

NEWS for MEMBERS

Facilitation, training and support for community groups and organisations

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We at Community Change would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year!

We would like to welcome our new members:

- Armagh Bands Forum;
- St Anthony's P.T.A.;
- The Peace Factory;
- Magillgan Community Association;

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Keady and District Community Initiatives who won the £25.00 Tesco voucher for completing our 2008 membership survey.



We wish them all the best and thank them for completing the survey. We do take on board the feed back groups give us in our surveys and it effects our planning for the future.

Membership Survey

We are currently sending out our second round of membership surveys and many of you will receive it with this Newsheet . As stated previously we do value our members views and want to hear from you regarding your needs and the Community Change services. If you don't tell us we can't plan more effectively.

We have enclosed a stamped addressed envelope with the survey so members incur no cost in responding. Please support us by taking 5 minutes to complete this survey and returning it to us a.s.a.p. This will also allow us to update our contact details database to ensure the information we send gets to the correct person within your group.

New Board Member

At the Community Change AGM this year it was highlighted that there was still a few places on our Management Board and we are delighted that Michael McGoldrick from First Steps Women's Centre in Dungannon expressed an interest in joining our Board.

Michael's 11 years working in the community/voluntary sector started with a secondment as Team Leader from the Civil Service to the Prince's Trust Team in Portadown in 1998. After a successful 12 month secondment, Michael was awarded UK Team Leader of the year. Since that he has worked in several projects in the Portadown, Craigavon, Lurgan, and Dungannon area ranging from working with young people, a health trust and to his current position of manager with First Steps Women's Centre.

ATTENTION

Free training available

Basic Introduction to Financial Sustainability

This session will take a simple grass roots look at financial sustainability for community groups and organisations. It will explore issues and opportunities surrounding financial sustainability. It will be an inter-active practical session with time for discussion etc.

Venue	Date / Time	To register, contact
Community Change Offices Weavers Court, Belfast	Mon 19th Jan 10am-12.30pm	Áine Maguire on 028 90-232587 Aine.Maguire@communitychange-ni.org
Clinton Centre Enniskillen	Wed 4th Feb 7pm-9.30pm	Frances in Fermanagh RCN on 028 66-27006
Keady & District Community Initiatives, Co. Armagh	Tue 24th Feb 10am-12.30pm	Emma Gribben on 028 37- 539928
Rural College Draperstown	Tue 3rd March 7pm-9pm	Kate Ryder on 028 79-629100

Please note if you book a place on any of the workshops and don't attend you will be charged a cancellation fee of £20 to cover administration and catering costs

These workshops are funded by Lloyds TSB



Full Cost Recovery

This workshop will give a grass roots plain english overview of Full Cost Recovery and what is meant by that term. It will explore how groups and organisations can calculate the actual costs of delivering their services/activities etc. This will ensure that when applying for funding or entering into Service Level Agreements the costings used are real and include running costs.

Participants will get the opportunity to 'try out' a template to calculate full costs and all participants will receive a copy of that template for use with their own group / organisation

Venue	Date / Time	To register contact
Community Change Offices Weavers Court, Belfast	Wed 14th Jan 10.30am-12.30pm or Thurs 22nd Jan 7pm-9pm	Áine on 028 90-232587 Aine.Maguire@communitychange-ni.org
Clinton Centre Enniskillen	Wed 11th Feb 7pm-9pm	Frances in Fermanagh RCN on 028 66-327006
North West Volunteer Centre, Derry	Thurs 19th Feb 11am-1pm	Jacqueline Garvin on 028 71-271017
Keady & District Community Initiatives, Co. Armagh	Tue 3rd March 10am-12.30pm	Emma Gribben on 028 37-539928
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'Getting to know you'

Keady Initiatives

Making Keady Work

KDCI was formed in 1986 by a small group of local business people and community activists. Over the last 20 years Keady & District Community Initiatives have secured over 3 million pounds funding and with this money they have been able to create jobs and make social and environmental developments within the area. They have a full-time Development Officer employed within the community office who offers advice.

Keady & District Community Initiatives have established a number of groups in the Keady area including, Residents Groups, Keady Older & Bolder Club, Keady Arty, Keady Unattached Youth Group, to name but a few. They have been working tirelessly with all disadvantaged groups in the community to integrate them more fully into community life and improve their quality of life.

For more information contact:

Keady & District Community Initiatives Ltd

Unit 3 - The Old Mill - Keady - Co. Armagh

Tel: (028) 37-53 9928 - info@keadyinitiatives.com

Did you know?

- ◆ The Womens Information Group is providing training on 'Funding and Fundraising' free of charge to women's groups / organisations on the 28th Jan 2009. For more information or to book a place contact them on 028 90-244119;
- ◆ Community Change still has two vacancies on our Board. If you would be interested please contact Margaret on 028 90-232587 to discuss further;
- ◆ A Legislative Framework for Mental Capacity And Mental Health Legislation in NI has been issued for consultation in response to the Bamford Review. A consultative questionnaire can be found on www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

