

**We would like to welcome our new members:**

- Glencare Community Group
- MVI (Monks Town Village Initiatives)
- Bangor Ladies Football Club
- Ulster Wildlife
- East Belfast Enterprise
- Let's talk *Crohn's and Colitis* N.I.
- Tearfund
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- Lagan Village Youth & Community Group
- The Open Door Ballymoney
- The Den Youth Club/Raithfriland Elim
- Mudra Academy of Performing Arts
- Newtownabbey Arts & Cultural Network
- Portaferry Sailing & Social Club
- John Glen Christian Fellowship
- Kairos Centre
- Include Youth
- Hollywood Music Festival
- Celebration Church
- Care 2 Share NI Caring Publications
- St Columb's Park House
- Quaker Service
- Level Ground Project
- The Lambeg Project
- Fermanagh and Armagh Connected Together (FACT)
- Cullbackey Historical Society
- Hillstown Rural Community Group
- Tanvally & Anaghlonge Project

**Ulster Bank project**

Community Change provided ten groups in the Community Voluntary Sector with facilitation and training support through the Ulster Bank Impact Fund. The groups that participated in the programme were:



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| • Ballymacnab CDA                             | • SPRED                           |
| • SENAC                                       | • Cara Friend                     |
| • County Antrim Combined Services Association | • Out of the Shadows              |
| • South Tyrone Men's Shed                     | • Sixtown's Community             |
| • Magherafelt Women's Group                   | • Portaferry and Strangford Trust |

The Financial Support Programme encompassed a series of 1:1 mentoring, facilitation and training workshops for the 10 groups where each group received facilitation development support. The programme provided practical support for groups enabling them to take a strategic perspective on their future sustainability and apply appropriate systems to ensure future viability and good governance. This was achieved via support in financial systems and procedures, financial sustainability via new ways of generating income and practical skills in completing grant applications and facilitated strategic and action planning.

The groups themselves thoroughly enjoyed the programme and here is just some evidence of how useful they found it:

*"Thank you for coming down and delivering the training to Ballymacnab Community Development Association. As a rurally isolated group we are often overlooked when it comes to capacity building programmes such as this one.*



*James Laverty pictured left with Ballymacnab group*

*The session was excellent and the feedback was very positive from all those attending. We had a broad representation from the Ballymacnab Community Development Association Committee, the Ballymacnab Drama Groups, (Junior and Senior), Ballymacnab Active Citizens Group (older people and those with disabilities), Cumman Stair Chill Chluna / Local History Group, The Joseph McKelvey Pipe Band, Cill Chluna Wheelers (Cycling club). The training has given each group the skills and knowledge to find new funding sources and complete successful applications. We have a vibrant community spirit in the area and it is important that we continue to meet the needs of the community and reach out to those who are not yet availing of our services."*

Please pass on our gratitude to Community Change and the funders, Ulster Bank.

**Thank you and good luck**

Our Spanish student Ainhoa Martín Llopis completed her three month placement on 16th June 2015. Ainhoa provided general administration support for Community Change and was a great asset during a busy three months supporting the Peoples History project. Muchas gracias!



*Ainhoa seated middle with Community Change staff*

If you would be interested in giving a EU student work experience for one month to three months contact Intern Europe Ltd at [www.interneurope.org](http://www.interneurope.org)

# Peoples History Initiative Project

Community Change Project Co-ordinator, Karen Brennan commented "The final three talks have proven to be extremely popular. It was good to see so many people attending. There was something of interest for everyone and many people from all walks of life joined us on-board the SS Nomadic".

We are delighted to announce the successful closure of the Peoples History Initiative Project. There was a high demand from community groups for inclusion in the project and it is with a sense of pride that we can report that the project exceeded all the requirements of the EU Peace III funding. Managed by DSD and working in association with the SS Nomadic, Community Change staff would like to say a fond farewell to the elegant and historic SS Nomadic and her crew.

Seventeen groups participated in our course, Understanding Peoples History, OCN Level 1 training held either at their own venues or over the course of one day on board the SS Nomadic. So well done to Dunmurry Community Association: 123 Club, North Belfast Women's Initiative Support Project (NBWISP), North Down Community Assistance (NDCA), Wise Men of the East, Footprints Women's Centre over 50's Group, Conway Education Centre History Group, Ballee Community Association, Bagenal's Castle, Newry & Mourne group, Recon Women's Group, Peoples Support Project Lisburn, Braid Orange Order, Carrickfergus Women's Forum, Tree Training, Skainos History Group, Decorum NI, An Eochair, Sandy Row Tours and Farset: Friends of the Fallen.



Eleven groups completed our OCN NI Level 2 training in 'Understanding how to access and present historical information' and produced between them six exhibitions and five books which were launched during awards ceremonies held on board SS Nomadic.



## Book launches

- Dunmurry: 'Thanks For The Memories', 123 Club, Dunmurry Community Association
- 'Memories of Life In Woodvale', Farset Friends of the Fallen
- Lost Words, Portadown Somme Fellowship
- 'Life: From The Sticks To The City', Skainos History Group
- 'Holywood: My Heart Lies There', Recon Women's Group

Community Change had the pleasure to train up three associate facilitators from within the groups with community history skills and techniques. Well done to Peter Fusco from Conway Education Centre, Ashley Forbes from Portadown Somme Fellowship and Geraldine Foley from Bagenal's Castle Newry group.



A series of seven lectures and reflective learning workshops which proved to be hugely popular were held on board the SS Nomadic. Over 460 people came along to listen to lectures such as 'Van Morrison and Stewart Parker', A Chronicle of Comber, Town of Thomas Andrews, The community that built the Titanic, Ulster Scots Writers of Co Antrim, Reflections on the Somme, Beef, Bananas & Emigrants and City Cemetery.



The project also hosted six shared history workshops and exhibitions on board SS Nomadic, attendance at the workshops was very high and covered topics such as George McBride & Winifred Carney, The Ulster Division and the Sixth Connaught Rangers, Postcards of the Great War, The Auxiliaries: Tudor's Toughs, 'Whose language is it anyway: A fresh look at Irish (and other stuff)' and Milltown Cemetery. Several exhibitions including 'Propaganda posters from the First World War' and 'The Development of travel throughout Ireland' ran on a long term basis and were open to the public.



A project supported by EU's PEACE III Programme managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Department of Social Development/SS Nomadic Trust





## Northern Ireland Community Energy

NICE is a community-owned energy enterprise established to provide low carbon energy services across Northern Ireland. It is a co-operative run by members of the local community for the local community. **They are currently inviting charitable organisations and social enterprises to consider installing solar panels on their roof and become a member of NICE.**

NICE will provide:

- free installations of solar panels;
- 20 year rent-free lease of the panels, after which the ownership of the solar installation outright passes to the building owner;
- electricity savings for the roof providers;
- collective purchase of insurance, maintenance, performance or monitoring systems;
- NICE will handle all of such matters and associated costs.

The PV installations will allow use of the PV-generated electricity in your own building at a considerable reduced rate compared with the cost of the electricity taken from the National Grid. A fixed rate of 5.5p per kWh which represents an average saving of 10p per kWh. This will insure against future energy cost increases. The roof provider will become a member of the Society and a co-owner of the enterprise involved in its running and decision making processes.

For more information contact: **NI Community Energy**, c/o Co-operative Alternatives, Unit 40a North City Business Centre, 2 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast BT15 2GG

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## Did you know...

1. The **SME Centre at Ulster University Business School** is hosting a finance clinic in Newry and Derry/Londonderry in partnership with Keys Finance Group. The Clinic sessions will offer free advice on the financial basics of running a business, discussions about business plans or managing cash flow during a period of growth. Each clinic session will include a 1-2-1 breakout with Ulster University financial accounting experts. Dates are:
  - **September 2015 (TBC), 10am – 1pm, Canal Court, Newry**
  - **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, 10am – 1pm, DaVincis Hotel, Derry**Spaces are limited to 25 per session. Places can be reserved by emailing Eileen Quinn at [e.quinn@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:e.quinn@ulster.ac.uk)
2. Community Change provides high quality tailor made facilitation so if your group/organisation needs a structured facilitated conversation to “move things on” and/or assist planning your work contact Margaret at [margaret.ferguson@communitychange-ni.org](mailto:margaret.ferguson@communitychange-ni.org) or on 028 9023 2587.
3. The **Garfield Weston Foundation** are a family-founded, grant-making trust who distributed over £46 million in 2012 of which groups in N. Ireland successfully obtained almost £620,000. They support a broad range of organisations and activities that share a commitment to making a positive impact to the lives of the communities in which they work, and that are driven by a desire to achieve excellence. They make grants across the UK in the following categories: Arts, Education, Youth, Health, Community, Environment, Religion and Welfare. There are no deadlines. Visit website for further information [www.garfieldweston.org/how-to-apply/](http://www.garfieldweston.org/how-to-apply/)
4. The **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust** funds British citizens to investigate ground-breaking practice in other countries and return with innovative ideas for the benefit of people in the UK. The Fellowship grants cover all travel, daily costs and insurance for overseas travel of between 4 to 8 weeks. The 2016 categories include Early Years Prevention and Intervention, Education, Environment, Sustainable Living and Horticulture, Mental Health-Community Based Approaches, Science, Technology & Innovation, New Approaches to Housing and Young People. Deadline for applications is 5pm on 22nd September 2015. For more information go to [wcmt.org.uk](http://wcmt.org.uk)
5. Community Change have extended the **Money Monday's** pilot in 2015/16. The pilot has been an overwhelming success with groups reporting that over £100,000 worth of funding has been generated following the advice service provided by James Laverty. The sessions are delivered to Community Change members at our office in Belfast on alternative Mondays. To book your FREE session contact James Laverty at 028 9023 2587 or via email [james.laverty@communitychange-ni.org](mailto:james.laverty@communitychange-ni.org).

**Santander Community Plus Awards** have grants of up to **£5,000** available for charities or local projects with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials.

Go to website for further information:

[www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/community-plus.aspx](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/community-plus.aspx)

The form still needs to be dropped into your local branch for their consideration.

There are no deadlines.



Community Change have posted Member Certificates to our groups.

If you haven't received a certificate please phone 028 9023 2587 or email [info@communitychange-ni.org](mailto:info@communitychange-ni.org)

## Profile of The Book Reserve

# THE BOOK RESERVE

THE THINKING CUP CAFE

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) aims to fund work which will contribute to the ongoing transformation of the Northern Ireland conflict.

It has a specific vision of N.I. with specific characteristics (listed on their website). There are four priority areas:

- Strengthening human rights and equality
- Supporting inclusive, non-sectarian and participatory politics
- Supporting processes of demilitarisation
- Dealing with the past

For more information on how to apply and to find out further details on the Trust please visit:

[www.jrct.org.uk/northern-ireland](http://www.jrct.org.uk/northern-ireland)

The next deadline for completed applications is **Monday 17th August 2015.**

### Funding Bulletin

You can find information about funders, events etc in our **FREE** fortnightly Funding Bulletin.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 saw the grand opening of the Book Reserve at their new bookshop and café on the Lisburn Road, Belfast and officially opened by Justice Minister David Ford.

The Book Reserve is a pioneering and innovative new start-up social enterprise designed and developed by Roger Warnock and Paul McMinn, both Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellows who have undertaken extensive research in the USA and Brazil in how to support young adults.

A café (The Thinking Cup) and retail second-hand book business, The Book Reserve will employ up to 36 young parents over the next three years who have had contact with the justice system.

Justice Minister David Ford said: **“Research has shown six out of every 10 young children who have a parent in prison will go on to offend themselves. We want to break that cycle and by working with those young parents, providing employment and family support, we can help them become positive role models for their children.**

**My Department has a commitment to reducing reoffending and The Book Reserve is supporting this work, providing a positive support structure which will help us to build a safer Northern Ireland for everyone. It is also an excellent example of what can be achieved when the voluntary, private and social sectors work together.”**



Roger Warnock with Justice Minister David Ford

The Book Reserve project is led by Social Indigo and also supported by a range of partners including Work West as well as Barnardo's and Bryson Charitable Group who will be working closely with young adults offering tailored parenting advice and guidance both pre and post release. It has also received seed investment under the Early Intervention Transformation Programme.

Roger Warnock said: “The Book Reserve is unique globally, a new innovative approach to give young parents employment and training over a 12 month period so they might be reintegrated into society and with additional support that they need to become good parents. It is our aim and our hope that this early intervention support for young parents will help prevent their children growing up to offend themselves.”

However we need your help – so can you or your organisation help us with the following:

- Old Books – Our lifeblood is books! So if you can help us collect up old books, DVD's and CD's or organise book drives we would be really grateful, alternatively if you bring ten books along we'll give you a free coffee; and
- Volunteering: If you have some spare time and think you can help us build a strong, sustainable and most importantly a profitable business we would really love to hear from you.

Also we have our Reading Room which can accommodate up to 15 people and is free for voluntary and community based groups (if you buy some coffee and tea) or £10 per hour just for the room.

To find out more about the business please visit the new website at [www.thebookreserve.org](http://www.thebookreserve.org) or contact Roger Warnock on [rogerwarnock@thebookreserve.org](mailto:rogerwarnock@thebookreserve.org).

## Have you an article for our Newsletter?

If you would like to promote the work of your group / organisation in one of our newsletters contact Deirdre on 028 9023 2587 or email [office@communitychange-ni.org](mailto:office@communitychange-ni.org)

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