

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – July 2024

The Community Support Newsletter is published monthly. Regular updates are also issued by email. If you wish to receive these or place an article in the Newsletter, please contact Alison Gilmore on 0300 303 1777 ext 21217 / email alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com

Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter is Tuesday 23 July

Council News & Events

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council seeks Local Musicians for Seasonal Outdoor Music Programmes

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council is inviting **Expressions of Interest from local musicians** to participate in its Seasonal Outdoor Music Programmes. The programme presents a fantastic opportunity for both established and emerging artists to showcase their skills and entertain new audiences.

Summer Bandstand Programme:

Throughout July and August, The Round O in Enniskillen and The Grange Park in Omagh will come alive with music every Sunday. Performances will take place from 1pm to 3.30pm, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Live 'n' Local Festive Street Music Programme:

Bringing festive cheer to our town centres in the lead-up to Christmas, the Live 'n' Local Festive Street Music Programme will feature talented musicians performing at The Diamond in Enniskillen and Market Street in Omagh. These performances will run on Saturdays, including 30 November and 7th, 14th, and 21st December, from 1pm to 3.30pm.

The Council welcomes Expressions of Interest from a diverse range of local performers to create a relaxed, welcoming, and enjoyable atmosphere. This includes brass bands, easy-listening bands/groups, solo artists, and emerging musicians.

The Seasonal Outdoor Music Programme aims to create a welcoming atmosphere in our green spaces and town centres, enhancing the experience for residents and visitors alike. It also provides fantastic opportunities to support and showcase local artistic talent.

How to Apply:

If you are a talented musician interested in performing, please complete the online Expression of Interest form. You can find the form in the Events & Festivals section of the Council's website at <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/event/seasonal-outdoor-music-programme/>

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 3 July 2024.

For further information, please email events@fermanaghomagh.com or Telephone 0300 303 1777

Upcoming Events in FODC

To keep up to date with events happening across the district log on to <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/events-and-festivals/>

Blue Badge Car Parking Survey

We would like to hear about your experiences of using Blue Badge Car Parking spaces across the Fermanagh and Omagh district.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey to let us know your views.

Click on <https://bit.ly/4cavDQa>

If you would like a hard copy version of the survey please email disability@fermanaghomagh.com or telephone 0300 303 1777.

Planning a trip to the [Marble Arch Caves](#)?

Visitors exploring the Fermanagh Lakelands this summer can enjoy 15% off a guided cave tour ticket at the Marble Arch Caves when travelling to the venue via the Summer Translink Service.

More information available at <https://bit.ly/3XydF5Q>

Northern Ireland Forest School Association

Applications are now open to pre-schools, primary schools and secondary schools who are not already forest school accredited.

For more details on the programme and how to apply visit bit.ly/FOForestSchools

Closing date: Sunday 14 July 2024

If you have any questions, please contact climate@fermanaghomagh.com

Strule Arts Centre

The exhibition 'Longing For Home: a selection from the collection of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland' runs until Saturday 27 July in Strule Arts Centre from 9.30am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday. Admission is free.

For more information please go to <https://struleartscentre.co.uk/your-visit/exhibitions/>

Adult Workshop

Fused Glass workshop 12pm Thursday 18 July

Kids Workshops

Codecraft: Design Your Own Retro Computer Game 10.30am & 1.30pm Tuesday 16 July

Fused Glass workshop 10am Thursday 18 July

Drumming for kids Saturday 20 July: Parents & Toddlers 10am-11am, 7-11yrs 11.30am -12.30pm,

Children with a learning disability 1.30pm- 2.30pm

Kev F's Comic Art 10am & 1.30pm Thursday 25 July

To Book and for more information, please go to <https://struleartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/>

Recycle for your Community

Have you ever considered going to, or running, item swap events and/or buying second hand?

The many benefits include:

- Saves money
- Supports local charities
- Creates community connection
- Creative thinking through upcycling and DIY project potential
- Promotes buying and keeping what we need
- Find unique items and items which have a story

Here's some examples of items you could swap.

For info on our Reuse Scheme visit bit.ly/FODCReuse

Cole's Monument in Forthill Park, Enniskillen

Now open for guided tours every Saturday and Sunday until 29 September.
Climb the spiral of 108 stairs to enjoy panoramic views of Enniskillen.
Book onto a tour via <https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/.../atop-cole-s.../>

Dementia friendly film at Strule Arts Centre, Omagh

Friday 31 August, 2.30pm

'High Society'

When a dementia friendly film is being screened, to create a comfortable and welcoming environment for individuals living with dementia, as well as their family members and care givers, adjustments will be made to the theatre experience at the Strule Arts Centre, including additional signage, softer lighting, lower sound levels, reduced audience interaction rules and staff have completed dementia awareness training.

The event is open to anyone and tickets can be booked online at <https://struleartscentre.co.uk/your-visit/booking-tickets/> or by telephoning the Strule Arts Centre on 028 8224 7831

In addition to the film screening, the Strule Arts Centre offers a special option for attendees to enjoy a light lunch in the Strule Café before the film. This meal is available at a discounted rate. For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/article/council-introduces-dementia-friendly-films-at-strule-arts-centre-omagh/>

Community Wellbeing at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

This site will provide up-to-date information in relation to Sport and Countryside Recreation programmes, events and activities across the district.
<https://www.facebook.com/SportandCountrysideRecreation/>

Community Centres

Our community centres are available to hire for children's activities/parties, community events, health and sporting activities, special occasions and corporate events.
For further details or to make a booking visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-centres/>

Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

A partnership between the Council, statutory providers and the community. The partnership is made up of elected and independent members and representatives from the statutory sector. Follow us on Facebook via the link below
https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en_GB

Consultations

Consultations provide you with an opportunity to have your say. They also help us to find out what you think and to understand your priorities and concerns about our district. Further information is available at <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/>

Charity Support

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may provide support to charities in a number of ways including the provision of grant aid; the attendance of the Council Chair or Vice Chair at photo opportunities; use of Council facilities and the illumination of Council buildings to mark specific days of significance to a chosen charity which is associated with a particular colour.

For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/>

Please note, applications for the use of Council facilities or the illuminating of Enniskillen Castle and Strule Arts Centre in a particular colour, should be submitted to the Council **at least 6 weeks** before the date requested, to allow sufficient time for the application to be considered.

To make an illumination request please complete <https://form.jotform.com/222782646405055> or for any enquiries regarding Council support to charities, email communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com

Community Support

The Community Services Department offers support to individuals and organisations within the community and voluntary sector promoting community action. Officers within the Community Services Team are available to assist community groups and voluntary organisations make as big a difference as possible to local lives and issues. For further information, please visit [Community – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council \(fermanaghomagh.com\)](https://www.fermanaghomagh.com)

The link below can help you find your local Community Support Officer - please contact us for any assistance you or your organisation may require on 0300 303 1777

<https://fermanagh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/ZoneLookup/index.html?appid=82210c413ab74bcd8da1750af0321163>

Community News

Fermanagh Dementia Singing Group

A singing group for people living with dementia in our local community and their carers.

Tutor: Aideen McNamara

Wednesdays 3 July, 10 July, 17 July, 24 July 1.30pm-3pm

in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

Funded through the Charlie's Bar Christmas Campaign

Universal Credit & Job Support Session

Irvinestown Library, Main Street, Irvinestown BT94 1GL

Wednesday 3 July 2024, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Presented by Enniskillen Jobs & Benefits office - Come along for advice and support on:

Department for the Economy's Careers Service | CV and interview skills | Job search and job opportunities available | Support to apply for jobs on the day

To find out more, contact your Work Coach or [local Jobs & Benefits office](#)

Neuro Diverse Football Club (NDFC)

- Station Centre, Omagh – Every Wednesday 5pm-7pm
- West End Community Centre, Enniskillen - Every Friday 3.45pm-4.30pm

Book via <https://neuro-diverse-fc.classforkids.io>

Football sessions for children with a neuro diverse need (Autism, ADHD, Down syndrome) or children with anxiety that may not have the opportunity to play in a mainstream setting and allow them to focus on what they can do and develop the confidence and courage in who they whilst making new friendships and having fun.

For any information, email thomas.walsh@neurodiversefc.com or follow our social platforms.
Linkedin: Neuro Diverse FC - Facebook: Neuro.Diverse.FC - Instagram: NDFC.2024

Carers' Hub

Are you looking after someone?

We want to do more to support local carers. We plan to hold a focus group to discuss and shape the development of a local carers' hub in the Fermanagh and Omagh district area.

If you are interested in attending, please contact:

Judith – Western Rural Health Care Ederney GP Surgery 028 6863 1234, or

Martina – Dromore & Trillick GP Surgery 028 8244 0600.

You do not have to be registered with these two GP practices to register for this event.

It is open to all carers in the wider Omagh and Fermanagh area.

Centre for Independent Living NI

Free Information Sessions

We work to support the rights of disabled people to have choice and control in their lives and to take an active part in the community in which they live.

We provide free information sessions on the use of Direct Payments, self-direct support and support planning to groups whose members have disabilities, chronic illnesses or age-related health conditions, and those who provide unpaid support.

Call 028 9064 8546 or email chris@cilni.org for more information.

Review into the state of the Community and Voluntary Early Years sector

Early Years is embarking on research to understand the current situation, uncover the strengths and weaknesses and identify support that can underpin the critical work of community and voluntary settings.

Early Years wants to hear from Community and Voluntary settings. Fill in our survey which is designed to take no more than 15 minutes.

Take the survey at [State of the Community and Voluntary Early Years Sector](#)

Help Keep Children Safer Online

Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) in partnership with Ineqe Safeguarding Group have launched a new website to help children and those who care for them stay safe online.

[Click here - to visit website](#)

Consultation on Department for Communities Budget 2024-25 Allocations

Have your say

The Executive considered and set the NI Budget 2024-25 on 25 April 2024.

Click on the link above for further details including how decisions made will impact on the Department's ability to deliver public services.

Closes Tuesday 3 September 2024

Dfi Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment

The Department for Infrastructure is seeking your comments on the equality implications of its Resource and Capital Budget 2024-25 allocations, which when set against its requirements for both resource and capital fell short.

For further information visit:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/dfi-budget-2024-25-equality-impact-assessment>

Closes Friday 6 September 2024

Shopmobility Enniskillen

We ask for everyone to please take the time to respond to the above survey with a few words of support. Contact Claire on 028 6632 9965 if you require any further information.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

The Patrician, Carrickmore BT79 9AY

Thursday 11 July 2024, 10am – 3pm

The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service is asking for your support, if at all possible. In Northern Ireland upwards of 850 units of blood are used by patients each week, yet 94% of the eligible population still do not give blood. Donated blood is usually transfused within three to four days of donation and we need to attract many new donors to ensure a safe supply of blood to our hospitals. Blood is used in numerous ways, such as going to a child with leukaemia, a mother during childbirth, a person undergoing routine surgery, a person with cancer, or someone involved in an accident.

Please help to encourage donors to attend local blood donation sessions.

Visit <http://www.nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/where-to-donate/> for details of further Sessions

To book an appointment: Online: www.nibts.org Call: 08085 534 653

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Sunday 14 July

Our fundraiser – Traditional Music Seisiun at Sea on board the Donegal Bay Waterbus.

Boarding at the Pier in Donegal Town 2.30pm sharp.

Light supper served/full bar facilities.

Tickets £20 each. Booking is essential.

Contact Bernie McNulty, Branch Secretary on 028 6865 9081 for further information.

Carers UK

State of Caring Survey 2024

The Carers NI's annual State of Caring survey is the most extensive survey of the experiences of unpaid carers in Northern Ireland and helps gather vital evidence to drive policy change.

If you're a NI carer, please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLR2B79>.

Closes on Sunday 11 August.

Rural Communities Cancer Project

Reducing barriers to cancer care in farming and rural communities across the UK

Macmillan Cancer Support and The Farming Community Network (FCN) are working together to better understand health inequalities in rural communities, challenge barriers to cancer care and strengthen support for people affected by cancer.

To do this, we are:

- Raising awareness of cancer and its impact
- Sharing Macmillan support offers
- Building referral bridges to and from Macmillan's services
- Engaging rural communities on ideas to improve support
- Gathering insight on what personalised care means
- Encouraging early intervention with cancer screening and diagnosis.

Contact The Farming Community Network in confidence to speak to a sympathetic person who understands farming and rural life. Call 03000 111 999 or Email help@fcn.org.uk

Western Health & Social Care Trust hwb.campus@westerntrust.hscni.net 028 7161 1272
macmillan.information@westerntrust.hscni.net 028 7161 1139 or 07342075636

New NSPCC Online Service

Building Connections

Feeling lonely isn't easy. In fact, it's a common struggle among young people, with two-thirds admitting they don't feel equipped to cope with it. Building Connections is a new NSPCC online service for young people up to age 19 who are feeling lonely. Over 11 sessions, you'll receive support from a trained befriender to help build your confidence and manage loneliness.

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/4doyFBn> (Website) <https://bit.ly/4aZzRJV> (Facebook)

Latest Volunteering Opportunities

Fermanagh <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/volunteering-opportunities/>

Omagh <https://omaghvolunteercentre.org/opportunities>

Breastfeeding Return to Work Packs

The Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Department of the Western Health & Social Care Trust would like to remind you of an initiative currently rolling out in support of breastfeeding mothers returning to work.

Breastfeeding is fundamental to public health as it promotes health, prevents disease and helps contribute to reducing health inequalities.

In support of creating environments where mothers can return to work and continue to breastfeed, the Western Health & Social Care Trust have updated their policy for supporting breastfeeding employees. As part of this policy, any employee returning to work and breastfeeding will be able to avail of a free 'Return to Work' pack.

We have extended this 'Return to work' pack initiative to the employees of all organisations throughout the WHSCT area (Limavady to Fermanagh).

This pack contains a cool bag, ice block, reusable water bottle and breastmilk storage bottles to assist staff in continuing their breastfeeding journey. The pack also contains additional information on safe storage of breastmilk.

Any staff member or organisations wishing to avail of this on behalf of a staff member, should contact the Health Improvement Equality and Involvement Department on 028 7186 5127 or health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net

Good Relations Week 2024

16 - 22 September

Embraces 'OpportUNITY' – a call to action to create a brighter, inclusive future for all.

'OpportUNITY' is a collective moment for us all to UNITE and be architects of change in helping build a region where every voice matters.

By showcasing the dynamism, creativity and dedication of local groups, organisations and individuals we can spotlight the transformative power of working together to address challenges such as sectarianism, racism, inequality, health and well-being, poverty and education.

Get involved in Good Relations Week 2024 and help create a future where inclusivity and diversity are not just celebrated but lived.

[Register your event for Good Relations Week](#)

Victim Support NI

Volunteers Required!

Victim Support NI is the leading charity providing support to victims of crime in Northern Ireland, but did you know they also support prosecution witnesses at courts throughout Northern Ireland through their Witness Service?

They urgently need new volunteers to help provide this service in the Fermanagh area. If you can spare a day or two per month, to help greet and support witnesses at Enniskillen court, please email volunteer@victimsupportni.org.uk or apply online at www.victimsupportni.com/volunteer

Full training will be given and all out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

Volunteering is a great way to improve your mental wellbeing and has proven benefits for your general health so why not give it a go?

Supported Employment Solutions

Supporting people with disabilities and health conditions to retain employment

This **free service** is open to new participants - all areas of disability are covered by the SES consortium through seven specialist disability support organisations

Workable (NI) is a flexible programme which assists people with disabilities to return to work or remain in their current job of at least 10 hours/week or more.

Each of the SES partners provide their own tailored specialist support to best meet the needs of the individuals they assist in the workplace. Support may include:

- Specialist one to one support to the individual
- On the job and/or outside of work training
- Specific training identified for the employee to assist them in their work above what the employer would normally offer
- Specific disability awareness training to employer and work colleagues
- Advice and assistance with making reasonable adjustments in the workplace

A support package is agreed between the employee, employer and the SES provider for a period of 1 year, however this can be extended depending on the individual needs.

Referral onto the Workable (NI) programme can be completed by completing a form online [Contact | Supported Employment Solutions \(sesni.org.uk\)](#)

For more information please visit our website www.sesni.org.uk, or call Michael on 07921 776372, or Patricia on 07976 640226 or email workable@sesni.org.uk

NOW Group

For individuals aged 16+ with Autism, Learning Disability/Learning difficulty, Neurodiverse conditions

Help with finding employment, 1-2-1 job support with Job Searching Techniques, CV building, Interview Preparation, Employer Visits and tailored work placement opportunities.

Essential Skills in English on Thursday in our Enniskillen Hive, 27c East Bridge Street Enniskillen BT74 7BW.

Level 1 Loaf Catering Academy - this will involve Hot and Cold Sandwiches prep, Food and Drink Service, Handling Food Service, Housekeeping Service, Skills in Customer Service, Reception Duties and Food preparation.

Erne Hivers Social Groups runs every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm for 18+. Activities include Games night, art club, walking, cinema, bowling, going out for dinner etc.

On a Friday from 10.30am to 1pm, NOW Connect Employability Academy in our Enniskillen Hive 27c East Bridge Street Enniskillen BT74 7BW, Pre-Employment Training focusing on confidence and Motivation, Effective Communication Skills, Team Working Skills, Using Initiative, Workplace Etiquette.

New family service for under 5s

Under early intervention funding -

- We work with parents if they have a diagnosis or self-identify as having a learning disability, difficulty, ASD or a barrier to learning from pregnancy until the child is 5.
- On any area of parenting (e.g. budgeting, routines, safety, own well-being) & can attend appointments with parents
- Deliver parenting programmes incredible years & five to thrive
- Offer peer support - weekly kids group (with parents) & monthly parents evening (no children)

Contact Marie Maguire on 07818 749712 or go to our website www.nowgroup.org

Support with the rising cost of living

The high cost of living – from energy bills, rent and mortgage costs to the price of groceries – can put additional worries, stresses and pressures on everyone.

Cost of Living 24 highlights the help available. Whether you need support with your mental health, assistance managing expenses or ideas for low-cost ways to relax, this is a one-stop shop for all such information.

Visit <https://communitywellbeing.info/cost-of-living-24/> for further information.

Aftercare Services for Previous Nexus Clients

Nexus aftercare services are a set of free services within a programme called RESET that are available to people aged 16 and over who have completed their counselling or group support journey with us.

RESET is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and is the next step in your recovery journey; a one-of-a-kind programme that is tailored to your needs to support you to thrive.

For more information or to sign up visit www.nexusni.org/aftercare-services/ or email reset@nexusni.org

Lough Erne Yacht Club

RYA Accredited Youth Sailing Courses

Course 1: 08–12 July inclusive	9.30am - 4.30pm each day
Course 2: 15–19 July inclusive	9.30am - 4.30pm each day
Course 3: 22–26 July inclusive	9.30am - 4.30pm each day
Course 4: 29 July–02 Aug inclusive	9.30am - 4.30pm each day
Course 5: 05–09 Aug inclusive	9.30am - 4.30pm each day

Adult Dinghy/Keelboat Courses also available

For further information email sailingcoursesleyc@outlook.com

To book – go to www.lougherneyc.com

Erne Paddlers

We have a packed summer planned! Progressive paddlesports courses during July and August. Kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding skills, family and kids' sessions and junior leadership development courses. Inclusive all ability paddling is available every week during summer. Midweek and weekend Lough Erne trips, and sea kayaking adventures off the Donegal coast are also available. Full details of all courses and activities, and tickets are available here:

www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events

Our paddlesports camps for kids are filling up. These are inclusive camps so please get in touch if you would like to book a place for your child. Six weeks of paddlesports fun for children aged 7-14 years during July and August. Book online at www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events

Our AGM is due to take place on Saturday 29 June. Come and meet our coaches, board members and volunteers, find out about the club and help us plan for the future. And there's a free paddle for anyone attending the meeting who would like to take a quick trip around the town.

Erne Paddlers is a not-for-profit registered charity and an inclusive club. We actively promote inclusive paddling opportunities. If you need extra support to paddle, please get in touch to discuss how we can help. If you would like to talk to us about bespoke activities for a particular group, just give us a call. We are always keen to connect with other local organisations to increase access to paddlesports and we have connected with the local Social Prescribing hubs so that people may be referred directly to us.

We try to keep prices as low as possible and there are additional discounts available depending on individual circumstances. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates too. If anyone would like to find out more, please get in touch via social media, email@ernepaddlers.org.uk or call/WhatsApp 07468911398.

Free Period Products

Now available in all public and mobile libraries for anyone who needs them.

For more information including locations please visit www.nidirect.gov.uk or www.myperiod.org.uk

NI Chest Heart and Stroke

Is Your Number Up?

Did you know 1 in 2 heart attacks & strokes are linked to high blood pressure?

High blood pressure often has no visible signs or symptoms. It is therefore important to get your blood pressure checked, get treatment if necessary, and change your lifestyle if your blood pressure numbers are high.

Check your blood pressure to know your numbers

To find out more about high blood pressure and how you can get yours checked to find out if your number's up, go to www.nichs.org.uk/highbloodpressure

Training Opportunities

Healthy Restart

This is a programme based on the 5 Steps to Wellbeing.

Inspire has created a menu of **free training programme** options that are tailored for individuals, families, groups and communities.

We normally deliver 2 hour face-to-face or online workshops for up to 20 people per session.

You can select one or multiple sessions from this list:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Understanding alcohol & other substances (& how to support other people)
- Sleep
- Food & Mood
- Self-Care
- Introduction to Managing Stress & Anxiety

Our facilitator can deliver daytime, face to face or online.

We are happy to discuss your group's need.

Contact Jenny Groves, Training Co-ordinator j.groves@inspirewellbeing.org 07834 181303

Volunteer Now

Face-to-Face Safeguarding Training

Did you know Volunteer Now are now offering some face-to-face safeguarding training?

We still have online sessions but on certain dates, you can book in-person training.

To find out more and see the dates and venues, **including Omagh**, please click on

<https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/courses-scheduled/?search=&category=33&postcode=&distance=10000&training-search=1>

Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement Training Brochure

Free courses taking place to 30 September 2024

Delivered via Zoom or face to face in a range of locations across the WHSCT

To view the Training Brochure click on this link – <https://westerntrust.pagetiger.com/training-april-sept-24/1>

For course details including times and course content and to book a place, please click the 'Click Here to Register' icon below each course which takes you to the Eventbrite registration page.

For further information and any queries in relation to the Training Brochure, please email health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net or telephone 028 7186 5127.

Funding Opportunities

Music for All

Music for All provides grants for both individuals, groups and schools to enable more people to access musical instruments and lessons and music programmes for the community.

Open to eligible applicants in the UK and Ireland, Round 2 has the following categories:

- BBB Trust Award (community projects only),
- Working with primary-school aged children (community projects only),
- Chronic diseases and conditions affecting quality of life (community projects only),
- Working with groups with mental health challenges and/or affected by loneliness/isolation (community projects only),
- Working with communities from the Global Majority, in collaboration with Black Lives in Music (community projects only), and
- Physical mobility or accessibility needs (community projects).

For more information visit <https://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/community-project-funding/>

Round 2 Application Deadline: Monday 1 July 2024 (8am)

Dormant Assets NI

delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund

This programme is supported with money from Dormant Assets NI. Dormant Assets NI is an expansion of the Dormant Accounts Fund NI. This programme aims to address the gaps in our Dormant Assets investment to date. We want to fund support organisations – sometimes known as network, umbrella, membership or community anchor organisations. We want these organisations to improve access to the help they provide to small, underrepresented community groups in Northern Ireland. By small community groups, we mean groups with an annual income of around £10,000 up to £100,000.

Application deadline: 12pm on Thursday 4 July 2024

For more information, please visit

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/access-to-resilience>

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Local Community Fund supports projects in Co-op members' communities that help to create Sustainable Futures for People and our Planet.

You can apply if your project supports People or our Planet in the following ways:

People: We're looking for projects that enable people to play a part in their community's future by:

- Supporting young people to fulfil their potential
- Helping older people feel connected
- Improving people's mental wellbeing

Planet: We're also looking for projects that help to protect our planet by:

- Tackling climate change
- Reducing waste and resource use
- Protecting nature

Across both People and Planet themes we're keen to support projects that promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

For further information visit [Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](https://coop.co.uk)

Applications must be submitted by midnight on Sunday 7 July 2024.

Rural Micro Capital Grants Scheme 2024/2025

Closes: Monday 8 July 2024 at Noon

This Scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs under the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme and is being delivered in the Fermanagh and Omagh area by Omagh Forum for Rural Associations and Fermanagh Rural Community Network.

Guidance and Online Application Form Links are available on both our websites at:

- <http://www.omaghforum.org/2024/06/14/rural-micro-capital-grants-scheme-2024-now-open/>
- and <https://www.fermanaghrcn.org/news>

Key objectives

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2024/2025 has been designed to:

- Help rural community-led, voluntary groups to address local issues of **access poverty, financial poverty and social isolation**;
- Improve the lives of rural communities, and in particular the wellbeing of isolated individuals; and,
- In line with the draft Green Growth Strategy for Northern Ireland provide opportunity to community-led, voluntary groups to implement energy efficiency measures / environmental improvements.

The Grant Scheme

Micro Capital grants between £500 and £2,000 are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation, and / or implementing energy efficiency measures / environmental improvements. Projects must focus on one of the following four themes:

- Modernisation (of building(s) / assets).
- Information Communication Technology (ICT).
- Health and Wellbeing.
- Energy Efficiency* / Environment Improvement**.

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme can offer grant aid from 50% up to 85% of the total eligible cost of your project. NB: The total project cost must not exceed £4,000. Match funding for your contribution of at least 15% must be in the form of a 'cash' contribution. Labour or 'in-kind' contributions will not be accepted.

In order to ensure that as many groups as possible get the opportunity to benefit from this Scheme, organisations can only make **one** application to the Scheme.

*To encourage local communities to implement energy efficiency / environmental improvements, eligible costs may include, e.g., draft proofing, double glazed windows, change of lighting to LED, light sensors/timers, insulation, replace kettles with a water boiler.

**Environmental improvements eligible costs may include the purchase of 100% gardening equipment, e.g. tunnel kits, pots, spades, hoes and raised beds. A maximum 15% of the overall project costs may be used to purchase plants, trees, hedges, flowers etc. (Plants / shrubs / flowers must be perennial, i.e. plants that live multiple seasons).

Application form and guidelines are available by registering at the following link:

<https://digitalapps2.daera-ni.gov.uk/RMCGS/StartPage>

Elevate Community Mentoring and Grants Programme 2024-25

For groups who want to deliver new community development project ideas to address health inequalities. It provides financial support (up to £5,000) and invaluable networking and support. Community mentoring is the most important aspect of the programme, and we have fantastic mentoring organisations that support successful groups who want to bring people together to tackle health inequalities in their local areas.

The closing date for applications is Monday 22 July 2024 at 4pm.

[Click here to download an application form.](#)

We will consider all applications and encourage interest from groups who support people from LGBTQIA+, BAME, groups working with people living with a physical or learning disability and other under-represented groups.

[Click here](#) to read about how previous mentee organisations delivered their project ideas

Grant Fundraising Training and Support

Virtual Conference 1 & 2 October 2024

An invitation to all organisations to attend the [Get Grants FREE virtual Conference](#) which will include two days of expert fundraising advice, top tips, Q&As, networking, peer-support, and lots of chat.

Across [1st & 2nd October 2024](#), Get Grants **free** Virtual Conference will be full of celebration, inspiration, and practical advice and support – true Get Grants style! We will bring together Fundraisers from across the UK for a programme led by Get Grants Experts, funders, and other experts from across the sector, providing practical support and advice for fundraisers of all levels that can easily be put in to practice.

Receive up-to-date grant fundraising news and advice by signing up to our newsletter at www.getgrants.org.uk.

Community Relations / Cultural Diversity (CR/CD) grant scheme

Currently open by Community Relations Council

All projects in receipt of CR/CD funding must be completed within this financial year

Grants are up to £10K maximum and for project costs only

Average grant is £2K – £5K

Details at <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/community-relations-cultural-diversity>

Closes Friday 1 November 2024