

NEWS for MEMBERS

Facilitation, training and support for community groups and organisations

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**Community
Change would
like to welcome
our new
members:**

- ◆ Age Concern,
Drumquin;
- ◆ Age Concern,
Trillick;
- ◆ Age Concern,
Park;
- ◆ Mount Derg
Community
Care Ltd;
- ◆ Trendsetters
Age Concern;
- ◆ Saint
Columcilles
Wednesday
Club.

North East Cluster Peace III Programmes

We are delighted that we will be delivering the below programmes as Lead Partner within the North East Cluster Action Plan:

Programme 5a: Community Dialogue & Exchange (Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady, Moyle)

Our partners within this programme are Ballymoney Community Resource Centre, Imeall Tra, Kilcranny House, Ledcom and North Antrim Community Network.

Programme 5b: Community Dialogue & Exchange (Ballymena & Larne)

Our partners within this programme are Imeall Tra, Kilcranny House, Ledcom and North Antrim Community Network.

Both programmes offer interested groups the opportunity of 1.1 support, training and mentoring as well as the opportunity of applying for a small resource allocation to run an event, undertake a project/visit/training etc during 2010.

Programme 10: Victims Capacity Building Programme (Throughout the 6 Council areas of the NE Cluster)

Our partners within this programme are Advantage Solutions, Glendinning Consultancy and Mentor.

If you would like any further information about any of these programmes log onto our web-site at www.communitychange-ni.org or ring Margaret on 028-90232587.



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Funding from Celtic Charity Fund



Community Change has received some funding from the Celtic Charity Fund to provide a small number of training opportunities and support throughout the year to groups and organisations working together to improve the lives of their communities. We will be delivering some workshops throughout the Autumn months from this funding pot. However if your group is working with others to improve qualities of lives in your/between community/ies then you may be eligible for a tailor-made session. Ring Margaret on 028-90232587 for more details.

Community Change offering New Partnership & Collaborative Working Workshop



This new workshop is suitable for groups who ...

- **Are facing financial pressures and finding it tough to remain sustainable;**
- **Know of other groups with whom they could work but don't know how to go about doing this in a 'safe' way for their organisation;**
- **Are feeling pressured to enter partnerships and collaborative working arrangements but aren't sure what this could entail and/or implications and response responsibilities connected with this;**
- **Are aware of a skills gap in their group and are finding it difficult to respond to meet that need.**

Partnership & Collaborative Working

Without a doubt there has been a strong push towards Partnership and Collaborative Working throughout the sector, across different Government departments and agencies, and by funders. Many community groups and organisations are either entering or considering entering a wide range of Partnership and Collaborative Working Arrangements.

Community Change has created a new workshop to explore the many different types of Partnership and Collaborative Working Arrangements. The workshop will offer the opportunity to unpick the jargon, explore benefits and risks and understand the legal implications and responsibilities.

The workshop uses participatory methods to take a straightforward, practical look at Partnership Working so groups and organisations can make informed decisions. It will provide groups with an opportunity to explore and understand the responsibilities and implications of this type of working before entering into this type of arrangement/s.

Venue	Date / Time	To register, contact
Community Change Offices, Unit 8a, Weavers Court Business Park, BELFAST	Wednesday 16th September 2009 7pm-9.30pm	Áine on 028-90232587 or e-mail aine.maguire@communitychange-ni.org
Community Change Offices, Unit 8a, Weavers Court Business Park, BELFAST	Wednesday 23rd September 2009 10am-12.30pm	Áine on 028-90232587 or e-mail aine.maguire@communitychange-ni.org

The cost for the workshop is as follows:

Community Change Member - £20.00
Non-Member / Community Organisation-£30.00
Statutory / Government Department-£40.00

In partnership with R.E.A.C.T, Armagh. Community Change is also offering the above course FREE of charge in:

REACT, 8 Victoria Street, ARMAGH	Wednesday 30th September 2009 7pm-9.30pm	Anne on 028-37526869 or e-mail anne_react@yahoo.co.uk
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Please note of you book a place on ANY of the above workshops and don't attend you will be charged a cancellation fee of £20.00 to cover administration and catering costs

Charity Commission for N.I Established

Northern Ireland has now got its own Charity Commission. Margaret Ritchie Minister for Social Development recently announced the newly appointed Charity Commissioners. The Commission will be led by Tom McGrath CBE as Chief Commissioner. Mr McGrath recently retired from his position as Head of Marsh Insurance Brokers and was also a former Chair of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

Paddy Sloan, who is Head of Children in Need in N.I. takes on the role of Deputy Chief Commissioner. The other Commissioners are Walter Rader, current Head of the Big Lottery in N.I, Angela Chada, an Executive Director of Springboard and Board member of Intercomm, Philip McDonagh an Economist at PWC and Paul Cavanagh of the WH&SSB and N.I. Committee of the Big Lottery.

Before the introduction of the new Charity Legislation in N.I, there was no local registration of Charities and only limited control of how Charities were run. Previously Charities had applied to HM Revenue & Customs for tax benefits and received a Charity reference number.

The new Charity Commission will establish a compulsory Charity register of all Charities operating in N.I. and will help Charities to show the valuable contribution they make to society. It will also let people see how Charities spend their money and allow Government to help Charities manage themselves better encouraging best practice. All of this is to ensure better supervision, control and support of Charities.

Once fully established the Charity Commission for N.I. will develop its own website and other communication methods. We will keep you informed as the Commission becomes more established.

New Social Enterprise Programme

If your organisation is a social enterprise or you are thinking about setting up a social enterprise the Invest NI Social Entrepreneurship Programme (SEP) can help your organisation develop. The new SEP programme is now open for applications. Places on the programme are limited so if interested act now.

For more information you can contact Audrey Murray, Programme Manager on 028-28269973 or e-mail audreymurray@ledcomwbp.org



This years Rural Community Network Annual Conference will focus on 'A Changing Sector in Challenging Times'.

The event will take place in:

The Millbrook Lodge Hotel
5 Drumaness Road
BALLYNAHINCH
On 25 September 2009

For more information log onto www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org or to register contact info@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or telephone 028-86766670

Policy Update

The Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Bill passed through its Third Reading in the House of Parliament on Tuesday 14th July 2009. It therefore received Royal Assent on 21st July 2009 so The Bill has now moved to become an Act of Parliament.

Key areas of the Bill

- ◆ Allows for certain functions to be transferred from HM Revenue & Customs to officials of the recently created UK Border Agency. The customs role of the UK Border Agency will focus on border-related matters, while HM Revenue & Customs will retain responsibility for revenue and customs function inland;
- ◆ Implements the Government's proposals for a new 'path to citizenship' by amending provisions of the British Nationality Act 1981 relating to naturalization as a British citizen. Other amendments relate to the children of foreign and Commonwealth members of the armed forces and to the registration as British citizens of children born abroad to British mothers before 7 February 1961;
- ◆ Introduces powers to control all those arriving in the UK from another part of the Common Travel Area. Other changes relate to restrictions on studying in the UK, powers to take fingerprints, and detention ports in Scotland;
- ◆ Allows judicial review applications in immigration and nationality cases to be heard by the new Upper Tribunal instead of the High Court;
- ◆ Introduces a new duty on the UK Border Agency to safe the welfare of children.

A further draft Immigration Bill, implementing the rest of the Government's proposals, is expected in the Autumn.

You can find out on the following web-sites information on The Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/borderscitizenshipandimmigration.html>.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmbills/115/2009115.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp2009/rp09-047.pdf>



'Did you Know?'

- ◆ The N.I Ambulance Service is currently engaged in a 12 week consultation period on proposed Efficiency Savings and Comprehensive Spending Review Investment including Equality Impact Assessment. The final report and EQIA is available at www.niamb.co.uk or request a hardy copy by e-mailing michelle.lemon@nias.hscni.net
- ◆ 47 million printer cartridges are used each year, 90% can be recycled so find a way to recycle yours;
- ◆ The University of the Third Age is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full-time employment and provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. The U3A approach to learning is learning for pleasure. For more information contact Neil or Kathy on 028-38392777;
- ◆ The Adapt Eating Distress Association has recently launched its new youth web-site which includes online support via a chat facility. Visit the web-site on www.adapteatingdistress.com
- ◆ Community Change facilitates discussions, planning, away days etc throughout N.I. Tailor making sessions to each groups individual needs

