

## Diploma in Community Development Practice

The Diploma in Community Development Practice is a one-year (part time) course accredited by the University of Galway, which will be held in **2 locations** this year.

The Diploma in Community Development Practice has been designed to enable Community Activists (volunteers and paid staff in the community / voluntary sector) to develop the knowledge, understanding and essential practical skills and experience required to provide leadership within this field.

One off cost of £150 per person. If you are unwaged then we can talk to you about how we can support you to meet this payment.

Places are limited to 25 students.

### Locations:

- Cookstown based but classes may move across locations in the West.
- Armagh/Lurgan area.

### For Cookstown area:

The closing date for applications is the **14<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon**. Application forms can be accessed [here](#).

For more information on the course please visit the website [here](#).

### For Armagh/Lurgan area:

The closing date for applications is the **18<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon**. Application forms can be accessed here:

<https://forms.gle/ZEB6kRZvujndxKW7A> . For more information on the course please visit the website [here](#).



## Introductory Fundraising Workshops

Throughout Autumn 2023, NICVA are hosting series of FREE workshops for NICVA members introducing a different fundraising topic or aspect of fundraising.

These sessions are an opportunity to find out about an area of fundraising that's new to you, top up your existing knowledge, or be a snapshot into an element of fundraising you'd like to explore.

To find out more please visit the website [here](#).

## Micro Community Investment Fund

The Micro Community Investment Fund has been launched with support from Bank of Ireland UK. This is in recognition of the contribution of voluntary groups to people and society. They have recognised a need for a simple application process for small amounts of funding.



This is an ongoing fund – to apply and for more information click the link [here](#).

## Community Grants Programme

The Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland are running The Community Grants Programme that can support day to day activities of a charity and new/existing projects. They cover a wide range of costs including, rent and running costs, materials and equipment and salaries.

To find out more, your eligibility and to apply please follow the link [here](#).





## UnLtd Awards

The UnLtd awards are open to people who have an idea or are already making a difference and are looking for support to develop their social venture. They combine funding and support to help people get started or grow. Depending on their stage of development we can offer up to £18,000.

### Starting up

You have an idea or have started to make a difference to people's lives, your community, or have ambitions to create change at a national level.

Up to £8,000

### Scaling up

You are already running a social venture that is making a positive difference and you have compelling evidence of your impact. You are looking for our support to realise your potential to grow your impact and expand.

Up to £18,000

### How to apply:

Preview the application form or download the questions so that you can prepare your application before you sign up for an Award account:

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/application-preview>

Apply here: <https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/>



## Office Closure

The office will be closed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 for a short break and will reopen on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.



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## Public Health Agency Grants

The Public Health Agency (PHA) scheme opens to applications today and aims to address health and wellbeing needs in local communities. The funding programme will also support a range of strategic themes and priorities under the 'Making Life Better' public health framework, in particular mental health, emotional wellbeing, suicide prevention and self-harm.

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 3pm.**

**For more information and to apply please follow the link [here](#).**



## Writing Successful Funding Applications

Supporting Communities are hosting a short session on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 10:00-11:00am on planning and completing a successful funding application.

Participants will gain:

- an understanding of the key processes of a successful funding application
- increased confidence when approaching funders
- enhanced fundraising skills and knowledge

For further information and to apply please follow the link [here](#).

