

Welcome to this edition of the Community & Culture newsletter bringing you news, events and information from Council's Arts Service, Community Development, Good Relations, Museum Services, Peace Plus and Police & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

# **GOOD RELATIONS**

# **Holocaust Memorial Day 2024**



Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Good Relations Team marked Holocaust Memorial Day this year with an online exhibition.

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on January 27<sup>th</sup> each year, coinciding with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. It is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The theme for this year was *Fragility of Freedom*. In every genocide that has taken place, those who are targeted for persecution have first had their freedoms restricted and removed, before many of them are murdered. This is often a subtle, slow process.

Despite this, in every genocide there are those who risk their own freedom to help others and this is the theme of the current "One Life" film which tells the story of Sir Nicholas Winton and the 669 children that he rescued in the months leading up to World War II.

The online exhibition includes a "Timeline of Nazi Germany" which gives a year-by-year account of how freedoms were gradually restricted and removed from the Jewish people from 1933 onwards, long before the start of the second world war. It is a sobering reminder of where the mistreatment of whole groups of people can ultimately take us. This and other materials can still be viewed here:

## https://niarchive.org/resources/?fwp\_project=holocaust-memorial-day

A booklet written by the current Mayor is also available to read as part of the exhibition. Councillor Steven Callaghan was inspired to write "Canada" in response to his visit to Auschwitz in 2013. Before reading the Canada booklet, it would be helpful to read the information at this link as an introduction: Kanada: a play on words – NI Archive

Further information about Holocaust Memorial Day Trust can be found at www.hmd.org.uk





# **Building a United Community Grant Scheme**

Up to £1,500 funding is available through the "Building a United Community Fund" which is Council's Good Relations grant scheme. The fund has been designed to support, promote and develop Good Relations projects throughout the borough and is currently open for applications for projects taking place between April 2024 and Feb 2025.

Examples of previously funded projects include:

- Building Relationships & Embracing Change young people engaging in Good Relations workshops to explore each other's cultures, values & beliefs, including first hand experiences of the Troubles.
- Learning Language together a series of workshops exploring the language and traditions
  of one particular culture as part of the shared heritage in our community.
- Different Beats, Same Heart a programme of musical workshops where participants learn about different instruments and the role they play in different, yet similar, communities.
- Bringing the Community Together a series of multisport workshops for young people as a way of exploring sports that make up part of our cultural heritage.



Applications to the BUCF grant scheme can be made on Council's Grant Hub here: Grant Hub - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (ccgbcapps.com)

If you have an idea for a project which could address an issue in your community around differing religious beliefs, political opinions or racial groups please get in touch with our team by emailing <a href="mailto:goodrelations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk">goodrelations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a>.

# **CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS MUSEUM SERVICES**

# Treasured Toys Exhibition Every Toy holds a Memory







#### Do you have a treasured toy? If so, what would it be?

Causeway Coast and Glens Museum Services exhibition 'Treasured Toys - Every Toy Holds a Memory' has proved very popular at Ballymoney Museum.

Themed for Christmas, over the month of December the museum welcomed 283 children to workshops, through visits from Playgroups, Primary School's and a popular late opening drop-in. Each child enjoyed exploring the exhibition, making crafts, dressing up and posting Santa letters for a personalised reply. During February and as part of Playful museum month, the museum will welcome playgroups and nurseries back for it's 'Treasured Teddies' workshops.

There is plenty to do while visiting the exhibition, with vintage toys to play with and a chance to share your Treasured Toy memories. Little ones can also follow the footprints to our new kids area where they can play, dress up, read books and colour in. Items include objects from our museum collections such as 1940s board games, 1960s dolls pram, wooden dolls house, Meccano, Sindy furniture, an Atari, Twinkle comic, View-Master and other toys from W & J Walker and much more. With this selection of treasured toys from the years gone by the exhibition runs until the end of March 2024.

## Fireside Talks



Join Museum Services for their 2024 *'Fireside Talks'* series, taking place online. To receive the meeting link, please contact Museum Services at <a href="mailto:museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk">museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a>.

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Place-Names of Ballycastle and the Causeway Coast with Dr Niall Comer

# Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Workhouses in the Causeway Coast and Glens area with Sarah McCollum

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Preserving and Promoting the Heritage of the Irish Language in Ballycastle and the Glens with Deirdre Goodlad

## Castle Street, Ballycastle with Sean McMichael

## **Reminiscence Sessions**

In partnership with Libraries NI, Museum Services are holding a series of *Reminiscence Sessions* using a selection of our handling collection boxes. Join us in your local library – we'd love to hear some of your precious home-life memories.

Garvagh Library

Thursday 15th February, 2.00 – 3.00pm

**Portrush Library** 

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00 – 3.00pm

**Limavady Library** 

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 – 1.00pm

**Dungiven Library** 

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30 – 11.30am

# Causeway Safari Park Exhibition Call Out





We are starting work on our Causeway Safari Park exhibition coming to Ballymoney Museum this August.

To tell the story of the safari park we are looking for photographs and other items to show what the safari park was like for visitors and those who worked there.

We have enjoyed seeing the photographs received so far of family visits to the park, posters and even children cuddling lion cubs, but we need more.

So if you have any photographs, souvenirs, stories or even footage from your time visiting or indeed working at the safari park we would love to hear from you!

To get in touch, message our facebook page or send an email to <a href="mailto:museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk">museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a>

You can send us digital copies or we can scan the photographs and give them back.

Limavady and the Roe Valley Sporting and Social Life Exhibition

# LIMAVADY AND ROE VALLEY

# SPORTING AND SOCIAL LIFE

Available from Thursday 2nd November



Exhibition at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, until 29th February 2024

OPENING HOURS

Mon / Tues / Fri: 9.30 - 5.00

Wed & Thurs: 9.30 - 4.00; 7.00 - 9.00

Sat: 10.00 - 1.00

## **ADMISSION FREE**



For more information contact Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre 24 Main Street, Limavady BT49 0FJ T 028 777 60650

E information@rvacc.co.uk



# **Community Consultation**



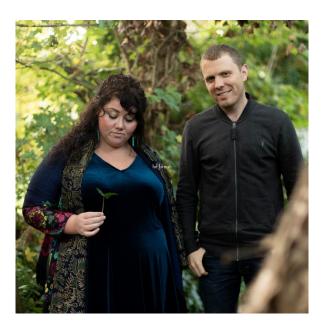
# **CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS ARTS SERVICES**

# January – March Arts Guides Out Now

Causeway Coast and Glens Arts Services is delighted to unveil an exciting lineup of cultural events and activities at Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre and Flowerfield Arts Centre for January – March 2024.

At Flowerfield, visitors can explore the Hidden Creativity exhibition (6 Jan - 24 Feb), by students from

North West Regional College and from 9 March – 20 April "First They Ignore You," an exhibition by Sheila Chakravariti, curated by Belfast Exposed. Live music enthusiasts will be treated to performances by The Breath (24 Feb) and Réalta featuring Myles McCormack (16 Mar).



Flowerfield offers a range of creative opportunities for young people starting at age 5. For adults there are workshops in pottery, fused glass and painting alongside T'ai chi, and Irish & Scottish céilí/cèilidh dancing.

Roe Valley Arts Centre kicks off the season with the brilliant exhibition "Brumous" by award-winning artist Aidan Crotty (12 Jan – 16 Feb). The centre is delighted to partner once again with Live Music Now light music and lunch concerts for local senior citizens, plus there will be live music by Nodlaig Ní Bhrollaigh and guest musicians (23 March), and comedian Neil Delamere returns on 11 April.

February brings back the brilliant Steinbeck Festival, featuring exhibitions, talks, and a packed programme of activities, including an evening with local poets and storytellers. Mark Carruthers will be in conversation with former BBC political journalist and author Stephen Walker, as part of a talk entitled 'John Hume - The Persuader'.

At February Half Term there will be 2 family film screenings as part of Cinemagic's Young Audiences Supporting Foodbanks Initiative. Flowerfield will screen "Pete's Dragon" (10 Feb), and Roe Valley will screen "The Good Dinosaur" (17 Feb). Advance booking is required but rather than paying for a ticket to gain entry to the screening you are asked to donate essential foodbank items on the day.

Browse Roe Valley Arts Centre Programme - <a href="https://roevalleyarts.com/news/jan-mar-2024-roe-valley-arts-quide-out-now">https://roevalleyarts.com/news/jan-mar-2024-roe-valley-arts-quide-out-now</a>

Browse Flowerfield Arts Centre Programme - <a href="https://www.flowerfield.org/news/jan-mar-2024-arts-guide-out-now">https://www.flowerfield.org/news/jan-mar-2024-arts-guide-out-now</a>

# **Positive Minds Through Art (6 week Course)**



COAST are delighted to offer a 6-week craft and well-being course for participants aged 60+ at both Roe Valley and Flowerfield Arts Centres. This creative programme will be facilitated by Christina from Meraki Art NI and the session aim to empower participants to build confidence, strengthen community relationships and help reduce loneliness.

## Free admission but booking is essential.

Please contact Tori at COAST to book 028 777 67860.

Roe Valley Arts Centre Dates - 23 January - 27 February, 2:30pm - 4:00pm | https://roevalleyarts.com/workshops/positive-minds-through-art-6-weeks-1

Flowerfield Art Centre Dates: Thursday 7 March-11 April | 2.30-4.30pm | https://www.flowerfield.org/workshops/positive-minds-through-art-6-weeks

# **Mums Meet and Make**



Mums Meet and Make is back for another season with 2 brilliant workshops for mums with babies under 1

These workshops are specifically designed to provide space for mums to connect, beat isolation, and indulge in some well-deserved "me time" while exploring their artistic side.

- Cherishing Motherhood: Watercolour Workshop with Elaine Harkness | Thurs 22 Feb | £8
- Glowing Moments: Glass Painting Workshops with Natasha Duddy Glass Designs | Thurs 27 Mar | f8

These workshops all start at 9:30am but don't worry if you're running behind we'll catch you up when you get here.

Flowerfield Arts Centre is proudly breastfeeding-friendly with changing facilities to make your experience comfortable and enjoyable.

Browse and Book our Mums Meet and Make Series - <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mums-meet-and-make-series-2502009">https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mums-meet-and-make-series-2502009</a>

# POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP)

## The PCSP Small Grants Programme 2023-24

The PCSP Small Grants Programme 2023-24 is open for applications.

The PCSP small grants programme has been developed to provide organisations with up to a £999 grant to organise a project or event that will help prevent, reduce, address crime and help people feel safer in their own communities.

Grants of up to £999 are available towards eligible costs and groups may be limited to one successful.

PCSP grant application per year depending upon the level of demand.

Organisations must be from within or operating within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. For the purposes of this programme, only formally constituted organisations which are not-for-profit that are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area which they service and which promote and enhance Community Safety can apply. Such as Community and Voluntary organisations within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough. Please note NI wide groups can partnership with local groups to apply for this grant.

Applications should be submitted online at https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/

More detailed Guidance notes on completing the application online is provided on the following website - <a href="https://causeway.eformz.info/">https://causeway.eformz.info/</a>Policing and Community Safety Partnership



# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Council's Social Connections Grant is still open for applications!



This programme will provide small grants of £500 for projects that address loneliness and isolation and build social connections.

You might be operating a Warm Space scheme, or planning an arts and craft programme or a community growing project or yoga classes and could apply for the grant towards the costs of venue hire, transport, refreshments, tutors or materials.

## We want to fund projects that:

- create more opportunities to bring people together to make connections doing something they enjoy;
- help to reduce the social isolation that can be a result of experiencing financial difficulties;
- enable local activities to become more accessible.

You might be operating a Warm Space scheme, or planning an arts and craft programme or a community growing project or yoga classes and could apply for the grant towards the costs of venue hire, transport, refreshments, tutors or materials.

This is a rolling grant programme for activity from 1st April onwards and applications will be assessed on a regular basis within 3 weeks of applying.

You can find the online application form and guidance notes at <a href="https://grants.ccgbcapps.com/">https://grants.ccgbcapps.com/</a> If you've any queries please get in touch with us

#### at community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

There are a number of other grants open for applications and details of these can be found at <a href="https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding">https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding</a>:

- Policing & Community Safety Partnership
- Sports Grant & Bursary Programme
- Personal Learning Account Fund
- Food Hardship Grant
- LiveSmart Grant
- Building A United Community Fund
- Creative Practitioner's Bursary Scheme
- Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme
- Landfill Community Fund
- Town Twinning Grant
- Town Centre Experience Fund

Cost of Living Support - helping people find the support they need - Information sharing event Limavady, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> February



## Are you or your organisation helping to support people through the cost of living crisis?

Causeway Coast and Glens Anti-Poverty Steering Group is organising a Connecting and Information Sharing event where we will showcase a range of practical help and pathways of support that are available and provide an opportunity for service providers and referrers to share and connect.

When: Thursday 22nd February Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Where: LCDI, Old Hospital Building, 24 Benevenagh Dr, Limavady BT49 0AQ

The event is open to anyone providing services that support people experiencing financial difficulty in Causeway Coast and Glens, or who signposts people for support, with a focus on the Limavady and Dungiven areas.

Please email <a href="mailto:community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk">causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a> if you wish to attend and please let us know if you wish to take an information table or simply attend as find out information, and if you have any dietary requirements.

# Opportunities for community groups to connect and share across Causeway Coast and Glens

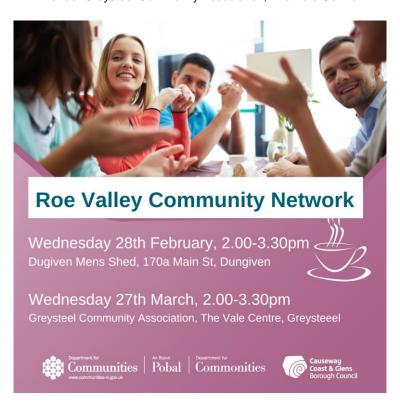
We've a number of opportunities planned for community and voluntary groups to come together in informal gatherings to hear what's happening in our communities, share useful information about funding and other opportunities and to connect with Council and other services. The next dates are:

#### Limavady and Benbradagh areas - Roe Valley Community Network

Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Time: 2.00pm-3.30pm Venue: Dungiven Men's Shed

Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Time: 2.00pm-3.30pm

Venue: Greysteel Community Association, The Vale Centre



Coleraine, Causeway and Bann areas

Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February Time: 10.30am-12noon Venue: Portrush Town Hall



#### **Ballymoney, Ballycastle and The Glens areas**

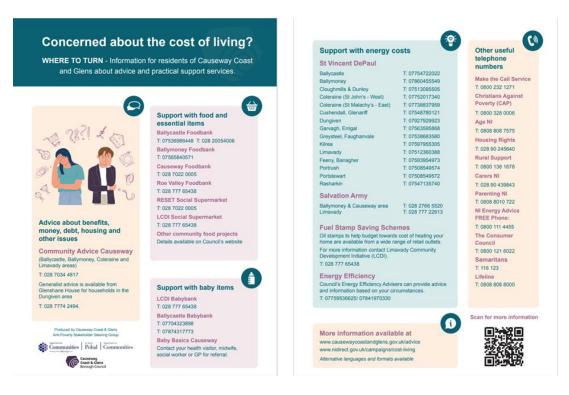
Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April Time: 10.30am-12noon Venue: Ballymoney Community Fridge



We'd love you to join us to share and learn from each other.

Please email community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk to let us know if you'd like to attend.

# Local campaign to ensure residents know 'Where To Turn' if you are experiencing financial difficulties



With household costs continuing to rise and the winter months still upon us, it is more important than ever that those who are struggling are aware of support avenues open to them.

Council along with a network of advice centres, foodbanks and other organisations in the Anti-Poverty Stakeholder Steering Group is reaching out to ensure that residents know 'Where To Turn' if they are experiencing financial difficulties.

An online hub with information to support with food, energy and financial advice is available at <a href="https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/advice">www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/advice</a>

Information leaflets with contact details for a range of local support organisations have been distributed through GP practices, libraries etc. If your organisation would like some of these leaflets for your community hall or to distribute to your service users, they can be collected from Council offices in Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Limavady.

Please email on <a href="mailto:community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk">community.development@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</a> and we can have leaflets ready for you.

# **PEACEPLUS**





'The Programme is a funding partnership between the European Union, the Governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Executive and will be administered by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).'

# PEACEPLUS Roadshows Save The Dates

The CCGBC PEACEPLUS Partnership Co-Designed Local Action Plan Bid was submitted to the Special European Programmes Body (SEUPB) on 14th December 2023.

We understand that many local networks, organisations and or individuals, interested in potentially tendering or bidding for the delivery of some of the Programmes or working in partnership with other organisations or experts in their field, will be interested to find out more about the type of prospective tendering opportunities through our proposed Programme, but also to avail of an overview of what makes a good bid, and guidance around completing a tender exercise.

Due to the emphasis on "Partnership" working and delivery, we are keen to connect organisations, networks and individuals who are open to working together in Partnership to deliver successful and sustainable Programmes.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
28th FEBRUARY 24	BALLYMONEY - TOWNHALL	1.30 - 2.45PM
28th FEBRUARY 24	LIMAVADY - RVACC	7.00 - 8.15PM
29th FEBRUARY 24	COLERAINE - CLOONAVIN	1.00 - 2.15PM
6th MARCH 24	BALLYCASTLE - SHESKBURN	7.00 - 8.15PM

## It is important that you register in advance

via peaceplus @causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Roadshows will require a minimum of 5 attendees, to run. An on-line session can also be provided if the demand/interest is there, which will be confirmed after the roadshows have completed, a date will be confirmed in due course.

# Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council excited to announce its £6million PEACEPLUS bid

The Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council PEACEPLUS Partnership are excited to announce that their £6 million Co-Designed Local Action Plan Bid was submitted to the Special European Programmes Body on 14th December 2023.

PEACEPLUS is a new cross-border funding Programme supported by the European Union, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of Ireland, and the Northern Ireland administration.

"The submission of the Co-Designed Local Action Plan has been meticulously planned and considered, coming after what has been a year long process of consultation within the wider

Community, including a large number of individual and collective stakeholders within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. We, as a Partnership are extremely grateful for each and every individual contribution, which has now brought this plan to fruition" commented Chair of the PEACEPLUS Partnership, Cllr Ciarán McQuillan. Cllr McQuillan went on to pay tribute to the PEACEPLUS Partnership acknowledging "the hard work, effort and commitment that each and every Partner had brought to the table during the Consultation period, in particular, we are indebted to the pragmatic and advisory approach that so many of our Partners took on this journey."

The PEACEPLUS Programme is divided into six themes and twenty-two investment areas. The Council's submission is under Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community Peace Action Plans and will focus on three thematic areas to include:

- Local Community Regeneration & Transformation (e.g., Development of shared outdoor spaces which enables increased levels of cross community interaction and where possible, capitalise upon natural assets; Development of co-designed cross -community place making plans)
- Building Thriving & Peaceful Communities (e.g., Programmes designed to build the capacity of local organisations through cross community collaboration, Community action projects designed to provide additional activity and services in key areas such as education, health and wellbeing and the environment)
- Celebrating Cultural Expression (e.g., Programmes which build, improve, and sustain relationships between and within communities by addressing issues of trust, prejudice and intolerance) In total, a series of 23 Programmes will be delivered, meeting the needs (as identified by the Community Consultation) of a wide range of communities, individuals, and organisations throughout the Borough.

A full list of the proposed projects can be viewed @ https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/peace-plus/peaceplus-latest-news

A decision from the SEUPB is expected by June 2024. In the meantime, the PEACEPLUS Partnership will host a series of roadshows and information sessions regarding the tendering process and the importance of Partnership working for the purposes of Programme delivery, to keep up to date with the latest PEACEPLUS news, please register to our newsletter: https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/peace-plus/peaceplus-newsletter

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