

Farewell

Last month we said adieu to our Community Relations Officer David Price. When David joined us in August 2022, he expected to stay with us for 6 months. We managed to keep him with us for 12 months and in that time he brought us significant strategic support, new insights and connections in the world of Good Relations. David championed training in Trauma Informed Practice for our membership and staff team and secured significant funding investment from a variety of sources for the organisation. More important than all of that, he strengthened the team spirit of the organisation and its collaborative partners. We wish him well in his new role in his native Belfast, and hope he will have fond memories of his time in RCN.



David Price, Community Relations Officer, standing outdoors near a body of water.

RCN is Recruiting

RCN are recruiting for an **Operations and Opportunities Manager – 28 hours per week.**

This role will be dedicated to supporting change within the organisation and ensuring that we continue to deliver high quality services and meet the needs of the Rural Community sector in a challenging but rewarding environment.

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

We will be recruiting for a number of roles over the coming weeks so be sure to check our website and social media for updates.

Avoiding Blunders with Funders

Enhance your knowledge of the funding environment. Get support to develop better and more effective funding applications and understand good practice in relation to community fundraising.

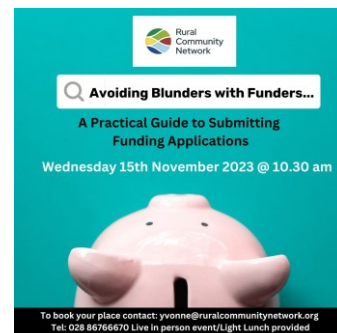
This is an in person event at RCN. Light refreshments will be provided.

When: Wednesday 15th November.

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Where: RCN Office, Cookstown.

To register, click [here](#).



Exercise in a box

Exercise in a Box is a tool created by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) that will help your organisation find out how resilient they are to a cyber attack and to evaluate your readiness to respond to a cyber incident in a safe training environment.

This exercise will provide a safe environment for you to evaluate and practice the skills and decision making mechanisms you need to respond to a cyber incident. By participating in this session you will find out how well your organisation is protected (or not), and where opportunities for improvements may lie. Light lunch provided.



When: Thursday 16th November

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Where: RCN Office, Cookstown.

Register [here](#).

Stepping into the Donut

Whether you've never heard of Doughnut Economics, just heard the words or have already put the ideas into practice, you are warmly invited to this workshop on Global Donut Day for some fun, conversations and new connections with Rural Community Network and Hare's Corner Cooperative. (More information on Donut Day [here](#)).



The workshop will be hosted as part of "the Art of Resistance" a two week mini festival that will celebrate the power of communities fighting for environmental justice in Northern Ireland.

When: Monday 13th November

Time: 11am – 1pm

Where: 2 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1DA

Sign up [here](#) or contact Karin on 07966 202184

Recruit, Retain, Reward Volunteers

Join Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd for a short session to look at volunteering and what the future hold in terms of recruitment, retention, and recognition.

The Recruit, Retain and Reward course covers developing a volunteer recruitment plan, building a volunteer role, roles in the new environment, motivating volunteers, effective management tools and recognising volunteers.

When: Thursday 30th November

Time: 10am – 12pm

Where: RCN Office, Cookstown

Light refreshments provided.

Register [here](#).

Meet the Funder: Benefact Trust

Rural Community Network is organising a public information and workshop event with the Benefact Trust, hosted in Holywell Trust, Derry/Londonderry City on the 27th November 10-2pm.

This is a meet the funder event and is open to groups across the Western region who are doing great work in their communities and have the 'promotion of religion' as one of their key charitable objectives.

Mr. Andrew Bass, Senior Grants Officer with the Benefact Trust is over in NI for a two-day visit and is very keen to meet with representatives from local churches and charities to find out at first hand the issues facing local organisations.

Information on the Benefact Trust:

<https://benefacttrust.co.uk/>

Register [here](#). Places are limited.

For more information contact

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RCN AGM

RCN's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th December at 12pm online via Zoom.

To register to attend the AGM and to access the Zoom link, please register

here: <https://forms.gle/RjVCV6q1uiesZczcA>

