



We hope our newsletter gives you a flavour of some of the activity and work the Fermanagh Trust is involved in in terms of grant making, education, community support and capacity building. Highlights over recent months include our Shared Education Conference, initiating 2 major research studies on the potential for enhanced cross community children and youth provision and windfarms and the potential for community partnerships. We are delighted to welcome some new faces to the Fermanagh Trust; Catriona Maguire who has joined us on the Graduate Advancement Programme; Graeme Dunwoody in our Research team; and Colleen Maguire who has join the shared education team. A special word on the launch of Youth Bank its great to form a strategic alliance with Youth Action NI on this work.

Lauri McCusker, Director

On 'Taggart' for Gold Success!

Two of Northern Ireland's top show-jumping champions have won another award – Greg Turley Bursaries. The Fermanagh Trust presented the Awards to a number of young people from the county to help them compete at their chosen sport. Kerry and Kelly Taggart from Hilltop Farm, near Ederney in County Fermanagh, were awarded Greg Turley bursaries to support their sporting endeavours – particularly their bid to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Also benefitting from the Awards were Kalem Hanley from Hillview in Enniskillen - a young man born with Down's Syndrome and a member of the Enniskillen Riding for the Disabled Group - who represented Northern Ireland at Hartpury, in Gloucestershire in the UK equestrian championships in July and the RDS Equestrian Show in August and Jordan Hylton (15), also from Enniskillen. Jordan is an ambitious and talented young athlete whose chosen sport is sprinting. He has won a number of medals and awards competing for Fermanagh, Portora Royal School and his Club - Lagan Valley ACAT - at Ulster, Ireland and UK levels.



L-R: Kelly Taggart, Ms. Contradiction, Lauri McCusker, Director, The Fermanagh Trust, Sillough Dark and Kerry Taggart celebrate Gold Awards all round as the prestigious Greg Turley bursaries are announced.

The Greg Turley Awards were set up after the death of the popular and inspirational St. Michael's College teacher who died suddenly in 1999. Fundraising throughout the county and further afield led to the establishment of the Trust fund, which supports young people in the county in the fields of community service, sport, music and drama. The Fund is administered and managed by The Fermanagh Trust – Fermanagh's Community Foundation.

Kerry Taggart (14) was part of the Irish team that competed in the FEI European Show jumping Championships for Children, Juniors and Young Riders in Portugal in July. The Irish team held off 15 other countries, to win the jump-off against Germany, with Great Britain, the defending champions finishing third. Her sister Kelly (15) was part of another Irish team that was pitted against the other home nations in the contest in Cavan, with Kelly helping defeat England, Scotland and Wales.

Lauri McCusker, Director of Fermanagh Trust, which administers the Trust fund said: "Greg Turley was a special unique individual who contributed so much to the lives of others; so much so, that this Fund was established as a way of perpetuating his memory, and of continuing his work of helping others in a practical way. We hope these awards to Kerry and Kelly Taggart will help them in some way achieve their future Olympic ambitions".

Jeanne Taggart, Kerry and Kelly's mother, expressed their delight and appreciation for the bursaries saying: "Participating and competing costs money, and to excel at European and Olympic level requires commitment and the support of others. To have been awarded Greg Turley bursaries by The Fermanagh Trust has been a massive boost allowing us to focus on upcoming competitions". For more information on how to apply for a Greg Turley Award, please visit www.fermanaghtrust.org

Callagheen Wind Farm Fund now open for Applications



The Callagheen Community Wind Farm Fund, which is administered and managed by The Fermanagh Trust, is now open. The Fund was set up by Callagheen Wind Farm Ltd in conjunction with Scottish Power Renewables and awards grants to community projects located within 7 km of the Wind Farm, which is located between Belleek and Garrison. Proposals will be accepted from all aspects of community life – economic, social, and educational. However, preference will be given to proposals that have an environmental theme and/or are linked to sustainable local activities and have a positive impact on the local community.

Lauri McCusker Director of the Fermanagh Trust emphasised the opportunity which exists for groups and initiatives in Garrison, Cashel and Belleek, saying: "The Fund will provide financial support to groups and organisations to carry out work which will make a real contribution to people's lives in the area of benefit. In recent years grant aid has been provided by The Fermanagh Trust to a range of projects including schools, community, arts and cultural initiatives, making a real contribution to people's lives."

The Closing Date for receipt of completed applications is 5pm, Friday 18th November 2011.

For anyone interested in finding out further information on the fund and to download the terms and conditions and application form, please visit http://www.fermanaghtrust.org/cms/publish/callagheen_wind_farm_fund/index.shtml



Joan Trimble Awards Support 'New Elastic Band'

Fermanagh Concert Band have announced a new initiative, the establishment of an Elastic Band thanks to a grant award from the Joan Trimble Awards Scheme. The award will enable the formation of the new band which is specifically aimed at young aspiring musicians in Fermanagh and will cover the costs of meeting space and tutors for the year. Caroline Gant Chair of the Joan Trimble Awards scheme is delighted to support this new endeavour; "The Joan Trimble Awards were established in memory of Joan Trimble, the musician and composer who was Chairman of William Trimble Limited and publisher of The Impartial Reporter to support young people develop their interest in the creative arts from drama and poetry to crafts, music, painting and beyond. We are delighted to be in a position to support this creative arts project which builds on the voluntary endeavours of the Fermanagh Concert Band. This new band is specifically aimed at supporting young people. Joan drew much joy and inspiration from young people so this award is really fitting", Caroline added. The pilot initiative will build on the work of the only Concert Band in County Fermanagh, a group of local musicians who meet weekly in Enniskillen. The Band are a fully independent cross community group. The bands members include adults and students from all walks of life and the age-range covers many decades! It is envisaged the Elastic Band will give intermediate or less experienced local wind or brass players the opportunity to improve and thrive, in a purposeful atmosphere through the provision of additional training facilities in music. The Band will help young musicians progress, acting as a 'feeder' band. For further information on the Concert

Band visit:

www.fermanaghconcertband.com or contact info@fermanaghconcertband.com

For further information on the Joan Trimble Awards Scheme contact the Fermanagh Trust.



FERMANAGH YOUTHBANK COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS— NOW OPEN

The Fermanagh YouthBank is back and applications are now being sought from 16 -25 year olds from across the County who are interested in working as part of a team to set up and manage their own youth fund. No skills or experience is required, as full training and leadership development opportunities are provided. Participants will decide on a theme, agree the funding criteria, score applications and interview potential fund recipients. The committee will also manage all publicity for the Fund, manage the Fermanagh YouthBank Launch in the New Year and review all successful projects. The purpose of YouthBank is to develop leadership opportunities for young people in Fermanagh, to build capacity among young grant makers and to create opportunities for grant aided youth-led groups to engage in self-help and community action.

Fermanagh YouthBank enables young people to take responsibility for making decisions over grants and to be accountable for how money is spent. The members also have the opportunity to gain a qualification through completing an OCN Level 2 in Grant Making. Fermanagh Youth Bank is supported by Right Here Fermanagh Right Here Fermanagh, which is a partnership project run by YouthAction N.I, The Fermanagh Trust and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland. Previous participants in YouthBank have found the experience invaluable by providing them with the skills and experiences that have helped them develop their career and provide them with confidence to enter either education or the workplace.

Louise Brown, a previous participant said: "I saw the ad for YouthBank in the library and thought the project looked really interesting. I was 23 at the time and unemployed. YouthBank got me out of the house and helped me get employment. There was a real mix of people involved and working with a team of other young people was really beneficial. I would recommend Fermanagh Youth Bank to anyone and I was disappointed when it finished."

Rohan Mukherjee, aged 24 also enjoyed the project saying: "Youth Bank is a well recognised project which has provided me with new skills and qualifications. It especially helped me to improve my own money management and my preparations for interviews, as well as helping me become more confident around other people."For anyone interested in applying to be on the Fermanagh YouthBank Committee and to register your interest, please visit the **Right Here Fermanagh**

page on facebook or email barry@youthaction.org



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The Fermanagh Trust, Fermanagh's Community Foundation, is dedicated to creating a partnership of donors, non-profit making organisations and the community, to find solutions to the pressing community needs in Fermanagh.

The Fermanagh Trust is a registered charity, established in 1995 to promote any charitable purpose, and to support initiatives which will lead to social and community development to improve the conditions of life for the people in County Fermanagh and immediate hinterland.

Since 1995 the Trust has supported hundreds of community based projects in Fermanagh.

In order to continue this work, the Trust has established itself as a community foundation, building an endowment which will ensure the Trust can continue to support community and voluntary endeavours throughout Fermanagh indefinitely. The community foundation concept is as ingenious as it is simple - a means by which a substantial amount

of money can be built over time from contributions both large and small. The income from which is used to meet our community's charitable needs.



Funding advice and free Web Portal available



Free Training on www.fermanagh.info & Grant Finder Packages

Fermanagh's Community web portal continues to develop and grow, with new groups registering on a regular basis. Thanks to this, and some improvements, the site continues to attract a great deal of interest, particularly each group's own web page. If your group wishes to join this increasing community, you can register free on www.fermanagh.info.

The funding section, which gives regular updates on relevant potential sources of funding for community and voluntary sector groups in Fermanagh is a very useful tool to our local groups.

If you wish to make contact with voluntary / community groups in Fermanagh and don't have an up-to-date list of contact details, if your group is looking for funding to carry out a particular project or you would like to promote your work free-of-charge then visit www.fermanagh.info

To avail of free training on the website or on how to carry out a funding search please contact Marilyn at Fermanagh Trust.

Fermanagh House—Meet, Copy, Wi-Fi and More...

Numerous groups have made Fermanagh House their Home, with meeting space and catering needs met with competitive prices. An array of ages pass through the front doors and we are delighted to be able to showcase our attributes to a wide audience, from Senior Citizen Clubs, Educational Classes and 'Weight Watchers' to name just a few. The meeting rooms can be block booked or used as a one off meeting space, designed for comfort and neutral surroundings, with Wi-Fi accessible. The building is disabled friendly with approachable staff who are willing to cater for the most demanding of needs where possible. We have a number of additional services available which the public can avail of, to include; photocopying, faxing, laminating, binding and poster services. Already we are getting interest from the public to provide copies of craft materials for groups to make their own Christmas cards! We provide service with a smile.

If you would like an information brochure, or a tour of our facilities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fermanagh House Opening Times:

Monday ~ Friday:
8.30am ~ 10.00pm

(5.30pm ~ 10.00pm
Subject to Bookings)

Saturday : 9.00am ~ 6pm
(Subject to Bookings)

Halloween



Fireworks over the Broadmeadow
Light up the sky at night,
With false faces and costumes,
Creating a fright

The Fermanagh House Building,
Is in a prominent place,
Even from the exterior,
You can see it's an attractive space

With Meeting Rooms & Office Space,
Available to rent,
You should make a date to view it,
On a day after the Event

We hope you all have a nice Halloween
With best wishes from the Fermanagh
House Team!

Up and Coming Events

The Fermanagh House Staff, Intend to 'Wear it Pink' on **28th October 2011** to raise money for Breast Cancer, the men have been asked to dig out their pink shirts & ties for this worthy cause, with a minimum donation of £2 per person. Photos to follow in the Winter Newsletter.

**Fermanagh House Open Day—Friday 25th
November 2011**

Research Seminar- 'Wind Farms and Community Partnerships - Untapping the Potential.'
27th January 2012

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