

NACN'S BULLETIN BOARD

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Maximising Access to and Uptake of Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas.

The Public Health Agency (PHA) and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) has recently launched the “Maximising Access to and Uptake of Services, Grants and Benefits in Rural Areas Project”. This project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people in rural areas who are living in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

The project will target 4200 households in defined rural areas across Northern Ireland and will support householders in accessing a range of services, grants and benefits. **The following local areas are being targeted Carnlough, Glenariff , Glennann,Glendun, Armoy, Mosside, Moyarget,Ballylough, Bushmills, Carnmoon, Dunseverick, Ballyhoe Corkey, Benvardin and Garvagh in the Boroughs of Larne, Moyle, Ballymoney and Coleraine.**

If you reside in the above area and are from one of the target groups (older person, carer, disabled person, lone parent, ethnic minority, lone adult, a farming family or a low income family) you may be eligible to participate in the project.

**If you or someone you know is interested in taking part in this project please contact:
North Antrim Community Network Tel: 028 21772100**

ART AND OLDER PEOPLE FUNDING PROGRAMME

The programme offers funding to community groups, voluntary groups and arts organisations that want to work with older people in Northern Ireland. The programme aims to develop arts projects on related social issues such as poverty, isolation and loneliness.

The voice of older people should be at the heart of these projects. Innovative, community-led activities focusing on issues identified by older people can be based on any art form, from painting, crafts and filmmaking, to poetry, storytelling, music, carnival, song and dance. The programme can fund up to 100% of project costs.

Organisations can apply for awards from £500 to £50,000.

The Arts and Older People Programme is an initiative of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland in partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies. **All application forms and guidance notes are available to download at www.artscouncil-ni.org**

SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION TRAINING

Courses are FREE to anyone working across the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Area

SEXUAL HEALTH UPDATE TRAINING ½ day training

Sexual health update training will consider methods of contraception, sexually transmitted infections and working with young people. There will be input from the Family Planning Service and Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM). This is the same course that ran during 2008.

Target group: Those working with young people and others who wish to update their knowledge around these areas.

Date: **Wednesday 22nd September 2010**

Venue: Ballymena North

Times: Registration from 9.45. Course begins at 10am until 1pm

HIV/AIDS TRAINING ½ day training

HIV/AIDS training leading up to World AIDS Day 1st December. This session will explore HIV and will cover the following: increasing understanding of HIV/AIDS, preventing transmission of the virus, management of infection and providing information on local support.

Target group: Staff, Community, Voluntary Organisations

Dates & Venue: **Wednesday 24th November 2010**, Boardroom, Holywell

Tuesday 30th November 2010, Seminar Room 2, MDEC,
Coleraine Hospital

Times: Registration from 9.45. Course begins at 10am until 1pm

TALKING TEENAGERS 1 day training

Talking Teenagers training covers listening and communication skills relating to risk taking behaviour such as sexual health, drugs, alcohol, mental health and smoking. A free CD of the resource pack is given to those attending the full day.

Target group: Those working with the parents of teenagers

Dates & Venues: **Thursday 30th September 2010** Parish Centre, Ballymena

Thursday 24th February 2011 Tweed Room, Ballymoney

Times: Registration from 9.45. Course begins at 10am until 4pm

KASH (Kids, Alcohol and Sexual Health) 1 day training

This training will consider the links between sexual health and alcohol providing practical activities for use with young people.

Target group: Those working with young people

Dates: **Thursday 7th October 2010**

Thursday 3rd February 2011

Venue: TBC

Times: Registration from 9.45. Course begins at 10am until 4pm

BOUNCE 1 day training

Developing resilience in young people using practical activities linked to theory.

Target group: Those working with young people including NHSCT Staff, other Statutory Organisations, Community and Voluntary organisations

Dates and venues: **Tuesday 9th November 2010** Parish Centre, Ballymena

Times: Registration from 9.45. Course begins at 10am until 4pm

SEXeLEARNING

Sexelearning is an online resource which offers a variety of learning tools to support a range of professionals who are working with young people under the age of 25. To use this resource you can visit www.sexelearning.org.uk and register to get a username and password. The website comprises 3 areas:

1. LEARN – 6 ELearning modules taking lecturers 6-8 hours to complete. Modules include: Introduction to sexual health and sexuality, getting to know you, talking about sex, sexual development and growth, sexual health: a public health issue, the legal framework.
2. Share – discussion rooms
3. Support – additional resources including references, sexual health research and useful organisations.

There is NO cost to access this website and a certificate of completion can be printed off after completing the course.

Sexelearning has been produced and is updated by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust.

For further details regarding courses contact: Janice Armstrong Senior Health Promotion Officer (Sexual Health) 028 256 36600

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

DoE Consultation meetings on the review of operator licensing which are scheduled to take place during week commencing 2nd August. Please share your concerns on the potential impact this review will have on volunteering within the third sector.

Some of the proposed plans set out in the ‘**consultation paper on the future of bus operator licensing in NI**’ are expected to **create massive problems** for volunteers and the Voluntary and Community sector. The worst element is the devastating effect the new tiered license will have

on the cost to upgrade volunteer driving licenses to commercial and the decentralisation of community resources.

Any volunteer or paid member of staff, who previously completed MiDAS training and who hired a Community Transport vehicle driving on behalf of their organisation, will now have to complete a full Category D1 commercial driving licence to drive a CT vehicle if the proposed plan to introduce a three tier model goes ahead. This will cost in the region of £250 per person to complete the process of applications, medicals, provisional licensing and testing. This doesn't allow for the costs of driver training which at best will be in the region of £350 per person.

There will also need to be periodic training, 35 hours every 5 years to maintain this licence. Can your group afford to do this the next time you want to hire a Community Transport vehicle? If not, then you need to speak out and let your voice be heard during this consultation process.

The related costs of hiring a Community Transport Minibus with paid driver will also increase due to the cost of training all of the CT drivers to D1 standard and maintaining their periodic training. This cost will need to be reflected in the non profit charges and will result in increased hourly and mileage rates for members when hiring the vehicles.

We would urge as many people / groups as possible to attend the public meetings and to send a response into the DOE outlining concerns for the unintended consequences of the proposed measures on volunteer transport services. To download a copy of the consultation report–
www.doeni.gov.uk/index/information/foi/recent-releases/publications-details.htm?docid=7605
Closing date for responses are **24 August 2010**.

Please take this opportunity to forward these concerns on to your member groups and encourage them to make a response.

Please contact your local Community Transport Operator (www.communitytransport-ni.com/operators.php)

Helen McIlwaine Road Safety Policy Branch Email: Helen.McIlwaine@doeni.gov.uk
Telephone: 028 90 540 918 Text Phone: 029 90 540 642

SPORT MATTERS

Sport Matters: Capital and Equipment Programme

Sport Matters is a new grants programme managed and administered by Sport Northern Ireland. Applications are open to: Sports Clubs; Community and Voluntary Organisations; Governing Bodies of Sport; and Charities.

Grants range from £1,000-£30,000.

Sport Matters provides an opportunity for eligible organisations to apply for funding for **sports equipment** and **minor capital works**.

For further details regarding courses contact: Joe Donnelly Tel: 028 9038 1222 Email: info@sportni.net

GROCCERS CHARITY

The Groccers Charity has wide charitable aims. The majority goes on internal scholarships etc known to the Trust however the rest is devoted to general charitable purposes. Grants average in the low thousands. Each year the majority of its annual expenditure is committed in the field of education, by way of internal scholarships and bursaries at schools and colleges with which the Groccers' Company has historic links. The balance is spread across several areas of interest with emphasis usually given to the first two categories of:

- the relief of poverty (including youth) - £90,532
- disability - £239,040
- the arts - £69,265
- heritage - £48,865
- and the elderly - £11,009

Grant-making policy is reviewed periodically, which may result in different categories attracting a greater level of support.

Donations are made by way of a single payment and are of a non-recurring nature (although occasionally a commitment to fund a project for a limited period will be agreed).

How to Apply

The Groccers' Charity does not issue an application form. Applications should be made in writing on the registered charity's official headed notepaper, and should include full details of the project or projects referred to in the application. It should be sent to The Charity Administrator.

Applications, which may be submitted at any time of the year. The Charity's financial year runs from 1st August to 31st July, and applications are considered at meetings held four times during that period – November (September), January (November), April (February) and June (May).

Quarterly deadline 1 September 2010

Contact details:

Miss Anne Blanchard The Charity Administrator t: 020 7606 3113 f: 020 7600 3082

e: anne@groccershall.co.uk w: www.groccershall.co.uk

HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND

The main areas of funding for the Hilden Charitable Fund are: homelessness (particularly amongst the young); minorities and race relations; penal affairs; overseas countries and summer play schemes.

Hilden provides a summer play scheme funding programme. Applications from organisations working with refugees and minority ethnic groups are given priority. Grants for the scheme rarely exceed £1,000. Applicants for this programme should request a Summer Play scheme Form .

Preference is given to charities with an income of less than £200,000 per year.

Priorities given to different types of work within the main categories may change from time to time, as dictated by circumstances. Capital or revenue grants rarely exceed £5,000.

How to Apply

All applicants to the Fund are requested to complete an application form outlining their request for funds, and their legal and financial status. Without this accompanying form all applications are regarded as enquiries.

Exclusions

Grants are not normally made for well established causes or to individuals, and overseas grants concentrate on development aid in preference to disaster relief. The Hilden Charitable Fund does not give grants to individuals.

Important Dates: Deadline 1 Sept 2010

Contact details: Rodney Hedley [Hilden Charitable Fund](#)
t: 020 7603 1525 e: hildencharity@hotmail.com w: www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk

RURAL TRANSPORT FUND VOUCHER SCHEME

Rural Transport Fund Voucher Scheme supporting travel costs for rural community groups and organisations

The Department for Regional Development wishes to announce the Rural Transport Fund Voucher Scheme in your area. This scheme is aimed at rural community groups and organisations wishing to transport 17 or more passengers. The scheme will provide a voucher towards the cost of transport for successful applicants.

The Voucher Scheme was initially piloted by Newry & Mourne Community Transport and the Department for Regional Development decided to roll it out across Northern Ireland for the benefit of larger groups in rural areas. Supported by the Rural Transport Fund the scheme will work in partnership with private transport operators who will deliver transport for the scheme.

The scheme was rolled out in a phased approach during 2009-10, and now incorporates **all rural areas**. Application packs are now available for those non-profit making community groups who are planning on travelling during October, November and December 2010 and the **closing date to return** the completed applications is **31st August 2010**.

There is a limit to the number of vouchers available in each area. To ensure those community organisations that help or support the most vulnerable in society there is a selection process.

To receive an application pack please contact 028 905 40620 or e-mail geraldine.finnegan@drdni.gov.uk.

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