

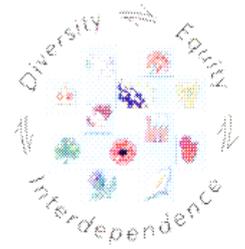


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STORY TELLING PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that the official launch of the Peace III Story Telling Project will take place in Londonderry on **28th June 2010 at 7.30.**

Transport will be provided. For further details and to book you place, please contact **Fionna** on **028/048 8225 9877.**

COFFEE MORNING

We are holding one of our popular Coffee Mornings on **Friday 18th June 2010 at 11 am** in the office of OSSHG. Mark in your diary and come along and have a chat



ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

This year's annual memorial inter-denominational service will take place on **Sunday 15th August at 3.00 pm, in the Memorial Garden, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh.** The service will last approximately 45 minutes and will be a service of music, verse and prayer. Omagh Support and Self Help Group have facilitated this inter-denominational service for several years, and we hope it will be as successful and well attended as in previous years. As always we appeal for as widespread support as possible. Refreshments will be served following the service in Omagh Library, a short walk from the garden. Everyone within the Community is welcome to attend.

If you wish to participate in the service by reading a poem etc or if you wish to volunteer to assist on the day please contact Fionna in the office

VOLUNTEERS

We are currently looking for Volunteers to work in either the Charity Shop or office. Volunteering even just for a few hours each month can help improve your self esteem and gives you a sense of value. So if you are interested please contact Fionna for further information

INTERVIEWING SKILLS

We are currently looking for people who would be interested in attending a course on Interviewing skills training. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact **Fionna on 028/048 8225 9877**.

OMAGH VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Omagh Volunteer Centre are holding their annual barbeque for Voluntary and Community Organisations on **Monday 28th June 2010** in the History Park, Gortin Glens, Omagh. The evening starts at **7 pm**. Volunteers and their families and friends are welcome to attend. Community Transport will be doing a shuttle service from Omagh Bus Depot from 6.30 onwards.



In order to arrange the numbers for catering purposes, if you are interested please book with Fionna before **Tuesday 22nd June 2010**. The cost for family and friends is £5.00 per person.

CHARITABLE PAYMENTS/COMPENSATION

Annette Creelman from Wave Trauma Centre recently contacted our group to find out if any members had been affected by the following issues:

Have you received payments from the Omagh Charitable Fund which subsequently affected your entitlement to means tested benefits (e.g. Income Support or Housing Benefit)?

Have you been contacted by the Social Security Agency requesting repayment of benefits because of compensation you received from the Omagh fund or from the Government?

Do you feel that it is unfair that entitlement to means tested benefits eventually cease on receiving compensation (above £16,000)?

Did you face any problems reclaiming means tested benefits when in later years, your compensation fell below the means tested threshold of £16,000 per year?

Currently Annette is collecting data and case studies on how compensation payments/charitable payments affected victims benefits and the impact this had on victims with a view to identifying possible social policy issues which may be lobbied on. Please get in contact by Thursday 17th June 2010. You can contact Annette on (028) 3751 1599 Mon-Fri 9 am to 2.30 pm

WELFARE ADVICE

Currently we have the services of a Welfare Advice Worker, who is available in our offices on a Friday or by appointment. The service can provide Benefit Checks and Advice; Money/Debt Advice and help with form filling.

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