

NACN'S BULLETIN BOARD

North Antrim Community Network

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NACN MEMBERS MEETING

Tuesday 9th February 2010 at 7:30pm in Houstons Mill, at which there will be input from the Dept. of Finance and Personnel regarding the low uptake of funding in this area to assist pensioners with paying rates bill. Groups should attend so they can spread the word, ensuring this vital information is made available to the elderly members of communities and their family.

NACN TRAINING – SIMPLE ACCOUNTING

Have you changed any of your office bearers recently and would like to update them on simple accounting, either manually or on your computer, training is open to all committee members.

As places are limited please ring to book your place. Training is free. Please also inform your sub-groups.

Simple Accounting – Tue 16th Feb @ 7:30pm at Houstons Mill, Broughshane
Part 2 Excel Training - Wed 24th Feb @ 7:30pm at Willowbank Business Park, Larne

Ring Paddy/Susan at North Antrim Community Network 0282177 2100 to book your place.

NACN - SMALL GRANTS OPEN

Small grants for promoting mental health and preventing suicide – for application pack and guidance notes can be download or print attached files on www.nacn.org or **Tel: 028 2177 2100** - **North Antrim Community Network** . Supported by Public Health Agency. **Applications will be assessed on a continuous basis, however, two deadlines for applications have been set: Tue 16th February 2010 at 4pm Tue 9th March 2010 at 4pm**

DO YOU HAVE ARTHRITIS?

When you are diagnosed with arthritis, it can be hard to cope
Help is at hand

Come along to one of Arthritis Care's local self management courses where as a person with arthritis you can learn new skills and techniques that can help you live with your condition.

Challenging Arthritis

Date: Tuesday 09 February – 16 March 2010 (6 weeks)

Venue: Londonderry Arms, Carnlough

Time: 10.30am – 1.00pm

Contact: Yvonne on 028 9078 2940 to book your FREE place

This course is funded by Arthritis Care and Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

KEEPING SAFE

Keeping Safe: Awareness Raising Workshop on Child Protection

How can I create a safe environment for children?

Wednesday 3rd March & Wednesday 10th March 2010 10.00am – 4.30pm
LEDCOM Industrial Estate, 100 Bank Road, Larne

This two-day workshop aims to assist voluntary and community organisations with the development of child protection policies, procedures and practice. Participants will be made more aware of abuse issues and leave with an understanding of good practice in relation to reporting suspected or disclosed abuse; recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers; codes of behaviour; and guidelines for day trips and residential.

The cost of the workshop is £20 and lunch is provided. Bursaries may be available by contacting the Volunteer Centre. **To book a place phone before Friday 19th February 2010 to: Ballymena & Larne Volunteer Centre Tel: 028 2826 0460 Email: larne@helpingout.org**

RURAL TRANSPORT FUND

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 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 April, May and June 2010 and the **closing date to return** the completed applications is **26th February 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 melanie.parker@drdni.gov.uk

EXPLORING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR A NEW AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY?

The EXPLORING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME is a COMPLETELY FREE short 8 day training course starting **Thursday 11 February 2010 in the Glenlough Community Centre, Carnlough** which will:- improve your employment prospects, gain you a recognised qualification in Business Enterprise; give you an opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.

To find out more contact Patricia or Anne at Larne Enterprise Development Co (LEDCOM) Tel: 028 28 27 0742 Email: patriciabrennan@ledcom.org

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY – SMALL GRANT FUNDING

Public Health Agency / DACT Small Grant Funding Programme 2010 / 11

Grants are available up to a maximum of £5000 to address outcomes as identified within the four DACT Action Plans 2009-2011 and/or regional "Addressing Young People's Drinking in Northern Ireland Action Plan" within each respective DACT area.

Local workshops will also be held in each of the four DACT localities for potential applicants to advise and explain the application process within that area.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 12 March 2010 at 4 pm**.

Should you require any further information and/or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me. Michael Owen Senior Drug & Alcohol Co-Ordinator Tel: 028 2531 1111 Mob: 0797 4579731 Website: www.publichealth.hscni.net

TELL IT AS IT IS

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.

Through the NE PEACE III Cluster Victims Development Programme Community Change 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.

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.

The events will be held on:

Tuesday 16th February 2010 in Highways Hotel, Larne

Tuesday 23rd February 2010 in Radisson Roe Hotel, Limavady

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

To register for either of these events please contact:

Áine on 028 9023 2587 or email to aine.maguire@communitychange-ni.org

There is no charge for these events.

BILL OF RIGHTS CONSULTATION

The NIO are currently consulting on their proposals for a Bill of Rights. As you might know, there's disappointment if not anger from those who have been pushing for the inclusion of socio-economic rights and for those who wanted a limited Bill of Rights. Would your group be interested in a small reflective event? **If your group is interested in taking part in an event please Ring North Antrim Community Network 0282177 2100.**

GREEN ORGANISATION

The Green Apple Environment Awards is the annual international campaign to recognise, reward and promote built environmental best practice around the world.

Deadline 28 February 2010

Aims

- Improve environmental performance
- Encourage the efficient use of resources
- Enhance the competitiveness of organisations
- Support the wider goals of sustainable development, including social benefits through community and social involvement
- Help Green Apple Award winners to benefit from their environmental Endeavour's.
- The awards are well established as one of the major environmental recognition schemes, both in the UK and internationally.

Contact Details: **Roger Wolens Green Organisation**
 T: 01604 810507 E: rogerwolens@btconnect.com
 W: www.thegreenorganisation.info

HENRY SMITH CHARITY

The Main Grants Programme is for grants of £10,000 or over. There are two types of Main Grant:

- Capital Grants: One off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.
- Revenue Grants: Grants of up to three years for things like core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

Contact Details **Richard Hopgood T: 020 7264 4970**
 W: www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

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