

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:

- Community Relations Forum
- Orana Children and Family Group
- Neuro Diversity Training
- Womens Information Group
- Men United
- Bready Ulster Scots
- The Villages Together
- Ulster Scots Trust
- Ardoyne Association
- Co Monaghan Community Network

Community Change AGM & Conference

The AGM and Conference took place on Friday 29th January 2010 in The Antrim Civic Centre. The day was a great success with over 30 delegates and two workshops to choose from. Thanks to everyone involved in presenting, attending and/or organising the conference.

Current Board

The following were elected as Community Change Board members at the Community Change AGM:

Maurice McNicholl, Linda Rogers (Rural Community Network) Sheila McWilliams (Roe Valley Women's Network), Charmain Jones (REACT), Patricia Brennan (LEDKOM), James Moore (Charity Bank), Anne McKinley (Community Focus Learning), Alan Houston (East Belfast Community Development Agency)



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Storytelling Events in the NE Cluster Area

There is a time for everything and for everyone to get their experiences heard. This is especially true for victims and survivors of 'the troubles' within Northern Ireland. Below is events that is offering people the opportunity to hear about the following two projects that could assist them Tell it as it is and has been for them on:

**Tuesday 16th February 2010
in Highways Hotel, Larne**

**&
Tuesday 23rd February 2010
in Radisson Roe Hotel, Limavady**

Present will be:

Healing Through Remembering

who offer opportunities to have conversations and discussions on issues related to the conflict in and about Northern Ireland

and

Towards Understanding and Healing

who are funded to offer opportunities for people to share their stories in a safe environment using either storytelling or focused conversations

Both events will run from 5.30 pm (finger buffet) - 7.30 pm (approx)

To register for either of these events please contact:

Anne on 028 9023 2587 or email to anne.mckenna@communitychange-ni.org

There is no charge for these events.

Full Days Procurement and Tendering Training

The grant culture which has dominated for so long in the voluntary and community sector is changing to a landscape of Procurement and Tendering. This new landscape is a very different environment for the sector to operate within. It has a completely different culture, language and practices which the sector must adjust to if they are to engage within this changing landscape.

This workshop will take a practical look at the implications for any group/community organisations starting to explore the concepts of engaging within this “new” environment. It will provide the opportunity to explore current good practice both with regard to drafting a Terms of Reference for a tender assignment and understanding what makes a good bid.

This workshop is suitable for anyone who may be involved in writing, completing, pulling together a tender application or Terms of Reference. It will be interactive and participatory. The workshop should benefit your organisation by increasing your chances of being successful with a competitive bid or tender.

Venue	Date / Time	To register, contact
The Damask Room, Executive Training Suites, Weavers Court Business Park, BELFAST	Wednesday 3rd March 2010 10.00am-4.00pm	Phillip on 028 9023 2587 or e-mail phillip.rankin@communitychange-ni.org
Ballybot House 28 Cornmarket, NEWRY In partnership with Confederation of Community Groups	Tuesday 9th March 2010 10.00am-4.00pm	Phillip on 028 9023 2587 or e-mail phillip.rankin@communitychange-ni.org
City Hotel, Queens Quay, DERRY In partnership with North West Community Network	Tuesday 25th March 2010 10.00am-4.00pm	Phillip on 028 9023 2587 or e-mail phillip.rankin@communitychange-ni.org

Cost: £30.00 for members

£40.00 for non-members from community/voluntary groups

£60.00 for Government/Statutory Departments

There will be a cancellation fee for non-attendance

Introduction to Partnership Working - Armagh

This workshop will use participatory methods to take a straightforward look at Partnership and Collaborative Working, providing clarity around the language and terminologies used within this area of work. It will also enable groups to understand the potential benefits and risks of a wide range of partnering arrangements. The workshop includes exploring a suggested process for identifying potentially suitable partners and how to develop sustainable working arrangements

Tuesday 23rd March 2010, Armagh 7.30 – 9.30 pm
(in partnership with R.E.A.C.T)

Cost: This training is provided free (Administration fee of £10.00 for non attendance)

To book a place for this training event contact Phillip at 028 9023 2587 or e-mail phillip.rankin@communitychange-ni.org

'Did you know?'

- There is a free training opportunity for community organisations working directly with men in the Southern area and interested in increasing the levels of physical activity and promoting a healthy diet amongst men in their local community. Training will be facilitated by Ulster Cancer Foundation and will take place over two half days. For more information contact Julie Connolly on 028 37 414409 or e-mail julie.connolly@hscni.net
- Orchardville Business Centre is the first social enterprise in Belfast to offer commercial quality digital print. For more information on the work or services that they offer or to receive a price guide contact Michael Walker on 028 9046 1561 or e-mail michael.walker@orchardville.com
- Community Change offer facilitation, training and support to community groups and organisations throughout NI and on a wide range of topics. If you would like to know what we could do for your group/organisation contact our Director Margaret on 028 9023 2587 or e-mail margaret.ferguson@communitychange-ni.org
- Women into Business has been launched for 2010 and you can register for free to receive information and details of a range of support that is available. Its simple to register and this programme will provide you with support and encouragement if you're seeking work, a new job or if you would like to start up your own business. For further information log onto www.womenintobusinessni.com or telephone 028 90 22 4006
- The Women's Caring Trust is now open for new applications under Bridge Building Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000. The Trust is looking for projects which aim to build bridges between communities through creative activities such as music, dance, drama or the arts. They will also consider collaborative activities such as hiking, mountaineering or orienteering. The grant round has been open from 1st January 2010 and the deadline for submissions is 28th February 2010. Successful applications will be notified by the end of March. For more information contact Sandra Faulkner at VSB on 028 9020 0850 or e-mail sandra@vsb.org.uk
- There is a Handyvan service available in NI this is available to older people and is a free fitting of home security and minor repairs such as installing smoke alarms, door chains, window locks, changing light bulbs, fixing loose curtain rails etc. For more information telephone 0808 808 7575;
- The Bill of Rights for NI is out for consultation. For more information go to www.billofrightsni.org and ensure you let your thoughts regarding the bill be known. After all it is a Bill of Rights for everyone in NI;
- Community Change have a training room available which seats up to 12 people comfortably. It is a competitive rate with free on-site parking. If you would like to book you can contact us on 028 9023 2587;



'Getting to know you?'



EGSA - the Educational Guidance Service for Adults - is a local, independent, not-for-profit service that aims to connect adults with learning.

EGSA has a network of local offices across Northern Ireland through which it provides services to adult learners, learning advisers, course providers, employers and anyone interested in improving access to learning for adults. Our information, advice and guidance services are free to individuals, confidential and can be delivered individually face to face, over the phone or by e-mail. Guidance can also be delivered to groups of learners or other people interested in learning.

If you are thinking about returning to learn, EGSA can give advice on accredited courses such as GCSEs, HNDs and NVQs, a wide range of leisure learning opportunities and open and distance learning courses where most study is carried out at home. EGSA advisers can help you decide on a learning path which takes into account your lifestyle, income and work and family commitments.

EGSA also provides Essential Skills support to people who are interested in brushing up their reading, writing or maths skills and can give advice and help to find a course that suits your needs.

To find out more, call the Learners Line on 0845 602 6632 or visit our website www.connect2learn.org.uk. To keep up to date, sign up to EGSA's E-briefing by visiting our website

EGSA's other services include the delivery of workshops, seminars and events throughout the year. Many of these activities are free to individuals, careers advisers and those who work with adult learners.

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