

#### **Good Governance Clinics**

If you are a member of a management committee of a community organisation who would like to learn more about how to manage your group more effectively, by putting in place good internal systems and practices we are offering a limited number of free one-to-one governance clinic sessions avail of online or in person on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **March from 5pm – 9pm.** 

If you are interested, please email yvonne@ruralcommunitynetwork.org or call 028 86766670 for further information and to book an appointment.

Alternatively you can fill out the form <u>here</u> to select a time preference.

#### **Meet the Funder**

Come along to Newcastle Community Cinema to hear more about The National Lottery Heritage Grants programme and how to apply for funding to support

rural heritage projects.

This event is in person.
Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided.



**Location**: Newcastle Community Cinema

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

To book a place, see <u>here</u>.

## **Planning Advice Clinic**

Community Places are offering free, impartial and confidential planning advice for individuals and community groups in the RCN Office, Cookstown.

They can give advice on:

- How the planning system works
- What stage your Local Development Plan is at
- Whether you need planning permission
- How to comment on a proposal that may impact on your home or community
- Your council's decision-making process

Drop in any time or call 07783 649288 to book an appointment, or email <a href="mailto:hello@communityplaces.info">hello@communityplaces.info</a>

Location: Rural Community Network, Cookstown

Date: Thursday 14th March

Time: 12pm - 3pm

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# **Policy Link**

February's Policy Link includes articles on the Restoration of the Ni Executive and Assembly, RCN's response to the DfC consultation on VCS infrastructure support and more.

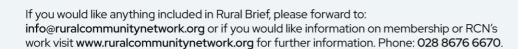
Check it out here.



#### Assembly Returns...Again

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## **Investing in Community Leadership**

The Investing in Community Leadership Programme are excited to launch our new accessible, online training suite with access to almost 200 certified courses which have been pre-paid.

High quality, video-based, virtual courses last from 10mins-45mins and once registered you can complete in your own time and at your own pace, whenever works for you.

Register through Fermanagh Trust and you can gain accreditation for free. Open to any individual volunteering or working in the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Register via this link <u>here</u> and have look at the full course catalogue & course details (Only look at the course catalogue, please do not click on links for quotes or payments.)

Once you find a course you want email <a href="mailto:leadership@fermanaghtrust.org">leadership@fermanaghtrust.org</a> to register, and for more information.

### **Rural Support**

RCN's team delighted to welcome Rural Support's CEO Kevin Doherty to our office today. Excited to learn more about the valuable work they are doing across the region. Looking forward to deepening our collaboration in the future.



## **Find Help NI**

Visiting RCN offices this week to find out about our work we had Norah Hughes, Community Connector with Find Help NI.

Find Help NI believes in the power of finding the right help at the right time. Their wellbeing support website has a map of local services, useful self-care advice & practical tips for managing our mental health throughout life's ups & downs. Find out more about them on their website here.



# **RTE Toy Show Appeal - Grants**

The RTE Toy Show Appeal - Community Grants Round will open on Monday 26th February 2024 and children and family charities with an annual income of £20,000 – £500,000 can apply for funding. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to eligible organisations. The grants call will close on Friday 22nd March 2024.

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland is hosting an informative online pre-application support session on Tuesday 5th March 2024 to support charities in their application – register <a href="here.">here.</a>

For more information about the grant and how to apply click the link here.



