

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Community E-Zine

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's quarterly E-zine for community and voluntary groups. We hope to keep you up to date with relevant information about training, funding and Council services. We will also provide a showcase for the amazing work that is carried out by community groups across the Borough.

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We would love to hear from you, so if there is something you would like to see included then email us at:

community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Sharing Good News

From Local Groups

Significant Investment In Community Buildings at Official Opening of Magilligan Community Centre

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Mayor Sean Bateson officially declared the new Magilligan Centre open on Thursday 20th June 2019.

The state of the art, energy efficient building will be managed on behalf of Council by the Magilligan Community Association, and will allow many community activities to re-commence in the area, and will provide a community hall, interactive training room, community office and kitchen facilities. The building had been designed to blend in and match some of the traditional buildings in the area and incorporates energy efficiency technology throughout the entire building.

The Mayor noted 'Whilst Council can provide these centres it is the local residents, groups and associations that bring these buildings to life.' The Mayor further acknowledged 'that this build was achieved because Council, as a corporate body considered capital investment in community infrastructure as an important priority.'

Furthermore, Alice Conn, a key committee member from Magilligan Community Association added, 'We are delighted with the new community centre and are looking forward to working and delivering community services and activities from this beautiful building.'





Local community centre groups try out new activities!

Over 100 participants recently took part in an Inspiring Activity Evening in the Jim Watt Sports Centre in Garvagh as part of the Peace IV Sharing Your Community Space Programme. A wide range of demonstration classes and activities took place including health checks, willow crafting, healthy cooking, first aid training, sign language classes and jive dancing! Lads & Lassies musicians based at the FUSE Centre in Ballymoney & Rasharkin Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann musicians played for the first time together and entertained the crowd with some traditional tunes.

The aim of the programme, funded by the EU's Peace IV Programme and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, is to challenge perceptions of, and real barriers, to using different community facilities and to support community facility providers to open up their centres and halls to more shared use.

The evening was an opportunity 'to try before you buy' and the participants rolled their sleeves up and got involved in the classes even trying out volleyball and chocolate making! This was also a great opportunity for the community groups to network and share their experience of the project so far.

"I never thought I would see myself trying out volleyball, it was great craic!"

"Listening to 'Food Smart' chat about recycling and making use of food waste was very enlightening"

"We'll definitely be trying out some of these classes in our centre"



Sing Club Limavady is a group of people who enjoy singing and come together for two hours a week to sing songs, have fun and socialise.

Our first meeting was in February 2018 where we had eight weeks to collaborate with Paddy Nash for an anniversary performance for the Good Friday Agreement. After that performance there was so much enthusiasm within the group that we decided to create 'Sing Club Limavady'.

Sing Club Limavady started in September 2018 with the core focus of having an inclusive community singing group. After a committee was formed it was decided that Sing Club's aim would simply be to sing for

fun. By October 2018 we had our first gig as part of the Foyle Maritime Festival.

Since then we have performed at numerous events, to name but a few: Hope's Annual fundraiser which was 80's themed. We pulled up our leg warmers and entertained like the greatest Super Troupers. We had such a blast and really bonded. We also performed for several Christmas Events, at 'Hospital History' an event held by LCDI in March. We visited Thackeray Place assisted living facility and sang for/with its residents.

Sing Club is currently collaborating with The Big Busk for Stendhal. We are very excited to be a part of the festival this year.



During the average sing club session we will sing easy peasy favourites to lighten our hearts but we will also focus on a few more difficult pieces to impress our audiences. Our members love their evenings at Sing Club for so many reasons;

"I really enjoy singing but I can't sing. I wouldn't enjoy singing on my own. With Sing Club I have the opportunity to sing my heart out but I don't feel self conscious about it." - Hazel Brooks

"I went to Sing Club initially to learn to sing properly. I love going and it's great craic. I've learned to sing and play my guitar in a group. It has helped me with my confidence but also I've made some good friendships." - Anthony McCann

We hope to see you then!
For more information do not hesitate to contact us via our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SINGCLUBLIMAVADY/>

Or contact our chairperson Hazel Brooks at:
hazel259@btinternet.com



From left: Helen Marks, Queens Award for Voluntary Service, Ashleen Schenning, Manager Limvady Volunteer Centre, Sean Bateson, Mayor, Lady Givern, Queens Award for Voluntary Service, Louise Scullion, Community Development Manager, Adele McCloskey, Community Facilities Officer, Mary McNickle, Manager, Causeway Volunteer Centre.

Celebrating our Volunteers

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council teamed up with Causeway Volunteer Centre and Limavady Volunteer Centre to host a Celebration event for local volunteers on Wednesday 5th June in the Bushtown Hotel. Over 150 volunteers from a range of community, sporting, environmental, health and wellbeing organisations turned up to celebrate Volunteers Week which runs annually from 1st -7th June.

The Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Sean Bateson commented "Volunteers' Week provides an opportunity to thank local volunteers who give so freely of their time and who are the heart of our community. From those that provide practical and emotional support to those in need, those who fundraise and advocate on behalf of others, those who work with children and young people, those who contribute on the various sporting fields and those who care for animals and the environment, their contribution to life in the Borough is massive."



Does your group organise a community festival or fun day?



Would you like some practical information and tips on everything you need to know to organise and manage your event?

Council has launched an updated Guide for the Planning and Organisation of Community Festivals and other Events. The Guide, which is aimed at assisting voluntary groups who are organising community events, has been updated to take account of new legislation and provides useful information, such as what permissions and licences are needed, food safety, marketing, dealing with the media, risk assessments and a whole range of other issues.

The Guide includes templates and useful contact details and is available in hard copy version by request or it can be accessed on Council's website at https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/uploads/policies/CCGBCGuideforPlannMgmtofCommFestEvents_.pdf

Please contact us at community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk if you would like the Guide emailed directly to you or if you would like a hard copy.



Focus on a Funder

The Clothworker's Foundation



We award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which we define as:

- **Buildings:** purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment.
- **Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment:** this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- **Vehicles:** This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle.

We fund both large and small projects. The size of grant awarded will depend on a number of factors including the size of your organisation and the cost and scale of your capital project.

You must be able to demonstrate that the work of your organisation fits within one or more of our programme areas, and that at least 50% of service users benefiting from the capital project are from one or more of those groups:

Programme areas

- Disadvantaged minority communities
- Disadvantaged youth
- Older People
- Homelessness
- Domestic Abuse
- People with Disability
- Prisoner, ex- offenders
- Visual Impairment

Assessment Timeline

The Foundation requires groups to take the eligibility quiz on their website and it will determine if you are eligible to apply - www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk

1. Application is acknowledged
2. Grants officer assigned
3. Application assessed
4. Decision made

This is a rolling programme, groups can apply at any time.



Ann McNickle and Patricia McQuillan



Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Strategic Partnership recently called on individuals active within the community and voluntary sector to nominate and select two Co-chair positions on the newly formed Community Engagement Platform. Congratulations to our two successful Co-chairs for the period 2019-20.

Ann McNickle is Manager of Causeway Rural & Urban Network (CRUN) and Patricia McQuillan MBE is a founder member and secretary of Moneydig Rural Network based near Garvagh and is currently Chair of the NIHE Rural Residents Forum representing Causeway Coast and Glens area.

Thank you to all who were able to make it along to the recent Speed Networking and Sharing event held in Limavady on 10th June. The event was a lively one with great participation and contribution from everyone attending and Siobhan Mullan, the University of Ulster Community Fellow for Causeway Coast and Glens provided an informative talk at the event.

The Community Engagement Platform aims to provide an opportunity to build relationships and connect more voices to local public services and decision making bodies. This will help highlight the collective interests of the local community and voluntary sector while acting as a borough wide platform for consultation and engagement. The Platform also provides community representation on Causeway Coast and Glens Community Planning Strategic Partnership through the two Co-chairs selected by Platform participants.

The next meeting of the Causeway Coast and Glens Community

Engagement Platform will take place as follows:

Date: **Thursday 12th September 2019**
Time: **3.30-5.00pm**
Venue: **Sheskburn House, Mary Street, Ballycastle BT54 6QH**

At the meeting you will have an opportunity to:

Hear about the development of a draft Community Development Strategy for Causeway Coast and Glens and have your say in how Council provides community development grants, training and other support to community and voluntary groups in the Borough over the next 3 years;

Connect with organisations from across Causeway Coast and Glens

Using Council Land for Activities or Events

If a group is wishing to use council land for activities or events there is an application process they must follow. They must submit the following documentation to the Land and Property section of council:

- A fully completed Application Form for use of Council Land. This can be found at <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/land-and-property>
- A copy of their insurance with a preferred £10 Million public liability cover detailed on
- A Risk Assessment completed by the group
- A copy of insurance from any suppliers that will be delivering a service for the group on the land
- A Risk or safety certificate from any suppliers that will be delivering a service for the group on the land
- An Aerial photograph (google maps can be used) of the land if there is any uncertainty about who owns it

Groups must allow enough time for the processing of the application. There is an **8 week timescale for approvals**. This time only starts once **all acceptable documentation has been received**

If you need further help with your application or have any queries please contact: The Land and Property Section, Email address: landand.property@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or Tel: 028 7034 7075 – Eve Moffat or 028 7034 7174 - Denise McLaughlin

Community Facilities Health and Safety

Last year Council piloted a Health and Safety programme for Community Buildings, which provide groups who operate their own facilities with access to an expert in this area.

The Health and Safety expert was able to do a complete review of each groups building, offering helpful advice on Fire and Legionella record keeping, and Risk Assessments for both their buildings and activities.

This pilot project was delivered within 5 local community buildings and helped

raise awareness for each centre around their key health and safety challenges and concerns. At the end of the pilot each group received a bespoke Health and Safety Manual, to help guide them with record keeping, correct storage and training needs.

The opportunity to receive this Health and Safety support is now available through the Involve-Evolve Community Buildings Mentor programme. Please contact community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk for more information.



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COMMUNITY BUILDINGS MENTOR PROGRAMME

This is an exciting bespoke programme designed to match community development organisations operating their own community building with an expert mentor in a key area.

- Health and Safety
- Human Resource Management
- Social Media and Marketing / Website Development
- Consultation and Engagement
- Capital Fundraising Applications
- Social Enterprise Development
- Financial Sustainability

For an application please contact:
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Causeway Coast and Glens Community Development Strategy 2020-2023

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council is developing a new Community Development Strategy and we'd like to hear from you. The Strategy will guide Councils investment in community development work in the form of officer support and the provision of training as well as significant funding support to local groups over the next 3 years.

If you are involved with a community or voluntary organisation, whether it's a geographical community, a community of interest or an issues based group, or if you have an interest in community development, then we would like to hear your views to help us develop a draft Strategy.

You can get involved in the first stage of our consultation by attending one of our 8 engagement workshops taking place in Dungiven, Limavady, Portballintrae, Coleraine, Ballymoney, Kilrea, Glenariff and Ballycastle between 25th September and 14th October - full details in the Dates for your Diary section.



Dates for the Diary

Community arts and crafts workshop - Learn how to deliver simple arts and crafts activities at your community event	Tues 10th Sept	7-9pm	Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre Limavady
	Tues 17th Sept	7-9pm	Flowerfield Arts Centre Portstewart
CCG Community Engagement Platform meeting	Thurs 12th Sept	3.30-5pm	Sheskburn House, Ballycastle
Monday Mingle - Community Networking Event hosted by NACN	Mon 16th Sept	6.45-9pm	Ramoan Parish Centre, Ballycastle
Defibrillator Training	Mon 23rd Sept	1-5 pm	Coleraine Leisure Centre
	Mon 23rd Sept	6-10 pm	Sheskburn House, Ballycastle
	Fri 27th Sept	9-1pm	Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Limavady

CCG Community Development Strategy 2020-23 Engagement Workshops	Wed 25th Sep	7-9pm	Glenshane House, Dungiven
	Fri 27th Sep	2-4pm	Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, Limavady
	Mon 30th Sep	7-9pm	Glenariffe Community & Recreation Centre
	Wed 2nd Oct	10.30am - 12.30pm	Ballymoney Town Hall
	Wed 2nd Oct	7-9pm	Kilrea Town Hall
	Wed 9th Oct	7-9pm	Sheskburn House, Ballycastle
	Thur 10th Oct	10.30am - 12.30pm	Ballysally Community Centre, Coleraine
	Mon 14th Oct	7-9pm	Portballintrae Village Hall

Community Networking Event hosted by Roe Valley Community Network Rural Community Network will be facilitating part of the session on rural issues	Wed 16th Oct	2-4.30pm	Magilligan Community Centre
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NSPCC Safeguarding Children and Young People Level 2	Tues 5th Nov	6-9pm	Jim Watt Sports Centre Garvagh
	Tues 12th Nov	10am - 1pm	Flowerfield Arts Centre Portstewart

Council Grant Roadshows	Mon 2nd Dec	2-4pm	Cloonavin, Coleraine
	Mon 2nd Dec	7-9pm	Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney
	Tues 3rd Dec	2-4pm	Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, Limavady
	Tues 3rd Dec	7-9pm	Sheskburn House, Ballycastle

Workshop for Council Community Development Grant applicants & Community Festivals Fund applicants How to write a good application	Mon 9th Dec	6.30 - 9.00pm	Cloonavin, Coleraine
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