

CWSAN UPDATE

Easter 2015



CWSAN'S Annual General Meeting

takes place on:

Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7.30 pm

in The Crieve Centre, Stewartstown

Guest Speaker

Fork supper and refreshments served

To book a place please contact the CWSAN office on Tel: 028 87 738845 / 79 301 606 by Fri 24th April

**Look out for a possible NEW Micro Capital Grant Programme,
Coming Soon**
**For further information contact:
CWSAN on 028 87 738 845 / 79 301 606**

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME 2015-16 NORTHERN AREA MENTAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION -

Community Based Promoting Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants available in Cookstown and Magherafelt areas

The Public Health Agency (PHA) has identified non-recurring funding to address the themes of Suicide Prevention, Self- Harm, Mental Health & Emotional Well-Being and have commissioned CWSAN to facilitate this process. As such CWSAN is inviting community and voluntary sector organisations to apply for non-recurring awards to address the outlined themes.

- Grants are available at the level of £1,000 per project.
- Applications may be considered for more strategic projects over £1,000 limit dependent on evidence of need and availability of resources.
- Applications will be assessed on the potential to improve health and well-being and on the ability to complete the work by the end of February 2016, including evaluation, by mid-March 2016.

Closing date Tuesday 5th May 2015

For further information contact Denise Doherty Suicide Prevention Development Officer on 028 796 34865.

SEDA Catalyst Awards - Helping ambitious social entrepreneurs to grow their venture

There are two SEDA Catalyst Awards available in 2015: consisting of £5,000 cash and a 12-month development and growth support package or £10,000 cash and a 12-month development and growth support package. This Award is for established ventures that have great potential to make real, positive social change but need targeted support to grow and move to the next stage of their development and require the funds to invest in a growth project.

Your venture will: be eligible for a £5,000 Award if it has an annual turnover of between 25 - 75K and direct sales from between 20% - 50% of annual turnover

be eligible for a £10,000 Award if it has an annual turnover of between 75 – 100k and direct sales from between 50%-100% of annual turnover

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

About You

You are an ambitious social entrepreneur with high potential to create significant social change

You need help to prioritise and become more business focused

You have identified specific areas in which you need development to move your idea forward, but lack the funds to do it

If you are a past or current UnLtd Award Winner you will have used your previous Award to maximum gain

You have a business plan in place which is a logical and realistic route to achieving your goals **About your venture** You have a successful model but need additional funds and support to bridge a gap to become 'contract ready'

You have a new market opportunity for your product or service but need support to access it

CATALYST SUPPORT INCLUDES: A cash Award of £5,000 or £10,000 to be spent on capital items and salaries for roles created to support growth; and knowledge and skills development

How to apply: You can submit an expression of interest for a Catalyst Award now at <https://unltd.org.uk/seda>

The deadline for expressions of interest is 27th March 2015. The deadline for completed application forms is 10th April 2015.

£50 million lottery boost for young people across Northern Ireland

The Big Lottery Fund announced details of a major multi-million pound programme to support young people to cope with challenges in their lives.

The £50 million Empowering Young People programme will support young people across Northern Ireland including young carers, young people with a learning disability and young people who face barriers to education, training or employment.

Grants of between £100,000 and £600,000 are available to projects that will empower young people to transform their lives by increasing their health and well being, getting them ready for education, work or training and building stronger relationships in their communities.

Any voluntary or community sector group that receives funding will be expected to involve young people in their project. The funding programme, which will support young people aged between eight and 25, will remain open for applications for six years.

More information about the programme and how to apply can be found on the Big Lottery website. We will also be holding workshops for groups who are interested in applying to this programme

Contact the Big Lottery Outreach team in Belfast on: 028 90 551 455

Central Good Relations Funding Programme for 2015/16 has now opened to applications. The closing date for receipt of application is 4pm on Monday 20 April 2015. The application form, along with the guidance note and list of frequently asked questions is now available on the OFMDFM website

Good Relations Funding & Delivery Branch OFMDFM 028 905(22542)

<http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/index/equality-and-strategy/good-relations/community-relations/central-good-relations-funding-programme.htm>

Sport NI launch Active Awards for Sport - Sports Equipment Grant

Active Awards for Sport is a Lottery funded small grants programme primarily aimed at grassroots community based sport. The programme aims to prioritise sports clubs, community groups and governing bodies of sport, especially those based on areas of greatest need. In particular the programme will look to contribute to **“Promoting Equality, Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion.”**

Who Can Apply

- Governing Bodies of Sport (recognised by Sport Northern Ireland)
- Sport Clubs (must be affiliated to a Governing Body of Sport recognised by Sport Northern Ireland)
- Charities
- Parent Teacher Associations
- Community/Voluntary Groups

All potential applicants will be expected to have in place, a Constitution, appropriate financial management and safeguarding policies.

The closing date for applications is **12.00 noon on 13 April 2015.**

To apply visit <http://www.sportni.net/funding/our-funding-programmes/active-awards-for-sport/> and download the programme [Guidance Notes](#).

For further information on Active Awards for Sport please contact Conleth Donnelly on [028 9038 3233](tel:02890383233), Conor Cuning on [028 9038 3211](tel:02890383211) or Louise McNeill on [028 9038 3232](tel:02890383232).

Ulster Scots Agency – Festival Funding

The purpose of the Ulster Scots festival funding is to support the delivery of Ulster-Scots community festivals which provide people with opportunities to experience and learn about Ulster-Scots culture, heritage and language. Applications are invited to the 2015 Festival Funding for festivals taking place between 1st May 2015 and 27th February 2016. The Agency provides funding for Ulster-Scots festivals within two streams:

- **Minor Festivals** A minor festival will last for between 2 and 8 consecutive days. The minimum grant you can apply for is £1,000 (applications for less than this amount will be rejected). The maximum grant you can apply for is £10,000, although most grants will be for less than this.
- **Major Festivals** A major festival will last for between 4 and 15 consecutive days. It must be designed to appeal to a national or international audience. The minimum grant you can apply for is £11,000 and the maximum grant you can apply for is £25,000.

How to Apply

There will be one call for applications for festival funding during 2015. For more information on how to apply please visit:

www.ulsterscotsagency.com/community-projects/apply-for-funding/

Electronic copies will not be accepted.

Completed applications together with all supporting documentation, must be received at the Agency's Belfast office by 3pm on Friday 10th April 2015.

Rural Transport Fund Voucher Scheme – Discontinuation

The Minister has decided on final budget allocations for next year across all parts of DRD.

You will already be aware that the Department face a difficult budgetary context. This is referred to in the Minister's press release where reference is made to community and rural transport which will have its funding reduced. Given this the RTF Voucher Scheme will be discontinued. Thank you for participating in the scheme for the last number of years

Yours sincerely

Shane Milligan

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Development | Public Transport
Services Division – Rural Transport

