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### 1. General/Ginearálta

#### Managing your Resources in a Recession

**Date:** 11 June 2009

**Venue:** [The Harbour Hotel](#) , New Dock Street, Galway

**Time:** Registration from 9.00am. Workshop from 9.15am - 1.00pm

**Cost:**

Members of The Wheel: € 45.00

Non-members: € 80.00

[Book your place online now!](#)

Further information available at

[http://www.wheel.ie/user/events/training\\_events\\_calendar\\_2009/making\\_more\\_from\\_less\\_galway](http://www.wheel.ie/user/events/training_events_calendar_2009/making_more_from_less_galway)

#### Volunteering Ireland

**Do you work with volunteers within your organisation?  
Are you interested in meeting with other volunteer managers?**

PAVMI (The Professional Association of Volunteer Managers Ireland) is going on a "roadshow" around the country and will be hosting coffee mornings for local volunteer managers and volunteer co-ordinators in your area.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn more about PAVMI and to talk to others working in the same field. It should be a great forum to discuss issues that are relevant to all of us.

**June:**

24 June, 10:30- 11:30, Galway, Galway Volunteer Centre

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**July/August: Some dates to be confirmed**

8 July , 11:30- 12:30, Kildare, Monasterevin, Moore Abbey  
Sligo  
Cork  
Dublin

For more information visit the PAVMI section of our website. [www.volunteeringireland.ie](http://www.volunteeringireland.ie).

RSVP to [info@volunteerireland.ie](mailto:info@volunteerireland.ie) or call 01 636 9446

**Inishowen Friends of Messines**

Annual Commemoration and Service of Remembrance for The Men & Women of Inishowen who gave their lives in The Great War 1914 to 1918

Fort Dunree, Dunree, Buncrana, Co Donegal

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 2.30pm**

Refreshments afterward  
All welcome

Ph +353 74 9361817, Fax +353 74 9363922  
[www.dunree.pro.ie](http://www.dunree.pro.ie) email [dunree@eircom.net](mailto:dunree@eircom.net)

**Seirbhis Iompai Tuaithe Teo (SITT) expands Rural Transport Services to East Donegal**

Seirbhis Iompai Tuaithe Teo (SITT) is the Rural Transport Provider, which has operated previously in the South West of the County, has under the expansion of the Pobal Rural Transport Programme commenced with the provision of Rural Transport Services in the following areas of East Donegal.

- ❑ Carrigans to Letterkenny on Friday mornings
- ❑ Carrigans to Lifford on Friday afternoons
- ❑ Castlefinn Rural on Mondays
- ❑ Castlefinn Rural on Fridays
- ❑ Castlefinn to Letterkenny on Tuesdays & Fridays
- ❑ Killygordon to Letterkenny to Letterkenny on Tuesday & Fridays
- ❑ Stranorlar Rural Route A on Fridays
- ❑ Stranorlar Rural route B on Fridays.

The commencement of these routes are welcomed by the local communities and SITT expect to expand their routes and the frequency of service in the near future in other local areas over the coming weeks and further details of these will be published in the next edition. The CDB welcome the expanded services

**PRESS RELEASE**

**€900,000+ Peace and Reconciliation Grants Awarded**

The Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership have awarded €906,454 in Small Grants to 37 different organisations around the county.

The Small Grants Scheme, supported by the European Union European Regional Development Fund, is the first in a series of elements of the Donegal Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan 2008-2010 that will be rolled out over the next 2 years to organisations in Donegal working to deepen and strengthen the Peace Process at a local level.

The Small Grants awarded range in size from €6,450 to a maximum of €30,000 and it is estimated that at least 3,500 people will be engaged to different degrees in cross community and cross border activity aimed at developing better relationships at a local level and reinforcing progress towards a more peaceful and stable society.

A key element of all the funded projects is to challenge the attitudes that persist among people around the issues of sectarianism and racism, over ten years after the Good Friday Agreement. Reflecting the commitment of organisations in Donegal to working on a cross border basis, almost 50% of the grants, €440k, will support cross-border work.

€91,500 will be spent on projects that improve collaboration between schools in the county, tackling stereotyping and prejudice before it has a chance to take root.

The communities to benefit range from Clonmany and Muff in Inishowen to Ballintra and Pettigo in the south of the county. Overall 40 different towns, villages and rural areas in Donegal, mostly those in proximity to the border, will be supported by the Small Grant Scheme.

Chairman of the Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership, Cllr Francis Conaghan, said:

'The Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation would like to congratulate all of the successful applicants to this Small Grants Scheme and wish them the very best in carrying out their very important work over the next two years. Some of the most important and effective peace work is done in small and quiet ways and we know that this grant scheme will produce very effective results in terms of reconciliation and peace into the future.'

Details of the successful projects are available to view on the Donegal County Development Board website [www.donegalcdb.ie](http://www.donegalcdb.ie)

### **Junior Achievement Ireland**

Junior Achievement was established in Ireland in 1995 and since then has built up a strong demand from schools throughout the country and created successful partnerships with 150 leading organisations. Junior Achievement is helping to create a culture of enterprise within the education system. Programmes begin at primary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers and continue through to secondary school, right up to age 18, preparing students for their future careers. All Junior Achievement programmes are taught by business volunteers recruited from supporting organisations and volunteers are fully trained before they commence their programme.

Donegal County Council is delighted to be associated with the Junior Achievement Ireland programme. This is an excellent initiative aimed at targeting those children at risk of early school leaving and at teaching enterprise skills to young people. During the academic year 2008/2009, 17 volunteers from Donegal County Council have participated on the Junior Achievement Programme.

The Donegal County Council volunteers not only work with students in the delivery of Junior Achievement programmes and workshops, but also work to educate the students on the employment opportunities in Donegal County Council and their own career paths within the organisation. The feedback received from the schools with regard to the Donegal County Council volunteers has been incredibly positive. The Principals of a number of the schools involved commented especially on the professionalism displayed by the volunteers.

### **Poverty Profile 2009**

The Research and Policy Unit are currently in the process of updating the Poverty Profile for County Donegal. This report will collate, analyse, map and present a number of key indicators of poverty within County Donegal and is due for completion at the end of June, 2009. This report is being prepared on behalf of the Social Inclusion Unit and under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Measures Group and the Social Inclusion Forum.

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## Updating Community Directories

The Research and Policy Unit are also in the process of updating the Donegal Community and Voluntary Directory, which can be accessed on the Donegal County Councils Website [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009. We would encourage you to look at this document when completed to update us on any changes in your group's information (i.e. contact persons, contact details, meeting place etc) that may have occurred since you submitted your registration form. In addition, if you would like to register with the Community Audit please contact the Research and Policy Unit at (074) 91 72 569/ 470.

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## 2. Cultural Services/ *Seirbhísí Cultúrtha*

### New Exhibitions At The Donegal County Museum

During the month of June in the Donegal County Museum, there are two new temporary exhibitions on display - Museums Matter: Accessing Ireland's Heritage and 'The Dance of The Fishing Boats – Arranmore Island.

The Museums Matter: Accessing Ireland's Heritage exhibition reveals the value and the variety of museum collections across the island of Ireland and shows the wealth of enjoyment and inspiration that museums have to offer to people of all ages. An illustrated booklet, activity sheets, an a/v presentation and handling collections accompany the exhibition. The activity sheets can be viewed at [www.irishmuseums.org](http://www.irishmuseums.org)

The exhibition is funded by the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, and Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, the Irish Museums Association, and Museums Council of Northern Ireland.

#### **School tours and groups are welcome - please book in advance.**

Admission is free and all are welcome. Opening hours: Monday-Friday 10.00am to 4.30pm, Saturday 1.00- 4.30pm. For further information contact the Museum at T. 074 9124613  
E. [museum@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:museum@donegalcoco.ie)

'**The Dance of the Fishing Boats**' is an exhibition about Arranmore Island, which offers a glimpse of life on the island, including the history of the island, the lifeboat, lighthouse, emigration and the Arranmore Disaster. A snapshot of Islander stories is also featured. Objects on display include a RNLI Full Standard Sea Crew uniform, lobster pots, aerial photographs and a dolly called Crona, which was knitted over 20 years ago by the best knitter on the island. This exhibition is running in conjunction with **The Aranmore Drawings**, a major exhibition on the life and work of the Irish-American artist James Fitzgerald at the Regional Cultural Centre.

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### **The Past in the Present- A County Archives Touring Exhibition,**

celebrating 10 years of Donegal County Archives is now on display at the Dungloe Public Service Centre, where it is open to the public from Mondays - Fridays, during normal office hours.

The exhibition celebrates over 250 years of Donegal's unique history and the relevance of local history for people living today.

The exhibition showcases the County Archives' many and varied archival collections. Nine panels are on display 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; Journeys in Time*. The panels contain a brief history of the themes and are accompanied by images scanned from the County Archives' many collections. Images include photographs, posters, leaflets, extracts from letters, registers, minute books and other items.

The exhibition will move to Milford public service centre and to the County Archives, Lifford, later this year.

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### **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](http://www.fundingpoint.ie)

#### **Approaching deadlines**

##### **BT Community Connections award**

**Postal applications 9 June 2009 (Round One) / 5 January 2010 (Round Two). Online applications 11 June 2009 (Round One) / 7 January 2010 (Round Two)**

Do you know a community or charitable organisation that is looking to extend its work through the use of the internet and ICT? If so, they could apply for a BT Community Connections award today. The scheme supports a diverse range of community and charitable organisations. In the past voluntary projects, silver-surfers, conservation organisations, family support groups, sports teams and youth groups have all been supported.

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=1884>

##### **Artist in the Community Scheme Application Deadline: 25/06/2009**

Twice yearly the Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities of place or interest to work together on projects. The artist in the Community Scheme is managed by Create, the national development agency for the collaborative arts.

The maximum amount awarded in Phases One is 1000. Phase Two, Project Realisation has a maximum award of €10,000.

#### **Addresses and Contacts:**

**Katherine Atkinson** -CREATE  
10/11 Earl Street South, Dublin 8  
Tel: 01 473 6600 [E-mail Contact](#)

## **Ray Murphy Fund for leadership education and training 2009**

### **2009 Closing Dates:**

**31st July** (successful grantees will receive their grants in September)

**30th October** (successful grantees will receive their grants in December)

The Ray Murphy Fund – managed by the Community Foundation for Ireland - will make grants to build leadership within the community sector for the next 10 years, 2008 - 2017. The grants will be for a maximum of euro 4,000 each and 5 grants will be awarded per year. The fund is envisaged to assist people managing organizations within the community and voluntary sector access leadership - education or training.

The Ray Murphy Fund Application Form is not freely available.

Potential applicants must contact the Grants Officer to discuss the suitability of a proposed project prior to making an application: email [info@foundation.ie](mailto:info@foundation.ie) tel 01 874 7354

### **Integrating Communities Application deadline 14/08/2009**

#### **Description:**

Grant funding through the Support Phase will provide a maximum of £10,000 to implement a small project.

Integrating Communities is a programme of support provided and administered by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC) and the International Fund for Ireland.

The scheme is intended to encourage and facilitate community organisations that are based in Northern Ireland and the Border Regions of Ireland to co-operate on a cross-border and cross-community basis, in order to develop relationships and carry out projects of common interest. The programme offers a mixture of training, support and funding.

#### **Addresses and Contacts:**

##### **Yvonne Breen**

Northern Ireland Rural Development Council  
17 Loy Street  
Cookstown  
County Tyrone  
BT80 8PZ , Tel: 028 8676 6980

### **St Stephen's Green Trust grants scheme 2009**

**Application Deadline: 11/09/2009**

Grants will be made to organisations working in 3 specific areas. They are homelessness, prisoners / ex-prisoners and Travellers.

There is one grants meeting in 2009.

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=2317>

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

##### ***BSS in Housing & Community Studies:***

***University College Dublin & Respond! Voluntary Housing Association***

**The closing date for applications is 17th July 2009.**

The Bachelor of Social Studies in Housing and Community Studies (BSS) is offered by University College Dublin, in partnership with Respond! Voluntary Housing Association.

The BSS degree is a four-year, part-time programme designed for mature students, (23 years and above) who wish to return to education. It contains three stages of study: Year 1 Certificate, Year 2 Diploma and Year 3 & 4 honours Degree

For further information please contact Declan Markey, Respond!, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 Email: [bsscourse@respond.ie](mailto:bsscourse@respond.ie) Tel: 0818 – 357901. Website: [www.respond.ie](http://www.respond.ie)

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## 5. The Environment/*An Timpeallacht*

### Litter Campaigns Spring Summer Clean UP Programme

Donegal County Council offer assistance to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. It is also intended through the programme to develop a community led approach to the problem of litter and fly tipping. The programme runs from April to September.

#### Who Qualifies for the Programme?

Groups that may apply include the following: Bona Fide Clubs, Organisations, Associations, Environmental Groups and Tidy Towns Committees. Groups of individuals not necessarily attached to a group may also qualify for assistance provided it is a public area they are intending to clean up. Private household clean ups will not qualify for the scheme and skips in particular will only be distributed to group led clean ups in public areas. Groups interested in organising an environmental clean up can apply for assistance through their local area office. Bags, Gloves and Litter pickers are available at the offices below. Any groups organising a major environmental clean up can apply for a skip. They must however register and complete the application form, which is available at the main council offices in Carndonagh, Dungloe, Donegal Town, Letterkenny, Lifford and Milford.

### 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 you 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 you 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.weeeireland.ie) or [www.environ.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.

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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](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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## ***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**

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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## **8. Flight of the Earls / Imeacht na nIarlaí**

### **From Rathmullan to Brussels Flight of the Earls links with the St. Patricks Day Parade, Brussels**

The first St. Patricks Day Parade was held in Brussels this year. Donegal County Council provided the '**Rathmullin Bo Staff**', which was carried by the Grand Marshall of the Parade, Fr. John Kealy. The staff was cut from the site in Rathmullan where the Flight of the Earls set sail and was presented to Fr. Kealy by the Mayor of County Donegal, Cllr. Gerry Crawford on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

Donegal County Council has agreed to have the staff engraved and embossed in time for the 2010 parade. The staff will then be stored in a museum in Brussels for safe keeping and will be carried by the Grand Marshal of the parade each year so that the story of Rathmullan and Irish emigration can be told for generations to come.

### **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](mailto:michellem@donegalcoco.ie)



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