

RCN's 30th AGM



RCN is holding its 30th AGM on **Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 5pm via Zoom.**

We would like to invite you to join us to celebrate the Network

and its work with rural communities across NI.

We have decided to hold the event through Zoom due to the rise in COVID cases and the ongoing public health guidance to restrict gatherings. We would be delighted if you can join us online.

In line with the increased use of technology and the ability to make use of online calling/remote access we are hoping to update our constitution and governing documents to facilitate their use in our working arrangements. At present online voting cannot be facilitated under our governing document, we are proposing to change this at the AGM through the use of a special resolution. The wording of this is listed below:

Special Resolution

To hold Annual General Meetings and special general meetings where members can vote either electronically or in a fixed location or a hybrid of both, we need to pass a Special Resolution to change our current **Memorandum and Articles of Association**. Please see the details of the wording proposed resolution, for your consideration.

Proxy Voting Form is attached with this email and please return it by **Wednesday, 1st December**, for the attention of the Chair to info@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

Guest speaker is Sharron Russell, Department for Communities, Voluntary and Community Division.

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

'We Live with their Legacy'

RCN invite you to **'We Live with their Legacy'** talk on **Thursday 2nd December 2021 - 7pm (via zoom)** (second of the series of six) with Martin Snodden (Independent Trainer & Consultant).

The talk will focus on - six People - four men and two women, who lived in the cauldron of Irish politics in the first decades of the 20th century.

- Sir Edward Carson
- Michael Collins
- Sir James Craig
- Éamon De Valera
- Constance Markievicz
- Lady Londonderry

Who really were these people? What was their involvement in shaping Ireland - North and South?

Numbers are limited. **To register email**
teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or ring 028 8676 6670

NIHE Draft Homelessness Strategy 2022-2027

The Housing Executive is seeking views on its **Draft Homelessness Strategy 2022-27**: 'Ending Homelessness Together' and the Draft Strategic Action Plan for Temporary Accommodation 2022-27: **Homeless to Home**'. Both documents are available on the [consultations page](#) of the Housing Executive website.

NIHE is conducting a full public consultation including:

The facility to submit written responses via the consultations page of the Housing Executive website. A series of virtual consultation events facilitated online through the 'Cisco WebEx' platform. There will be separate consultation events for the draft Homelessness Strategy and for the draft Strategic Action Plan for Temporary Accommodation.

For a list of these dates, email
Homelessness.strategy@nihe.gov.uk



Ours to Share Grant Programme



The **'Ours to Share'** grant programme will be launched very soon for rural community groups / organisations who are interested in developing heritage projects in rural areas. Grants for up to

£1,000 and £5,000 are available.

Please keep an eye out on RCN social media channels and website for more details.

If you would like to talk through any project ideas, contact Emma via email emma@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

State of NI – 6-week online course

Mondays from 31st Jan – 21st Mar 22 (except 14th Feb), 7pm-9pm

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

Every opportunity will be given to examine events, share information and acknowledge the past.

This is a very popular course, it is free to participate however places are limited, therefore please register your interest asap. Course will be delivered by Martin Snodden.

To register contact Teresa at RCN via email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or ring 028 8676 6670.

Living Places and Spaces



The **Living Places and Spaces** programme offers small scale capital grants between £1,000-£10,000 to support communities by creating more sustainable and resilient outdoor spaces

Types of projects that could be funded include:

- Community gardens
- Pocket parks and forests
- Allotments
- Rain Gardens

Closing date is 5pm on 17th December 2021

To apply online go to: <https://tnlcf.tfaforms.net/f/LivingPlacesSpaces>

Volunteering: learning from today, prepared for tomorrow Conference – 2nd December 2021



Join Volunteer Now on **Thursday 2 December 2021, 10am-3pm** to hear from leading experts from across the world, like Scott Millar, CEO, Volunteering

Victoria, Rob Jackson, Rob Jackson Consulting Ltd and Tigger de Souza MBE, National Trust and more.

Volunteering involving organisations have had to change what they do and how they involve volunteers to adapt to COVID restrictions. The pandemic has changed how many people think about volunteering and we need to learn lessons from the past so that we can prepare to involve volunteers in the future.

The conference will be the first opportunity to hear the findings from the UK-wide Mobilising Voluntary Action research on the impact of the pandemic on volunteering.

You can view the programme for the day and book your place here

https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/course/learning-from-today-prepared-for-tomorrow-conference/cid_0/