



## **DONEGAL COMMUNITY BULLETIN NUAHTÁN POBAIL DHÚN NA NGALL**

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On behalf of Community, Culture & Enterprise, Donegal County Council, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year. We look forward to working with your community group this year and wish your group every success in 2010.

*Thar ceann na Rannóige Pobail, Cultúir agus Fiontair i gComhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom Bliain Úr faoi Shíocháin a ghabháil libh. Tá muid ag súil le bheith ag obair leis an choiste pobail s'agaibhse ar an bhliain seo agus guím gach rath ar do choiste in 2010.*

Mise le meas

Mícheál Ó hÉanaígh  
Stiúrthóir Pobail, Cultúir agus Fiontair

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## 1. General/*Ginearálta*

### "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](mailto:maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie) or Roisin McBride at [rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie).

### Community Involvement in Planning Hospital Services

Donegal Action for Cancer Care (DACC) have arranged with Ruth Tallion to have another workshop on Monday 18th Jan in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny from 8-10pm.

This is to facilitate people who may not be able to make the afternoon session in An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny on Wednesday 20 January 2pm-4pm .

In recent years there have been major changes in the organisation of health and social care services on both sides of the border. Many of the services based in border region hospitals will be – or have already been – moved to new locations. Some of these services are now being delivered in community settings. Some services have been centralised in larger regional hospitals.

The Centre for Cross Border Studies (CCBS) has been awarded funding from the EU INTERREG IVA Programme to carry out research about how community involvement has influenced planning around hospital services in the border area. Alongside this research is a study now being carried out on behalf of CCBS by consultants Horwath Bastow Charleton to explore where hospital services could be located to most effectively meet the needs of people living in the border region. As part of this research, CCBS is visiting a number of border communities to gather the views of local people. ***Come and have your say. To register, please contact :***

***Ruth Taillon, Deputy Director (Research)***  
***Centre for Cross Border Studies***  
***39 Abbey Street, Armagh BT61 7EB***  
***[r.taillon@qub.ac.uk](mailto:r.taillon@qub.ac.uk) Phone 028 375 11559***



## **Apply For A Laptop And A Year's Free Broadband Connection**

Are you a community or charitable organisation that is looking to extend your work with a laptop and a year's free broadband?

### **If so, you could apply for a BT Community Connections award today.**

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT).

Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or ROI can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. There are more than 1,000 award packages available to groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community.

**Simply apply now or click here to find out more about the scheme**

## **Holocaust Memorial Week**

### **Holocaust Memorial Week: Visit to Omagh to hear Holocaust Survivor 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010**

Holocaust Memorial Week' is held annually in January to remember victims and survivors of the Holocaust. Omagh District Council's Good Relations section, in conjunction with the Holocaust Educational Trust, have organised a speaker, Joanna Millan, who survived the Holocaust, to share her story of surviving the Holocaust. Derry City Council Community Relations Officers will be running a free bus trip to this event.

Joanna was born Bela Rosenthal in August 1942 in Berlin. Her father and mother both died in separate concentration camps, leaving Bela, age 2, orphaned and alone in Theresienstadt, a concentration camp 50 miles outside of Prague. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1945, the Red Cross took over control of the camp and Bela was liberated by the Russians. After the liberation Bela, along with five other surviving orphans, was flown to England in British bomber planes. Eventually adopted by a Jewish couple living in London, today Bela is a magistrate and speaks regularly about her experiences of the Holocaust and anti-semitism.

If you are interested in hearing more of her story you may wish to book for the following event:

**Event:** Holocaust Memorial Week: Visit to Omagh to hear Holocaust Survivor.  
**Date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.  
**Time:** 10.45am – 4.45pm  
**Venue:** Departs from and returns to Sainsbury's Carpark, Cityside, L'Derry.  
Lunch at the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh  
Holocaust Memorial Event – Speaker and Q&A Session at Strule Arts Centre.  
**Cost:** free (includes transport, admission and lunch)

Applicants must be aged 16 or over and registrations are on a first come first served basis. There are 50 places available – places may be limited to 5 per group dependant on demand. **Bookings** are through phone, e-mail or fax to Sue Divin, Community Relations Officer by deadline of **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010:**

[sue.divin@derrycity.gov.uk](mailto:sue.divin@derrycity.gov.uk) fax: 71311524 or phone booking: 02871345160

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## **2. Funding opportunities/*Deiseanna maoiniú***

### **New Year Funding Seminar in Donegal**

#### **New Decade brings New Hope for Member Based Groups**

UCIT (Irl) Ltd. – Ulster Community Investment Trust (Ireland) - is a leading provider of Social Finance in Ireland to community/member based organisations focused on providing much needed services within the community.

With 2009 behind us, and some certainty provided by the recent budgetary announcements, UCIT (Irl) is keen to assist all member based groups intent on further progressing the services they provide to their communities. While the mainstream banking institutions may not yet be in a position to supply finance to community projects, Social Financiers such as UCIT, are actively searching for worthwhile investment opportunities within the community sector.

To this end, UCIT will be speaking at an information session in the offices of Inishowen Development Partnership, Pound St., Carndonagh at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th January. The purpose of the session is to inform all eligible groups comprising, co-ops, housing associations, sporting clubs, community halls, and much more of the exclusive support available via Social Finance, as well as grant aid available through the Leader programme.

UCIT encourage all those involved in member owned bodies to attend, or make the event known to others in the area. To book a free place at the event, contact Andrew Ward of IDP in Carndonagh on 074-9373083 before Tuesday 12th.

For further information on the range of services UCIT Ltd. provide, please feel free to view our website [www.ucitltd.com](http://www.ucitltd.com) and/or contact Donal in Co. Louth on 041-6858637 or via email: [donal@ucitltd.com](mailto:donal@ucitltd.com)

#### **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](mailto:arts@wellcome.ac.uk)  
Tel: 0044 20 7611 7222. [www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding).  
Deadlines; Larger projects, 8 January 2010. Smaller projects, 29 January, 30 April, 30 July, and 29 October 2010.

#### **Festival and Events Initiative 2010 – Fáilte Ireland**

This initiative encourages the spread of visitors throughout the country by investing in festivals and cultural events that enhance and expand tourism. Support is available for national events (larger festivals) and regional (smaller festivals / participative). Information from [festivals@failteireland.ie](mailto:festivals@failteireland.ie), contact 01 884 7151. Deadlines; National Programme, 18 January 2010. Regional applications will be invited in

January 2010.

### **Programmes and upcoming deadlines – The Arts Council**

Upcoming closing dates for Arts Council financial support programmes: Bursary award 21 January 2010. Ongoing: Writers in schools scheme, Travel & training award, Deis (Traditional Arts), Visual artists in prisons scheme and Writers in prisons scheme (both managed by the Department of Justice/Prison Service).

### **Development Education Funding Scheme 2010 - Irish Aid**

Irish Aid, the official development assistance programme, supports education projects that increase development awareness and understanding. Ahead of the completion of a review, in 2010, there will be one call for Annual Projects in 2010, probably in January. Guidelines will be online at [www.irishaid.ie](http://www.irishaid.ie). Information 061 774102 and [developmenteducation@dfa.ie](mailto:developmenteducation@dfa.ie).

No new research grants will be awarded in 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](mailto:cultureireland@dast.gov.ie) or visit [www.cultureireland.gov.ie](http://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](http://www.musicnetwork.ie), or contact [concertadmin@musicnetwork.ie](mailto: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](mailto:support@create-ireland.ie) or check [www.create-ireland.ie](http://www.create-ireland.ie). Deadlines; 26 February and 25 June 2010.

### **European Refugee Fund – Pobal**

Applications are sought from community and voluntary groups, NGO, development companies, partnerships, and the public sector to support reception and integration actions supporting asylum seekers and refugees. For information contact 01 5117124 / 5117286, email [rTierney@pobal.ie](mailto:rTierney@pobal.ie) or check on [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie). Deadline; 26 February 2010.

### **European Integration Fund – Pobal**

Applications are invited for funding to support projects for the integration of third country nationals of different economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to fulfil the conditions of residence and to facilitate their integration into society. For information contact 01 5117124 / 5117286, email [cflanagan@pobal.ie](mailto:cflanagan@pobal.ie) or check on [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie). Deadline; 26 February 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/](http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/) or contact [info@foundation.ie](mailto: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](mailto:info@foundation.ie) or phone 01 8747354. Deadlines; 26 February, 30 July and 29 October 2010.

### **U2 and Ireland Funds Music Scheme – Music Network**

The scheme will support opportunities for children and young people to learn a musical instrument and/or avail of vocal tuition. Involvement will be offered by competitive tender, with local interests invited to bid for a three-year subsidy. Potential partnerships at local level are advised to be ready in early 2010. Read more at [www.musicnetwork.ie](http://www.musicnetwork.ie)

### **EU Culture Programme 2007-2013**

Upcoming deadlines. Literary Translation; 3 February 2010. 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](http://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](http://www.leargas.ie), or contact 01 873 1411, [education@leargas.ie](mailto: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](http://www.create-ireland.ie)

## **Annual Fundraising Conference – 24 March, Dublin**

In 2010 Fundraising Ireland will be developing a membership programme for those engaged in fundraising activity in Ireland. Its annual conference takes place on 24 March 2010 at Croke Park, Dublin. Information from [info@fundraisingireland.ie](mailto:info@fundraisingireland.ie). The website [www.fundraisingireland.ie](http://www.fundraisingireland.ie) includes notes from all previous events.

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### **3. Training opportunities/*Deiseanna oiliúina***

#### **GIVE BACK! Become a Road Safety Ambassador, teaching other people about road safety!**

'Protecting Our Community- A Call to Action- the community road safety programme -is an awareness programme on road safety for adults which is made up of a resource pack and accompanying DVD. It is based on the *Rules of the Road* and aims to change the attitudes and behavior of drivers, pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists.

Anyone can attend a short course on the programme which will train you to deliver powerful workshops the Community Road Safety Programme locally. **Please find, attached application form which MUST be signed and returned to Jenny McLoughlin, Road Safety Promotion Officer prior to training by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of January.**

Training will be held over two evenings to facilitate community members on the following dates:

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2009  
Time: 7.00-9.30pm  
Location: Ionad Naomh Pdraig, Upperdore, Bunbeg, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

For further information please contact Jenny McLoughlin, Road Safety Promotion Officer, Road Safety Authority at 096 25002 email [jennymcloughlin@rsa.ie](mailto:jennymcloughlin@rsa.ie)

#### **Fundraising Training for the Arts – Dublin, Business to Arts**

This 4 day training programme, beginning on 14 January, is followed by 100 days of support, training and strategic coaching. Subsidised by Business to Arts and Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Contact Rowena@businesstoarts.ie for further information.

#### **Communities And Policing In Transition Training Programme REMINDER**

As part of the delivery of the Communities and Policing in Transition (CAPT) project, 13 training programmes will be delivered throughout the period of the project in the agreed areas of Fermanagh/Monaghan/Cavan, Derry/Donnegal and Belfast. It is important to stress that there will be at least 4 training programmes which will take place in the Derry/Donnegal area over the next 3 years. It is the intention of the CAPT project to engage as many people working in this area over the duration of the project, therefore people who are not able to participate in the first programme will have other opportunities to do so.

These training programmes will be delivered in the context of:

Senior representatives - Year 1  
Cascading below this in Year's 2 & 3.

The criteria for selection of participants on the CAPT training programme include the following:

People who are directly involved with this area of work.

In the context of the first programme senior people in community positions either in a voluntary or paid capacity ie Head of a community organisation or Chair or Vice Chair of a community organisation.

Senior people from PSNI and An Garda Síochána.

Professional heads of public sector organisations in this area of work ie Community Safety Partnerships, District Policing Partnerships or Good Relations Officers.

The outline mix of participants has been agreed as 4 PSNI officers, 4 Garda Síochána officers, 12 community nominations and 4 public sector representatives.

The CAPT training programme is an accredited programme through the International Conflict Research Institute at the University of Ulster Magee campus.

Apart from the time commitment there will be no costs to participate in this programme.

If you feel you meet the criteria and are committed to engagement in the programme which will include a 2 day residential and a further 6 days training over 3 months, then an application should be made to Michelle Wilson at

[michelle.wilson@intercommbelfast.com](mailto:michelle.wilson@intercommbelfast.com)

This application should include an explanation of how you meet the above criteria, some information on your working background and a short bio on yourself.

We are hoping to agree the participants that week and the training will commence with the 2 day residential the week beginning **25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**.

If you require any further information on the CAPT project please contact Michelle Wilson at the above email address or by telephone on 02890 352165

### **Community Computer Courses January 2010**

a. **Computer Basics Courses.** Choose from one of the following locations:

- \* St.Eithne's Primary School starting Mon 18th January 9.30am - 11.30am (free childcare provided while you attend the course)
- \* Holy Family Primary School Starting Thursday 21st January 7-9pm (6 weeks)  
Ideal for those with no computer experience.

b. **Internet Course.**

- \* St Anne's Primary School Starting Monday 18th Jan 7-9pm (6 weeks)  
Basic Computer Knowledge required for this course.

c. **Computer Basics Course.** Choose from one of the following locations:

- \* Northside Campus, NWRC Starting Tues 4th January 10am - 1pm
- \* Rosemount Primary Schools Starting Friday 15th January 9.30am - 11.30am (free childcare provided while you attend the course)  
15 weeks - basic computer knowledge required for this course.

All courses are free of charge. Places are limited on all courses so call Jennifer today for more information and to register your name 07775732113

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#### 4. Community & Voluntary Register

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](mailto: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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#### 5. Insurance

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](http://www.bhpinsurance.ie).

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