

The State of NI – 6-week online course



The Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 1921 was an international treaty that gave birth to what was then the Free State and to the state of Northern Ireland. How did it come about? Who was involved? What were the challenges? All questions when answered will help people understand the changes in Ireland at that time. Then what happened in Northern Ireland after 1921?

You will travel through time and experience some of the most pivotal moments in history including:

- The competing interests at the time of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921
- Early troublesome years of N.I.
- Economic and political challenges of the 30's & 40's
- Operation Harvest - Border Campaign of the 1950's
- The Civil-rights of the 60's and the violent conflict that led to the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement of 1998.

Two course dates to choose from:

Mondays from 4th October – 15th November 2021, 7pm-9pm

Or Mondays from 31st January – 21st March 2022 (except 14th Feb), 7pm-9pm.

To register contact teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or ring 028 8676 6670.

Community Without Hate Zero Tolerance to Hate Incidents

(Each Wednesday between 22nd September and 13th October at 7pm)

This online programme will help you to recognise ways of preventing Hate Crime and Hate motivated incidents in your environment. It will enable you to discover the available methods of reporting, as well as, understanding the impact of Hate Crime on victims and society.

For further information/registration visit:

<https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/eventbrite-event/community-without-hate>

If you would like anything included in Rural Brief, please forward to:

teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or if you would like information on membership or RCN's work visit www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org for further information. Phone: 028 8676 6670.

5G New Thinking next steps



Come join RCN to explore and discuss issues of digital connectivity in rural communities in two forthcoming short sessions.

Thursday 23 September, 12noon - 1pm

We need to talk about digital – how can rural “not spots” be better connected?

Telet Research and Cybermoor have provided digital connectivity in rural Yorkshire through a network of “small cells” as opposed to the traditional large, and more expensive masts. Join us to hear from Telet's Peter Gradwell and Cybermoor's Daniel Heery to learn about the problem they needed to solve, how they did it and to consider if and how this might be relevant in Northern Ireland.

Thursday 30 September, 12noon - 1pm

We need to talk about digital – maximising the benefit of remote working through Connected Hubs.

ConnectedHubs.ie is the brand identity for the National Hub Network, a Government of Ireland initiative led by the Department of Community and Rural Development and project managed by the Western Development Commission. It provides a vehicle for individual hubs to come together under a shared identity to maximise the economic opportunity of remote working.

Join us to hear from the Hubs Programme Manager Stephen Carolan to learn about the development and benefit of the hubs network and to consider if and how a hubs network might be relevant in Northern Ireland.

Each event will combine a mix of expert input followed by questions and discussion in smaller groups.

Both events will take place online using Zoom. The link will be issued after registration

Registration is through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-need-to-keep-talking-about-digital-tickets-169610342099>

You are welcome to attend either or both events.

For further information contact Nigel McKinney via nigel@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Partition 100 – “What did it do for us?” 100 Years of Change - Rural Shared History Programme



RCN in partnership with The Junction Community Relations and Peace Building, presents **100 Years of Change - Rural Shared History Programme** (via zoom)

There are six sessions from Thursday 14th October to Thursday 18th November 2021 all from 7pm to 8.30pm. For a list of the sessions please visit <https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/programmes/our-story-in-the-making-ni-beyond-100/>

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028 8676 6670.

Healthy Heart Grants



Funding of up to £10,000 is available for community projects in Northern Ireland that promote a healthy heart. The application process closes on **Monday 4th October 2021 at 5pm.**

Funding is awarded for original, innovative projects that promote a healthy heart and help reduce the risk of developing heart disease. Funding for one-off purchases of equipment that helps promote heart health is available.

For further information and eligibility go to:

<https://heartresearch.org.uk/healthy-heart-grant-apply/>

Handling Conflict in Groups Developing the skills to manage conflict in groups



It is important to be able to effectively engage with groups of people in the Community with similar goals but differing ideas, opinions, or values.

A practical 2-day interactive course, as part of the Investing in Community Leadership

Programme will be facilitated by Diane Greer.

Wednesday 22nd & Friday 24th September 2021

Time: 10am-4:00pm at Fermanagh House, Enniskillen (social distancing guidelines will be followed).

For further information and to register email:
leadership@fermanaghtrust.org

Inclusion & Diversity = Equity & Equality NEW Courses

Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd introduce another series of new courses! Working in partnership with [JoinHer](#), they bring you a series of four 2-hour session on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Equality. Attend all four sessions to gain new knowledge and experience.

For further information visit
<https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/inclusion-diversity-equity-equality-new-courses/>

Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times

Join RCN in conjunction with NIRWN to trace key influential women from a variety of traditions and their contribution to leading change in Ireland particularly during the 19th and 20th Century. *This free programme is being offered to rural women on a regional basis, places are limited.*

Sessions will be offered on-line on Tuesday evenings (7pm – 9pm) from 28th September to 9th November. To register go to:

<https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/eventbrite-event/ordinary-women-in-extraordinary-times/>