These awards are intended to support the residency of an artist of any kind or nationality in a UK institution in order to foster a creative collaboration between the artist and the staff and/or students of that institution.

Deadline

**1 September 2009** (bi annual closing date)

 020 7822 5226  
 mdillnutt@leverhulme.ac.uk  
 www.leverhulme.org.uk




### Leverhulme Trust

Research Projects

The aim of these awards is to provide financial support for innovative and original research projects of high quality and potential, the choice of theme and the design of the research lying entirely with the applicant. The grants provide support for the salaries of research staff engaged on the project, plus associated costs directly related to the research proposed.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**



 020 7822 5226  
 mdillnutt@leverhulme.ac.uk  
 www.leverhulme.org.uk

### Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust

The charity is established to make grants to charitable organisations and individuals as a way of providing benefits and in particular helping to meet capital costs for the direct benefit of local people.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**  
(NICVA recommended application deadline)




 020 7841 4000  
 0207 841 4100

### R V W Trust

The R V W Trust supports the advancement of public appreciation of and education in music.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**

 020 7299 8354  
 helen@rvwtrust.org.uk  
 www.rvwtrust.org.uk

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## Deadlines

### Grocers Charity

The Grocers Charity has wide charitable aims. The majority goes on internal scholarships etc known to the Trust however the rest is devoted to general charitable purposes such as the relief of poverty (including youth), disability, medicine, the arts, heritage, the church and the elderly. Grants average in the low thousands.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**

 020 7606 3113

 [anne@grocershall.co.uk](mailto:anne@grocershall.co.uk)

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


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### Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Settlement

The objects of the trust are to promote their particular interests in education, international friendship and understanding, and the promotion of world peace and development.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**

 01279 755200

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


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### Causeway British Irish Exchange


Causeway's youth exchange programme has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young people on the islands of Britain and Ireland.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**

 028 9064 3882

 [bsweeney@ycni.org](mailto:bsweeney@ycni.org)

 [www.causewayyouth.org/index.html](http://www.causewayyouth.org/index.html)


### Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Executive Agency


Europe for Citizens – Town Twinning


The aim of this programme is to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the European construction. This measure is aimed at activities that involve or promote direct exchanges between European citizens through their participation in town-twinning activities.

Deadline

**1 September 2009**

 00 322 2 991111

 [eacea-p7@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eacea-p7@ec.europa.eu)

 [eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm)

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### Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust


The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust funds campaigning organisations and individuals who have reform as their objective, and since it remains one of the very few sources of funds of any significance in the UK which can do this, it reserves its support for those projects which are ineligible for charitable funding.

Deadline

**3 September 2009**

 01904 625744

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

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

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## Deadlines

### AJ Muste Memorial Institute

International Nonviolence Training Fund

The A.J. Muste Memorial Institute funds projects which promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change through grant-making programs including the International Nonviolence Training Fund (INTF) which has the aim of specifically supporting nonviolence training.

Deadline

**4 September 2009**

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

 [www.ajmuste.org/guidintf.htm](http://www.ajmuste.org/guidintf.htm)


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### Samuel Rubin Foundation

The Samuel Rubin Foundation is an American Foundations which aims to support projects in pursuit of world peace and justice. Small grants between \$5,000 and \$10,000 are made on average.

Deadline

**4 September 2009**

 212 697-8945

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

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


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### Harold Hyam Wingate Charitable Support

Wingate Foundation funds in the fields of; Jewish Life and Learning, Performing Arts, Music, Education and Social Exclusion, Third World Development, and Medical.

Deadline

**4 September 2009**


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

### Nuffield Foundation Project Grants

The Nuffield Foundation's aim is to bring about improvements in society through research and practical experiment. The wide range of activities supported by the Foundation includes access to justice; child protection and family justice; education and social science.

Deadline

**4 September 2009**

 020 7631 0566

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

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


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### Alcohol Education and Research Council AERC Grants Programmes


The Alcohol Education Research Council seeks to increase awareness of alcohol issues, facilitate a reduction in alcohol-related harm in society and to encourage best practice. The aim of the AERC is to make a positive difference to the ways in which society understands and uses alcohol.


Deadline

**5 September 2009**

 020 7808 7150

 [andrea.tilouche@aerc.org.uk](mailto:andrea.tilouche@aerc.org.uk)

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

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## Deadlines

### Comic Relief: Sport Relief

This programme aims to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Deadline

**7 September 2009**



028 9024 5927



skillen@communityfoundationni.org



www.communityfoundationni.org

### Hedley Foundation

The Hedley Foundation is a charitable foundation which supports young people, the disabled and the terminally ill.

Deadline

**9 September 2009**



020 7489 8076



pbarker@hedleyfoundation.org.uk



www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk

### Philip Henman Trust Grants

The Philip Henman Trust offers grants to major UK based overseas development organisations requiring partnership funding for projects lasting between three and five years.

Deadline

**10 September 2009**



info@pht.or.uk



www.djclark.com/pht

### Carrickfergus, Newtownabbey and Antrim Peace III Cluster

Small grants

Carrickfergus, Antrim and Newtownabbey Councils make up one of the Peace III Clusters with Newtownabbey taking the lead role and has a small grants programme.

Deadline

**11 September 2009**



028 9034 0053



mmcalister@newtownabbey.gov.uk



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

### Henry Moore Foundation

The Henry Moore Foundation concentrates on fine arts particularly sculpture.

Deadline

**11 September 2009**



012 79 843333



012 79 843647



www.henry-moore-fdn.co.uk

### St Stephens Green Trust

Grants will be made to organisations working in three specific areas. They are homelessness, prisoners/ex-prisoners and Travellers.

Deadline

**11 September 2009**



00353 45 480666



info@ssgt.ie



www.ssgt.ie

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### Baring Foundation

Awards for Bridging Cultures

ABCs will reward grass roots, community and voluntary organisations for local schemes and projects which promote intercultural dialogue and understanding. It will also reward public and private sector organisations for initiating and supporting such schemes.

Deadline

**14 September 2009**

 024 7679 5768

 awards@bridgingcultures.org.uk

 www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/


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### Polden Puckham Guidelines


The Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation (PPCF) is a grant awarding trust that supports work in the areas of Peace and Security, Ecological Sustainability, Human Rights and Quaker Issues.

Deadline

**15 September 2009**

 020 7193 7364

 ppcf@polden-puckham.org.uk

 www.polden-puckham.org.uk

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### Life + Programme

Life+ Nature and Biodiversity


LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity will co-finance best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives and also is related to the loss of biodiversity.

Deadline

**15 September 2009**

 013 0232 2633

 tom.hudson@betatechnology.co.uk

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### Life + Programme


Life+ Information and Communication

LIFE+ Information and Communication intends to ensure a regular and effective information flow to provide the basis for policy decisions on the environment, and to provide accessible information to citizens on the state and trends of the environment.

Deadline

**15 September 2009**

 013 0232 2633

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### Life + Programme


LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance

LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance - contributes to the development of innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments; the building up of the knowledge base regarding environmental policy and legislation.


Deadline

**15 September 2009**

 01302 322 633

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## Deadlines

### British Council

Lifelong learning: Comenius

Comenius targets schools and further education establishments and is now part of the Lifelong Learning Programme. Comenius In-service Training provides European in-service training for staff involved in school education and opportunities for trainee teachers. It also provides the opportunity to develop teaching resources. It may involve professional development courses, job shadowing or even a two week primary teachers project.

Deadline

**15 September 2009**

020 7389 4159

[comenius@britishcouncil.org](mailto:comenius@britishcouncil.org)

[www.britishcouncil.org/comenius.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius.htm)

### ECOTEC

Lifelong Learning: Grundtvig

The Grundtvig programme is a passport to partnerships and training opportunities for adult education organisations, teachers and learners and is part of the EC's Lifelong Learning Programme and aims to strengthen the European dimension in adult education and lifelong learning across Europe.

Deadline

**15 September 2009**

0845 199 1919

[grundtvig@ecotec.com](mailto:grundtvig@ecotec.com)

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

### Civic Trust Awards

Given to outstanding examples of architecture and environmental design and are unique in that they take into account the benefit each project brings to its local area as well as considering the quality of its design. No monetary value.

Deadline

**16 September 2009**

0151 231 6907

[awards@civictrust.org.uk](mailto:awards@civictrust.org.uk)

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

### Clore Duffield Foundation

Clore Performing Arts Awards

The Clore Duffield Performing Arts Award fund performing arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0-18) across the UK.

Deadline

**16 September 2009** (final deadline)

020 7351 6061

[cloreduffield@aol.com](mailto:cloreduffield@aol.com)

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

### NI Environment Agency

Natural Heritage Grants

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) administers the Natural Heritage Grant Programme (NHGP) to support projects in Northern Ireland that encourage the conservation and enhancement of key elements of the environment and its wildlife, and provide facilities which help as wide a range of people as possible to enjoy and appreciate our natural heritage.

Deadline

**16 September 2009**

028 9056 9610

[nhgrants@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:nhgrants@doeni.gov.uk)

[www.ehsni.gov.uk/natural/grant](http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/natural/grant)





## Deadlines


### Unltd

Unltd level 2 awards

Unltd is the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs which makes grants at two levels to individuals with ideas to improve their communities.

Deadline

**21 September 2009**

 028 9024 4007

 [ciarabrennan@unltd.org.uk](mailto:ciarabrennan@unltd.org.uk)


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

### Baxter International Foundation


The Baxter International Foundation funds initiatives that improve the access, quality and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. The foundation also works to increase the availability, commitment and skills of healthcare providers.

Deadline

**25 September 2009**

 028 9077 7800

 [fdninfo@baxter.com](mailto:fdninfo@baxter.com)

 [www.baxter.com/about\\_baxter/foundation](http://www.baxter.com/about_baxter/foundation)

### Department for International Development Development Awareness Fund


The Government's aim with this fund is to build support for development by generating greater levels of awareness and understanding of international development issues across different audiences and geographical regions within the UK.

Deadline

**25 September 2009** (Deadline for concept notes)

 0208 788 4672

 [daf@tripleline.com](mailto:daf@tripleline.com)

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

### Glaxosmithkline


GSK Impact Awards

The IMPACT awards give UK-registered charities the chance to win ten awards of £25,000, with one overall winner receiving an extra £10,000. In addition, ten highly commended organisations receive £5,000 and five runners up £3,000.

Deadline

**25 September 2009**

 [gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk](mailto:gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk)


 [www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards)

### Philip Lawrence Youth Awards


The Philip Lawrence Awards recognise outstanding achievements by groups of young people aged 11 to 20 who make a real contribution to their local community.

Deadline

**28 September 2009**

 020 7512 2100

 [philiplawrenceawards@4Children.org.uk](mailto:philiplawrenceawards@4Children.org.uk)

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


### Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation


Daiwa Grants Programmes


The Foundation awards grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional groups.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**

 020 7486 4348

 [grants@dajf.org.uk](mailto:grants@dajf.org.uk)

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





## Deadlines

### Thomas Wall Trust

The Trust has over the years made thousands of grants for the assistance, support and encouragement of individuals and organisations in the fields of education and social service in its broadest sense.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**

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


### Interreg IVA

Rural Programme Grants

The INTERREG IVA Programme is the Cross-Border Territorial Cooperation Programme for Northern Ireland, the Border Region and Western Scotland.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**

 028 9026 6660

 [info@seupb.eu](mailto:info@seupb.eu)

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

### Tesco Charity Trust


Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards


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


Deadline

**30 September 2009**

(Tesco Charity Trust - Elderly and disabilities)

 084 5612 3575

 [tescocommunityawards@ccworks.co.uk](mailto:tescocommunityawards@ccworks.co.uk)

 [www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate\\_responsibility\\_09/community/](http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/)


### Commonwealth Foundation

Commonwealth Foundation Responsive Grants

The Commonwealth Foundation makes grants to civil society organisations to enable people to participate in activities that involve intercultural exchange: such as short training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, cultural festivals, exchanges and study visits in other Commonwealth countries.

Deadline

**30 September 2009** (quarterly deadline)

 020 7930 3783

 [geninfo@commonwealth.int](mailto:geninfo@commonwealth.int)

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


### Big Lottery Fund


Big Deal Small Grants


The aim of The Big Deal is to encourage children and young people to become involved in participatory activities which enhance their personal and social development and to have the skills, knowledge and opportunities to make informed choices about their lives and demonstrate their positive contribution to family and community life.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**

 028 9033 1880

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

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

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## Deadlines

### Talk Talk

The 2009 TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards is the UK's only scheme to reward the amazing individuals who are using digital technology to benefit their local communities.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**



020 7282 2815



[www.talktalk.co.uk/digitalheroes](http://www.talktalk.co.uk/digitalheroes)

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### Jeans for Genes Grants

Jeans for Genes aims to raise money to fund care and support for children and families affected by genetic disorders.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**



020 7199 3307



[grantapplications@jeansforgenes.com](mailto:grantapplications@jeansforgenes.com)



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

### Heritage Lottery Fund

Repair Grants for Places of Worship

This programme is designed to help sustain and conserve heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship. The UK-wide scheme is delivered through four separate programmes in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**



028 9031 0120



[northernireland@hlf.org.uk](mailto:northernireland@hlf.org.uk)



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

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### Radcliffe Trust

The Radcliffe Trust provides small grants in support of Crafts and Music, particularly in the field of Classical music.

Deadline

**30 September 2009**

(Craft application deadline)



012 4266 3724



[radcliffe@thetrustpartnership.com](mailto:radcliffe@thetrustpartnership.com)




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





# 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>August</b>		
25	<b>Dealing with difficult people</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
26	<b>Managing community assets</b> Rural College, Derrynoid, Draperstown	Georgie Finlay ☎ 028 9087 7777
<b>September</b>		
1	<b>Problem solving and decision making</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
3	<b>Managing staff</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
7	<b>Should we end 'double-jobbing'?</b>	Cathy Breslin ☎ 028 9087 7777
8	<b>Gift Aid gold - how to get 28% extra</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
9	<b>Attitudes to poverty</b>	Cathy Breslin ☎ 028 9087 7777
10	<b>Running a charitable company</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
10	<b>Boys and young men as positive roles models in communities and families</b>	Cathy Breslin ☎ 028 9087 7777
15	<b>Conflict handling and negotiation</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
15	<b>Building community assets</b>	Georgie Finlay ☎ 028 9087 7777
16	<b>Transition committees</b>	Cathy Breslin ☎ 028 9087 7777
17	<b>E-campaigning and advocacy</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
22	<b>Strategic planning in the recession</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
29	<b>Managing stress in the workplace</b>	Roisin Kelly ☎ 028 9087 7777
30	<b>Update of Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2005</b> Lisburn Civic Centre	✉ deprivation.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk
<b>October</b>		
1, 8, 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</b>	Georgie Finlay ☎ 028 9087 7777



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