

Online Event- Social Value

What does 'social value' mean to charities and social enterprises across the 4 nations in 2022? Is it still the lever for change that many of us hoped it would be – or has that moment passed?

Rural Community Network will be part of this online conference on the **29th November from 9.30am – 12pm**. It will be an opportunity to reflect, learn and remember what connects us in this space.

For more information and tickets please click the link [here](#).

Diploma in Community Development Practice 2022/23

RCN, funded through the Department for Communities, is offering 21 students the opportunity to take part in the Galway University accredited Diploma in Community Development Practice Course.



The Course started in mid-October in Ballymoney and is being hosted at Building Communities Resource Centre. Students are practitioners and volunteers in their local communities and the course will provide the theoretical context and practical skills enhancement they need to support their work.

This initiative is based on a desire by RCN to enhance skills in community groups across the region and to future proof the sector.



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Investing in Community Leadership

Effective Communication with Community and Funders

This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to learn about a range of techniques to communicate your group's activities amongst your 'target audience'. This will include the latest social media tips specifically for the community and voluntary sector.

This workshop will explore a number of media approaches and outlets, providing useful insights to help 'get your message across'.

When: Thursday 10th November 3-5pm

Where: Online via Zoom or join us in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

Facilitator: Lauri McCusker

To register click [here](#).

The 3 Rs of Volunteering

Volunteers want and need to feel supported and valued during their volunteering.

All organisations need to ensure volunteers are working to the standard required.

How do you ensure a balance between the needs of both the volunteer and the organisation?

Come away with useful ideas, best practice, recruitment ideas, example support and supervision activities and ideas to recognise and reward your volunteers.



When: Tuesday 15th November 11am – 12.30pm

Where: Online via Zoom or join us in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

Delivered by Volunteer now.

To register click [here](#).

Halifax Foundation NI Update

Matched Giving Scheme

To ensure the Foundation can process all 2022 claims before the financial year end, the Matched Giving systems will be unavailable to submit new claims from **5pm on Wednesday 7th December 2022** and will reopen on **Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 12 noon**.

The NI Protocol: An Explainer

Holywell Trust is facilitating a workshop exploring the Northern Ireland Protocol and what it means for Northern Ireland.

At the half-day workshop we'll hear from David Phinnemore and Lisa Claire Whitten from Queen's University Belfast. **This is a repeat of the successful workshop held in early September.**

Date: Tuesday 8th November

Venue: Maldron Hotel, Butcher Street, Derry/Londonderry

Time: 10am – 2pm (lunch provided)

To reserve a spot click [here](#).

Retirement of John McNicholl

A very special occasion was marked at the AGM of Glenshane Community Development Limited last week.

After 35 years leading Glenshane Community Development, Mr John McNicholl, who has been Chairman since the group first organised in 1987 and becoming a Limited Company in 1989, retired from the position to take up the role of Honorary Chairman.

John, a former Business Studies teacher, was one of the founding members of Glenshane Community Development Limited which went on to establish Glenshane Enterprise Centre, Glenshane Business Park, the rebuilding of Dungiven Castle and Glenshane House, among many, many other projects which brought jobs and investment into Dungiven.

The Mayor and Chief Executive of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, alongside Cllr. Sean McGlinchey, attended the AGM in order to pay tribute to the contribution which John has made to the Borough over the past 35 years.



Community Places Advice Clinic

Community Places has organised a free Planning Advice clinic for **Wednesday, 9th November 2022 from 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm** in **Fermanagh House**, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen.

Our Planning Advice Service is part-funded by the Department for

Community
Places



Infrastructure and enables us to provide free, confidential, impartial planning advice to people and communities who cannot afford to pay a private consultant.

Charity Commission Public Meeting

The Northern Ireland Charity Commission is pleased to announce that it will be back on the road again, with its Annual Public Meeting.

This is a chance to get an in-depth look at the work of Northern Ireland's charity regulator, hear about the new annual reporting system and meet some of Northern Ireland's Charity Commissioners. You can [read more here](#).

Date: Wednesday 16 November 2022

Time: 10am – 12.30pm (registration from 9.45am, refreshments will be available)

Venue: Chestnut Suite, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

Space is limited and seats will be allocated on first come, first served basis. To book a seat, please email events@charitycommissionni.org.uk providing your name, organisation and job role (if applicable) and contact email address. Please also outline if you have any accessibility requirements.

National Lottery Community Fund

The Living Places and Spaces programme will open for applications on **9th November 2022** and close on **6th January 2023 (5pm)**.

This programme offers small scale capital grants to support communities by creating more sustainable and resilient outdoor spaces and helps increase access to those spaces.

Guidance notes and the online application form can be found [here](#).