



## **East Belfast Community Development Agency eBulletin**

EBCDA's eBulletin is distributed on the **first and third Wednesdays** of each month. If you would like to submit a community news item, event, or training/funding opportunity please contact Trisha McQueen on 028 9045 1512 or email [trisha@ebcda.org](mailto:trisha@ebcda.org) on the Tuesday before by **11.00am**.

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### **1. EBCDA News**

### **Community Support**

#### **East Belfast Youth Work Practitioners Forum**

The next meeting of this forum (formerly known as the Youth Providers Forum) is on **Tuesday 7 May 2013 at 2.00pm** in **Knocknagoney Church of Ireland**, Knocknagoney Road. To confirm your attendance please contact Trisha at [trisha@ebcda.org](mailto:trisha@ebcda.org) or call 9045 1512. The meeting will include a presentation from Public Achievement, and is open to all youth workers in East Belfast.

#### **East Belfast Community Workers Forum**

The next Community Workers Forum will take place on **Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 12.00pm** (venue to be confirmed). To register your attendance please contact Trisha at [trisha@ebcda.org](mailto:trisha@ebcda.org) or call 9045 1512.

#### **East Belfast Ethnic Minority Support Network**

The next network meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4 June at 10.00am** in the **Micah Centre**, My Lady's Road. It will include a presentation on the history of the Roma community. To register your attendance please contact Trisha at [trisha@ebcda.org](mailto:trisha@ebcda.org) or call 9045 1512.

#### **Could You Benefit From One to One Support?**

East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) can offer you the opportunity to avail of up to 6 one to one sessions with a fully qualified Mentor. EBCDA have a group of Mentors for those wishing to avail of support outside of their organisations management structure. The mentors have been trained by the Youth & Community Dept at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown. If you wish to avail of this support or require further information contact Michael Briggs at [Michael@ebcda.org](mailto:Michael@ebcda.org)

To read more detail about Mentoring you can download our report at this link <http://www.ebcda.org/PDFs/MentoringReport.pdf>.

## Health Development and Connections Programme

### Screening of Wise Men of the East Network 'Getting On' DVD

For over 10 years older MEN have been meeting in east Belfast and Castlereagh to provide mutual support, learning and community development through weekly group meetings and one off events. A brief snapshot of this work has been recorded by a number of key individuals on film and will be screened at the **Spectrum Centre, 331-333 Shankill Road, Belfast**, on **Thursday 9 May 2013 at 2pm – finishing about 4pm**. This project was recognised by Volunteer Now through Belfast Older Men's Group who provided the funding to produce the film. A limited number of copies of the DVD will be available to purchase for £1. For further information contact Alan Houston, Health Development Worker (Outer East), on 028 9045 1512 or email [alan@ebcda.org](mailto:alan@ebcda.org).

### Ticker Club

A group of ex-patients from the cardiac department of the Ulster Hospital are currently meeting every week in the Aslan Centre at Knocknagoney to take part in exercises and games from **7pm to 9pm** on a **Thursday evening**. The club is open to all heart patients in the area who feel they could benefit from sharing support with like minded individuals who want to reduce the risks of further setbacks. If you are interested you can contact; Alan Houston, Health Development Worker (Outer East), on 028 9045 1512 or email [alan@ebcda.org](mailto:alan@ebcda.org) or ring Bob Buick, Secretary on 028 9087 3637.

### ILM Coaching Skills Award

This two day programme is designed to assist participants to maximise the full potential of their teams by ensuring that everyone contributes to the best of their ability. This award is designed to enhance the skills of current coaches and those who aspire to coach in the future, to ensure that they are effectively planning, delivering and evaluating their coaching sessions.

The workshops take place on **Tuesday 14 and 28 May 2013** at the Maureen Sheenan Centre, Albert Street, Belfast and are accredited through the Institute of Leadership and Management Award (ILM). For further information contact; Alan Houston, Health Development Worker on 028 90451512 or email [alan@ebcda.org](mailto:alan@ebcda.org) or Kevin Kennedy, The HEART Project on 02890310346 or email [kennedy.kevin31@googlemail.com](mailto:kennedy.kevin31@googlemail.com).

### ASCERT Drug and Alcohol – Developing the Competent Workforce

ASCERT has developed a programme of drug and alcohol training. This programme is aimed at people in all sectors of the workforce. It is specifically relevant to those that may encounter drug or alcohol misusing clients within their role but where undertaking drug/alcohol related client work it is not their main function/job; and for drug and alcohol workers providing tiers 1 or 2 services. They offer a range of free training programmes, some of which have an option for accreditation.

All courses are DANOS mapped and can be used as part of on-going professional development under the Skills for Health (NI) Skills Sector Agreement. All programmes are CPD validated. All courses are free to people working in the Belfast and South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust areas.

Email [training@ascert.biz](mailto:training@ascert.biz) or call 028 9260 4422 for more information on dates and sessions.

### Suicide Awareness Information Sessions

If local people in your area are concerned about suicide please contact EBCDA's Suicide Prevention Information Officer Clare James who can facilitate information sessions in youth, community and voluntary groups across East Belfast. Session format is flexible but can include a general awareness talk with the opportunity to ask questions and access information on services. We can also organise for trained counsellors to attend if necessary and sessions can be held on evenings and weekends to ensure people can attend.

For more information contact Clare James, Suicide Prevention Development Officer on 028 9045 1512 or email [clare@ebcda.org](mailto:clare@ebcda.org)

## **Community Suicide Prevention Information Packs**

Information packs are now available from EBCDA with guidance and information on how you can play a role in preventing suicides in your community. For your pack please email [clare@ebcda.org](mailto:clare@ebcda.org) or call 028 9045 1512. You can also download a list of local service providers related to suicide prevention in East Belfast at <http://ebcda.org/PDFs/suicidepreventionserviceseastbelfastoctober2012.pdf>

## **Volunteer Development Programme**

### **Latest East Belfast Volunteering Opportunities**

Train for free and help your local community with **East Belfast Independent Advice Centre (EBIAC)**. Are you finding it hard to gain employment? Would you like to improve your confidence by gaining qualifications and work experience? Would you like to be able to do this and help your local community in a highly supportive environment? If you answered yes to any of the above you may like to avail of this opportunity. EBIAC provides free, independent and confidential advice on a range of issues including welfare benefits, tax credits, employment, housing, consumer, debt, etc. and is seeking to recruit volunteers for its Community Advocacy Skills Training project. As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to not only gain recognised qualifications in advice work but also gain essential work experience while volunteering in the centre. You will also have the opportunity to access other training and gain community development experience.

**East Belfast Mission** is seeking Children's Volunteers to develop their children's programme 'Fusion' in Skainos. Fusion is on Fridays from 6.30pm - 8.00pm for children in P1 - P7. They play games, make crafts and have fun. Through building relationships with their peers and with positive role models, children gain confidence and skills to help them succeed in the daily tasks of life. EBM is looking for people who are aged 18+ and who demonstrate a passion for inner city children as well as the enthusiasm and energy required to work with children. All relevant child protection and other training will be given. This role is subject to an Access NI check.

**Belfast Central Mission (BCM)** is seeking people who are interested in becoming a befriender in the Belfast area. Can you spare an hour or two to befriend older people in the community? Training will be provided together with on-going guidance and support. If you are over 18 years of age and would like to find out more please contact Janet Sewell [jsewell@belfastcentralmission.org](mailto:jsewell@belfastcentralmission.org) or Tel 028 9024 1917.

The new **Connswater Community Greenway (CCG)** community garden at Avoniel Leisure Centre is currently under construction at the front of the Centre with some early planting already underway. Community gardens are an opportunity to meet new people, develop new friendships, learn new skills and produce your own fruit and vegetables in a fun and welcoming environment. So why not come along and join in the fun! The garden is being developed with support from the CCG Team and Belfast City Council's Parks and Leisure Department and staff from both organisations are available on site to provide whatever assistance is required to ensure the success of the garden. So even if you have no previous gardening experience but would like to learn and get involved there will always be someone on hand to help and assist you.

The garden is currently open from 1.00pm to 4.00pm every Monday and Wednesday afternoon and, from Saturday 4 May, will open on the first Saturday of every month from 10.00am to 2.00pm. If you are interested in getting involved or simply want a chat, a coffee and a look around just call in on your way past or telephone Sean from the CCG Team on 028 9046 7930.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer roles contact Katy Gaston, Volunteer Development Coordinator, on 028 9045 1512 or email [katy@ebcda.org](mailto:katy@ebcda.org).

**Wandsworth Community Centre** on Belmont Church Road is looking for volunteers over 18 years old to get involved with this year's summer scheme. The three week project starts on Monday 29 July and caters for 170 children aged four to 20. There are four age groups that you could work with and the programme runs throughout the day and evening time. They are particularly seeking volunteers who are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays over the three weeks to help with day trips.

## **Finding the right volunteers for your organisation**

Every quarter EBCDA's Volunteer Project produces 'Volunteer News', a newsletter detailing East Belfast volunteering opportunities and the latest news for all things volunteering. It's a great way to get the word out about how volunteers can get involved in your organisation and your projects. To see the last edition click [here](#).

Writing adverts to recruit volunteers is far more difficult than people might think. Some organisations are lucky enough to have a marketing team to do this for them. But for most people who recruit volunteers, chances are they have just been on a short course to learn the basics or, more often or not have received no training at all - so it's not surprising then that some volunteer adverts can be a little...uninspiring. With this in mind IVO, the network for social change, have compiled a few basic tips to consider before you write your ad. Click [here](#) to read the article.

If you have opportunities for volunteers at the moment send details of the role and your organisation to Katy Gaston, Volunteer Development Coordinator, on 028 9045 1512 or email [katy@ebcda.org](mailto:katy@ebcda.org) to advertise them in the next edition of 'Volunteer News'. **The closing date for opportunity entries is Friday 10 May 2013.**

## **Volunteers' Week 1 - 7 June 2013**

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of volunteering, now in its 29th year. The theme for this year is Local Heroes - it's a chance to celebrate and recognise local heroes in our communities and challenge people to become a local hero by volunteering. Everyone involved in volunteering can take part. Volunteers' Week is for all kinds of organisations – large or small, public and private, voluntary and community. If your organisation involves volunteers, join in the celebrations; recognise, celebrate and showcase your volunteers and challenge non volunteers to get involved!

Would you like to access some free resources to recognise your volunteers as part of Volunteers' Week celebrations? Place your order now for large posters, thank you posters, blank posters (write on your own message) and volunteer badges on a thank you card for volunteers. There are also printed certificates available soon for organisations to present to their volunteers. There are information resources to help you plan for the week including ideas for celebrating and recognising your volunteers, an event action plan and a template press release.

For further information and merchandise order form go to [www.volunteernow.co.uk/supporting-organisations/campaigns/volunteers-week](http://www.volunteernow.co.uk/supporting-organisations/campaigns/volunteers-week)

## **Mayor of Castlereagh's Award for Volunteering 2013**

The Search is on for Castlereagh's Volunteering Stars! Castlereagh Borough Council in partnership with Volunteer Now, South Eastern Education and Library Board and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust have begun their search to recognise local volunteers as part of the Mayor's Awards for Volunteering 2013. The aim of the awards is to formally recognise the valuable contribution that volunteers and voluntary organisations play in shaping, developing and supporting our local communities and will culminate in a prestigious awards ceremony later in the year.

Awards are available for individuals and groups volunteering within the Castlereagh area and nominations can be submitted by any member of the public, including representatives from Community, Voluntary and Statutory organisation under one of the following categories:

### Awards for Individual Volunteers

- Young Volunteer of the Year Award (16- 25 years old)
- Adult Volunteer of the Year ( 25+)
- Creative Arts Volunteer of the Year
- Community Relations & Cultural Diversity Volunteer of the Year

### Awards for Groups Supporting Volunteering

- Supporting Volunteering (Large Group Award)
- Supporting Volunteering (Small Group Award)

The closing date for nominations is 12 NOON on Friday 21 June 2013. A nominations pack can be downloaded [here](#). For further details please contact the Community Services Unit on 028 9049 4500 or email [communityservices@castlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:communityservices@castlereagh.gov.uk)

## **Summer Funding Programme for Volunteering**

The Department for Social Development has confirmed that Small Grants for Volunteering funding will be available for the period May to September 2013. The funding will be available to support community activity during the summer

period that involves volunteers. Groups may apply for up to £1,000 to support volunteer expenses, running costs and equipment. 40% of funding will be allocated to groups working in disadvantaged areas.

Click [here](#) to complete an online application. If you are unable to complete an online application contact the Volunteer Now Finance Team on 028 9023 2020.

Applications will be accepted from volunteer involving organisations based in the 15 Council areas of Antrim, Ards, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Down, Dungannon & South Tyrone, Fermanagh, Larne, Lisburn, Newry & Mourne, Newtownabbey and North Down.

## **VIO Network**

Are you the person who recruits and manages the volunteers in your organisation? Whether it's part of your job or you are a volunteer yourself, you're invited to the Volunteer Involving Organisation (VIO) Network run by EBCDA to gain some training on volunteer management, chat through your challenges and share ideas. There's a chance to gain some knowledge, network with other organisations and learn a bit more about looking after volunteers. The next meeting will be in June, details to follow.

If you'd like to become a part of VIO Network please inform Katy Gaston, Volunteer Development Coordinator, on 028 9045 1512 or email [katy@ebcda.org](mailto:katy@ebcda.org).

## **Volunteering Information**

If you want more information about any of the volunteering opportunities above or want to find out about volunteering opportunities in East Belfast and beyond click [here](#) to fill in the online enquiry form or arrange an appointment with Katy Gaston, Volunteer Development Coordinator on 028 9045 1512 or email [katy@ebcda.org](mailto:katy@ebcda.org).

An up to date list of volunteer opportunities across East Belfast can be found online by clicking [here](#). If you'd like to receive regular news about volunteering opportunities contact Katy.

## **2. Community News**

### **Unionist Forum Educational Underachievement Working Group – Public Meeting**

The Unionist Forum Educational Underachievement Working Group will be holding a public meeting in the **Skainos building** on **Tuesday 14th May** at **7pm**.

It will be an opportunity for parents, or anyone else interested, to tell the Working Group about their experience of the educational system, express their criticisms or difficulties with the system and give their ideas as to how it could be improved.

### **Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership Youth Awards**

Do you know a young person who contributes to making their local community safe?  
Why not nominate them for a PCSP Youth Award?

The nomination period is 22 April - 7 May 2013. For more information visit [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/youthawards](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/youthawards) or contact Aileen Turley on 028 9027 0469 or [turleya@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:turleya@belfastcity.gov.uk).

### **Be Extraordinary For A Day Competition**

Do you consider yourself extraordinary or do you want to challenge yourself to do something extraordinary for a day and help your community at the same time. Perhaps you are a natural leader amongst your friends or want to develop leadership skills. Do you have an idea for a short project that can be carried out in a short time period and create positive change in the community? Bullying, litter, graffiti, anti social behaviour, unemployment, lack of facilities –

choose a community problem that interests you and apply for a Live UnLtd award. A cash award and development support is only a click away. Apply now and Be Extraordinary for a Day!

For Further Information and criteria: [www.liveunltd.com/beextraordinary](http://www.liveunltd.com/beextraordinary) or contact your regional Development Manager: Ashley Whittle, [ashleywhittle@unltd.org.uk](mailto:ashleywhittle@unltd.org.uk)

## **Bracken Beacon Day Support**

Bracken Beacon Day Support is a mental health resource based in Skainos in East Belfast. Our service is aimed at adults (18-65) with mental health needs and our aim is to promote good mental health and work towards positive well being.

We offer opportunities to participate in various activities and groups, individual pathways to recovery, learning and development and social interaction within a friendly environment. We work with the local community and in partnership with various agencies including local colleges and community groups to offer a wide range of services using a holistic approach. Group work includes life skills, getting active, personal development, healthy eating and social networking. We also offer the Connect service, aimed specifically at 18-30 year olds.

If you are interested in our service or would like further information you can contact us on 028 9045 9878 or [bracken@beaconwellbeing.org](mailto:bracken@beaconwellbeing.org)

## **Princes Trust Fairbridge Programme for NEETs**

The Fairbridge programme is run in partnership with the Princes Trust and Belfast Activity Centre and funded by DEL. Fairbridge will target young people aged 16 -24 that are NEET. We work with the most disengaged and vulnerable young people including ex-offenders, drug users and self harmers. This can be an independent or complementary service for existing projects young people are working on. Fairbridge consists of five stages of development including a five day Access course using outdoor education and a two night residential, one-to-one support, personal and social development, goal setting and life skills, with on-going support and a celebratory event marking the young people's ability to cope independently. In addition, a nationally recognised Prince's Trust qualification can also be gained through completion of the Fairbridge programme.

The Princes Trust is currently recruiting for the next programme. If you would like to make a referral or should you have a young person interested in participating or require additional information please contact Vicky Johnston at the Princes Trust on 028 9089 5000 or [vicky.johnston@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:vicky.johnston@princes-trust.org.uk).

## **"The Larder" Food Support**

Back in January "The Larder" started in St Christopher's Church, Mersey Street, at the entrance to the Oval. It is a food support idea for anyone who finds themselves in financial difficulties. In the first eight weeks food had been given to nearly forty people.

How it works : 1. People who need food have to be referred to the larder. 2. If you lead a church, a community group, a local organisation, or you are a social worker or health professional and you know someone or a family who are reaching desperation please contact Adrian McCartney on 07970626384 and give a name so that we can identify the person when he/she arrives. We don't need to know any details and we are not trying to follow these folks up in any way. That is your responsibility or the role of your organisation. We will simply provide the food. We try to give up to three days worth. 3. Send them down at the appropriate time or come yourself and take it to them. If they are unable to carry the food we will try to help them home.

The larder is open every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm, Thursday from 8pm to 9pm at night, and Friday from 10a to 12pm. If an emergency occurs not at those times we will try to help. If you or your organisation would like to collect food, please deliver it at any of the times mentioned. Toiletries are also very well received.

## **New Eco-Home programme helps householders save money and the environment**

Environmental charity TIDY Northern Ireland are delighted to announce the launch of their new Eco-Home programme with support from Belfast City Council and the Department of the Environment's Rethink Waste Campaign. Eco-Home

is an exciting new environmental programme created to promote waste prevention and sustainable living to all householders throughout the Belfast City Council area.

Households can register online at [www.eco-homeni.org](http://www.eco-homeni.org). Those without internet access can register by calling the Eco-Home team at TIDY Northern Ireland on 028 9073 6920. Those who register and complete the programme will be entered into a prize draw where they will have a chance to win one of three 'eco-hampers' to the value of £75, comprised of various household items that will help participants act in environmentally friendly ways in the home.

## **GEMS NI Job Clubs and Rapid Impact Programme**

GEMS are running a series of weekly "job clubs" across East Belfast for employment guidance and advice. They take place in the following locations:

Monday - Enler Centre Ballybeen - 1pm to 4pm  
Tuesday - Brooklands Youth Centre - 1pm to 4pm  
Wednesday - Cregagh Community Centre - 1pm to 4pm  
Friday - Hanwood Centre Tullycarnet - 10am to 12pm  
First Tuesday of every month 10am to 12pm Tullycarnet Community Services

GEMS are also running a new "Rapid Impact" programme offering mentoring and further support as a follow-on from the Steps to work programme.

For more information contact Aileen Graham on 028 90332313 or email [a.graham@gemsni.org.uk](mailto:a.graham@gemsni.org.uk).

## **"Sing-a longa Sound of Music" Night**

Come along and have a great night of fun and laughter at **Wandsworth Community Centre** on **Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm**. Open your Von Trapp and sing along to 'The Sound of Music' (with subtitles) bring along your own tippie, and we will supply the snacks.

Dress up (optional) as your favourite character, object or song and belt out the tunes, hiss at the Baroness, whistle with the Captain and shout baa baa at the sheep! Remember, you were '16 going on 17' too!

The proceeds for the night are going to our youth members who are hoping to go to Boston as part of the Friends Forever project. Admission is £7 per person. Goody bag supplied complete with instructions. To collect your tickets please phone Alison on 07903674698 - first come first served!

## **"From the Shipyard to the Somme"**

The 36<sup>th</sup> (Ulster) Division Memorial Association is pleased to announce that from the **13 to 18 May 2013** in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland; Fintan Brady the Artistic Director of Partisan Productions and Jonathan Burgess from Blue Eagle Productions we will stage a play in **Connswater Community & Leisure Centre**, starting at **7.30pm** each night called "From the Shipyard to the Somme". Admission to the play reflects the current economic climate and is set at £5 with a reduction to £2 for pensioners whilst under 12's are free. For more information please email [shipyardtothesomme@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shipyardtothesomme@yahoo.co.uk).

## **Petition for changes in the Planning Bill**

The Northern Ireland Environment Link has set up a petition to build up support for changes in the Planning Bill. We have been asked to circulate this to our members. You can access the petition by clicking on the link below: <http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/planning-for-sustainability-not-profit>

## **Boot sale and coffee morning in Willowfield Parish Church Hall**

These occur on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 10am - 12noon. Everyone welcome. If you would like a table these can be booked for £5. More details please contact Richard Waller, Willowfield Parish Community Association and Willowfield Parish Church on 028 9045 0885.

## Substance Misuse Services

The Public Health Agency have published a list of Substance Misuse Services. Please click [here](#) to see the list. All services are delivered across the whole of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust area.

## Irish Language Classes

East Belfast Mission is running a series of courses and workshops in relation to the Irish language. Contact Linda Ervine, Irish Language Development Officer on 07824348988 or email [linda.ervine@ebm.org.uk](mailto:linda.ervine@ebm.org.uk)

## East Belfast Arts Festival

East Belfast Arts Festival will be taking place from **Wednesday 28 August to Sunday 1 September**. It will showcase a range of arts to suit everyone – music, theatre, literature, visual arts, film, community arts and much more, in a variety of venues across East Belfast.

For further information follow them on facebook or visit their website. [facebook.com/eastbelfastartsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/eastbelfastartsfestival)  
[www.eastbelfastartsfestival.org](http://www.eastbelfastartsfestival.org).

## 3. Funding News

If you would like any assistance with applying for any of the funding opportunities below please contact Jonny Currie, Community Support Manager on 90 451512 or email [jonny@ebcda.org](mailto:jonny@ebcda.org).

Funder	Description	Amount	Deadline	Contact
<b>Lloyds TSB Foundation</b>	Grants for community need/education and training	Up to £4000	Quarterly	<a href="http://www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org/">http://www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org/</a> 028 9032 3000
<b>Arts Council NI Project Grants</b>	Arts projects which contribute to the growth of arts in the community for new and existing audiences and which reflect diversity	Up to £10,000	2 May 2013	<a href="http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/award/project_funding.htm">http://www.artscouncil-ni.org/award/project_funding.htm</a> .
<b>Castlereagh Borough Council</b>	Good Relations small grants	Up to £1000	17 May 2013	028 9049 4522 <a href="mailto:traceyread@castlereagh.gov.uk">traceyread@castlereagh.gov.uk</a>
<b>Sported</b>	Sports development for 11-25 year olds	Up to £2000	No deadline	<a href="http://www.sported.org.uk">www.sported.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:b.kelly@sported.org.uk">b.kelly@sported.org.uk</a>
<b>BIG Lottery</b>	Awards for All - general voluntary and community activity	Up to £10,000	Rolling	<a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a> BIG Advice Line 028 9055 1455
<b>Live UnLtd</b>	Cash award for young people's projects	Up to £500	14 June 2013	<a href="http://www.liveunltd.com">www.liveunltd.com</a>
<b>BIG Lottery</b>	Culture for all - bringing people together to enjoy a range of arts and culture activities	Up to £10,000	30 August 2013	<a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a> BIG Advice Line 028 9055 1455



<b>Santander Foundation</b>	Funding for salaries, equipment or materials	Up to £5000	Rolling	<a href="http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk">www.santanderfoundation.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:grants@santander.co.uk">grants@santander.co.uk</a>
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## **Building Peace through the Arts – Re-Imaging Communities**

This Community-led funding programme opens in March 2013. The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is launching a major new funding programme to support communities across Northern Ireland and the border counties to tackle sectarianism and racism in their areas. Grants from £500 - £50,000 will be available.

The 'Building Peace through the Arts – Re-Imaging Communities' programme will provide funding to local authorities, constituted community groups and voluntary organisations to employ artists to work with local communities on creative projects – large and small - that will promote tolerance and understanding.

Local Funding Information Sessions to East Belfast:

**Tuesday 7 May @ 2pm – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast**

**Wednesday 15 May @ 7pm – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast**

**Thursday 16 May @ 7pm – Ards Arts Centre (Londonderry Room), Newtownards**

**Monday 20 May @ 10am – ACNI, 77 Malone Road, Belfast**

For the Belfast events due to limitations in space, you have to book a place at your preferred session – there is no need to book for the other venues. You can use the link below to book spaces – there is no charge for attending.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/org/3663348181?s=14032685>

For further details about the information session, please contact the Building Peace through the Arts – Re-Imaging Communities team on 028 9038 5228 or email [mbeck@artscouncil-ni.org](mailto:mbeck@artscouncil-ni.org).

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## **Field Study Centre “Kids Fund”**

Field Study Centre “Kids Fund” aimed at socially disadvantaged youth/community groups and offers up to £3k for an FSC educational experience – it may be a good way to kick-start some Summer schemes/projects for young people in East Belfast to start with and then the wider city. A new Field Study Centre is being established in Titanic Quarter and they are keen to have applications from East Belfast. Check out this link for further information <http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/the-kids-fund.aspx>