

NEWS for MEMBERS

Facilitation, training and support for community groups and organisations

November 2009



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Community Change would like to welcome our new members:

- Roe Valley Rural Community Transport
- Limavady Community Development Initiative
- Burnfoot Community Association
- Dromboughil Community Association
- Feeny Community Association Ltd
- Roe Valley 55+ Activity Club
- Limavady Volunteer Centre
- The Oaks Group

Job Vacancies in Community Change

Facilitation & Training Officer (17.5 Hours)

NJC Salary scale £22,001 - £24,473 (pro-rata) - Funded until September 2010

The post focus is delivery of support, facilitation and workshops to community groups within Community Change North East and South West PEACE III programmes.

Strategic and Organisational Development Officer (35 hours)

NJC Salary scale £27,573 - £29,714 - Funded until March 2011

This post has an important strategic development role within Community Change including income generation.

Register of Associate Facilitators

We wish to recruit Associate Facilitators to provide facilitation, training and support in a range of specialisms when required.

For more information or an application pack contact Anne McKenna on 028 90 232587 or e-mail anne.mckenna@communitychange-ni.org

You can also download an application pack for any of the above by visiting our web-site on www.communitychange-ni.org

Date for your 2010 diary.....

Community Change AGM & Conference
'Connecting with RPA & The Charity Commission'

On Friday 29th January 2010
At 9.45am-1.30pm
In Antrim Civic Centre

Community Change Board and Staff wish Jan Melia who recently left Community Change all the best for the future.

Get this date in your diary now.....

Community Change AGM and Conference

“Connecting with RPA and The Charity Commission”

When: Friday 29th January 2010

Where: Antrim Civic Centre

Time: 9.45am – 1.30pm

Followed by lunch

This year's joint Community Change AGM and Conference will give groups and organisations an opportunity to focus on how RPA and The Charity Commission will affect them on a very practical basis. It will assist groups in understanding the changes, developing connections and exploring new ways of day to day working.

We have developed the conference format in such a way that participants explore the developments using a two tier approach. The first tier will outline the changes either RPA or The Charity Commission will bring. The second tier of this workshop will then reflect on how these changes play out / connect in the life of grass roots community groups and organisations.

OPTION ONE – Connecting with RPA and followed by how it affects you

This option will provide opportunity to reflect on upcoming transitions within the Review of Public Administration. The workshop following will be an opportunity to consider the impact of these transitions and on Partnership Working as a response to these changes.

OPTION TWO – Connecting with The Charity Commission and followed by how it affects you

This second option will update on the changes relating to The Charity Commission, followed by a workshop connecting this to the governance of organisations in the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Both options, as with all Community Change sessions, will use participative group work to build on the experience and expertise of participants. It will connect the changes with practical implications of these developments to work on the ground.

Conference cost

As both options may be of interest to groups we are offering a reduced rate for two attendees from the same group/organisation

£25.00 - Including lunch for one delegate
£40.00 for two delegates from the same organisation

PLEASE NOTE: If you book a place on the above and don't attend you will be charged a cancellation fee of £20.00 to cover administration and catering costs

'Did you know?'

- From October 2009 Companies Registry NI will be integrated with Companies House and will be known as Companies House, Belfast. There are a new set of company forms that are available for downloading if you log onto <http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk>;
- You have until the 7th January to respond to the consultation on establishing an Older Peoples Commissioner for N.I. whose role would be to ensure that older peoples rights are heard, respected and fulfilled;
- If you are a Charitable Company and wish to communicate with members by e-mail you now need formal permission for use of e-mail given in hand-writing and signed by the group you wish to communicate with;
- The Nationwide Foundation has a small grants programme

The Small Grants Programme offers grants of up to £5000 to registered UK charities with incomes of under £500,000 which offer financial and / or housing related support to:

- survivors of domestic abuse;
- older people who are one of the following: aged 70 years and over, aged 50 years and over who have dementia, aged 50 years and over from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Groups, aged 50 years and over who are carers for family members or partners who are also 50 years or older, aged 50 years and over who have experienced or are experiencing financial abuse and aged 50 years and over who are rurally isolated;

Those charities who fit the above should log onto www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk for more information;

- If you are a Charitable Company you need to keep a membership register which is renewed on a yearly basis showing:
 - the name and address of every company member, date of becoming a member and date of ceasing to be a member;
 - be in alphabetical order if your organisation has more than 50 members, if not there must be an alphabetical index included;
 - be renewable and have clear guidelines regarding when membership ceases send a renewing membership letter, follow up with a reminder and if no return follow up with 'no longer a member' letter;
- The average employee generates 1 tonne of waste paper per year that's 100 black bin bags each!
- Community Places recently launched the Community Places' Community Planning Information Pack. The pack provides information to the community and voluntary sector on the implementation of the Review of Public Administration, including the new council structures and the introduction of Community Planning at local government level. If you would like more information on the project or a copy of the pack, please contact Annie Clarke on 028 90239444 or e-mail



'Getting to know you?'



Carew II Family & Training Centre is a community based organisation owned and managed by the Newtownards Road Women's Group Ltd and is based in Inner East Belfast. The NRWG Ltd has developed into a professional management group whose vision and creativity promoted and financed a purpose built Centre with its full range of facilities for use by the local community.

Carew II offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere to anyone from within the local community of Inner East Belfast who is keen to volunteer, learn new skills, update their knowledge base or just build their confidence by engaging in community activities.

They provide high quality childcare services in the form of a playgroup, a pre-school, crèche, toddler group, after school club, specific youth projects and various holiday schemes. They work very closely within our community providing various inter-generational cross community projects, 'celebrating difference' activities and multi-cultural programmes including ESOL classes and bi-lingual 'welcome' and information packs.

They are partners in a cross community cross border project called the WIN project. This exciting programme will provide a mechanism for local women from the three areas to develop their skills in Community Development and Reconciliation. These women will be taking part in a comprehensive tailor made 'women in leadership' training programme with a high level of accreditation.

We were recently successful in securing funding from the Big Lottery Fund for a Health programme called CHOICE (Can Healthier Options Improve Community Engagement).

The CHOICE project will develop programmes with a health and wellbeing focus which aims to engage the community in a personal health awareness programme. There will be a component of the project which will target the younger person, specifically to address the high percentage of obesity, smoking and alcohol abuse in this age group and to promote a healthier lifestyle within the family networks.

The project will promote self esteem, respect and dignity for all involved by inclusiveness and equity of opportunity and create social networks for many people within this locality. We anticipate that community champions will emerge from this project to take the health message forward within the Community.

If you would like more information on Carew II Family & Training Centre or any of our projects please do not hesitate to contact Heather McMurray, Operations Manager, Carew II Family & Training Centre, 15 Tamar Street, Belfast BT4 1HS. Tel 02890 451730 or heather_opmanager@hotmail.com