FabSocial Shantallow

An exciting new FabLab project will be launched soon in the area - ONNP and Greater Shantallow Area Partnership have teamed up with the Nerve Centre to establish FabSocial Shantallow, which will be based at Unit 37 in the NW Business Complex, Skeoge.

Fab Labs provide widespread access to modern means for invention. They began as an outreach project by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston in 2005. Since then Fab Labs have quickly spread around the world - there are now over 200 Fab Labs from the inner cities of the USA to the villages of Africa, all linked to a collaborative global network.

Funded by Northside Development Trust and DCAL (now DfC) FabSocial Shantallow will be a driver of new ideas, encouraging our community to develop creative solutions to meet its needs & exploit opportunities by promoting digital / manufacturing skills, entrepreneurship & social enterprise.

FabSocial will be a community resource - offering a wide variety of creative equipment (3D printers etc…) to residents who wish to bring their ideas to life, embrace new technologies, knowledge share, develop skills (including employable skills), network - building on the concept of lifelong learning and skills / career enhancement through taster sessions, training and accredited courses.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

The 2nd workshop to develop the Ballyarnett DEA Community Plan was held on 30th June (Skeoge House, Leafair) and was very well attended. DC&SDC is committed to engaging with residents to ensure that the Local Community Planning process is as open, transparent and widely communicated as possible.

Council is keen to encourage everyone within our community to engage in the process. Over the next number of weeks Council will continue to encourage engagement including :-

♦ Meeting with the Local Community Planning Interim Chairs - Martin Connolly was elected Interim Chair for the Ballyarnett DEA in June
♦ Making contact with groups/individuals where gaps are identified
♦ Holding meetings with citizens, residents, C&V sector & elected reps.
♦ Meeting with statutory partners, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and Rural Partnerships
♦ Gathering feedback and updating the draft local community plans

The 3rd Local Community Planning Workshop for the Ballyarnet DEA will take place on Monday 17th October 2016 - Session 1 is 2.30 to 4.30pm (Venue tbc) and Session 2 is 7:00pm – 9:00pm (Venue tbc)

If you have any queries, or aware of any individual / group / resident who has not been engaged in the process to date and who would like to input, please don’t hesitate to contact Angela Askin or Dermot Harrigan (Tel. 7125 3253), who will be happy to arrange a consultation meeting.

Charities Registration

The Charity Commission for NI has commenced compulsory registration of charities. Existing community groups & organisations that may be a charity must complete an ‘expression of intent’ to register if they have not already been ‘called forward’.

The form needs to be completed online so that your group can be called forward to apply for charity status.

If your organisation has an HMRC number only, this is not a Charity Registration number and therefore you will still need to ensure you register under the new Charity Commission NI.

If your group has not been ‘called forward’ and / or is not on the ‘Deemed List’ to be called forward in future, you should inform the Charity Commission of your group’s existence and ensure they have the correct contact details for your group.

You can complete the ‘Expression of Interest’ form online to provide your details to the Commission, enabling you to be called forward to apply for charity registration.

For more information visit :-

www.charitycommissionni.org.uk

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Consultation on Older People’s Services

The Commissioner for Older People for N.I. Eddie Lynch, has launched draft priorities for action and wants to hear your views.

It is important that the work of the Commissioner reflects the views & opinions of older people - he is holding a number of engagement events, including locally :-

**Wednesday 14th September, 2.30 - 4.00 pm Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown**

**Thursday 15th September, 11am – 12.30pm, City Hotel, Derry**

If you’d be interested in attending these events, please RSVP to :- christy.hunter@copni.org

Alternatively if these events are not suitable, the Commissioner would encourage views to be sent by 30th Sept. 2016 to :- COPNI, Equality House, 7-9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DP or email communications@copni.org

Check out [www.copni.org](http://www.copni.org)

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FabSocial will have a number of key strands.

1) **Weekly drop in facility** where individuals (*home inventors, micro entrepreneurs, home improvers, artists, students and jobseekers*) and groups from the local community will have free access to Digital Fabrication technology for personal use or to support local businesses.

2) **Training Progs** - teaching new techniques in product design, fabrication & development using 3D Printers, vinyl cutters etc…

3) **Collaborative Community Projects** with local partners to utilise Digital Fabrication technology - for example, working with the Leafair Men’s Shed, the TEAMWORKs initiative in Shantallow, RCD’s 4 Rs [Recycling] project based in the Pennyburn Industrial Estate, to generate new initiatives and tackle social needs.

4) **Schools Programmes** - with the proximity of many local schools (17 in Gtr Shantallow alone), FabSocial is well positioned to open up learning opportunities for the local Education Sector, particularly as part of the STEM agenda.

5) **Business / Social Enterprise** - supporting existing businesses and creating new social enterprises in the Outer North. The emerging area of Distributed Manufacturing offers a key economic opportunity that the project partners are keen to exploit.

FabSocial will also link into the worldwide FabLab network to develop a product range which can be manufactured within the Lab - to then be marketed and sold commercially, with the revenues generated being invested to grow and develop the project.

Check out [www.fabfoundation.org](http://www.fabfoundation.org)

For more information contact Darren Kirby on Tel: 028 7135 8787
**STUDIO 2 Refurbished**

Greater Shantallow Community Arts have recently completed the refurbishment of Studio 2 - transforming the premises into a modern, ‘state of the art’ culture & arts facility servicing Outer North & beyond.

Studio 2 is a youth / community focused arts space, located within Skeoge Industrial Estate. Phase 1 of the project was completed in early summer - essentially the construction of a new entrance plus full ground floor refurbishment & fit-out, at a cost of roughly £350k. Funding was provided by DSD (£212k), Northside Development Trust (£50k), Arts Council (£20k) & DCAL (£70k)

GSCA are now delivering an enhanced range and quality of services from Studio 2, meeting the creative needs of many residents and artists in the area - it is envisaged that more than 1,500 local people will access services on a weekly basis when fully operational. GSCA also hope to begin work on further phases in the near future.

Further info. contact Marketing Officer, Nicola Hassan on T. 7135 7443 or www.facebook.com/greatershantallowcommunityarts

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**BENEFIT CAP**

As part of the Welfare Reform (NI) Order 2015, on 31st May [2016] the Government has introduced a limit on the total amount of benefit that working-age people can receive – this is known as the **Benefit Cap**.

This will ensure that out of work households cannot receive more in benefits than the average wage for working families.

For the Benefit Cap to apply, someone in the household must be in receipt of Housing Benefit. That person’s Housing Benefit will be reduced to make sure that the total amount of benefit is not more than the Benefit Cap limit.

The weekly limits are set at:

- £500 if your household is made up of a couple (with or without children) or you are a lone parent and you have children living with you, who you are responsible for; or
- £350 if you are a single person and have no children living with you.

There is information on all aspects of Welfare Changes and Benefit Cap available at [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk)
PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT (PIP)

PIP is a new benefit replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for people aged 16 to 64 years. PIP and DLA cannot be claimed at the same time. In the same way as DLA, people can receive PIP whether they are in or out of work. It is not means tested or taxed.

PIP was introduced in Northern Ireland on 20th June 2016. This will be for new claims to PIP and for existing DLA claimants aged 16-64 years whose benefit is due to come to an end or who report a change in their needs.

PIP better reflects today’s understanding of disability, which has changed a lot since DLA was introduced. PIP will include an assessment of an individual’s needs. PIP aims to help disabled people live more independently and support those with the greatest need.

Find out more about PIP at:- www.nidirect.gov.uk/welfarechanges

The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project has published its 2015/16 report. In November 2014, to maximise the impact of the project across the 6 NW Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, the project board agreed to focus its work on 3 priority themes linked to the public health strategic framework, ‘Making Life Better’, namely :-

Reducing the number of people who are obese or overweight

Improving mental health and wellbeing and reduction in self harm and suicide

Maximising collaboration to tackle determinants of health

A community development approach is fundamental to NHIP’s work. In each NR area a Health Development Worker works with a local health forum to support the development & implementation of a local health plan which focuses on tackling the 3 priority themes. For more info. or copy of the report contact Natalie Logue, Outer North Health Development Worker T. 7135 6092 or E.natalie_gwg@hotmail.co.uk

2015/16 Outcomes at a Glance

The numbers describing their health as either 'good' or 'very good' increased from 6% to 73%. The NI equivalent is 72%. (Gilmore Survey 2014/15)

The numbers meeting the physical activity guidelines increased from 11% to 12%. This compares to 33% of the population in NI. (NI Health Survey 2014/15). However at the end of the programme 50% of the participants had increased their reasons of physical activity on a weekly basis.

68% reduced their waist measurement. Of those who completed weight management programmes, 54% lost weight and 68% also reduced their waist measurement.

95% (N=426) of the participants reported their mental wellbeing improved. The mean score increased from 22.6 to 25.74. (Shortened Warwick Edison mental Well Being Scale used to measure mental wellbeing (SWEDOS).)

The Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project
In the past few months a number of capital projects within Outer North have been completed, including the completion of Na Magha’s new [£650k] clubhouse. Na Magha CLG is Derry City’s only dedicated hurling and camogie club - the benefits of the new clubhouse will reach beyond the sporting field & prove to be an asset for the whole community - a home not only for the club’s Camogs / Hurlers but also for dancers, musicians, language students and others. DSD contributed a total of £530k with Derry City & Strabane District Council contributing £50k, DCAL £50k, the GAA £10k and Big Lottery £10k.

Both the DSD (now the Department for Communities) and Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership are committed to delivering revitalisation / public realm improvements to help promote the Outer North area as an economically strong, vibrant & accessible neighbourhood. £30k was recently invested through the DSD’s ReStore Programme to improve the external façade of the Co-op / Eurospar site in the Galliagh estate.

Monies have also been invested by Resource Centre Derry to complement last year’s refurbishment works (£400k) at the St. Brigid’s Centre in Carnhill - the recent work was specifically to establish suitable car parking facilities.

Studio 2 investment for the recent Phase 1 works topped £350k and Leafair Men’s Shed have recently opened a new unit at the NW Business Complex following £20k funding from the NIHE Social Investment Team.

State of the Sector Research

NICVA (the Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action) will present key findings from its latest 'State of the Sector' research at a launch event on 28th September (9.30am - 12noon) in their offices - 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB

Paul Givan MLA, Minister for the new Department for Communities, will outline his priorities for the C&V and Social Enterprise sectors at the event and will also be commenting on the research.

NICVA have also developed a new online resource which provides information on the size, scope and finances of the C&V & Social Enterprise Sectors. The new online resource is broken into key sections which include: Workforce, Giving, Volunteers, Income & Expenditure and Future Issues. Key findings from each of the sections will be presented at the launch.

This State of the Sector marks a change from previous research in this series, with new data, a new approach and new format. You can explore the new online resource and register for the State of the Sector launch at :-

www.nicva.org/event/state-of-the-sector-launch
Helplines Network

Helplines Network NI is a membership led organisation consisting of 25 different helplines operating across Northern Ireland.

The Helplines Network NI members provide a variety of vital support services inc. information, advice, counselling, a listening ear and be-friending, covering a wide range of issues and needs. Many of the services take place over the phone, but some can help via email, text & in some cases with live web-chat.

The helplines are run by non-profit making community, voluntary and public organisations. Helplines are an invaluable resource that can be accessed from the privacy of home, without appointment, and many can be contacted at a time that suits the person in need of support.

Not all helplines are free to call, so please check each website for more information. From last July all numbers starting 0800 or 0808 were made free for consumers to call from mobile phones as they were from landlines. For more information about each of the various advice agencies, please visit

Resident Engagement - Galliagh Linear Park

The Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership are inviting residents in the wider Galliagh area to have their say on the future of the Galliagh Linear Park and Moss Park greenfield site.

A public consultation event will take place on Thursday 15th Sept. in the St. Joseph’s Parish Centre, Galliagh and those interested are invited to call in between 10.00am and 9.00pm. Volunteers from the Galliagh Steering Group will be in attendance on the day to assist residents.

The Galliagh Linear Park is a significant greenspace that extends for 1.5km from one end of the Galliagh Estate to the other. The Moss Park site is a large open green which borders Moss Park, Bracken Park and the Glengalliagh Road.

ONNP commissioned Social Capital North West who recruited 20 local residents and community workers to undertake a survey which targeted 500 households in Galliagh over a six-week period in April / May of this year. This was preceded by a number of focus groups with local organisations in Galliagh.

The purpose of the survey & focus groups was to better understand the current use of and satisfaction with the Galliagh Linear Park and the greenfield site at Moss Park, and to plan for residents’ needs, aspirations and priorities for the future use of these greenspaces.

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Ballyarnett Park Reviewing the Final Plans for New Play Park in Ballyarnett Country Park

Resident Engagement - Galliagh Linear Pk (continued from page 7)

The wealth of views, experiences & opinions expressed by local residents has helped to develop a comprehensive picture of resident’s current use of, experience with and satisfaction of both the Galliagh Linear Park & Moss Park site, their opinion on what are the current advantages and disadvantages of the site and their opinion on what they would like to see to improve the site for the benefit of residents of all ages and the wider community.

The results of the household survey and focus groups provide strong objective evidence supporting the redevelopment of both these greenspaces. ONNP now wish to further engage with residents to help inform the development of an agreed set of proposals for these areas which can be presented to the Derry City & Strabane District Council (under the Community Planning process), the Department for Communities and other potential funders / stakeholders – proposals to enhance the local environment & public realm, create attractive features in the heart of Galliagh, bring investment in the local physical infrastructure and ultimately improve residents’ quality of life and the overall image of the area.

Archiving Hub

Greater Shantallow Area Partnership and ONNP have teamed up again with the Nerve Centre to establish an Archiving Hub in the area - based at Unit 20 in the Northside Village Centre.

Funded by Northside Development Trust & DCAL the Archiving Hub will be a managed resource equipped for community archiving, local history & individual family history projects, researching, accessing archive material (diaries, documents, photos, video footage, interviews, transcripts etc…).

The Hub will have qualified staff to support the development of a range of community archives and materials - to manage access to the equipment, support individuals and groups to research / collate information, to digitise documents / photographs, and to catalogue information etc…

The Hub will also provide advice on the best approaches for digital & physical storage of material, the ethics involved in archiving, data protection issues, cataloguing systems, access protocols as well as policy information on acquisitions & collections, agreements on custodianship / gifts / loans / indefinite loans etc…. of material.

For more info. contact Mary McBrearty, GSAP on T: 7135 4530

For further information about Neighbourhood Renewal activities in the Outer North area :-

Contact Darren Kirby (Manager), Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership, Northside Village Centre, Glengalliagh Rd, Derry, BT48 8NN  T. (028) 7135 8787  E. darren@shantallow.net