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1. General/Ginearálta

Donegal County Community Forum-Elections

We would like to thank all of the community and voluntary groups who participated in the election process for Donegal County Community Forum. The count took place on 23rd March and the following candidates were elected to Donegal County Community Forum.

Martin McBride, North Donegal Community Network
Mark McCollum, Voice of Older People
John Henry McLaughlin, Inishowen Community Forum
Michael Mullen, Donegal South Forum
Jim Doherty, Inishowen Community Radio
Margaret Toner, Letterkenny CDP
Mary McGowan, Donegal South Forum
Flora Magee, Tyrone, Derry & Raphoe Action Group
Lorraine Thompson, Donegal Youth Service
Marín Uí Fhearraigh, Forám na Gaeltachta

The first meeting of Donegal County Community Forum took place on Wednesday 7th April.

Donegal County Development Board's Community and Voluntary Directory

Please find attached for your information the link to the Donegal County Development Board's Community & Voluntary Directory by Sectoral Remit and the Community & Voluntary Directory by Geographical Remit, as of March 2010.

These documents contain 578 community and voluntary groups, whose aims and contact details are organised according to the sector to which they belong, for example, community development, sports & recreation or childcare (Sectoral Remit) and also according to their respective Electoral Division and then Electoral Area (Geographical Remit).

The directory can be accessed by clicking the following link, then scrolling to the 'table of contents' and clicking on that sector or Electoral Area wished to be viewed:

<http://dcc-intranet/sites/communityenterprise/Research%20%20Policy/Community%20and%20Voluntary%20Groups%20March%202010/CommunityDirectorybySectorMarch2010.pdf>

<http://dcc-intranet/sites/communityenterprise/Research%20%20Policy/Community%20and%20Voluntary%20Groups%20March%202010/CommunityDirectorybyGeographyMarch2010.pdf>

"Donegal - community in touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine

Donegal County Council in association with Donegal County Development Board is actively involved in a Diaspora Project, promoting the North West of Ireland over the last number of years. Building on the success of the Diaspora project, we have produced an e-zine entitled "Donegal - community in touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine. The e-zine is distributed to people all over the world who have a

connection to or interest in Donegal and provides information on local news, events and stories of interest.

The latest edition of the e-zine can be viewed or downloaded via the Donegal County Development Board website - <http://www.donegalcodb.ie/> using the following link:

<http://www.donegalcodb.ie/publications/DonegalCommunityInTouche-zineIssue6.pdf>

For further information on Donegal or on the Donegal Diaspora Project, please contact Maria Ferguson at maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie or Roisin McBride at rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie.

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2. Cultural Services/Seirbhísí Cultúrtha

Dictionary of Irish Biography

One of the most exciting works published recently is the massive nine volume Dictionary of Irish Biography. This collaborative project between the Royal Irish Academy and Cambridge University Press is available in both print and online formats.

Over seven hundred contributors, including Donegal's own Helen Meehan, have devoted years of hard work and dedication to this massive project. Edited by James McGuire and James Quinn, over nine thousand prominent Irish lives are documented here. Men and women who have made an impact on Ireland and on Irish history are brought alive for contemporary readers.

Biographical subjects are drawn from all aspects of Irish life and from earliest times up to 2002. You will find saints, artists, writers, politicians and sporting icons, to name but a few. One of the most important features of the Dictionary of Irish Biography is the documentation of prominent Irish women, who have previously been somewhat overlooked,

This statement has been cemented by the conferring of the 2009 American Publishers' Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence for best Multivolume Reference Work by the Association of American Publishers.

Congratulations !!! What an achievement. You can check it out for yourself at your local library where figures from Ireland's past have now come to life.

Edge of The Sea-An Artists' Residency with a Nordic dimension, at Donegal County Museum

Donegal County Council, through its Cultural Services Division, is presently participating in an innovative transnational project , entitled EDGES, with partners in Iceland and Norway.

EDGES is a co-operative effort combining cultural heritage, contemporary art and administrative arrangements, so as to strengthen local identity in three peripheral regions of the Northern Atlantic. The challenge is to devise new ways of advancing a sense of community and an appreciation of local heritage in a global context.

The project partners are Vesterålen Regional Council (Norway), East Iceland Culture Council and Donegal County Council Cultural Services.

At the core of the project are three museum-based artists's residencies, each exploring a similar Edge-related theme - The Edge of The Pier (Vesterålen), The Edge of the Sea (Donegal) focusing on sea journeys by Donegal hermit monks and The Edge of the Imagination (East Iceland) focusing on mythical folklore and beliefs.

The artists in residence at Donegal County Museum are **Theresa Kavanagh** and **Joleen McLaughlin**. Both are accomplished traditional musicians and music composers. Joleen's instrument of choice is the Irish Harp, Theresa's speciality is the Fiddle / Violin.

Donegal County Museum staff are currently undertaking research into the history and folklore surrounding the monks of the Early Christian period (5th-9th centuries) and their connections to Donegal, Iceland and Northern Norway. This research is assisting the artists in the creation of their musical compositions. The Museum will also undertake the research for a multimedia presentation for which the composition will form the centrepiece.

For **Further Information**, please contact Judith McCarthy, Curator, Donegal County Museum E. jmccarthy@donegalcoco.ie or Traolach Ó Fionnáin, Arts Officer, Donegal County Council E. traolach@donegalcoco.ie

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3. Funding opportunities/Deiseanna maoiniú

Local and Community Development Programme 2010 – Call for applications

Donegal Local Development Company Ltd (DLDC) is a well established Integrated Local Development Company with a proven track record in the delivery of major funding programmes. The company has been awarded funding under the Local and Community Development Programme 2010 to tackle poverty and social exclusion through partnership and constructive engagement between Government and people in disadvantaged areas. To this end, the company is holding the following information evenings to raise awareness of the potential opportunities / supports available to local people and groups through the programme.

The Local and Community Development Programme 2010 has four key goals which aim to:

Goal 1 - Promote awareness, knowledge and uptake of a wide range of statutory, voluntary and community services.

Goal 2 - Increase access to formal and informal educational, recreational and cultural activities and resources.

Goal 3 - Increase in people's work readiness and employment prospects.

Goal 4 - Promote engagement with policy, practice and decision making processes on matters affecting local communities.

If you would like to find out more about the programme, please come along to one of the information evenings, or drop-in clinics. You can also access information on the programme from the company's website www.dldc.org, or contact Genevieve Gavin on Tel: 074 9127056.

Notes:

The Local and Community Development Programme is a national programme funded by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the National Development Plan 2007-2013 through POBAL, delivered locally through Donegal Local Development Company Ltd.

Arts Awards – The Wellcome Trust

The Trust funds medical research with the aim of improving human and animal health and offers financial support for projects that use the arts to engage the public with biomedical science.

For information, contact arts@wellcome.ac.uk
Tel: 0044 20 7611 7222. www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding.
Smaller projects, 30 April, 30 July, and 29 October 2010.

International Arts Grants - Culture Ireland

Culture Ireland's principal funding scheme is designed to support the presentation and promotion of Irish arts internationally. It offers awards to Irish artists or arts organisations. For information call (01) 6313905, email cultureireland@dast.gov.ie or visit www.cultureireland.gov.ie. There are four funding rounds each year - 15 February, 15 May, 15 August and 15 November.

Performance and Touring Award - Music Network

Funded by the Arts Council, this award assists Irish and Ireland-based musicians in realising performance opportunities. It is open to musicians and ensembles of all genres. Information is online at www.musicnetwork.ie, or contact concertadmin@musicnetwork.ie, Tel (01) 6719429. Deadlines in 2010; 15 February, 8 June, 4 October. Music Network's Young Musicwide initiative in 2010 will open to jazz ensembles; details will be announced in Spring 2010.

The Artist in the Community Scheme - Create

Twice yearly, the Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities to work together on projects through this scheme, managed by Create. Phase 1 (research) is open to artists; Phase 2 (project realisation) is open to communities of interest and/or location. For information, or to book an advisory session, phone 01 473 6600, email support@create-ireland.ie or check www.create-ireland.ie. Deadlines; 26 February and 25 June 2010.

Small Grants Scheme 2010 - Community Foundation for Ireland

The Small Grants Scheme aims to assist projects working to respond to isolation and to develop a more diverse society. Applications are assessed three times per year. Information is at www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/ or contact info@foundation.ie phone (01) 874 7354. Deadlines 2010; 26 February, 30 July, and 29 October.

Ray Murphy Fund 2008-2017– Community Foundation for Ireland

The Fund aims to build leadership within the community sector and supports CEOs to reflect on their leadership role. Grants will provide access to leadership-related education or training. The application form is not freely available; contact the Grants Officer at info@foundation.ie or phone 01 8747354. Deadlines; 26 February, 30 July

and 29 October 2010.

EU Culture Programme 2007-2013

Upcoming deadlines.. Cooperation with third countries; 1 May 2010. Advocacy Networks, Festivals, Policy Support; 1 Nov 2010 (annual and 3 year grants). For information

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture>, or the Cultural Contact Point at the Arts Council, (01) 6180234 www.artscouncil.ie.

EU Lifelong Learning Programme 2010 - Léargas

Leargas manages various initiatives including Leonardo (vocational training); Grundtvig (adult education); Comenius (co-operation among schools) and Erasmus (university level). Information is online at www.leargas.ie, or contact 01 873 1411, education@leargas.ie.

Irish Fundraising Handbook – latest edition

The 6th edition of the iconic publication, from Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, includes a directory of funders, and practical advice and information. Buy it online at www.create-ireland.ie

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4. Training opportunities/Deiseanna oiliúina

All Hallows College: Master of Arts in Management: Community and Voluntary Services - Now Enrolling!

NFQ Level 9

Course Director: Rev Joseph McCann, CM, PhD

All Hallows College is a college of Dublin City University
All degrees are validated and accredited by DCU.

All Hallows College is now enrolling students for a Masters programme in Management specifically for those working in the Community and Voluntary Sector. It is taught in a part-time or a full-time mode.

Why choose this course?

- If you are working in the community & voluntary sector
- If you want to take more responsibility in your own organisation
- If you are looking for a move to a more challenging position in another agency
- If you care about people enough to do something for them
- If you see peoples' need for education, support, welfare
- If you are excited about culture, health, youth, art, music, sport
- If you know that you have much to give to community, to society, to the public

Then you will want to learn about efficient and effective management of non-profit organisations.

Subjects covered include:

Management, Leadership, Planning, Finance and Accounting, Public Relations, Advocacy and Communications, Marketing, Philanthropy and Fundraising, Social Justice and Business Ethics, Spirituality in the Workplace, Project Management, Human Resource Management, Management of Information Systems, Policy and Research.

Applications close on 15th May 2010

The programme commences with the July Summer School in Community and Voluntary Management at All Hallows, starting on 5th July 2010.

Postgraduate Office

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE

T: 01 8520 756

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W: www.allhallows.ie

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5. The Environment/An Timpeallacht

Does your group want to get involved and share your ideas / activities with other groups and the council?

Then www.donegal.citizenscape.net could be the place for your group! Donegal County Council has been working on a web based project to allow community groups, schools and the general public get more involved in environmental topics. The website also provides information in a more user friendly and interactive way by using videos, blogs, forums and event calendars.

Groups, schools, members of the public can write a blog on their activities and link it to the site, they can upload photographs of activities or events such as clean-ups, if you have an upcoming event you can post the information on the event calendar. You never know you might get more people interested or you might learn something from another group or school.

Why not Blog about a Beach Clean up at.....

Donegal Beach Cleanup Blog: www.donegalbeachcleanups.wordpress.com

- To blog on this site please send your wordpress username to suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie and we will set you up as a contributor to this blog. Otherwise you can view posts and comment on them.
- To setup a wordpress username and password, go to www.wordpress.com and click on the orange "sign up now" button. You will be asked to create a username and password and a few other details. Be sure to tick the "just a username, please" option at the bottom of the page. It's as easy as that. You will probably get an email to activate your username etc..
- To add a post to the Donegal Beach blog, login with you username and password and you will be able to add new post. Give your post a title and type in your blog. You can upload images by using the upload/insert icons. You can also categorise your blog based on the categories listed to the right. This makes it easier to organise all the blogs. If you tick the allow comments option at the bottom, this will allow readers to add comments to your blog without having to log in.
- Posts will be sent to the blog administrator who will publish them as soon as possible.

For more information contact Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council (074) 91 76276 or email suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie.

Ever thought of a beach clean up?

Spring Clean time is coming around again and thousands of volunteers throughout Donegal will organise clean-ups of their local areas. If you haven't done one in the past why not head off to your local beach or the nearest Blue Flag beach and include a beach clean-up in some of your activities for Summer 2010.

[Why not make a contribution to our blog www.donegalbeachcleanups.wordpress.com](http://www.donegalbeachcleanups.wordpress.com) or post information of your planned clean-ups on the events calendar and much more at www.donegal.citizenscape.net .

If you are planning a Beach Clean up we can help. Every year as part of the Spring / Summer Clean-Up campaign Donegal County Council provides bags, gloves, litter pickers and a limited number of Hi Viz vests to groups that apply. We can also arrange to lift the collected bags of litter by prior arrangement.

Donegal County Council wants to hear from you. Spring / Summer Clean-Up applications will be available at www.donegalcoco.ie or at your local Donegal County Council Environment Office. Don't forget you can also register for National Spring Clean at www.nationalspringclean.org registration is now open! Over 505,000 volunteers took part in some 5058 events nationwide in 2009. An estimated 1,596 tonnes of litter was collected and 35% of the total amount of waste collected was recycled.

Let us know if you plan to do a local beach clean-up so we can help.

For more information please contact Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer (074) 91 76276 or by email Suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie

Composting workshops

In 2010, the Waste Awareness Officer will once again deliver a number of Composting Workshops to local community groups. 1/3 of our household waste is organic waste that can be composted. This can be done using a compost bin or heap and will turn food waste into rich compost that can then be used as a garden fertiliser. Diverting this food waste from your regular waste bin will also cut down on waste to landfill and waste costs for the householder.

If any group would be interested in hosting a composting workshop please contact Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer directly at (074) 91 72538 or email stinney@donegalcoco.ie .

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6. Community & Voluntary Register/Clár do grúpaí pobail agus deonach

If you are aware of other community and voluntary groups who would like to receive the monthly Donegal Community Bulletin, then please advise the group to contact Ms Breid Neely, Community & Enterprise, Station Island, Lifford, Co Donegal, Tel: 074 9172573 or Email: bneely@donegalcoco.ie. In order to receive the monthly bulletin, the group must be registered as a community and voluntary group with Donegal County Development Board Community & Voluntary Register.

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7. Insurance/Árachas

The Irish National Community and Voluntary Forum has teamed up exclusively with leading insurance broker BHP Insurances to assist in minimising insurance costs for its members. The INCVF is the umbrella body for the community and voluntary sector and this arrangement will give its 22,000 members direct access to the most competitive and comprehensive insurance package for their sector. Savings of up to 45% can be expected.

If you wish to avail of this competitive insurance package, you must have your ID number to hand when contacting BHP Insurances, together with your existing insurance arrangements where applicable.

To obtain your ID number you should contact **Breid Neely, Community Development Officer, Community, Culture and Enterprise Directorate, Donegal County Council at 074 91 72 573.**

A dedicated BHP Forum helpdesk and free phone number has been set up to deal with all enquiries on 1890 666 111. You can also find out more information on the insurance package at BHP's website, www.bhpinsurance.ie.

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