



DONEGAL COMMUNITY BULLETIN NUAHTÁN POBAIL DHÚN NA NGALL

October/ Deireadh Fómhair 2009

ISSUES/EAGRÁIN 29

CONTENTS/CLÁR

- [1. General/Ginearálta](#)**
- [2. Cultural Services/Seirbhísí Cultúrtha](#)**
- [3. Funding opportunities/Deiseanna maoiniú](#)**
- [4. Training opportunities/Deiseanna oiliúina](#)**
- [5. The Environment/An Timpeallacht](#)**
- [6. Insurance/Árachas](#)**
- [7. Flight of the Earls/Imeacht na nIarlaí](#)**

1. General/Ginearálta

Donegal County Council wins Excellence in Local Government Award 2009

Donegal County Council has won an excellence in Local Government Award at Chambers Ireland's 6th Annual Excellence in Local Government Awards, which were held in Dublin on Wednesday night (28/10/09). The Awards were held in association with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The Councils Social Inclusion Unit win first place in the County Development Board Integrated Service Delivery category for their 2008 Keeping Warm Community Initiative. The idea behind this project was a simple yet effective one and involved working with a range of organisations including the ESB to provide over 500 households in the county with information packs including CFL light bulbs, information on energy efficiency and keeping their houses warm during the winter".

The successful implementation of this initiative was dependent on a partnership structure and the adoption of a collaborative approach involving some 11 agencies along with a range of community and voluntary groups throughout the county. Given the diverse range of citizens affected by fuel poverty the interagency approach was fundamental to the successful implementation of this project.

Donegal County Council would like to thank the support of the community and voluntary for their delivering this initiative.

Tyrone, Derry and Donegal Action

The Volt House
Raphoe

on Monday 9th November 2009 at 7.30pm in The Cathedral Hall, Raphoe

Women's Health

What is more important than your health?

How well do we look after our bodies?

Come along and have your blood pressure checked.

Speaker

Nurse Sharon Stewart

If you would like to attend contact Flora or Albert

Reply by Friday 6th November, 2009

Tel: 9173747

Email: tdaction@googlemail.com

Defending Equality and Human Rights in Crisis Advocacy workshop

Equality & Rights Alliance, 7 Red Cow Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7 Tel: 01-8148860 www.eracampaign.org

Date: Thursday, November 12th

Venue: Ramada Encore Hotel, Oldtown Bridge, Letterkenny, Co Donegal [CTRL+Click for Directions](#)

Time: 10:00am to 1:30 pm (lunch will be provided)

Helping you attend

Places for the workshop are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

We have a limited amount of money to help with costs, such as travel or childcare, which may be incurred by some participants.

To book a place please fill in the registration form attached and return to rachel@eracampaign.org by Nov 9th.

If you require more information please contact Rachel at: (01) -8148860.

Seminar on Trends and Issues in Housing

**Respond! Housing Association and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)
Northern Ireland**

**Thursday 12th November 2009
9.30am-1pm**

Who is the Seminar for?

Anyone who is working or volunteering in the housing or community sector and would like to find out more about housing.

What contents will be covered?

The seminar will provide attendees with a history and summary of current housing legislation in Ireland.

There will also be a presentation on current issues in housing including the Housing Bill, housing finance, regeneration & PPP's and repossessions.

What process will be used?

The seminar will be presented using power-point, debate and discussion will be encouraged.

How much will it cost?

€45 per person. (€100 for a group of three people)

Where will the seminar be delivered?

Respond Education Centre, High Park, Grace Park Road, Dublin 9.

Please contact caroline.nolan@respond.ie 01-8087760 or camilla.fitzsimons@respond.ie 01-804027 for enquiries and booking forms

Partnering for Success

"A conference exploring the leadership and management challenges facing community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland today"

**Microsoft, Carmenhall Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18
Thursday 26 November 2009
9.30am - 4.30pm**

This conference is a unique partnership between the charity and corporate worlds that was developed from observing the acute need of community and voluntary organisations for practical solutions to the problems they face. [Read more...](#)

Come and hear speakers such as...

- Bryan Dobson
- Mary Davis
- Catriona Hallahan
- John Monaghan

The registration fee is a nominal **€30** per delegate

Contact: partnering@wheel.ie

Nominate your local adult learning project for an AONTAS STAR Award

Give adult learning some credit! Nominate your local adult learning project for an AONTAS STAR Award

AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation, invites nominations for the 2010 STAR Awards for Adult Learning Projects. The awards, which are now running for the fourth year, celebrate teamwork, and recognise the achievements of those involved in adult learning in a variety of settings around the country.

Nominations for the awards initiative must be submitted to AONTAS by **Friday November 27th**. The awards ceremony takes place on Monday February 22nd 2010 at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham when the winners will be announced.
<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=5586>

"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 fourth edition of the Donegal e-zine is available on the CDB website at:

<http://www.donegalcdb.ie/publications/DonegalCommunityInTouche-zineIssue4.pdf>

The next edition of the e-zine will be available shortly.

For further information on the e-zine, please visit our website at www.donegalcdb.ie or contact Ms Maria Ferguson at maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie / 0749724466 or Ms Roisin McBride at rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie / 0749172562

[Back to top](#)

2. **Cultural Services/Seirbhísí Cultúrtha**

Olann agus Caorigh - The Wool and Sheep Project

In the last few years there has been considerable co-operation between those working in the cultural sector in East Iceland, in County Donegal and in Vesterålen in north Norway. Since the spring of 2007 Museum Nord in Norway, Donegal County Museum and East Iceland Heritage Museum have worked together on a project, which brings together museums and contemporary artists. The theme of the project is Sheep and Wool a subject common to each region. Exhibitions have taken place in Iceland and Norway and a joint website has been created www.woolandsheep.com.

Caorigh agus Olann is the project organised by Donegal County Museum as part of this international project. Donegal County Museum chose an important event from our history, **The Gweedore Sheep War**, as the theme to create a contemporary picture quilt, using Donegal wool and tweed as the main materials. Donegal County Museum invited the Letterkenny Irish Countrywomen's Guild members and a Donegal based artist Deborah J. Stockdale to work together to design and create the quilt.

This contemporary piece will form part of the Museum Collection and will be permanently displayed in the First Floor Gallery of the Museum. Under the guidance of Deborah the group met in the museum over a number of months and the quilt took over 150 hours to create.

Exhibition moves back to Lifford

The Past in the Present: A Donegal County Archives Exhibition is now on display in Lifford, where it will remain at the County Archives Office exhibition area, until the end of the year at least.

The exhibition celebrates 200 years of Donegal's unique history and ten years of the County Archives Service. Images on display showcase the County Archives' many collections.

There are nine panels which are based around the following themes- *Homesteads; Donegal Wains; Fun and Games; Days of Toil; Faith and Worship; Landlords and Tenants; Conflict; Local Democracy; and Journeys in Time.*

The panels contain a brief history of these themes and are accompanied by images scanned from the County Archives collections and from individuals' donations. Images include photographs, posters, leaflets, letters, registers, minute books and other items.

Three thematic panels and the introductory panel are downstairs in the corridor of the Three Rivers Centre. The other panels, along with a display of samples of original documents and photographs from the County Archives collection, and the North West Film Archive, are on the first floor, in the foyer of the County Archives office.

The exhibition is available for viewing during normal working hours, Mondays to Fridays. *Please note no appointment is required to view the exhibition. An advance appointment however is needed to carry out research in the Archives office.*

"All Change - The Railways of County Donegal and Northern Ireland"

Donegal County Museum's new temporary exhibition, **"All Change - The Railways of County Donegal and Northern Ireland"** has just opened in the Museum. This exhibition gives visitors a glimpse of the railways, which ran through County Donegal including the County Donegal Railways, The Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway and the Great Northern Railway. It highlights the importance of these railways to the people and economy of the county.

Items on show include a scale model of the CDR station at Letterkenny, footage of railway journeys all over Donegal, archives and photographs and many more items for the railway enthusiast young and old. Admission is free and all are welcome to come and remember the railways of Donegal.

The exhibition runs until January 2010.

Opening hours: 10am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri 1- 4.30pm Saturday. For further information contact Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny T 074 9124613 E museum@donegalcoco.ie

Donegal Libraries – A Great Place to Learn

Donegal County Library is delighted to join with FÁS in offering an **eLearning Project** to adults across its library and Taobh Tíre network. The project provides a range of online courses, accessible in the library or from home, supported by a facilitator in participating libraries and Taobh Tíre Centres. 81 people have already signed up to courses.

13 libraries and 3 Taobh Tíre locations across the county are taking part, offering training opportunities in the heart of the community. In addition, libraries have user-friendly opening hours, which enable people to learn at their own time and pace.

The programme is free and open to everyone over 18. It will benefit those new to computers and those who wish to update their skills through workshops and the use of online courseware. Facilitators provide support and guidance at the learner's own pace and participants can use library facilities for coursework during library opening hours.

Extensive courses include Introduction to Computers, Internet and E-mail, ECDL, Microsoft Office Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Participants can also access additional online courses including Introduction to Project Management, Effective Administration Skills, Book-keeping, Digital Media, Practical Budgeting Skills for Business, Finance Fundamentals and many more.

Participating Libraries and Taobh Tíre Centres include Ballybofey, Ballyshannon, Buncrana, Bundoran, Carndonagh, Donegal Town, Killybegs, Letterkenny, Lifford, Milford, Merville, Na Rosa, Ramelton, Kilcar, Pettigo and Downings.

For further information please contact
Donegal County Library: 074 91 21968 FÁS: 071 91 59509 / 074 91 20519.

[Back to top](#)

3. Funding Opportunities/Deiseanna Maoiniú

About Fundingpoint.ie

Fundingpoint.ie provides information on all the funding sources available to voluntary and community organisations. It provides a range of online tools for tracking down funds to support an enormous range of good causes. It also offers guidance on how to fundraise and links to a huge library of other resources. It helps funders promote their news and funding criteria.

Fundingpoint.ie helps funding specialists in advising others.

Check out www.fundingpoint.ie

Irish Fundraising Handbook – latest edition

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

Approaching deadlines

Peace III Programme – SEUPB The call for applications under both themes will close on Friday 13 November 2009 at 5pm.

Today (01 September), the Special EU Programmes Body announces calls for applications under two themes in the PEACE III Programme. These are:

Priority 1 Reconciling Communities, Theme 1 Building Positive Relations at the Local Level - Regional Projects

Priority 2 Contributing to a Shared Society, Theme 1 Creating Shared Public Spaces
Applications may only be submitted through www.eugrants.org.

[Please click here for general information about the PEACE III Programme.](#)

For further information on the call under Priority 1, Theme 1 click [Building Positive Relations at the Local Level - Regional Projects.](#)

For further information on the call under Priority 2 Theme 1 click [Creating Shared Public Spaces.](#)

International Arts Grants - Culture Ireland

Deadlines; 15 February, 15 May, 15 August and **15 November**.

Culture Ireland offers awards to Irish artists or arts organisations to facilitate participation at strategic international arts events in other countries of Irish cultural activities of excellence.

For information
call (01) 6313905, email cultureireland@dast.gov.ie or visit www.cultureireland.gov.ie.

Funding Initiative for the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010) Deadline: The deadline for applications is 5pm Friday 27 November 2009.

The European Council and the European Commission have designated 2010 as the European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion. As part of the European Year, the Social Inclusion Division (former Combat Poverty Agency & Office for Social Inclusion) within the

Department of Social and Family Affairs are providing once-off funding to facilitate anti-poverty groups or organisations to undertake work at local or national level to promote awareness of poverty and social exclusion and the European Year.

The maximum amount available under this initiative is **€5,000** per proposal.

For further information or advice on applications contact:
Sharon Keane, Tel: 01 7043485, email: sharon.keane@welfare.ie

**European Commission - Youth in Action Programme
Application deadline: 9 December 2009**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its 'Youth in Action Programme'. The programme aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans. This call for proposals aims to provide financial support for the operating costs of not-for-profit organisations active at the European level. The maximum grant available for each organisation is €35,000.

To be eligible, organisations must schedule a series of activities, which comply with the principles underpinning community action in the field of youth. These can include amongst others: youth exchanges and voluntary services; non-formal and informal learning and activity programmes targeted at young people; promoting intercultural learning and understanding, and debate on European matters, EU policies or youth policies. For more information go to http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2010/call_action_4_1_en.php

Source: NWCN Bulletin 19/10/09

**OLC Ireland Trust Fund: A New Grants Scheme for Marginalised Women
Grants are awarded four times per year with
the next closing date for applications being December 31st 2009.**

The Community Foundation for Ireland has launched a new nationwide fund, the **OLC Ireland Trust Fund**, and has called for applications from registered charities and not for profit organisations around Ireland who work with marginalised women.

The OLC Ireland Trust Fund is managed by The Community Foundation for Ireland on behalf of The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity. The Fund will endeavour to support projects that most closely respond to issues concerning addictions, prostitution, trafficking, violence and abuse of women. The goal of the fund is to provide resources, which will help educate, develop and enhance the lives and dignity of marginalised women.

This new Fund has been opened with a total of EUR 85,500 available for grant-making in 2009.

Value Notes: Grants will be in the region of EUR 500 to EUR 5,000 except in exceptional circumstances when a maximum of EUR 10,000 will be awarded. Grants will be made for once-off projects that are not the core of ongoing activities of the organisation concerned.

Application forms for the OLC Ireland Trust Fund are now available at www.communityfoundation.ie/grants or by contacting The Community Foundation for Ireland directly: tel 01 874 7354 / email info@foundation.ie

[Back to top](#)

4. Training opportunities/Deiseanna oiliúina

The Wheel Training Events November to December 2009

Date		Location	Event
November	3	Tullamore	Risk Management for Charities
	10	Dublin	Getting to Grips With Governance
	12	Dublin	Managing Finances and Fundraising in a Recession
	19	Galway	Managing HR in a Recession
	24	Limerick	Survival Essentials for Your Organisation
	25	Dublin	Social Media for Charities
	26	Dublin	Partnering for Success
December			
	1	Cork	Getting to Grips With Governance
	4	Dublin	Members Policy Briefing
	8	Dublin	Risk Management for Charities

For further details and registration click on the link of each event or contact The Wheel directly at 01 454 8727 at info@wheel.ie

[Fundraising in Hard Times: 10 Practical Strategies](#) from [Training People](#)

- **Date:** Dec 02, 2009
- **Region:** [Dublin](#)
- **Subject:** [Fundraising](#)

FREE LUNCHTIME SEMINAR: 'Fundraising in hard times: 10 Practical Strategies' Tues 1st December, Grosvenor House, BELFAST / Wed 2nd Dec, All Hallows College, DUBLIN

[Introduction to Fundraising and Fundraising Planning](#) from [Training People](#)

- **Date:** Jan 21, 2010
- **Region:** [Dublin](#)
- **Subject:**
- **Cost:** €100 per person

This highly popular and practical one day course provides an introduction to fundraising, outlines a 9 step fundraising planning process and explains a wide range of techniques and methods which can be used to raise funds

[Back to top](#)

5. The Environment/*An Timpeallacht*

2009 COMMUNITY COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS ***Don't delay; book your composting workshop today!***

In 2009, the Waste Awareness Officer plans to deliver a number of Composting Workshops to local community groups. These workshops are becoming popular and there is a lot of interest among local community groups for information on composting etc.

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 you are involved in the local Tidy Towns committee why not consider a composting workshop, as it will help with your next application for the Tidy Towns competition next year.

If any group would be interested in hosting a composting workshop please contact me directly at (074) 91 76276 or email suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie

WANTED: BATTERY RECYCLING COLLECTION POINTS!

To increase the number of waste batteries that are collected for recycling, Donegal County Council is interested in hearing from any community groups that would like to become a collection point for waste batteries in their local area.

Battery Boxes will be provided to any interested groups and when boxes are full they may be brought to any Donegal County Council Civic Amenity Site, Public Service Centre or make arrangement with Mr. David Friel, Recycling Officer (074) 91 76274 or Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer (074) 91 76276 for their recycling.

Waste Batteries

Waste Batteries must never be placed in your waste disposal or recycling bins. There is a bin for small batteries in your local store. Battery Recycling is free.

What to do with Waste Batteries:

Under the new Battery Regulations that came into effect on the 26th September 2008 waste batteries can be dropped off **FREE OF CHARGE** at any retailer supplying similar batteries and with no obligation to purchase batteries.

Retailers do not have to accept leaking batteries or more than 5kg at a time. Batteries can also be dropped off **FREE OF CHARGE** at your local Civic Amenity Site. Donegal County Council also has collection points for batteries at all the Public Service Centres.

On all new batteries there is a crossed out wheelie bin sign, this is to remind you not to put the waste battery in the ordinary bin.

For more information on the Waste Battery Collection and Recycling log onto www.weeeireland.ie or [www.viron.ie](http://www.environ.ie)

Tax Relief On Bin Charges: Lo Call Revenue 1890 777 425

Did you know that you can claim tax relief on the bin charges you pay each year. Tax can be claimed back on annual charges and pre-paid tags, receipts are not necessary. To make your claim call into your local Revenue Office or Lo call 1890 777 425 and quote your P.P.S. number.

[Back to top](#)

6. 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.

[Back to top](#)

7. Flight of the Earls /Imeacht na nIarlaí

Flight of the Earls Commemorative Poster Postéir Cuimhneacháin Imeacht na nIarlaí

2007 saw Donegal County Development Board and the County of Donegal commemorate this landmark event in our history. To mark this year and the landmark event that was commemorated, a limited edition of numbered Flight of the Earls/Imeacht na nIarlaí Posters has been produced. The poster denotes a lasting reminder of 2007 and the Commemoration, which took place.

The posters cost (€20) unframed and (€75) framed.

Posters can be acquired from –**Michelle McGill**
Community & Enterprise Division, Donegal County Council, Lifford, Co Donegal
(074) 9172568 michellem@donegalcoco.ie



[Back to top](#)