‘The Hub’ opens at Northside

Liberty Consortium (The Playtrail) recently launched The HUB, a centre offering Day Opportunities & Social Provision for young adults with learning disabilities within the heart of the local community. The new ‘HUB’ is located within Northside Village Centre, in the former NWRC premises.

Liberty Consortium are the community organisation behind the successful Playtrail Project, located within the grounds of Ardnashee School & College. The HUB will be used 6 days per week to provide a range of Day Opportunities and Social Provision for young adults with learning disabilities, utilising a range of local community facilities to provide increased opportunities for the young people that attend the provision.

“This is a great facility that places the needs of our young people front & centre, bringing the service into the very heart of our community and allowing our programmes to access a range of local services that will only add to the provision that we currently provide.”

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Entries Open for National Lottery Awards 2018

The Awards are open to projects that have received Lottery funding at any time since the UK National Lottery began in 1994. The main beneficiaries of the project must be based in the UK. Entries can be made in the following Award categories:

- Best Arts Project
- Best Education Project
- Best Environment Project
- Best Health Project
- Best Heritage Project
- Best Sport Project
- Best Voluntary / Charity Project

The winner in each category will receive a cash prize of £5,000 which can be put towards their project. Winners will be determined by a public vote and will appear at a BBC One Awards Ceremony. **Entry is free and the deadline is 6th April 2018 (11.59pm).**

https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/nominate-your-favourite-national-lottery-funded-project

Leafair Pavilion

Leafair Community Assoc. have announced the start of construction work on it’s new Sport & Recreation building at the Leafair Pitches.

Funded by the Executive’s Social Investment Fund in partnership with DC&SD Council, the 3 storey building will incorporate changing rooms, multi-purpose indoor facilities and office space. The project will take 12 months to complete and will be a tremendous asset for the Greater Shantallow Community & beyond.

Young People and their Parents at ‘The HUB’ Launch

(Continued from Page 1) “Services delivered at The HUB will include Day Opportunities funded through the WHSCT, the Inclusive BUD Club Youth Provision and the location for Weekender activities. The young people are so excited with their new space and can’t wait to put their own stamp on the facility, nip into SuperValu for some shopping for their Cook-It class and our boys just love the Bareknuckle Barbershop”.

(Mark Roberts - Director Liberty Consortium)

You can keep up to date with activities at The HUB through the group’s active Facebook page on [www.facebook.com/theplaytrail](http://www.facebook.com/theplaytrail)

Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership
The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission has published its investigation into Travellers’ accommodation. ‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind Travellers Accommodation in NI’ has identified 13 systemic concerns and made 45 recommendations - the 13 systemic issues include :-

Inadequacy of Travellers’ Sites - Some Travellers’ sites are inadequate in the provision of standard services and facilities (electricity, water, heating, drainage, sanitation, waste disposal). This is particularly true of Travellers’ sites intended as transient in nature, but that are operating as permanent sites in practice. The lack of effective management of Travellers’ sites exacerbates these problems.

Legal Framework - Domestic law & policies regarding NI Travellers’ accommodation largely satisfy human rights requirements. However, the existence of the Unauthorised Encampments (NI) Order 2005 has a disproportionate impact on Travellers & threatens their nomadic culture.

Racial Discrimination - There’s evidence that Travellers are subject to discriminatory behaviours / attitudes from public authorities & the settled community - emerging through actions, but also inaction / general inertia re. Travellers’ issues. Negative public opinion & bias towards Travellers also impacts negatively, in particular concerning planning applications.

Provision of Traveller-specific Accommodation - In particular, the NIHE is failing to provide sufficient culturally adequate Travellers’ sites. Its actions and inaction suggest a preference for developing and maintaining bricks and mortar accommodation, over Travellers’ sites.

Resource Availability - While NIHE maintains it is satisfied with the resources available to it for developing & maintaining Traveller-specific accommodation, the existing accommodation is insufficient to the need. In addition, spend per pitch has been reducing on an annual basis.

Resource & Policy Accountability - DfC allocates NIHE funding but there’s no robust mechanism in place for DfC to monitor how funding is allocated to Travellers’ accommodation & what outcomes are achieved.

Participation - Efforts to ensure Travellers’ participation in decision-making processes regarding accommodation by public authorities are ineffective & inadequate. There’s a lack of emphasis on supporting Traveller advocates. There is also a heavy burden placed on Traveller support groups by public authorities, in terms of the roles they are expected to fulfil. These groups are also under-resourced for both their contracted role and remuneration.

The full report can be accessed at NI Human Rights Commission website www.nihrc.org

'Culmore Cú Chulaínnns GAC and Colmcille Pipe Band taking part in Derry’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade'
On 25th May 2018, the GDPR will come into force bringing the biggest change in 20 years to data protection. The changes will mean new requirements for how charities gather, process & use personal data. Charities, businesses and government departments are putting new processes in place to ensure they are ready - if you do not prepare properly for the new regulations you could be putting your organisation at risk, both in terms of fines and reputation.

The key message is however, to take this as an opportunity to review the data you currently hold and make a plan to get ready for the incoming changes to ensure compliance.

For more info check out: https://ico.org.uk/media/organisations/documents/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf

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**Drink Wise Age Well Training for Staff & Volunteers**

The Outer North Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project have invited Drink Wise Age Well Project to deliver a 2 hr training session for staff / volunteers working within the Outer North NR Area.

Sessions are designed for staff / volunteers who directly support individuals who are over 50 and who wish to increase their skills and knowledge around alcohol issues. While sessions can be tailored to meet the needs of the group, they usually cover the following topics:

- Consider older adults and the reasons why they may be at increased risk of alcohol misuse
- Identify alcohol misuse in the over 50's, and consider ways in which alcohol may impact on their lives
- Consider, and practice, the ways in which to respond to alcohol misuse in the over 50's whom you encounter
- Reflect on your own confidence and skill-base in relation to over 50's and identifying alcohol misuse and / or potential alcohol related harm in later life

The training is informal / relaxed and will help increase confidence in supporting older people & 'helping conversations' around alcohol - a session has been arranged for

**Thursday 12th April, 10am - 12noon**

**GSAP Offices, Northside Village Centre.**

If you’d like to book a place or for further information, please contact

**Adrian Loughrey** (Training Officer) on Tel: 7116 0236 Email: adrian.loughrey@drinkwiseagewell.org.uk or

**Hayleigh Fleming** (Outer North NHIP Co-ordinator) on 7128 0250

You can also check out:- www.drinkwiseagewell.org.uk
Social Capital (NW) is a community interest company of the Greater Shantallow Area Partnership, committed to working with local people, C&V groups, charities, social enterprises & public sector organisations to find out what people really think about important issues in their neighbourhood, community and / or district.

The research is practical, useful, accessible, rigorous - underpinned by many years experience & commissioned work for organisations such as Ilex URC, Derry City & Strabane District Council, NIHE, Ulster University, ONNP, Leafair Community Assoc., Off the Streets Youth Initiative among others.

For more info check out :-
www.shantallow.net/examples-of-previous-work
or email Ciara at :-
info@socialcapitalnorthwest.org

ACT Enterprises

Does your child, niece, nephew or grandchild get worried, anxious or nervous? Then ACT Enterprises has the product for you - their very own 'Worry Kit'.

Local young people with disabilities from the ACT Project have been working hard over the last few months, creating, designing & setting up their own company - ACT Enterprises. The Worry Kit is a new product which includes a worry plaque, helping hand & a 'Hand Over Your Worries' book. The book is written and illustrated by the young people, telling the story of Wendy the Worrier, who gets anxious, nervous and worried at a variety of daily life activities or situations. Until her friend Hank the Helper steps in and provides Wendy with some tools to help with her worries, anxieties and nerves.

The Worry Kit has scooped a number of awards at the recent Derry heats of the Young Enterprise Awards, held in Foyleside – including ‘Best Overall Company’, ‘Highest Sales Award’, ‘Mystery Shopper Award’ and ‘Company with the Most Potential Growth’. Worry Kits can be purchased (£8) from the Playtrail Office, Tel. 7136 8173
'Travel With Me’ Project

16 women from the Ballyarnett Traveller Women's Group have been working with GSAP twice weekly on the ‘Travel With Me’ Project.

Funded by DC&SDC, the project aims to promote travellers culture & heritage, whilst teaching new skills and building relationships within the community.

For more information contact Lorraine McWilliams (GSAP) on Email: lorraine@shantallow.net or Tel: 7135 8787

Glenabbey Community Association visit FabSocial Shantallow

Young people and staff from Glenabbey Community Association and Radius Housing visited FabSocial Shantallow in early March. The recent bad weather didn't dampen their spirits and they got to work straight away, creating personalised rulers and tote bags, and also making use of FabSocial’s laser cutter, vinyl cutter & heat press. Everyone worked hard and were proud of their finished products.

If your community group or school would like to arrange a visit, the team at FabSocial would love to hear from you.

For further information contact Rachel Duffy (Project Manager) on Tel: 7135 8063 or Email: r.duffy@nervecentre.org

Recent Sport NI Go-Coaching Course delivered by Michael Cooke (SNI) to youth workers & volunteers from Shantallow Residents Assoc, Rainbow Child & Family Centre and Shantallow YC.

Mary Stokes & Ellen Stokes holding up one of their many creations in the crocheting class that they attend on Tuesday nights in the Cornshell Community Hall (above the shop).
On 27th March, DC&SDC embarked on a major public consultation to review its strategic leisure provision in the Derry and Strabane areas.

The purpose of the consultation is to assist Council in informing the business case for new leisure facilities at Templemore Sports Complex in Derry and Riversdale Leisure Centre in Strabane. Deloitte has been appointed by Council to carry out the consultation process that will involve engaging with a wide range of stakeholders including user and non-users of leisure facilities across the Council area.

As part of the process, Deloitte will engage with the public to gauge levels of participation and usage at our current facilities and to look at the potential levels of increased participation following the proposed redevelopment of the new facilities. The consultation will also look at trends in sporting, leisure and spa participation and look for evidence of need and demand for an indicative facilities mix and a measure of demand for defined facilities.

The public are invited to take part in an online survey, available from the Council website at www.derrystrabane.com/consultations

Council will also carry out a street survey facilitated by face to face survey collectors that will be located at various locations such as local shopping centres, bus stations and leisure facilities.

This capital project represents an investment of over £50m by the Council in first class and high quality leisure facilities. It is a key objective of the Strategic Growth Plan in recognising the needs of local communities to provide sport and leisure facilities that will have a positive impact on the physical and well-being of our citizens.

ETHOS Family Support Hub Co-ordinator, Angela McIntyre, has retired after 9 years in the post. Over those 9 years, GSAP and families across the Greater Shantallow Area have been indebted to Angela for her tireless commitment & efforts in supporting families in need. No task or challenge was too big.

Angela has changed the lives of so many families through her support, understanding, care and empathy - acknowledged last week with her nomination at the Foyle Women’s Centennial Awards ceremony.

Local experiences, coupled with her own personal life experiences, created a person who always puts the needs of others before her own. She goes the extra mile for anyone who needs help and support, whether it be a weekend, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday…. always on call to ensure that no one ever feels alone or lost on her watch. Many thanks Angela.
NIO Announces 2018-19 NI Budget

On 27th March NI Secretary of State, Karen Bradley, announced the budget for the incoming 2018-19 financial year. The budget includes:

- £410m arising from the ‘confidence & supply’ arrangement between the Conservatives & DUP (inc. £80m for immediate health / education pressures, £30m to support programmes addressing mental health & deprivation, £100m for HSC transformation linked to Bengoa Report)

- A £4m fund allocated to wider Civil Service transformation

- £17.1m to Delivering Social Change projects

- £6.6m in EU match funding

- £12m of Shared Future funding

- £19m on capital spend for shared education and housing

- £2.6m for SBRI and collective procurement

- 4.5% and 1.5% increases in domestic / non-domestic regional rate

- Unusually, £100m of capital revenue switched to resource spending

For further information about Neighbourhood Renewal activities in the Outer North area :-
Contact Darren Kirby (Manager), Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership, Northside Village Centre, Glengallagh Rd, Derry, BT48 8NN  T. (028) 7135 8787  E. darren@shantallow.net

Departmental Allocations

Dept of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs : £194.1m (+2.1%)
Dept for Communities: £900.1m (-1.6%)
Dept for the Economy: £763.3m (0.0%)
Dept of Education: £1,939.4m (+4.3%)
Dept of Finance: £136.6m (-4.0%)
Dept of Health: £5,306.2m (+5.5%)
Dept for Infrastructure: £370.2m (+1.1%)
Dept of Justice: £1,026.3m (+0.3%)
The Executive Office: £55.3m (-4.0%)

Spending decisions within Departments will be undertaken by each Permanent Secretary over the coming days.

Seamus McAleavey (NICVA’s Chief Exec) welcomed the budget publication in that it’s better than the Budgetary Outlook presented before Christmas.

“We recognise that it is still a difficult situation. This is the fourth one-year budget, which fuels stagnation and destroys proper planning. This is true for NI as a whole and particularly for voluntary & community sector organisations that have a financial arrangement with government. The gap in NI finances has been plugged with one-off solutions such as transferring capital to resource spend and the confidence & supply money negotiated by the DUP. This leaves us in the same difficult financial position in the next financial year.”