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TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Investing in Community Volunteers programme offers a wide range of free courses designed to support volunteers, committee members and staff across the community and voluntary sector. From understanding Committee functions and roles, improving your fundraising skills, recruiting new volunteers, safeguarding, promoting inclusion, improving your digital skills and use of AI, this programme will have something for everyone.

The 'Investing in Community Volunteers' Programme is one of 13 programmes as detailed in the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, a project supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The training programme, which began in January, has been progressing successfully across the District Electoral Areas and is now entering its final phase. Throughout April-June courses will take place across Omagh, Enniskillen and Erne West (including Belleek, Garrison, Cashel and Cleenish), with a range of dates and times available to suit your schedule. To find out more or to register, simply click the link beside each course, select your preferred date and location, and let us know of any accessibility requirements.

This programme is delivered in partnership with Fermanagh Trust, Youth Action NI, Rural Community Network, Omagh Forum for Rural Associations, Omagh Volunteer Centre, and Volunteer Now.

Committees: Roles Functions and Responsibilities

This session will look at how to set up a group from scratch including getting people of a similar interest together, calling a public meeting, looking at different types of groups, what's expected of being in a group and the different roles and responsibilities of office bearers.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Identify the key steps involved in forming a new community or interest group, including how to attract and engage people with shared interests.
- Gain an understanding of different group structures and types, and select an appropriate model based on the group's purpose and goals.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and group members and what is expected from individuals participating in a group setting.

Tue 14 April
Cleenish Millenium Hall,
Arney
10am-1pm

Mon 11 May
Tara Centre, Omagh
6pm-9pm

Wed 3 June
Fermanagh House,
Enniskillen
10am-1pm
(Hybrid)

To register [CLICK HERE](#)



APRIL 2026 - JUNE 2026



Fundraising: Generating Income for your Group/Organisation

Need fresh ideas to boost your group's income? This course is packed with practical fundraising strategies tailored for community and voluntary organisations. Discover creative ways to generate income and build financial sustainability for your organisation.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Identify a range of practical fundraising methods suitable for community and voluntary groups.
- Learn how to develop a basic fundraising plan aligned with your group's goals.
- Explore ways to build relationships with donors, funders, and supporters to sustain income.

**Mon 27 April
Tara Centre, Omagh
6pm-9pm**

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Volunteers: Recruitment & Retention

Volunteers are the heart of every community group. Are you struggling to bring in fresh volunteers and fresh ideas? Learn how to attract the right people, keep them engaged, and build a strong, motivated team. This session is ideal for anyone involved in recruiting, managing or supporting volunteers.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Understand the principles of effective volunteer recruitment and onboarding.
- Learn strategies to motivate, support, and retain volunteers over time.
- Develop a volunteer role description and engagement plan tailored to your group's needs.

**Wed 29 April
Cashel
Community Centre
6pm-9pm**

**Tue 5 May
Fermanagh House,
Enniskillen
6pm-9pm
(Hybrid)**

**Wed 6 May
Omagh Enterprise Centre
10am-1pm**

To register [CLICK HERE](#)



Halls and Venues: How to Manage your Building

Do you help run a community hall or venue? This course will help you develop your knowledge of how to manage your space effectively, increase usage, and turn your building into a thriving community hub. Gain useful tips and find out about free tools and practical resources that will help you in your role. A must for committee members and anyone with venue management responsibility.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Learn how to manage bookings, maintenance, and compliance for community buildings.
- Discover ways to increase usage and generate income from your venue.
- Access free tools and resources to help streamline venue management and promotion.

Wed 6 May
Melvin Recreational Resource
Centre
6pm-9pm

Wed 13 May
Fermanagh House, Enniskillen
10am-1pm
(Hybrid)

Mon 15 June
Tara Centre, Omagh
6pm-9pm

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Safeguarding: Certified course for anyone directly working with or coming into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults

Working with children or vulnerable adults? This certified safeguarding course is essential for anyone in direct contact with these groups or committee members and volunteers who will have responsibility for implementation and oversight of safeguarding policies and procedures. Learn how to create safe environments and meet your legal responsibilities with confidence.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Understand your legal and ethical responsibilities in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
- Learn how to recognise signs of abuse and respond appropriately to concerns.
- Gain certification and confidence to implement safeguarding policies and procedures in your organisation.

Wed 13 May
Melvin Recreational Resource Centre
6pm-9pm

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Safeguarding: Designated Officer (Full Day Accredited)

Keeping Children Safe: Designated Officer Training covers the role and responsibilities of the Designated Officer, Health and Social Care Trusts structures and processes, issues and experiences around referrals and sharing information and recent developments in safeguarding children and young people. Individuals attending this course must have attended a safeguarding children awareness course previously.

Wed 20 May
Omagh Enterprise Centre
10am – 5pm

Wed 10 June
Fermanagh House, Enniskillen
10am - 5pm

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Inclusion: Delivering Activities and events that are welcoming to everyone

Want to make your events more inclusive? This session explores how to design and deliver activities that welcome people of all backgrounds and abilities. Build a stronger, more connected community through inclusive practice.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Learn how to identify and remove barriers to participation in community activities.
- Understand inclusive language, design, and engagement practices.
- Develop an action plan to make your group's events more welcoming and accessible.

Wed 22 April
Cleenish Millennium Hall,
Arney
6pm-9pm

Wed 29 April
Omagh Enterprise Centre
10am-1pm

Wed 17 June
Fermanagh House,
Enniskillen
6pm-9pm
(Hybrid)

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Introduction to Social Media, AI Tools & Canva

This beginner-level course is perfect for volunteers who are new to digital communication and want to build their confidence. Social media is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to showcase the brilliant work happening in our communities. AI tools can help save time and spark ideas. Canva makes it straightforward to design eye-catching posters, graphics and promotional materials without needing any previous design skills.

Anticipated learning Outcomes for Participants:

- Identify the best social media platforms to reach your local audience.
- Use beginner-friendly AI tools to create ideas, captions and time-saving workflows.
- Design simple, polished visuals in Canva for events, posters and online posts.

Tues 5 May
Fermanagh House,
Enniskillen
10am-1pm

Wed 13 May
Omagh Enterprise Centre
10am-1pm

Wed 3 June
Melvin Recreational
Resource Centre
6pm-9pm

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Adult Safeguarding Champion and Appointed Persons Training

This course is designed for individuals who manage adult safeguarding issues within their organisation or group. It provides an understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Adult Safeguarding Champion or Appointed Person, explores how the role operates within an organisational context, and examines common practice issues. Participants will learn how to determine the appropriate course of action when concerns arise, while also gaining insight into key topics such as consent, capacity, coercion, organisational and Trust responsibilities, and the monitoring and reporting duties associated with the Adult Safeguarding Champion role.

Thurs 18h June
Fermanagh House, Enniskillen
9:30am-4pm

To register [CLICK HERE](#)