



'Ours to Share'



The 'Ours to Share' grant scheme is 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.

This grant scheme has been created to help support projects that will bring people together to celebrate our diverse heritage.

Follow this link for more information on how to apply Ours to Share Grant Programme - Rural Community Network

The closing date is 20th December 2021. Contact Emma if you have any questions via email emma@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

State of NI course – free online course

A few places remain on the State of NI course starting in January 2022 - Mondays from 31st January – 21st March 2022 (except 14th Feb) from 7pm-9pm.

The Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 1921 was an international treaty that give 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.

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

Want to measure your Social Value?



Have you ever wanted to measure the effectiveness of your work and demonstrate your impact to your funders, supporters, volunteers, and service users?

As part of its ongoing engagement with faith groups across Northern Ireland, Rural Community Network is looking to work with two faith-based organisations to help measure their Social Value. All work is funded by the Department of Communities including your final Impact Report!

To take part, your organisation must have:

- Been operational and have undergone project activities for at least a 12-month period recently;
Been collecting data on the work that you have carried out and be prepared to capture further data on the impact of this work on your beneficiaries.
Commit to regular Zoom meetings with RCN staff (fortnightly basis)
Available to work on the project from January 2022-March/April 2022

To find out more about the work and how it can benefit your organisation, contact Conor on 07725 030295 or email conor@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/programme-categories/socialvalue

Christmas Closure



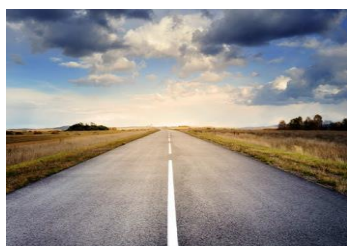
The Staff and Board of RCN would like to wish its members a very Happy and Safe Christmas. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Staff will be taking a well-earned break over the Christmas holiday and will return to work from Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Please email info@ruralcommunitynetwork.org should you need to get in contact.

Rural Shared History Project '100 years of change' third in the series of six talks NI – Home Rule and the Road to Partition Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm

Broadcaster and Historian Dr David Hume looks at the formative years of Northern Ireland and examines the road to Partition in 1921. David is the author of several historian studies and is co-presenter of the popular history series, 'The



Long and the Short of It' on BBC Radio Ulster. He will examine the proposals for Home Rule from 1886 onwards, the crucial events that led to Partition, and some of the personalities involved in this momentous period in modern Irish history.

Talk will take place via zoom. To register email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

RCN Annual Report and Annual Accounts

At our AGM held on 2nd December 2021 our accounts were ratified and a full set can be downloaded at <https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/app/uploads/2021/12/RCN-YE-31.03.21-at-01.12.21.pdf>

Also available is our Annual Report for 2020-2021 giving a flavour of our work over the year. <https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/app/uploads/2021/12/Annual-Report-2020-2021.pdf>

Our Places, Our Pasts, Our Perspectives Leadership in Contested Heritage Course

Our Places; Our Pasts; Our Perspectives supports local communities to interrogate and interpret contested heritage in their local landscape and build peaceful, inclusive and sustainable places. The project aims to build a community of practice around engaging with contested heritage in Northern Ireland.

For detailed information on the project go to: <https://www.corrymeela.org/programmes/legacies-of-conflict/our-places-our-pasts-our-perspectives-project>

Living with Imperial Legacies Course

Starts Thursday, 10th February 2022 from 12pm– 1.30pm and runs weekly until Thursday 24th March 2022.

For 500 years European empires dominated and ruled the world. Inseparable from these empires were racism, slavery and colonialism. In various ways, Irish history was bound up with European imperial history. Many Irish served various empires, and many resisted.

This course will explore the history of empires, the slavery on which they were built, and the racially constructed world they created. Imperial history today is being written by those who experienced empire and colonialism. We are at a crucial point in global history. Understanding our global past can help us imagine and shape a different global and planetary future.

Register with teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org if you wish to attend.

For further information visit <https://www.ruralcommunitynetwork.org/eventbrite-event/living-with-imperialism-legacies/>

Rural Voices Project

The Rural Voices project, led by Rural Community Network in partnership with the Nerve Centre, is collecting interviews from people who live across Northern Ireland.

- What defines where you live?
- How has your rural community changed in the past 100 years?
- What makes you proud to be a rural dweller?
- Help us uncover the 'true' meaning of rural.

Recorded interviews will be archived and brought to life through a new website that reflects different aspects of rural communities across Northern Ireland. Interviews will be conducted via zoom. For any queries email teresa@ruralcommunitynetwork.org

To book your interview date, go to

[RURAL VOICES: Oral Archive Interview Booking Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)