

Spring 2009

Newsletter



The Fermanagh Trust



County Fermanagh's Community Foundation

Welcome to the spring edition of The Fermanagh Trust's newsletter. The last number of months have been an extremely exciting time for the organisation, with the implementation of the Shared Education Project and the announcement of the first ever awards to 12 youth based projects by Enniskillen Youth Bank. I am also delighted we have received support from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the Henry Smith Charity as part of the N.I Development Programme. Fermanagh House continues to be a bustling hub of activity for many organisations and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make the centre such a success. I hope you enjoy our newsletter.

Lauri McCusker, Director

New Trustee

The Fermanagh Trust is delighted Mr Ernie Fisher has recently become a Trustee. Ernie has a tremendous commitment to County Fermanagh and we are delighted he has joined the Trust. Ernie is no stranger to the Trust and has been actively involved in the Fermanagh Trust through the work of the Fisher Foundation.

The Fisher Foundation was established seven years ago and has awarded approximately £200,000 in grants to support voluntary work overseas and also motor sport safety initiatives. In addition to the work of the Foundation Ernie has a long involvement in community life in North Fermanagh through his involvement in a number of organisations including both Ballinamallard Development Association and Ballinamallard Enterprise Company.

Ballinamallard Enterprise Company was established in 1998 to promote economic development through the provision of affordable workspace units and create much needed community facilities in the Ballinamallard area. In 2007 the company opened a new phase, which brought the total number of workspace units provided by the group to nine. The provision of these units has been successful, bringing much needed employment and necessary services to the local community.

In addition the Company plan to use the rental income generated to support further projects within the village of Ballinamallard in the future.

The other Trustees are Joanna McVey (Chair), Frank McManus (Vice-Chairman), Kathleen Richey (Secretary), Jim Ledwith, Aideen McGinley and David Bolton. The Trust's work is also supported by a number of advisory panels, which guide and support various projects.

£2.1 million secured for Fermanagh Trust Shared Education Programme

The Fermanagh Trust has received support totalling £2.1 million to implement a Shared Education Programme in Fermanagh over the next three years

Funding has been secured from the International Fund for Ireland and Atlantic Philanthropies towards a county wide Shared Education initiative involving both primary and post primary schools across Fermanagh.

The schools in the County have welcomed this new and exciting initiative, which provides grant aid to enable them to undertake joint curricular activities, on a cross community basis.

When the Programme opened in February of this year, the Trust was immediately inundated with applications from schools seeking to undertake joint educational projects with pupils from their neighbouring school (of a different community background). To date, a total of 28 projects have been approved for funding, involving 34 primary schools in the County (and 2 schools from across the border) and 5 post-primary schools. Over 1,500 primary school pupils and 160 post-primary pupils are expected to benefit from the Shared Education experience, in the first year alone. In all, the schools will receive a boost in funding of over £320k during the 2009-2010 academic year - a significant additional investment in education in Fermanagh and a welcome spin-off for the local economy, during the current economic climate.

Mary Murphy with pupils from St Martin's, Garrison and Kilbarron National School, Ballyshannon



Mary Murphy delivering a workshop with pupils from St Martin's Garrison and Kilbarron National School, Ballyshannon.

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Joan Trimble Awards Scheme



Frank Galligan - writer, broadcaster, journalist and a creative writer, with Joanna McVey and some of the young people participating in the Fermanagh Feis poetry writing workshop at this year's event.

Following a review of the work of the Joan Trimble Awards Scheme, a number of organisations from across Fermanagh applied for awards for the 2010 / 2011 funds. Everyone involved in the advisory panel was delighted to be in a position to support three very distinct projects;

- The Erne School has received an award of £1,890 towards a music and drama project under the theme of inclusion and diversity.
- The Fermanagh County Museum has received an award of £1,850 towards an intergenerational photographic project with members of the Young Friends of Fermanagh County Museum. The end project will be an exhibition called 'Shooting the Past' in March 2011.
- The Joan Trimble Awards will also continue to provide support towards the Fermanagh Feis master classes and workshop series in 2010. Over recent years the Fermanagh Feis with the support of a Joan Trimble Award has provided an important opportunity for school children of all ages from across Fermanagh to access high quality tuition and are delighted to support this work next year.

Fermanagh Trust Grants

The Fermanagh Trust recently announced a number of grant awards to local community and voluntary groups from across Fermanagh.

The awards include a grant of £2,500 to Donagh Development Association to develop a community garden with individual allotments and a seated area, which will become a focal point for the local community. Though this social and environmental project is at an early stage of its development the Association have made great progress over recent months actively engaging with the wider community and a number of local organisations who are both supportive of the project and committed to getting involved.

The Trust also awarded a grant of £1,000 to the Ely Centre in Enniskillen towards the cost of purchasing wheel chairs to assist members during group outings and project visits. The Inniskillings Museum received an award of £400 towards the cost of organising an exhibition called Chaplains in Conflict.

Due to the continued difficulties in the financial markets The Fermanagh Trust has recently reviewed its grant programme and policy and the grant guidelines have been amended to reflect this for further information visit www.fermanaghtrust.org

The Fermanagh Trust's Shared Education Programme

.....continued from page 1. Schools principals have expressed their enthusiasm for the initiative, reporting that it will help teachers deliver the revised Northern Ireland Curriculum, which places greater emphasis on the processes of learning and development; it will enable schools to acquire specialist expertise to strengthen the delivery of the curriculum and provide lessons in new subject areas; participant schools can gain additional resources to enhance learning; and it will contribute to the professional development of teachers, through skills and knowledge transfer from partner schools and external specialists. Most importantly, it will enhance the learning opportunities for the pupils involved.

Overall, the Programme aims to build positive relations between school communities and create the potential for future joint working, sharing and collaborating. It is hoped that the Shared Education Programme will contribute to the building of more integrative, cohesive and sustainable communities in Fermanagh.

Given their eagerness to participate, two school partnerships have already begun their Shared Education activities. St Martin's Primary School in Garrison have linked with Kilbarron National School in Ballyshannon and the pupils are engaging in the art of Story Telling and Traditional Tales. The children are researching and recording stories that have been handed down through the generations in both localities.



Belleek Primary School has joined forces with St John the Baptist Primary School, Rosscar, to jointly celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Belleek Pottery and participate in the Belleek festival. The pupils will participate in joint art and craft workshops, where they will make festival T-shirts; using tie-dye they will produce decorations and bunting for the festival; and they will make plaques made up of clay tiles, each representing key landmarks of Belleek.



For further information on the Programme, please contact Catherine Ward (Programme Manager) at The Fermanagh Trust.

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ENNISKILLEN YOUTHBANK AWARDS FUNDING

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On Thursday, 30 April, Enniskillen YouthBank, which is hosted by Fermanagh Trust, hosted a Celebration Event at Fermanagh House. Enniskillen YouthBank is a unique project which is run by young people for young people. It is a grantmaking committee made up of a group of 16 – 25 year olds from Fermanagh.



Enniskillen YouthBank

In photo from left to right: Vicki Breen-Enniskillen YouthBank, Sinead Corrigan-Enniskillen YouthBank, Chris Allen-Irvinestown Youth Forum, Leah Dean-Enniskillen YouthBank, Joanna McVey-Chairperson Fermanagh Trust, Shauna Hall-Enniskillen YouthBank, Aisling Rasdale-Enniskillen YouthBank, Shauna McDonald-Carrowshee/Sylvan Hill Community Association, Melissa Walker-Enniskillen YouthBank

The YouthBank Committee funded a total of 12 youth led projects in Fermanagh. These are:

- ~ 2nd Fermanagh Scouts
- ~ Sub-urban Dance
- ~ Enniskillen Rugby Club Ladies Under 18s
- ~ Fermanagh Youth Council
- ~ Let's Go Zero
- ~ St Macartin's Cathedral Youth Club
- ~ Tempo Youth Group
- ~ Irvinestown Youth Forum
- ~ Fermanagh Mallards Ladies Football Club
- ~ Fermanagh Underage Entertainment Life (FUEL)
- ~ Route 66
- ~ Carrowshee Park/Sylvan Hill Community Development Association



L-R - Dessa Deanes, Ulster Bank, Luke Todd & Adam Carson, St Macartin's Cathedral Youth Club, Finnuala Clover, YouthBank, Veron Ringland, Community Foundation for N.I.



L-R—Mathew Breen, Tempo Youth Club, Joanna McVey Fermanagh Trust, Leanne Hall & Ruth Kirpatrick Enniskillen Rugby Club, Patrisha Maye, The Fermanagh Trust, Louise Moore, Fermanagh Youth Council.



The money awarded will enable young people to carry out projects that they may not have otherwise been able to do so without funding. Enniskillen YouthBank members had really difficult decisions to make. We congratulate all the members of YouthBank and all the award recipients on their endeavours', stated Joanna McVey, Chairperson of Fermanagh Trust

The projects supported by Enniskillen YouthBank range from running an intergenerational project, dance classes, equipment for a drop in centre, production of a musical, peer mentoring, sports equipment, musical equipment, recording costs to purchasing equipment required to run gigs for under 18s.

Shauna McDonald, Carrowshee Park/Sylvan Hill Community Association said, 'We are so pleased to receive this money from Enniskillen YouthBank. We can now purchase much needed equipment for our drop in centre so the young people from our area will have somewhere they can spend their time in a friendly, safe environment'.

Claire Murphy, Lets Go Zero, said, 'Thanks a million, you've no idea how much this means to us! I'm just thinking about the opportunities you've opened up for us by giving us this money to record! It really is incredible. Thank you so so much'.

This programme is hosted by Fermanagh Trust, supported by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland and sponsored by Ulster Bank.



Fermanagh House



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Fermanagh House goes from strength to strength

Fermanagh House, is a resource for the entire community, it's centrally located in Enniskillen town centre, and overlooks the Broadmeadow, 200 metres from the Ulsterbus depot and with several car parks available next to and near by Fermanagh House. The facility is home to 10 organisations and is 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)

For further information contact: 028 66320210 or
 Email: gemma@fermanaghtrust.org

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Awareness Workshop

~ For those working directly with children and young people.

~ 2 day certificated course - 16th & 23rd June 09
 (10am - 4.30pm) Cost £20.

Venue: Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen

To book a place: Phone Sarah on 028 663 20210

E-Mail: sarah@fermanaghtrust.org

Courses delivered by the Volunteer Development Agency

Fermanagh House, which celebrated its second birthday recently, has gone from strength to strength. The facilities are helping to strengthen and underpin civic life here in County Fermanagh. A number of organisations have recently set up in Fermanagh House including;

Livability - Livability is a national charity offering a wide range of services to support and empower disabled people throughout their lives. From its base in Fermanagh House, Livability works in partnership with disability organisations in the developing world to increase the quality and coverage of locally managed, sustainable and appropriate rehabilitation services.

Workers Educational Association - The W.E.A. is working with community organisations in your area to recruit groups of learners. If you are interested, phone Jane Crudden on 07792969659 or email jane.crudden@wea-ni.com. This programme is run in partnership with South West College.

The Fermanagh Trust Welcomes New Receptionist



We are delighted to welcome Gemma Johnston to The Fermanagh Trust. Gemma has recently taken up the receptionist position within Fermanagh House.

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