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1. General/Ginearálta

Active Citizenship Local and EU Elections 2009

Key Dates re Elections

- Deadline for registering on the supplementary register is Monday May 18th 2009
- To check if you are registered visit www.checktheregister.ie
- Local and EU Elections will be held in Ireland on Friday 5th June 2009

A National Conference for the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland

When: Tuesday, 19 May 2009, 9.30am - 5.00pm (registration at 9:00 am)

Where: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

How do I register?

[Book your place online here!](#)

New Realities - New Opportunities.

In an economic crisis that can appear to be engulfing us, now is the time for our sector to lead in the way that only we can! Everything our sector does is based on a vision of a better world - let us lead by example and take this opportunity to create new possibilities for our sector and for the communities we serve.

Don't miss the most thought-provoking event on the community and voluntary sector's calendar.

[The agenda for the day](#)

[The speakers](#)

[Details of the parallel sessions](#)

Who should attend?

This conference is open to anyone volunteering, working in, or associated with the community and voluntary sector. It will be of particular interest to those who like to keep an eye on the 'big picture' and the wider issues affecting our sector. The conference will provide opportunities to learn more about:

- ❑ the developmental needs of the community and voluntary sector.
- ❑ the introduction of charity regulation and the regulation of fundraising.
- ❑ policies for developing skills in, and providing supports for, the community and voluntary sector.
- ❑ It will also be the ideal opportunity to network with key stakeholders in the community and voluntary sector.

Members of The Wheel: €90 for the first delegate of an organisation, €45 for each additional delegate.

Non-Members: €150 for the first delegate of an organisation, €75 for each additional delegate.

COMMUNITY WORK IN CHALLENGING TIMES Maintaining Quality Principles & Standards REGIONAL WORKSHOPS & NATIONAL SEMINAR

May 26th Manorcunningham Community Resource Centre, Main Street, Manorcunningham

All workshops will be held from 11am to 2.30pm & lunch will be provided.

This is a free event, but numbers are strictly limited so prior booking is essential. For a booking form & further info please contact info@cwv.ie or Community Workers' Co-operative, Unit 4, Tuam Road Centre, Tuam Road, Galway, Phone 091 779030

Further information and booking form available by clicking on the links below

- ❑ [Workshop flyer](#)

Regional Workshops & National Seminar

The Community Workers Co-op is holding a series of regional workshops that will focus on maintaining quality community work in the face of recent & evolving developments in the community sector outlined above. Using *Towards Standards* as a framework, the workshops will explore how community workers and those using community work as an approach in their work can maintain the principles and standards of quality community work.

The regional workshops will conclude with a national seminar on June 10th in Dublin (venue to be confirmed) that will seek to frame local experiences in an analysis of the intersection of democracy, governance and social exclusion, and to translate these experiences and concerns into a CWC position for action.

***Supporting Children's Holistic Well-being* Early Childhood Care and Education CONFERENCE 2009**

In collaboration with various partners with an interest in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), including Donegal Children's Services Committee, the Donegal County Childcare Committee (DCCC) is hosting *The Colour of My Dreams* Conference in **An Grianán Hotel, Speenogue, Burt, Co. Donegal on Thursday 28th May 2009.**

What will the conference include?

Children will be active participants in the event and a message promoting children's rights will open the conference. The conference aims to attract a group of specialist guest speakers who will discuss and offer advice around various aspects of children's well-being. Various agencies and services relating to services for children will provide information stands and practical supports will be provided by a range of conference exhibitors.

Guest Speakers

- Professor Diane E. Levin: ' **So Sexy So Soon** ' -The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Children.

- Peter Dixon: 'A Cry for the Rights of Creativity and Childhood in Education'
- Ros Bayley: 'Creating the Emotional Climate for Learning'

What does the conference aim to achieve?

The conference aims to provide practical information, support and advice on issues, which have an impact on all aspects of children's well-being in modern society. The conference will focus on achieving best outcomes for children by encouraging partnerships and through the pooling of expertise in this area. Collectively and collaboratively, childcare services, parents, health professionals and childcare agencies will be encouraged to build on their responsibility to safeguard and promote the holistic well-being of children.

For more information, please contact DCCC:

Tel: 074 9132416

Email: info@donegalchildcare.com

Web: www.donegalchildcare.com

Donegal Walking Week 24 – 29 May 2009

Donegal Walking Week 2009 takes place from the **24th to the 29th May 2009**. This year's programme will be based on *The Family* theme and Donegal Sports Partnership hopes to get as many individuals, families schools or workplaces as possible to take part in the various events.

[Donegal Walking Week Flyer](#)

[Registration form](#)

Issue 3 Donegal - community in touch / E-zine March 2009

Donegal County Council in association with Donegal County Development Board has been involved in a Diaspora project, promoting the North West of Ireland over the last number of years. This project was supported by the EU Interreg Programme and represented a partnership of Derry City and Donegal County Councils, Donegal County Enterprise Board and North West Marketing. The project undertook a range of activities aimed at people who are living and working in other parts of the country or the world, and who want to return at some point to Ireland. The project had the further aim of encouraging individuals to come back to work, set up a business or be influential in an investment decision into the region.

Building on the success of the Diaspora project, Donegal County Council and Donegal County Development Board have published an e-zine newsletter to maintain our links with the many contacts established over the last number of years within the Island of Ireland, the UK and the US. This e-zine provides subscribers with information on news, events, and stories of interest from a Donegal / North West perspective.

The third edition of the Donegal e-zine will be published at the end of March 2009 and will be available on the CDB website at:

<http://www.donegalcdb.ie/publications/DonegalCommunityInTouche-ineIssue3.pdf>

or further details on the e-zine or to find out more about the work of Donegal County Development Board, please visit our website at www.donegalcdb.ie or contact Ms. Maria Ferguson, Donegal County Council tel: 0749724466 or email c&eunit@donegalcoco.ie.

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2. Cultural Services / Seirbhísí Cultúrtha

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.

Bealtaine Arts Festival May 2009

Bealtaine is the national month long arts festival organised by Age & Opportunity, the Irish National Organisation working to promote greater participation by older people in society. The festival covers all art forms including visual art, theatre, creative writing, storytelling, music and dance.

Donegal County Council's Cultural Services has been producing the Donegal Bealtaine Festival for 12 years, in partnership with a wide range of organisations and co-ordinated overall by the Regional Cultural Centre. The programme has steadily grown to become one of the largest in the country with more than 100 events in libraries, arts and community venues, day-care centres and community hospitals throughout the county.

The Bealtaine festival is unique and celebratory – showcasing older age as a time for creativity and growth, it offers older people opportunities to participate in the arts at every level – as artists, performers, event organisers and audiences. The range of programming presented by The Regional Cultural Centre is immense – from art / music / reminiscence sessions in a day-care centre to film screenings, grandparent / grandchild art workshops; major concerts, theatre or group art projects, there really is something for everyone.

Highlights from The RCC this year include special screenings from the North West Film Archive, a unique digital archive of footage from the Northwest dating back to the 1920s, in centres across the county; The Beautiful Tomorrow Choir – a specially commissioned intergenerational choir who will perform with a variety of other musicians in a gala concert at the RCC on May 24th; Bealtaine Voices, a special festival insert in the Donegal News and The Dawn Chorus – where you can sing to the rising sun on Culdaff Beach with the Inishowen Gospel Choir at 6.00 am on May 31st!

Bealtaine 2009 will also include a diverse range of library events including storytelling, author visits, Internet training, a writers evening, flower arranging, gardening, consumer rights information, card-making, basket-making, wood-turning, painting, music & song. Aussie Bryson, Joe Brennan, Fergus Cleary, Brian Smeaton, Brendan Farren, Mary McGranaghan and many more will participate, as well as visits from those further afield such as author Ultan Cowley and storyteller Jerry Harmon. All library and Taobh Tíre events are free and should be booked in advance – contact details and information will be available in the *Bealtaine* brochure.

For further information on the festival contact Sally Murphy on 91 29186, email: sally.murphy@donegalcoco.ie / web: www.donegalculture.com
For information on library / taobh tíre events contact Frances Crampsie on 91 21968

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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

Approaching deadlines

Culture Ireland Application deadline 15/05/2009

Description:

Culture Ireland is a voluntary body reporting to the Department for Arts, Sport and Tourism and offers grants for the promotion and enhancement of Irish art and cultural activities abroad. The aim of the grant is to support the staging of events, for example performances, exhibitions and lectures, in other countries which would otherwise be unable to take place due to lack of funds.

Addresses and Contacts:

Culture Ireland

Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism
Room 3.32 , Frederick Buildings , South Frederick Street , Dublin 2
Tel: 01 631 3927

Arts and Disability Awards Deadlines: May and November each year

The Arts and Disability Awards provide financial support for individual disabled artists living in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, working across all artforms.

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=3361>

Tidy Towns Competition Application Deadline: 22/05/2009

Application Procedure:

Applications should be made to the Tidy Towns Unit at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Committees should contact their local authority to see if there are any support schemes that might assist them with their application.

PEACE III Call - 'Addressing Legacy & Truth in Public Memory' Application Deadline: 12 noon 29/05/2009.

The Border Action / Community Relations Council Consortium have issued a call for applications under Strand 1 of Theme 1.2 of the PEACE III Programme - 'Addressing Legacy and Truth in Public Memory'. Applications will be accepted from organisations or consortia interested in developing and delivering peace-building and reconciliation projects which seek to implement actions that explore the legacy and memory of the conflict through truth recovery, documentation, storytelling and the recording of complex history and experience.

The application process requires completion of an online Part A Application Form which is available at: www.eugrants.org as well as a Part B which you can download from: <http://www.borderaction.ie/latestnews?newsid=112>.

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 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

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

Management Education Programme for Fundraisers - 18-22 May 2009
IMI, Sandford, Dublin 16

Following positive feedback for the course in October 2008, the Centre for Nonprofit Management in partnership with the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University is presenting the five day course **Principles & Techniques of Fundraising on 18-22 May 2009** at the IMI. This is Ireland's first programme delivering university based training in fundraising and philanthropy studies and is supported by The Ireland Funds.

The course provides an intensive A-Z training foundation for fundraising professionals at executive levels. Designed as a definitive fundraising education programme, it aims to assist those responsible for fundraising in Ireland achieve new levels of success and sustainability. During the course, a number of expert practitioners will share their knowledge and experience of the Irish nonprofit sector. Among the contributors will be Kingsley Aikins, President of The Ireland Funds, Richard Dixon, Concern, and Sheila Nordon, Irish Charities Tax Research Ltd.

Further information, including the booking form, can be found at

<http://www.cnm.tcd.ie/education/executive-education/index.php>

Or contact Siobhan McGee, 01 896 3775 Email: siobhan.mcgee@tcd.ie

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: bsscource@respond.ie Tel: 0818 – 357901. Website: www.respond.ie

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5. The Environment/ An Timpeallacht

Waste Legislation Issues

The Environmental Technologies Action Plan (ETAP) concentrates on waste issues in its recent [newsletter](#). Some of the significant points contained in the Waste Framework Directive adopted by the Council of Europe in October 2008 are outlined. The principles of waste prevention, recycling and re-use are outlined. Member states must meet household waste recycling targets of 50% by 2020 and construction and demolition (C&D) recycling of 70% by that date.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ([WEEE](#)) Directive is discussed also. The European Commission has recently proposed a revision of the WEEE to include for mandatory collection targets of 65% of the average weight of electric and electronic goods purchased in that member state over the previous two years.

The European Commission has proposed a further package called the "[Action Plan for sustainable consumption, production and industry](#)". This is aimed at improving the sustainability of goods manufacture and use throughout Europe and so doing improve our environmental awareness. The Commission made a set of proposals in July 2008. This followed from a public consultation process carried out during mid 2007 where stakeholder opinion was sought. The proposals include strategies on the use of natural resources, Ecolabel schemes and green public procurement.

There is an article in the newsletter on the roll out of a recycling programme for waste batteries in Ireland. This follows a successful pilot scheme carried out in Tullamore and will involve 50,000 waste battery drop-off boxes being distributed around the country. The [website](#) includes a search facility for countrywide collection points.

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 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 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

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.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 grúpai 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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8. 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



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