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MID ULSTER FUNDING FAIR

Thursday 12th March 2015

The Adair Suite, Glengavon Hotel, Cookstown

Range of Funders in attendance including—Lloyds TSB Foundation, Big Lottery, Awards for All, Heritage Lottery Fund, John Moores Foundation, Local Councils, etc.

If your community, voluntary or farming group requires information on funding currently available, then come along, you'll have an opportunity to speak to funders directly.

To book attendance Tel CWSAN: 028 87 738845 / 028 79 301 606 or Email: cwsan@aol.com

This event is FREE and open to all

Full details to follow in next month's newsletter

MARA PROJECT - Have you had a MARA home visit to see if you are receiving what you are entitled to? This is a FREE & CONFIDENTIAL home visit offered to people living in rural areas of Cookstown and Magherafelt to help them access services, grants and benefits.

Nuala can call to visit you at a time and day that suits you, all you have to do is call CWSAN on 028 87 738845 with your contact details to register for a visit. During your visit Nuala will complete an assessment and, with your consent, will make onward referrals on your behalf, if you are eligible, to referral agents who will then get in touch with you. The referral agencies include Northern Ireland Housing Executive to apply for a Boiler Replacement Grant (if you are interested you need to apply as soon as possible as the closing date to apply is 31 March 2015), Warm Homes (this also closes at the end of March 2015), Translink for a smart pass for free or half fare travel, rural community transport, Occupational Therapy assessments, FREE home safety checks (priority is given to those over 65, or with young children under 5 or householders who have a disability or special needs), Benefits entitlement check and other social and local services.

Nuala Kildunne, MARA Project Manager (Maximising Access in Rural Areas) Tel: 028 87 738845

Farm Family Health Checks Programme

An innovative programme aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of farmers and their families

This joint initiative between DARD and the Public Health Agency (PHA) consists of a mobile unit which visits local farmers' markets and rural community events to offer on-the-spot health checks consisting of:

- Blood Pressure monitoring
- BMI
- Cholesterol check
- Diabetic screening.

Individual lifestyle advice will be given on a range of health issues and onward referral to local support services as required.

Why not request the Farm Families Health Screening Services at your event?

If you would like the Health Checks bus to attend your event and for further information please contact Elaine Catterson, Programme Support Officer, Northern Health and Social Care Trust: Tel: 028 2563 5573 or Email: elaine.catterson@northerntrust.hscni.net or contact CWSAN: Rural Community Development Support Service Tel: 028 87 738845 or Email: cwsan@aol.com

FarmSafeNet is an online learning tool designed to raise awareness about Farm Safety and is part of a suite of activities developed by the industry led Farm Safety Partnership.

How to Get Involved

Simply log on to www.farmsafenet.org to view the videos, read the resources and complete the quiz to access your unique reference number.

ATTENTION – for those groups who have not registered yet with the Charities Commission NI – please read below. Ignore if you have already registered or are in the process

The Commission has called on all organisations / groups in Northern Ireland which are, or may be charitable, to take action to prepare for registration.

Please note that this includes all community / voluntary groups e.g. 50+ years groups, local residents' groups, local community groups, youth groups, issue based groups etc.

Please make sure that the Commission knows that your group exists and that they have your contact details for registration. You can do this now by checking the registration lists at www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/ - how to do this has been set out in the correspondence below. Registration support and detailed guidance is also available on the Commission's website www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/. In addition the website provides a list of trained 'helper groups' to contact for support. If you haven't taken action to prepare for charity registration, then you must do so immediately, Northern Ireland's charity regulator is warning charities in Northern Ireland.

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland is calling on all charities which haven't checked if they are on one of the Commission's registration lists by 31 December 2014 to do so immediately – or risk being taken to the High Court.

Frances McCandless, Commission Chief Executive, explained: "It is compulsory for all charities in Northern Ireland to apply to the Commission for registration, regardless of their size or income. "We are managing registration by calling charities forward to apply in groups of around 200 to 300 but if we don't have your charity's details, then we cannot get in touch with you to advise you to apply. "That's why it's vital that all charities ensure they are on one of our registration lists and, if not, complete an Expression of Intent form immediately to ensure we have the organisation's contact details."

Under charity law, an organisation **must** apply to register if:

- it has exclusively charitable purposes
- it is governed by the law of Northern Ireland
- it has control and direction over its governance and resources.

This means all charities in Northern Ireland are required to apply for registration, irrespective of their size, income or whether the organisation is registered with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for charitable tax status.

All charities in Northern Ireland should therefore act now to ensure the Commission has their details for registration as the alternative is they remain unregistered in contravention of charity law. The Commission's three registration lists (deemed, non-deemed, special circumstances) are available to check on www.charitycommissionni.org.uk. If a charity is not listed they must complete a short, online Expression of Intent form or, if they are listed, they can check the Commission's "tranche list" to ensure they haven't already been called forward to apply for registration. Ms McCandless continued: "In the future, only new charities will be able to apply to the Commission for registration so it's imperative that charities take action now to ensure the Commission has their details, before it's too late.

"Registration is a one off process that brings with it a wide range of lasting benefits – in just a few years our register of charities will be complete and considered to be the definitive list of charities in Northern Ireland. "The register is live now and we are already seeing funders, including local councils and grant making bodies, checking our website to see if a charity is listed and is a bona fide and transparent charity. "In addition to the benefits is the fact registration is a legal requirement - one which is here to stay - and we will be pursuing those charities which fail to meet their legal duty to register with us through the courts," Ms McCandless concluded.

In addition to registration lists, the Commission provides a wide range of free guidance on its website www.charitycommissionni.org.uk to support organisations in applying to register. This includes a registration guidance booklet, a public benefit and charitable purposes toolkit, an online tutorial, screenshots of the online application system and a registration document checklist.

For more information please contact Shirley Kernan, Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Communications Officer, on telephone: 028 3832 0169, mobile: 07827338978 or email: shirley.kernan@charitycommissionni.org.uk DDI: 028 9073 4272.

For assistance with charity registration for your group, contact CWSAN on 028 87 738 845.

Do you manage a community hall / venue, is it in a rural location, would you be interested in hosting 3 workshops where venue hire and refreshment costs can be reclaimed?

The Rural Youth Entrepreneurship Programme (RYE) is an entrepreneurship awareness raising and developmental programme for young people aged between 16 – 30 years. Its focus is on undertaking outreach activities to engage young people in disadvantaged rural areas to consider the potential of enterprise development and self-employment through a series of workshops, networking events and interactive online tools.

RDC (as the lead partner) will work in partnership with Advantage to deliver the RYE programme. The programme is funded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development through the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Framework.

This scheme will help young people explore enterprise as an option. Young people from 16-30 years will be helped through creative thinking workshops which will help generate ideas, interactive online resources; information packs specific to young people's ideas and online support. Also provided will be expert advice, master classes and personal referrals.

How to Apply – For more information please visit the website at www.rdc.org.uk or alternatively contact Gillian or Gail on: 028 867 66980.



Are you a budding entrepreneur, living in a rural area, aged 16-30 and keen to become your own boss? **RYE Programme—FREE workshops taking place at An Carn.** Interested, then get in touch with **An Carn.** **They will be running the workshops on Wed 28th Jan, 4th Feb and 11th Feb at 6.30 pm**

Tel: 28-7954-9978

Email: claire.doherty@ancarn.org

Starting your own business may well be the best way for you to get into work while doing something you really enjoy. The Rural Youth Entrepreneurship (RYE) programme could help you to find out if self-employment could work for you. Free workshops taking place at

KILCRONAGHAN CENTRE

Thursday 19th & 26th February & 5th March 2015.

The programme is open to all 16 – 30 yr olds.

Places are limited so please register, 028 796 27826 / manager@kilcronaghan.co.uk

The **Adopt a Spot programme** is a scheme that will formally enable groups across Northern Ireland to adopt a locality and look after it. With street cleansing costing nearly £40 million a year, why not take pride in your area and adopt a spot. The area that you adopt can be any area of your choosing, subject to council or landowner approval. It can be anywhere: a section of roadway, beach or green space, a forest park, river or urban area. If there is an area that you think could do with a clean-up and needs a bit of TLC, why not adopt it and instil a sense of "pride in my place."

Adopters can be families, community or youth groups, church groups, schools, businesses or sporting associations. There are a limited number of spaces, so get your application in early! Successful groups will be provided with clean up kits which are to be collected from the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful office and they will include:

- Litter pickers
- Gloves
- Branded rubbish bags
- Branded high viz vests
- Branded Adoption Certificate and adopter pledge
- A hints and tips booklet on how to run a successful clean up



Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful asks that you agree to the terms and conditions set out in the contract. This includes agreeing to carry out 4 clean ups over the course of a year, and reporting your results and pictures on the Adopt a Spot zone on the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful website. You will have access to the Adopt a Spot membership zone on the website where you can chat and share ideas with other groups across Northern Ireland.

To be part of the Adopt a Spot scheme, please fill in the attached application form and return it to leanne.burns@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org by 19th February 2015. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Leanne on 028 90 736 926.

boost YOUR CHANCES

FREE CV clinics - Do you work with unemployed young people? Do you want to help them Boost their chances? Great news! Boost are offering **FREE CV clinics** to small groups of young people to help them improve their chances of finding employment and get them "job ready".

What's involved? Our experienced staff come to your premises and provide all materials. We can deliver morning, afternoon or evening clinics for 5-10 young people and they last 1.5-2 hours

To be eligible, young people must: Be aged 16 - 24 years old; Live in a rural or mixed urban/rural area (*we can check this for you*); Be unemployed or working/studying less than 16 hours per week

What do the young people get?

- A professional CV that sells their skills and abilities; They learn how to prepare for and be successful at interviews; Their own "Get that Job Toolkit" – an interactive CD-Rom; £25 interview essentials payment; 6 months of mentoring support including "Text the Expert" service; A Certificate in Employability approved by employers

This offer is available for a limited time only. To find out more or to book your CV Clinic call David today on 028 93 356735 or email david@advantage-ni.com

Financial Stress?

Rural Support could help you by:

- Providing free, confidential, face to face support
- Easing the burden of dealing with debt
- Helping you identify a way forward
- Supporting you to take action

The project is aimed at those experiencing debt or financial issues relating to the farm business and where stress is impacting mental health and well-being.

Rural Support will provide free, face to face sessions with a finance mentor who will support families to address farm business debt or financial problems and help identify a way forward.

To speak to someone in confidence **contact the confidential helpline on**

0845 606 7 607

Email: info@ruralsupport.org.uk

Consultation on Forest Planning Review for East Fermanagh and East Tyrone Planning Unit

In December a strategic review meeting took place to look at management plans for the public forests in the East Fermanagh & East Tyrone Forest Planning Unit. This included the East Tyrone forests of Altmore, Caledon, Cookstown, Dunmoyle, Parkanaur, Pomeroy and Drum Manor as well as the East Fermanagh forests in Carnmore, Clabby, Crocknagrally, Doon, Fardross, Favour Royal, Grogey, Jenkin, Knockmany, Knocks, Mullaghfad, Pubble, Spring Grove and Tully.

Public information meetings have now been arranged at the following venues:

Tuesday 3rd February: Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 4th February: Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown 4pm – 7pm

Please feel free to attend or pass this on to any of your members who may be interested in attending. We are keen to meet with forest users and those interested in our public forests and details of our forest plans can be found at: www.dardni.gov.uk/forest-planning-reviews

Roy Spence, East Fermanagh and East Tyrone Stewardship Forester

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