



Sligo County Community Forum

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1. Funding

1.1 Integrating Community Organisations calls for Expressions of Interest

The 'Integrating Community Organisations' programme managed by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC) and funded by the International Fund for Ireland, is calling for expressions of interest for the project phase of the programme which **closes on 14th August 2009.**

The programme is designed to assist community organisations co-operate on a cross border and/or a cross community basis to work in partnership on issues of common interest. It is open to urban and rural groups operating within Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The project phase entry level provides project grant and implementation support for partnerships between individual community organisations. Remember the closing date for receipt of expressions of interest for the project phase is 14th August at 4pm.

Download Fact Sheet

Download Expression of interest Form

For further information, contact: Yvonne Breen or John Kelly, Northern Ireland Rural Development Council, 17 Loy Street, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, N. Ireland BT80 8PZ , Tel: +44 (0)28 8676 6980, Email: info@rdc.org.uk Website: www.rdc.org.uk

1.2 Community Foundation of Ireland Small grants

The community foundation have a number of small grants available, which will be closing over the coming months. For more information log onto www.foundation.ie.

1.3 The Women's Health Council: Research Grant

RESEARCH GRANT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Women's Health Council will make a one off grant to carry out research on women's health. The aim of this grant is to contribute to the Council's work programme by supporting high quality research on issues relating to women's health and social gain. The proposed research may address a single theme or a series of related themes using an appropriate methodology, but the research must be in keeping with the aims and objectives of the Council, and of recently published health policy documents.

The value of the Women's Health Council's research grant is a maximum of €70,000 over a period of one year.

Areas of research targeted in this call include epidemiological, sociological and health services research, and biomedical investigation. One or more awards may be made.

The Women's Health Council now invites 'expressions of interest' from prospective applicants. 'Expressions of Interest' should be submitted to the WHC not later than **TUESDAY 21st of July at 5pm** using the form available on the WHC's website (www.whc.ie). Full details of this call, including eligibility requirements and areas of research targeted in this call, are available on the WHC's website (www.whc.ie) and prospective applicants are advised to consult these documents in the first instance.

One copy, of a completed 'expression of interest' should be returned either in hard copy or by email to:

Ms. Caroline Greene
The Women's Health Council
Irish Life Centre
Abbey Street Lower
Dublin 1.
cgreene@whc.ie

1.4 The Equality Authority – Call for Initial Expressions of Interest

The Equality Authority – Call for Initial Expressions of Interest: Support under the proposed Equality Innovation Fund

1. The Equality Authority has applied to the European Commission for funding under the PROGRESS Programme to establish a small Equality Innovation Fund. If the application is approved, the Equality Authority will use the Equality Innovation Fund to support a range of civil society organisations to undertake projects that aim to

- expand and enhance the equality agenda; or
- stimulate new approaches to equality; or
- demonstrate the relevance of equality to the economic and social development of local communities.

2. The Equality Authority is inviting eligible organisations to submit Initial Expressions of Interest for support under the Equality Authority's planned Equality Innovation Fund, for use during the period November 2009 to November 2010.

3. Eligible organisations for this call for Call for Initial Expressions of Interest are:

- schools,
- universities,
- national NGOs,
- national arts organisations, and
- national sports organisations.

4. This Call for Initial Expressions of Interest is the first stage of a two-stage process for selecting a small number of organisations to receive funding under the Equality Innovation Fund. A list of the most suitable applications will be prepared from submissions made in response to this Call for Initial Expressions of Interest. Organisations on that list will be invited to make detailed project proposals for the second stage, if it is confirmed that the funding for the Equality Innovation Fund is being made available to the Equality Authority. Only the short-listed organisations will be invited to submit detailed proposals for support under the Equality Innovation Fund.

5. It is envisaged that four organisations will be awarded contracts to undertake a clearly defined project or set of activities with money awarded from the Equality Innovation Fund. The maximum amount for each contract will be €10,000.

6. An Initial Expression of Interest will be accepted on the published application form only. **It must be received by the Equality Authority by 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 13 August 2009.** Initial Expressions of Interest that are received after that time will not be considered.

The application form and the memorandum setting out the text of the Call for Initial Expressions of Interest can be downloaded from the website of the Equality Authority at: <http://www.equality.ie/index.asp?locID=332&docID=-1>

Initial Expressions of Interest may be submitted

- by email to: europeanprojects@equality.ie. The email must use the following text in the subject line: "Innovation Fund Initial Expression of Interest".

- by post or courier delivery to: Equality Authority, 2 Clonmel Street, Dublin 2. The envelope must be fully sealed and the following text must be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope: "Innovation Fund Initial Expression of Interest".

Note: The funding for the Equality Innovation Fund is wholly dependent on the outcome of the European Commission's decision concerning the Equality Authority's application for PROGRESS funding.

Deadline: 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 13 August 2009.

This project is funded by the European Commission DG Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities PROGRESS Programme.

Download Application Form here:

www.activelink.ie/2009/EApplicationform.pdf

2. Events

2.1 New Exhibition in the Coleman Centre

The summer season of traditional music shows has now commenced in the Coleman Music Centre, Gurteen each Wednesday & Saturday night at 9pm. Ceoltóirí Coleman will present a sparkling show of music, song and dance – a great nights music in a two hour show with a break for a cup of tea.

The new exhibition area is now open. This is an audio-visual and interactive presentation of Irish music, its history and practice.

We are having an open evening of Wednesday, July 8th to showcase the activities of the centre. Your invitation is attached and we hope you can join us.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

John McGettrick
Manager

2.2 Citizens Information event for unemployed people

Find out what help is available at an information event: Tuesday 14th July 11 am – 1pm, Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, *Everyone Welcome, Admission Free*

2.3 Sharing Power... Conference in Cavan

A Regional CONFERENCE to be held in the Cavan Crystal Hotel on Thursday 17/ Friday 18 September 2009.

Reason for the Conference: To explore the tensions between participative and representative accountability

The conference will look at the challenges faced by the Community Fora, and the relationships between the community forum and the county council. When Community Fora were established, the intention was to help communities have a voice in the county. There was little strategic consideration given to the relationship between a growing community voice and the voice of the councillors. There was also little consideration given to the relationship of the fora to the county councils. So, whatever the differences or stages of development that a Community Forum is at, there is often a tension between the role of the Community Forum in relation to the Council and councilors (participative v representative accountability). Tensions are not necessarily unhealthy, but Cavan Community Forum would like to explore these tensions in an open and transparent basis amongst a range of stakeholders to discuss how they surface, how they challenge the work, and also examine what joint partnerships or work could be established. We would also like to address how Forum members and councillors can benefit from the support of the other.

For further details contact Kate Ennals, Cavan Community Forum, Community and Enterprise, Johnston Library, Farnham Street, Cavan. Tel 049-437 8583 or email kateennals@cavancoco.ie

3. Training

3.1 Certificate in Addiction Studies (Leitrim)

Course

Due to the increasing levels of Drugs and Alcohol abuse, both legal and illegal, Leitrim Addictions Awareness is very proud to provide this fully accredited addiction studies course to be run in County Leitrim, commencing this coming October in the Bee Park, Manorhamilton.

Leitrim Addictions Awareness has secured €10,000 funding from the North West Regional Drugs Task Force and €5,000 from North West Alcohol Forum Ltd, giving €15,000 which is being used to subsidise this course and assist the community sector in tackling this issue. The funding will be administered by County Leitrim VEC who have agreed to facilitate Leitrim Addictions Awareness with this initiative.

This same course is being run at several other locations nationwide and will cost participants in excess of €1,000, but by securing this funding Leitrim Addictions Awareness can offer this course for just €200.

Therefore, the North West Alcohol Forum is a proud sponsor of the Certificate in Addiction Studies through NUI Maynooth in Co. Leitrim

Details of Course

This Certificate in Addiction Studies course will commence in September / October 2009 and then every Tuesday night thereafter for one academic year, ending in May/June 2010. The course will be run in the Bee Park, Manorhamilton which has been chosen to encourage applicants from County Leitrim, and additional applicants from Sligo, South Donegal and West Cavan.

As there is insufficient funding to cover the cost of advertising volunteers are distributing application forms at the following locations. Please return applications, along with the essay required giving reasons for applying, as soon as possible.

Leitrim Addictions Awareness do not employ anyone, so everything in connection with organising this course is done entirely by volunteers.
Please get your application back to us as soon as possible to allow us time to process all applications.

Further Information:

Tel: Leitrim Addictions Awareness
Course Coordinator, Jim Penders 086 1943546 jimpenders@eircom.net

Please see brochure below: www.activelink.ie/2009/LeitrimDrugsCourse.pdf
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4. Other Information

4.1 The Irish Family Planning Association looking for room to rent in Sligo

"The Irish Family Planning Association" who is a charitable organisation, and who provide a voluntary counselling and information service are seeking a room to rent for 1 day per week in Sligo.
Rent can be negotiated.

Email: post@ifpa.ie
Phone: 01-8069444

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4.2 Combat Poverty Agency Integration with the Office for Social Inclusion

From **1st July, 2009**, Combat Poverty will be integrated with the Office for Social Inclusion to form a new division on poverty and social inclusion within the Department of Social and Family Affairs. For an interim period from 1st July to 30th September, Combat Poverty staff, library and services will remain in Bridgewater Centre, our current location. The postal address, email contacts, telephone contacts and web address will continue to operate for this period. New contacts will be issued in due course. From October 2009 our location will be Gandon House, Amiens Street, Dublin 1.

Our website has been archived on the Internet Archive <http://www.archive-it.org/collections/1541>. Combat Poverty publications have also been uploaded to Google Books and may be searched at <http://books.google.co.uk/books?uid=16966252224374952054&rview=1>

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4.3 National Fundraising Awards – The Wheel

2009 marks the second year of the very successful National Fundraising Awards which have been designed to celebrate excellence in fundraising in Ireland.

Go to www.Fundraisingawards.ie to find out more about the Awards and to make your nominations. Remember that the closing date for nominations is September 1st 2009 at 5.00pm.