

## Workshop on Community Led Housing

Development Trusts NI and Rural Community Network invite you to a workshop on Community Led Housing in **The Junction, Dungannon on Thursday 22nd June 10am-12.30pm.**

The workshop will:

- Present findings and recommendations from research into Community Led Housing undertaken by DTNI and Queen's University Belfast
- Hear from people involved in Community Led Housing Projects in Northern Ireland
- Discuss the potential for further community led housing projects here.

For more information and to register, follow the link [here](#).



## The Troubles I've seen

Join us on for a screening of LGBT NI Heritage's short documentary, 'The Troubles I've Seen', which captures the shared experiences and stories of the LGBT Community. Directed by Conan McIvor, this emotive and often funny doc hears from those who experienced and were involved in the beginning of the LGBT movement in Northern Ireland, discussing how their pride and fearlessness helped them overcome the shame and harassment levelled at them by elements of society.

**Date** – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Time** – 7pm – 9pm.

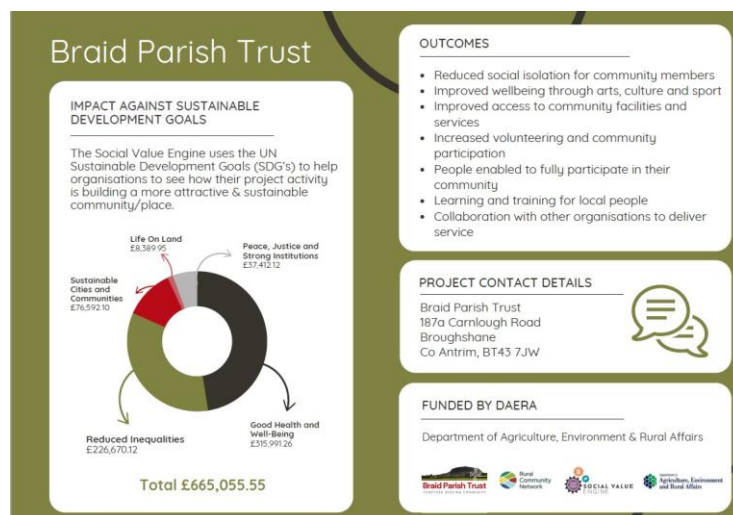
**Location** – Strules Arts Centre

Booking is essential, you can book tickets [here](#).

## Social Value Engine

Over the last 12 months, RCN have been working with DAERA to determine the Social Value on several of their funding schemes that have supported a wide range of Community/Voluntary organisations across Northern Ireland.

By using the Social Value Engine <https://socialvalueengine.com/> and by assisting the groups in assessing the impact of their work to local communities, we can demonstrate that for every £1 spent by DAERA, how much of a social impact that organisation is having in its area.



We have recently completed work with a number of groups who received a Rural Halls Refurbishment Grant to improve their community facilities, and some of the NI Search and Rescue organisations who received capital funding under the Rural Community Rescue Funding Scheme to provide essential services.

Our analysis shows that all of the organisations demonstrated a positive Social Value for the funding they received, and below are some graphics that illustrate these findings.

If you would like to find out more about this work, and how the Social Value Engine can assist your organisation, please don't hesitate to get in touch – [conor@ruralcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:conor@ruralcommunitynetwork.org)

## Diploma in Community Development Practice

The Diploma in Community Development Practice is a one-year (part time) course accredited by the University of Galway.

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.

Location - Cookstown based but classes may move across locations in the West.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be working and or volunteering in the Community / Voluntary sector, in the Western region of Northern Ireland.
- 90% attendance is required for successful graduation from the course.
- Must be willing to travel to University of Galway for graduation.
- Participants must be aged 21+ at point of registration with University of Galway

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](#).



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## Rural Engagement Arts Programme

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is welcoming applications to the second round of the Rural Engagement Arts Programme (REAP) a scheme funded through the National Lottery, which aims to increase access and participation in the arts in rural areas of Northern Ireland. Grants from £500 - £10,000 are available and applications must be made online on the Arts Council's website.

Applications are open from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and will close at 12 noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

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

## Coca-Cola Thank You Fund

Operated in partnership with the Irish Youth Foundation and supporting partners Youth Action Northern Ireland, The Coca-Cola Company and its partner Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland have joined forces to double the size and impact of this year's Fund.

Awards of up to €5,000 and €10,000 will be available to support community-based projects that are focused on empowering young people through programmes of **learning, inclusion, and sustainable development**.

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

## Faith: People and Place Programme Review

The Department for Communities (DfC) is currently undertaking a review of the People and Place Programme (Neighbourhood Renewal Programme) on the **12<sup>th</sup> June at 3 – 4.30pm**. As part of the review the team want to hear the voices of those from different beliefs/ religions/ faiths and as such NICVA are facilitating a focus group for the faith sector in order to hear these voices.

To register for this event and for more information please click the link [here](#).