

# NEWS for MEMBERS



Facilitation, training and support for community groups and organisations

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**Remember Community Change membership is FREE, why not sign up and you will receive:**

- Bi-monthly newsheets
- Community Change publications
- Access to resources
- Reduced rates at conferences and events

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## Combined AGM & Coffee Morning

Thursday 25th November 2010  
In Community Change Offices

10.00am—10.30am: AGM Business

10.30am—12.30pm: Coffee Morning

Community Change have opted for something 'slightly different' this year. We are holding an AGM and a Macmillan Coffee Support Morning.



It's a chance for our members to visit our offices and be able to participate in networking opportunities. You could use this as an opportunity to get some Christmas Shopping in as we have free on-site car parking we are located behind the Europa Bus / Train Station and just a five minute walk from the City Centre.

Please come along to our event.

**It will be an AGM with a difference!**

If you would like to register contact Áine on 028 9023 2587 or e-mail [aine.maguire@communitychange-ni.org](mailto:aine.maguire@communitychange-ni.org)

**The Coffee Morning is sponsored by  
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## COMPANIES HOUSE INFORMATION

Some useful information from a recent Companies House information session held in Belfast in September 2010.

Companies House are striving to encourage all companies in Northern Ireland (which is just over 30,000) to move over to "E" filing.

The fee for web-filing your annual return will be reduced to £15 as opposed to £30 if you file it in hard copy.

Companies House are putting the onus on to Companies to get in their documents on time. Directors of the Company are responsible for the Company NOT THE ADVISORS.

HMRC and Companies House are working on developing a link to each other as the information is usual to both agencies and will save Companies filing information twice.

Companies House will now challenge similar names being sought for new Companies e.g. "Community Change NI" could be challenged because "Community Change" is already listed as a company.

Companies House has moved and is now located in The Linenhall in Linenhall Street, Belfast.

For any changes that are made to a groups Memorandum and Articles of Association the resolution and fully revised articles must be filed at Companies House within 15 days of the resolution. A penalty fee of £200 is charged if this requirement is not met.

The Home page of ANY Companies websites must include the following:-

- Company name
- Place of registration
- Registration number
- Registered office



Companies House recommend that Companies note return dates in diaries as the late penalty fees has dramatically increased. They stress that communication is the key to avoid penalties. Let them know if deadlines cannot be met and they will do all they can to help.

A surprising statistic from Companies House is that late filing penalties totalled £111m last year. Only £3m of these go into the administration of the Companies House the other £108m goes to Government Treasury.

Companies House is not currently mandating e-filing at this time unlike HMRC which has made it compulsory to file online.

Further information on any of the above can be found on Companies House website at [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk) or by telephoning them on 0303 1234 500.

## 'Did you know?'

- Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium, Sharing The Urban Agenda and Forum For Alternative Belfast are organising a morning workshop about future planning developments in North Belfast on Friday 12th November from 9.00am to 12noon in Clifton House. The workshop is particularly aimed at community activists and public representatives in interface areas. Places are limited. To register contact Jessica Blomkvist on 028 9035 2165 Email: [jessica.blomkvist@bcrc.eu](mailto:jessica.blomkvist@bcrc.eu)
- Community Change has a large, airy, bright training room available which seats up to 12 people comfortably. It is a competitive rate with free on-site parking, catering can be arranged. If you would like to book you can contact us on 028 9023 2587
- Citizens Advice has launched a series of "Dealing with Debt Self Help Factsheets." They can be downloaded from [www.citizensadvice.co.uk/en/Publications/Money-Advice/Self-Help-Material/](http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/en/Publications/Money-Advice/Self-Help-Material/)
- Law Centre (NI) has published a Redundancy Toolkit which will ensure voluntary sector advisers are equipped to provide effective and appropriate help to people facing redundancy in Northern Ireland. It can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/aVC6E8>
- A new Patient and Client Council website has been launched. [www.patientclientcouncil.hscni.net](http://www.patientclientcouncil.hscni.net) Their vision is for a health and social care service where the voice of patients, clients, carers and communities is heard and acted upon. You can find them on Facebook as well
- Recycled plastic milk cartons are used as fibres within many of the "fleeced jackets we all wear"
- 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 90232587
- Rural Community Network's AGM and Annual Conference will take place on Friday 3rd December 2010. Further details are available from their website
- That an amendment to relevant legislation means that you are no longer required to keep the certificate of insurance for a minimum of forty years or display it either as long as your employees are made aware of it



## 'Getting to know you?'

# RAVENLINK RESIDENTS GROUP

### Who we are:

Ravenlink Residents' Group, formerly, Ravenlink Women's Group, was formed in March 2009. The starting up of the group came about because some local women believed there was not enough representation in their community at grass root level.

Shortly after being formed the group received The Good Relations Award and thanks to funding held a multicultural festival in the community.

The group changed their name to the Ravenlink Residents' Group in March 2010 to show they represent the whole of their community. They are now well established and have strong connections with appropriate statutory bodies enabling the community's voices to be heard.

The group, with the aid of Community Change facilitation, has explored and established a longer term focus after agreeing aims and objectives. The management committee participated in committee skills training with Community Change and as a group have found this invaluable.

The group deal mostly with problems in their own community but have been involved in a wide range of activities. These include a presentation for Supporting Communities Northern Ireland, Housing Executive and other community groups which took place in the Glenavon Hotel.

This year saw the launch of Ravenlink Festival in conjunction with Beyond Skin through Belfast East Peace III initiative. The group have also branched on to Neighbourhood Watch and now work closely with PSNI and other statutory bodies. The group although small will continue to work to provide support in their community.

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