



**Winter  
Newsletter**



# The Fermanagh Trust

County Fermanagh's Community Foundation



2009 draws to a close bringing to an end an exciting year for the Fermanagh Trust. The implementation of the Trust's Shared Education programme has exceeded all expectations, since September of this year, 44 schools and over a quarter of all primary school children have participated in the programme. The Trust also continued to support a wide range of community and voluntary initiatives across Fermanagh including providing financial support where possible.

A special word of thanks to all the organisations who have supported the Fermanagh House - Networking Centre, the range of organisations and people from across Fermanagh attending workshops, seminars, meetings, conferences and exhibitions has lead to the Centre having a very busy year. Hope you enjoy our newsletter which gives a flavour of some of the work taking place.

Lauri McCusker - Director

## Callagheen Wind Farm Grants



The Callagheen Wind Farm Fund recently announced grant awards for projects and activities located in Belleek, Garrison and Cashel. The priority for this years awards was; environmental projects; community involvement and value for money.

A number of environmental based projects focusing on young people have received offers of support including Belleek P.S., St Martins P.S., Garrison and St John the Baptist P.S. In Belleek towards educational / environmental activities.

Community based projects receiving financial

support include a programme of social and educational activities organised by Cashel Community Association, a new initiative organised by the Melvin Cultural and Historical Society in Garrison and an initiative by the Erne Gaels GAA Club.

The Callagheen Wind Farm Fund supported by Scottish Power was inundated with requests for support this year and would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Fund. The awards will be formally presented in the New Year. Applications will open once again for the fund in the later half of next year.

## Fermanagh House Celebrates Christmas



Photograph: Jackie Fivey, Salvation Army and Joey Maguire, St Vincent de Paul receiving the gifts from representatives from some of the organisations based in Fermanagh House

**Christmas Joy** - The Fermanagh Trust was delighted working with our colleagues in Fermanagh House, to present the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul with boxes of Christmas gifts as part of their annual Christmas toy appeal.

## Grant Support—New Cancer Support Centre Receives Funding



Breda McGrenaghan-Cancer Connect and Lauri McCusker—Director, Fermanagh Trust

The Fermanagh Trust has supported the opening of a Cancer Support Service in Fermanagh which has been set up to provide information, guidance and practical support within a safe and confidential environment to individuals and their families who have been touched by Cancer.

Over recent months the Fermanagh Trust has supported the project providing a desk, IT equipment, etc to the new Charity in Fermanagh House. Cancer Connect then secured premises on Forthill Street, Enniskillen and the Trust was pleased to be in a position to offer grant aid towards the refurbishment of the building. This grant aid along with the support and input of many volunteers resulted in Cancer Connect achieving its vision and opened their Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The Centre offers a range of services. These include complementary therapies from specially trained cancer therapists, a listening ear service, speakers / information talks, fitting and supply of amoenia products, hairdressing service, beauty and skincare workshops and an information and signposting service.

Sadly, many many lives are impacted by Cancer and we are pleased the Fermanagh Trust has been able to assist with the development of this much needed resource in County Fermanagh. For further information on Cancer Connect contact Breda on 02866 340102.



## Fisher Foundation



*Presentation of Fisher Foundation Awards - Raymond Curran - Niall Mellon Township Trust, Robert Darragh - Jengana Mission, Franseur Mukula - Jengana Mission, Jane Crudden - Trocaire, Julie Currie - CMS Ireland, Leo Murphy - Niall Township Trust, FRONT: Carol Robinson on behalf of Youth for Christ, Kenny Fisher - Fisher Foundation, Fr Brian D'Arcy - Fisher Foundation, Maggie Muldoon - Livability.*

Over recent months The Fisher Foundation has awarded grants to support Voluntary Work Overseas and also Motorsport safety initiatives.

Many of the voluntary organisations who have benefitted from this years awards have been overseas in recent months and carried out a wide range of work. Leo Murphy who volunteered along with Raymond Curran for the Niall Mellon Trust was in South Africa in November 2009 was overwhelmed by the experience; " we were involved in a house building blitz in a township in Cape Town. The poverty levels and impact of HIV was distressing. It really was an honour to be able to provide some help as part of the Niall Mellon team. A special thank you to The Fisher Foundation for their financial support which contributed towards the work we were involved in. The experience has had a huge impact on everyone involved."

Stephen and Maggie Muldoon and Heather Gott from Livability have recently returned from a visit to Bangladesh and Nepal were they were helping organise a major Asian conference on Spinal Cord Injury management, treatment, rehabilitation and community integration. Maggie was delighted to receive support from the Fisher Foundation 'As a locally based charity which supports projects across Asia, it means so much for our work to be valued and supported at home her in Fermanagh. The Fisher Foundation is a terrific boost in our work in Asia.

### Rally Safety supported

A special presentation took place at the Tarmac Championship prizegiving in Letterkenny's Mt Errigal Hotel, when The Fisher Foundation, represented on the night by Gladys Fisher, announced awards to a number of safety organisations to the value of approximately £15,000 this included €3,000 to the Motorsport Ireland Safety Committee towards the cost of equipment and supplies for a new volunteer rescue unit and there was also €8000 towards a first responder training programme for rally rescue crews across Ireland. There were additional Fisher Foundation awards, for the Galway Bay Rescue Unit, Ballynahinch Motorsport Rescue, British Motorsports Marshals Club and the Henderson Rally Rescue. Since 2003 the Fisher Foundation has awarded funding totalling over £100,000 to rally safety initiatives.

## Greg Turley Bursary Awards

The Greg Turley Bursary Awards is currently inviting applications to assist young people via a bursary award. The Fund is particularly interested in supporting talented individuals to develop their skills or interests in one of the following areas: Community Service; Sport; Music and Drama.

To date over 20 young people from across Co. Fermanagh have received awards to help them follow their dreams in the fields of Music, Sport, Drama and Community Service

The Fund accepts applications from individuals or groups. The applications must be between 11 and 18 years of age and either residents in Fermanagh or in fulltime education in Fermanagh. The bursary award involves a one off payment paid directly by the Fund. Priority is given to those who in the opinion of the Administrators are in the greatest need of support. The Fund is currently accepting applications for support. For further information visit [www.fermanaghtrust.org](http://www.fermanaghtrust.org) or contact the Trust directly.

## Aughakillymaude Mummers visit Fermanagh House

Fermanagh House received a special visit last week from the junior mummers and senior mummers from Aughakillymaude as part of their tour of Enniskillen, to mark the Christmas season.

The mummers have been tremendous ambassadors for both Aughakillymaude and Fermanagh, showing their traditions through the performances and their Exhibition Centre in Aughakillymaude.



*Aughakillymaude Junior Mummers visiting Fermanagh House in all their glory*



## FERMANAGH SCHOOLS FORM CROSS-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER JOINT CLASSES TOGETHER

The majority of schools in Fermanagh are benefiting from the Fermanagh Trust Shared Education Programme. Teaching staff and principals from neighbouring schools got together at the beginning of 2009 to identify how they could work jointly to deliver the curriculum in a way that would enhance the educational provision for their pupils and build good relations between schools from different communities. The schools submitted their joint Action Plans to the Fermanagh Trust for funding and to date, a total of 19 Shared Education Partnerships have been approved for funding, involving 39 primary schools and 5 post-primary schools. This represents over 90% of all primary schools in the County and 30% of the post primary schools. Pictured below are a number of the Primary School Principals and teachers involved in the Shared Education Programme.



Primary School Principals and Teachers that are involved in The Fermanagh Trust Shared Education Programme. Principals from the Post-Primary Schools involved are not included in this picture.



Patricia Maye presenting O.C.N. Level 2 Certificates in Grant-making to members of the 2009 Enniskillen YouthBank.

The Youth Bank was initially established at the end of 2008 involving 16 young people. The young people formed themselves into a local grant-making committee and were responsible for the distribution of funding to youth led projects in the Fermanagh area, resulting in awarded of grants to a number of youth led initiatives across County Fermanagh. Some of these young people were still at school whilst others were in employment.

The members of Enniskillen YouthBank worked as a team taking all the relevant decisions for themselves. It is they who set themes, create application procedures and criteria, undertake publicity work, interview young people, write reports to assist decision making and to undertake the monitoring and evaluation of the entire process.

The YouthBank members had the opportunity to complete OCN Level 2 in Grantmaking. This qualification is unique and an excellent addition to the members' CVs. The Fermanagh Trust was delighted the 2009 Youth Bank members benefitted from this opportunity and recently received their OCN Level 2 awards in a special event in Fermanagh House to coincide with the launch of the 2010 Youth Bank.

The 2010 Enniskillen Youth Bank will continue to provide grants to youth led youth based projects in Fermanagh and this year will have a special focus on Financial inclusion issues.

Enniskillen YouthBank is enabling these young people to take responsibility for making decisions over grants and to be accountable for how the money is spent. This is adding to their skills, knowledge and experience by resourcing and equipping them through training, learning by doing and evaluation so that the outcomes belong to them.



## Enniskillen Youth Bank 2010 Launched

### What is Enniskillen YouthBank?

Enniskillen YouthBank is a unique, innovative, grant-making programme which is run by young people for young people. Youth Bank involves members from all sections of the Community ranging from 16 to 23 years of age. Following a successful pilot year the Fermanagh Trust has agreed to both host and co-fund a youth bank in the County in 2010.





### Fermanagh House Services

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Fermanagh House, a resource for the entire community, is centrally located in Enniskillen town centre, and overlooks the Broadmeadow. It is 200 metres from the Ulsterbus depot and there are several car parking facilities available next to and near by Fermanagh House. The building is also utilised by a wide range of groups and organisations.

**There are four function rooms available to hire.**

These include:

- ~ Broadmeadow View - Meeting/Training Room
- ~ Corinthian Conference Room
- ~ Townview Meeting Room
- ~ Interview Room

Fermanagh House Opening Times:

Monday ~ Friday: 8.30am ~ 10.00pm  
*(5.30pm ~ 10.00pm Subject to Bookings)*

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



The GRANTfinder database, on the [www.fermanagh.info](http://www.fermanagh.info) website, is proving to be very popular. This sophisticated search facility / funding service, which is second to none, contains all the information necessary to find and apply for financial assistance.

Knowing how to use the system to best effect can impact greatly on the number of funding sources identified, therefore Fermanagh Trust are offering free training on the GRANTfinder database and to date many organisations have utilised the service which includes conducting in-depth searches of potential funding sources. The training is designed to ensure that you become proficient with every aspect of the resource. If your group would like to avail of this free training please contact Marilyn at The Fermanagh Trust.

### New Website Launched — [www.fermanaghhouse.org](http://www.fermanaghhouse.org)

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Fermanagh House Website which provides a comprehensive summary of the facilities available and the organisations based in the Networking Centre.

The website provides a useful guide including opening hours, location map and directions and contact details.

We are pleased with the excellent feedback we have received from so many of the organisations and people who utilise the facilities. A sample of these testimonies are included on the site. A special word of thanks to VBS Web Design Specialists in Enniskillen who designed the website.

## Child Protection Workshops

### Keeping Safe: Child Protection Awareness Workshop

~ For those working directly with children and young people.  
 ~2 day certificated course - 21st & 28th January 2010 (10am - 4.30pm) Cost £20.

### Child Protection Training Course for Management Committees

~ This course is aimed at community and voluntary group representatives.  
 1 day certificated course 20th February 2010  
 (10am - 4.30pm) Cost £10.

**Venue:** Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen

**To book a place:** Phone 028 663 20210

**E-Mail:** [info@fermanaghtrust.org](mailto:info@fermanaghtrust.org)

Courses delivered by the Volunteer Development Agency

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