



Council Chairperson funding workshop

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County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)

The network is an award winning voluntary umbrella body set up and managed by community groups in County Down and has been serving the community for over 20 years. We are committed to an inclusive future where all citizens actively participate in local life, helping each other to create a healthy, peaceful, vibrant & sustainable society.

Contact: Ballymote Centre 40 Killough Road Downpatrick, BT30 6PY 02844612311

www.countydownruralcommunitynetwork.com

Confederation of Community Groups Newry & District (CCG)

The purpose of the Confederation of Community Groups is to support and encourage the development of voluntary action by communities and individuals and in so doing contribute to the creation of a powerful and inclusive community that will influence positive change. The Confederation of Community Groups is an umbrella organisation for voluntary and community groups in Northern Ireland in the Newry and Mourne area. It offers advice, practical support, services and training through a number of projects and services.

Contact: Ballybot House, 28 Cornmarket, Newry, BT35 8BG, County Down
Tel:028 302 61022 Fax:028 302 60929

www.ccgnewrycommunity.org

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - DAERA Funding Hub

DAERA offers a wide range of grants and funding to support local farming, fisheries, rural business, communities and environmental NGOs. The new Funding Hub will also include links to other government funding available and provide contacts details for support organisations which can help applicants avail of funding.

The hub can be accessed directly from the DAERA home page at www.daera-ni.gov.uk/funding

Interested parties can sign up to the new text service by simply texting 'DaeraGrants' to 67300; each text is free to the user.

Arnold Clark Community Fund Reopens for Winter Funding

Arnold Clark, the UK's largest independently owned, family-run car retailer, has created the Arnold Clark Community Fund to support communities across the UK in which it operates.

The fund currently aims to help UK charities and local community groups continue their important work which may be at risk due to the coronavirus pandemic. The funding is intended to support organisations dealing with or addressing the following categories:

- Food banks
- Toy banks
- Poverty relief
- Housing and accommodation.

Grants of up to £1,000. The deadline for applications is 31 December 2021 (23:59)

Contact: <https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund>

ASDA Foundation: Green Token Giving

Each year, Asda customers have the chance to nominate and vote for their favourite local good cause via their Green Token Giving programme. In store Green Token Giving remains on pause.

However, in 2021, they took Green Token Giving online meaning you can vote from the comfort of your home whether you shop in person at Asda, online or click and collect. Wherever you are, you can support your chosen cause.

They know local good causes need support now more than ever and the Asda Foundation is committed to giving over £1million to local communities through Green Token Giving each year to help thousands of local good causes. The online vote works in a similar way to store voting.

Each superstore will feature three community projects online that have been nominated by customers and colleagues. They will all be local, grassroots organisations having a positive impact on their local community.

Criteria

- Groups can only be nominated once every 12-month calendar year. The calendar year for Asda is 1st January to 31st December
- For local branches of larger organisations, they can only accept one nomination per quarter in each Asda region and evidence of local service delivery must be provided.

The group with the most online votes will receive a £500 donation with second and third place each receiving £200. Nominations up to 31 Dec 2021, 31 Mar 2022, 30 Jun 2022.

Contact: <http://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

AVIVA - Community Fund

Funding is available for fresh ideas looking to secure up to £50,000. Every three months, £250,000 will be shared equally among their UK employees to donate to the forward-thinking projects that matter to them most. Each charity can apply for funding of up to a maximum of £50,000 and Aviva employees will decide how the funding is distributed. Eligible causes will be able to submit their projects to the Aviva Community Fund through Crowdfunder. Funding applications are open to projects looking to raise up to £50,000.

They want to support forward-thinking causes that are helping push communities forward, so your submitted project must align with one of their purposes and be raising funds in the following key areas:

- Develop a new approach, product or technology
- Implement a new initiative or pilot a new scheme
- Expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group
- Adapt services to meet today's needs without compromising those of future generations

Contact: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding>

Brighter Communities Applications Now Open

Funding is available to Northern Ireland community groups to help them implement innovative and creative projects which will change and improve their local community for the better.

A fund for charitable, sports and community organisations in Northern Ireland for equipment purchases or projects and activities that enhance their offering within their local community is accepting applications. Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the funding programme. Applications may be made at any time and will be considered on a monthly basis

Contact: <https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/>

Community Foundation for NI: Pressure Group Fund

The Pressure Group Fund has been established in recognition of the contribution groups and people in our society, who are working towards supporting social change, can make through direct civic action, lobbying and campaigning. It is one way in which the Foundation can be responsive to needs and issues facing communities.

Grants size – £1000, with potential for further £1000. There are no deadlines as the fund will be open to applications on a rolling call basis, promoted through the Foundation's website

Contact: For further information please contact the Grants team on 028 9024 5927 or email applications@communityfoundationni.org

Community Relations Council

Publications Grant Scheme - This programme aims to encourage the production and dissemination of publications that will contribute to greater understanding and better community relations in Northern Ireland.

The Publications Grant Scheme provides grants of up to £5,000 to publishers to encourage the production and dissemination of publications that will contribute to greater understanding and better community relations in Northern Ireland.

Scheme Objectives:

- 1.To support publications which encourage constructive debate on community relations themes and challenge negative stereotypes.
- 2.To subsidise publications supportive of community relations principles so that they might reach a wider audience.
- 3.To support the production and dissemination of publications which will create a greater awareness and appreciation of local cultural diversity as a means of increasing mutual respect and understanding.

NB The Council particularly welcomes applications from training and educational organisations aiming to produce relevant print resources which will support community relations learning through taught programmes. Up to £5,000, closing date: 14th January 2022, 4:00pm

Contact: <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/publication-grant-scheme>

Community Relations Council

Cultural Diversity Grant - This grant scheme seeks to achieve the aims listed below by providing advice and financial support for projects.

The application form will ask you to identify which of the CR/CD objectives best matches the aim of your project and how through its delivery who will benefit.

- 1.To develop opportunities for groups to explore their own cultures, beliefs and traditions, thus increasing their capacity to develop relationships of trust with those of different traditions and values.
- 2.To develop opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of others' cultures, beliefs, and traditions - increasing their acceptance of and respect for diversity.
- 3.To enable groups to challenge stereotypes of their own and other communities in order to acknowledge and address difference.
- 4.To increase the ability and confidence of groups and organisations to identify and address those issues that divide them.
- 5.To develop networks of communication, trust and co-operation between divided communities.
- 6.To promote models of good practice for community relations work in Northern Ireland

CR/CD Funding Details

- 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.

It may be useful to refer to Community Relations Council annual reports for details of previous grant allocations. Average grant is £2,000-£5,000. Closing date 14th January 2022 4:00pm

Contact: <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/community-relations-cultural-diversity>

Co-operation Ireland has been appointed by the Department for Communities (DfC) as the Intermediary Funding Body for the 2021/22 Small Capital Grants Programme for Northern Ireland

"The purpose of this fund is to promote Partnership and Collaboration within the voluntary and Community sector.

Applications must include a minimum of 2 organisations. Those applying must nominate a lead partner to whom the whole of the grant will be paid. The Lead Partner should complete the application form.

To be eligible for grant assistance (grants between £1,500 – £5,000), applicants must be constituted voluntary or community sector organisations located in Northern Ireland, with an annual unrestricted income of less than £100,000 per year. ("Unrestricted" income relates to funds that the non-profit organisation may use for any purpose. "Restricted" income relates to funds whose use is restricted by a particular purpose and must be used in a specified period e.g. grant offer from a Funding Body). Applicants must deliver the project, pay supplier(s) and submit a grant claim by 31st March 2022.

Contact: <https://cooperationireland.org/projects/small-capital-grants-programme/>

DAERA

- The Maritime and Fisheries Fund (NI) 2021/2022
- Forest Protection Scheme
- Woodland Investment Grant
- Agri-Food Co-operation Scheme

Please see website for more information.

Contact: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/grants-and-funding>

DWF Foundation

The DWF Foundation supports registered charities with an impact in one or more of the following areas:

- Homelessness
- Health and wellbeing
- Employability
- Education
- Environment and Sustainability

The Foundation does not have a minimum grant size but the majority of their grants will fall under £5,000. Deadline for March meeting 31 Dec 2021, Deadline for June meeting 31 Mar 2022, Deadline for September meeting 30 Jun 2022.

Contact: <https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation>

Funding to Improve Resilience of Northern Ireland's Outdoor Spaces

The programme offers small-scale capital grants to support local communities by enabling projects and activities including:

- Community gardens.
- Pocket parks and forests.
- Allotments.
- Rain gardens.
- Green roofs.
- Ponds and living walls or vertical gardens.
- Installation of outdoor furniture or features to encourage usage.
- Measures to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling.

Eligible costs include:

- Land and building costs (ie the costs of creating pathways, installation of vertical garden structures, developing a green roof etc).
- Equipment and materials (ie trees, plants, seeds, pots, tools, furniture etc).

The fund will award grants of £1,000 to £10,000 and it is expected that approximately 80 awards will be made in total. The programme will open to applications on 1 November 2021 and close to applications on 17 December 2021 (5pm).

Contact: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/northern-ireland>

International Tree Foundation Accepting Applications for 2021 Planting Season

The Foundation offers grants to support the conservation, restoration and protection of the UK's indigenous trees, woodlands, and forests, whilst promoting grassroots community engagement with tree planting and raising communal awareness of the importance of trees and forests to both the environment and human well-being.

Applications are invited from community-based organisations, such as schools, community groups and non-governmental organisations.

The funding can cover costs that directly relate to tree planting projects on land that is publicly accessible, such as parks, schools, rights of way or land managed by community groups.

- Grants of up to £1,000 for projects of up to one year in duration.
- Grants of up to £6,000 for large scale projects planting between 1,000 and 5,000 trees. This would be most suitable for community woodland or hedging projects. The deadline for applications is 16 December 2021

Contact: <https://internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/>

Island of Ireland Sports Fund

Loans are available to local sports organisations in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland for improving the quality and accessibility of their equipment and facilities.

Community Finance Ireland's All-Island Sports Fund offers flexible loans to sports clubs that are seeking to make a change in their community, whether that is to renovate changing or training facilities for their players and participants, or to improve local infrastructure that makes their club grounds more accessible.

Loans feature the following characteristics:

- Term of loans: 1 month to 180 months.
- Maximum interest rate: 6.25%, calculated on a reducing balance.
- Most loans provided unsecured.
- No arrangement fee.
- No early repayment penalty.

The fund offers loans of £10,000 to £500,000 to community sports organisations based in Northern Ireland, Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connacht. Applications may be made at any time

Contact: <https://communityfinanceireland.com/community-finance-ireland-launch-new-5m-all-island-sports-fund-to-support-the-next-generation-of-heroes/>

KFC Foundation Community Grants Programme

The Community Grants Programme will provide support for charities, clubs and community groups who seek to address the needs of socially disadvantaged young people and help them unlock their talent, build life skills, and help them create a positive future. Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available. The deadline for applications is 28 February 2022.

Contact: <https://www.kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants>

Lord and Lady Lurgan Trust

The grants in Northern Ireland are not restricted by particular categories but rather by the Trustees' perception of need; this remains so in South Africa as well where many of the grants still reflect the particular interests of Lord, and particularly, Lady Lurgan. In the U.K. grants are focused on:

- Music and arts education and participation
- Deafness and other disabilities
- The elderly
- Medical relief including hospice support, and

- Medical research

Grants are awarded twice a year and the total level of grants annually is approximately £80,000. Grants are generally made as single payments between £1,000 and £5,000.

Contact: <https://crippspg.grantapps.net/lurgantrust/>

Money Saving Expert Charity

The MSE Charity is funded by Money Saving Expert and gives grants to not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money. The MSE Charity is dedicated to supporting UK voluntary groups deliver financial life skills, which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave & manage their money. All applications must demonstrate how the project they are seeking funding for has a lasting impact on the people taking part.

The September 2021 grant round is targeting and supporting groups who will provide and enable those going through life changing transitions as listed above to become more financially capable.

They can make grants to organisations which must be either a

- UK registered charity
- community interest company
- credit union
- a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee
- social enterprise company.

Community interest companies and social enterprise organisations must have a governing document which shows the name, aim/purpose, objects of the group, including a dissolution clause (what happens if your group stops operating).

This clause should show that you are a not-for-profit group by confirming that any assets remaining after all debts are paid will be given to another voluntary group with similar aims. This document should also include details of your Trustees or management committee.

Contact: <https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply>

Moblox Pitch to Piers Competition

Moblox is a company supporting small business to navigate and achieve using technology. Their Pitch to Piers competition aims to raise the awareness of small businesses and is giving away £10,000 to support one winning business.

Small businesses are key to the economic success of the UK. They account for 60% of national output, 50% of private sector employment and employ over 13 million people.

Building and running any business is hard work and small businesses and the self-employed have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

The Pitch to Piers competition aims to raise the awareness of small businesses and gives £10,000 to support one winning business. Closing date 28th January 2022

Contact: <https://www.moblox.com/>

National Lottery Grants for Heritage Opens for Phase 1 Applications

Phase one funding is designed to focus on organisational resilience or on projects that deliver inclusion in heritage. The mandatory outcome must be achieved in all projects:

- A wider range of people will be involved in heritage (mandatory).
- The funded organisation will be more resilient. The funding can support two types of projects:
- Organisations and communities working with heritage to begin to recover and adapt in the continuing COVID-19 crisis.
- Focused on inclusion and led by and/or engaging diverse groups typically under-represented in heritage, such as young people, minority ethnic and LGBT+ communities, disabled people and people from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The funding can cover any reasonable costs that help an organisation to recover and become viable. The majority of costs should relate to resilience of inclusion focused work.

There is a total of £10 million for phase one with grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 or £10,000 and £100,000.

Contact: www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-2021-22

Nationwide's New Fund to Support NI Charities

Activities should come under one of the following themes:

- Mental health, particularly those based on talking and psychological therapies.
- Community services, supporting older people, marginalised communities, victims of domestic/sexual abuse, issues arising from poverty.
- Children, supporting children with physical disabilities; children at risk of suicide or self-harm and children in food or digital poverty.

Grants are intended to be as flexible as possible and can be used to cover:

- Organisational running costs.
- Salary costs.
- Equipment.
- Programme and activity costs.

There is a total funding pot of £335,000 split between five Local Fund Areas:

- Local Fund 1 - Derry City and Strabane; Mid Ulster; Fermanagh and Omagh (£75,000).
- Local Fund 2 - Causeway Coast and Glens; Mid and East Antrim (£52,000).
- Local Fund 3 - Belfast; Antrim and Newtonabbey (£84,000).
- Local Fund 4 - Ards & North Down; Newry, Mourne and Down (£62,000).
- Local Fund 5 - Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon; Lisburn City and Castleragh (£62,000).

There is no application deadline; however, once the target number of applications have been received, the scheme will close.

Contact: <https://www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk/>

New Northern Ireland Capacity Building Fund for VCSE Organisations

A £20 million fund acquired from dormant UK bank accounts will open to applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in Northern Ireland in the new year.

The new fund will provide grants of up to £100,000 to support community organisations by helping them be more financially resilient, develop capacity and adapt to future challenges.

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The fund will open to applications on 12 January 2021. There is no deadline for applications.

Contact: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/dormant-accounts-ni

Northern Ireland Micro Community Investment Fund Opens

Applications will be accepted from grassroots community organisations based in Northern Ireland with an annual income of less than £30,000. Priority will be given to groups with an income of up to £10,000.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available, to support both new and existing activities. Applications may be made at any time and will be assessed on a rolling basis.

Contact: <https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/micro-community-investment-fund/>

Poundland

Poundland, the discount store chain, has set up a new charitable foundation which will make £825,000 available in cash grants over the next year. Money for the foundation will come from in-store fundraising, carrier bag donations and the partnership with Pennies, the charity that collects micro-donations through chip and pin machines. The funding is aimed at local community projects. Although no deadline has been specified, there are only 250 grants. Groups should therefore apply as soon as possible. up to £750.

Contact: <https://poundlandfoundation.org.uk/>

SPORT NI

Please see website for information

Contact: <http://www.sportni.net/funding/>

Tesco Community Grants Open

Tesco Community Grants funds thousands of local Community projects across the UK, helping to fight holiday hunger, tackle mental health, support young people, host community events and much more.

Groups have an opportunity to receive a grant of £1,500, £1,000 or £500 depending on the number of votes their project receives.

There are no deadlines. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time during the year.

Contact: <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

The Child's Charitable Trust

The Child's Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, supporting Christian UK registered charities and organisations working both in the UK and overseas.

The primary focus for grants allocated in 2021 will be on those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

Who can apply?

- Unless you are an 'excepted' charity, all applicants must be registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland.
- Their values are based on the Christian faith, and they welcome applications from all Christian based organisations.

NB Organisations with a turnover in excess of £5,000,000 should contact the office prior to submitting an application, to check eligibility.

A charity's funding priorities are not always based on specific project costs. They therefore also accept applications for funds to help develop policy, advocacy and research.

Application deadline 30 Nov 2021, 28 Feb 2022 and 31 May 2022

Contact: <https://childscharitabletrust.org/funding/apply/>

The Community Ownership Fund

"The Community Ownership Fund will aim to:

- Provide targeted investment for communities to save community assets that would otherwise be lost
- Strengthen capacity and capability in communities to support them to shape their places and develop sustainable community businesses
- Empower communities in left behind places to level up
- Strengthen direct links between places across the UK and the UK Government

Communities will be able to bid for up to £250k matched funding to help them buy, take over or renovate physical community assets at risk, to be run as community owned businesses. The fund will run over four years (until 2024/2025) and will have multiple bidding rounds.

Contact: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-community-ownership-fund>

UK Local Environmental Initiatives Fund

Applications are being accepted by a national fund that seeks to enable the delivery of green projects and environmental initiatives by local organisations in the United Kingdom. Grants in the form of a donation of up to £2,000 are available.

Applications may be made at any time and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Contact: www.dpd.co.uk/green-ts-and-cs.jsp

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Financial Assistance Programme

Each year Council issue up to three calls for Financial Assistance to the community, voluntary, tourism and arts sectors.

Calls for applications are opened throughout the year and are advertised on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter social media channels and in local papers.

Financial Assistance 2022-2023 Call 1 is currently open

The Council invites applications for financial assistance towards the programme areas outlined below:

Arts and Culture Projects
Community Capital
Community Engagement
Community Events & Festivals
Community Facilities Minor Capital Items
Community Growing 'Let's Grow NMD'
Community Summer Schemes
Good Relations
Irish Language
Local Biodiversity Enhancement
Minority Communities Fund
PCSP Community Safety & Support
Sports Capital
Sports Development Minor Capital Items
Sports Programmes
Suicide Prevention and Emotional Wellbeing
Tourism and Arts Events
All themes are subject to funding availability.

Opening date: Monday 6th December 2021

Closing date: Monday 17th January 2022 at 12:00 noon for all except Community Capital and Sports Capital which close on Monday 28th February at 12:00 noon

Application and guidance notes can be reviewed online using the link:

<http://newrymournedown.eformz.info>

For further information on the application process or to be notified of future funding opportunities, please contact: The Programmes Unit telephone: 0330 137 4040 / 0330 137 4782 or email:

programmesunit@nmandd.org

The Executive Office – Central Good Relations Fund (CGRF)

The Central Good Relations Fund (CGRF) supports constituted community and voluntary sector groups to deliver good relations projects which contribute towards the delivery of one of the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy key priorities.

Project funding (over £1,500) opens for applications once a year, and small grants of up to and including £1,500 are available throughout the funding year.

There are two categories of funding available under CGRF:

- Project funding (over £1,500)
- Small grants (up to and including £1,500)

The deadline for project funding applications is Thursday 13 January 2022 at 6:00pm. however, if you have not already done so, you must register your organisation by 12:00 noon on Thursday 13 January 2022 to enable access to the online application system. any registrations submitted after that time will not be accepted.

Registration is now open for groups who wish to apply for a project funding grant under the 2022/23 Central Good Relations Fund.

This is the first stage of the online application process and is followed by an online application form.

If this is the first time registering your organisation, please register now at:

<https://dtselfserve.nidirect.gov.uk/ExecutiveOffice/TEOPortal#/>

If your organisation previously registered in recent years, then you do not need to register again.

Instead please follow the link below to log in to the application portal:

<https://dtselfserve.nidirect.gov.uk/Secure>