



Your Local Rural Support Network

The Local Rural Support Networks

- Supporting rural living across Northern Ireland -

COSTA Community Newsletter

Sept 2017

COSTA
Local Rural Support Network

**Rural Community
Development Support
Service**
(Mid Ulster Zone)



Department of
**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**



Comhairle Ceantair
**Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council**



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER! **DETAILS INSIDE**

**DAERA Rural Micro Capital
Grant Programme 2017**

NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!

&

**DAERA Rural Micro Capital
Grant Programme 2017**

APPLICATION WORKSHOP!

**'Charity Annual Returns'
Information Workshop**

'Open Door Support Day'

**'Energy Efficiency in the Home'
Information Event**

***Would your Group
like any assistance?***

Does your group have any Skills, Training,
Support, Funding or Information needs?

Outreach Service available

Please contact COSTA

Tel: 028 855 56880

Email: info.costa@btconnect.com

Community Organisations of South Tyrone
& Areas Ltd
President Grants Homestead
45 Dergenagh Road
Dungannon BT77 0DE

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Email: info.costa@btconnect.com

Web:

www.costaruralsupportnetwork.org

Facebook: Board Costa

For Further information

To book any of the above events:

Tel: 028 855 56880 or

Email: info.costa@btconnect.com



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COSTA **Upcoming Events & Workshops**

- COSTA 'Charity Registration Information Workshop' (one every 4 - 6 weeks)
- COSTA 'Charity Annual Returns Information Workshop' (one every 4 - 6 weeks)
- COSTA 'Open Door Support Day' (one Day per month)

--- **MORE TO FOLLOW SOON** ---

Free Social Innovation Seminars

The term 'Social Innovation' can be alienating to many people and with these workshops NICVA will hope to demystify the concept showing participants how social innovation is really something anyone can try. There will also be an opportunity to try out one of the key methods involved in social innovation – Design Thinking – so groups and organisations can see for themselves whether it can help them find new solutions to whatever societal challenges they are passionate about. Upcoming dates include:

- [14 September 10am - 1pm - Ballybot House, Newry](#)
- [21 September 10am - 1pm- RCN, Cookstown](#)
- [28 September 10am - 1pm - Ards Development Bureau, Newtownards](#)

For a full list of dates and venues and to book your place, [visit the NICVA website](#).

http://www.nicva.org/article/autumn-social-innovation-workshops?utm_source=eNews+subscribers&utm_campaign=80b15e4eNews+-+14+August+2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3f6979e667-80b15e4d5f-313469993

For any information or assistance

Funding Queries, Grant Tracker Searches, Charity Registration & Charity Annual Returns, Community Development etc

Contact

COSTA

Rural Support Network

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COSTA Rural Community Development Support Service (RCDSS)

COSTA provides a FREE

Outreach Support Service

for local Member Community / Development Groups and Charities to increase capacity and access to funding throughout the Dungannon & South Tyrone area –

To book an Appointment contact Loraine Griffin on Tel: 028 8555 6880 or email: info.costa@btconnect.com



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COSTA EVENTS September 2017

DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grant Programme 2017 Application Workshop

***Important Information Session for groups
applying to the new DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grant 2017***

Wednesday 13th September 2017

7:00pm – 8:30pm

At COSTA, President Grants Homestead

Book your place now: Tel: 028 855 56880 or email: info.costa@btconnect.com

COSTA 'Charity Annual Returns Information Workshop'

***A Workshop guiding groups to prepare and submit Annual Returns and
keep information up-to-date on the Charity Commission NI Website***

Wednesday 20th September 2017

7:00pm – 8:30pm

**At COSTA, President Grants Homestead,
Dergenagh, Dungannon**

Please reserve places in advance

Book your place now: Tel: 028 855 56880 or email: info.costa@btconnect.com

COSTA 'Open Door Day'

One-to-one support sessions for local groups in the Dungannon Area

Thursday 28th September 2017

At COSTA, President Grants Homestead

- Pre-booking a time slot in advance is essential -

Please advise of nature of support or information required when booking:

***Timeslots: 9:30am – 11:00pm, 11:30am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 3:30pm,
3:30pm – 5:00pm, 5:30pm – 7:00pm, 7:00pm – 8:30pm.***

To book your slot Tel: 028 855 56880 or email: info.costa@btconnect.com



Energy Efficiency in the Home Information Event



NEA in association with COSTA
Are running a **FREE** and interactive Energy Efficiency in the Home Event
open to the public and community aimed at
Getting the most from the energy we use

- **Freebees & Night Lights for all attendees** -
- **Refreshments served – Booking Essential** -

Coming very soon
- Details TBC -
Ballygawley area

Information included:

- o Energy and where we use it
- o Energy efficient space & water heating
- o Controls on the central heating system
- o Energy efficient lighting & appliances
- o Keeping the heat where it is needed
- o Overcoming heat loss



**For booking and further information please contact the COSTA office:
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Tackling Rural Poverty & Social Isolation Programme, and Mid Ulster District Council

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Village 'Spruce Up' Scheme (Businesses)

Mid Ulster
Village Spruce Up Scheme



Supporting Local Business

A new village 'spruce up' scheme valued at £150K has now opened.

Eligible business and commercial properties located within the development limits in 45 villages across Mid Ulster are eligible to apply for grant aid through the scheme which will provide up to 75% funding to a maximum amount of £5,000 per property.

The scheme will incorporate minor internal and external improvements including external windows, doors, guttering and redecoration and internal walls, ceilings, floors and redecoration.

Eligible Villages:

Aghaginduff/Cabragh, Annaghmore, Ardboe, Augher, Aughnacloy, Ballinderry, Ballygawley, Ballylifford, Ballyronan, Bellaghy, Benburb, Brockagh/Mountjoy, Caledon, Castlecaulfield, Castledawson, Churchtown, Clady, Clogher, Coagh, Desertmartin, Donaghmore, Draperstown, Drummullan, Edendork, Eglis, Fivemiletown, Galbally, Granville, Gulladuff, Killyman, Moneymore, Moortown, Moy, Moygashel, Newmills, Orritor, Pomeroy, Sandholes, Stewartstown, Swatragh, Tamnamore, The Bush, The Loup, The Rock, Tobermore and Upperlands.

The scheme is open for applications from Friday 25 August. The closing date is Friday 15 September 2017 at 4pm. The application form and guidance notes can be downloaded from the Related Documents section below.

Completed application forms should be returned, in a sealed envelope marked Mid Ulster Spruce Up Scheme, to: McCarter Hamill Architects, 44 Circular Road, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. BT71 6BE.

To find out more, drop into one of the below business clinics:

Date	Town	Time	Venue
Monday 4th September	Ballygawley	10am - 1pm	Ballygawley Community Hall- Fairfield House
	Donaghmore	2pm - 5pm	Bardic Theatre, Torrent Complex
Tuesday 5th September	Stewartstown	10am - 1pm	Crieve Centre- Hillhead
	Moneymore	2pm - 5pm	Moneymore Recreation Centre- Moneyhaw Road
Wednesday 6th September	Tobermore	10am - 1pm	The Kilcronaghan Centre - 10 Rectory Road
	Bellaghy	2pm - 5pm	Seamus Heaney Home-Place - Main Street
Monday 11th September	Ballygawley	10am - 1pm	Ballygawley Community Hall- Fairfield House
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Click on the 'Village Spruce Up Scheme Village Maps' PDF in the Related Documents section below to view maps and boundaries for each village:

[Village Spruce Up Scheme Application Form \[1255KB\]](#)

[Village Spruce Up Scheme Application Form Guidance Notes \[1204KB\]](#)

[Village Spruce Up Scheme Village Maps \[7737KB\]](#)

Or go to MUDC Website:

<http://www.midulstercouncil.org/Business/Village-Spruce-Up-Scheme>

DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grant 2017 (DRMCG 2017)

This Scheme is funded under the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme.

Micro Capital grants of between £200 and £1,500 are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation.

The total project cost must not exceed £3,000.

Projects must clearly address an issue of rural poverty and / or social isolation and applicants must provide a minimum of 15% match funding.

The scheme is being delivered by the Rural Support Networks on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. Application forms, guidance notes and further advice and information is available from the **Rural Support Network in your council area** – see list attached.

Key objectives

The Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme 2017 (RMCGS 2017) has been designed to:

- Help rural community-led, voluntary groups to address local issues of **access poverty, financial poverty and social isolation**; and
- Improve the lives of rural communities, and in particular the wellbeing of isolated individuals.

Projects must focus on one of the following three themes:

- **Modernisation (of premises / assets)**
- **Information Communication Technology (ICT)**
- **Health and Wellbeing**

The RMCGS 2017 will be open for applications from

OPENS: 9:00am on Monday 4th September 2017

CLOSES: 4:00pm on Friday 29th September 2017

For further information about the Scheme, please contact the Rural Support Network for your council area – see list attached.

Guidance Notes and Application Forms for the RMCGS 2017 can be downloaded from your local Rural Support Network websites – see list attached.

If you are unable to download the Guidance Notes and Application Form, hard copies are available by e-mailing or phoning your Rural Support Network – see list attached.

Click on the link below to go directly to the COSTA Website to Apply:
<http://www.costaruralsupportnetwork.org/funding-rural-micro-capital-grant-programme.html>

Contact details for DRMCG 2017 & Your Local Rural Support Network:

Council Area	Rural Support Network
Antrim & Newtownabbey and Mid & East Antrim	<p>South Antrim Community Network (SACN) https://www.facebook.com/South-Antrim-Community-Network-120614424769642/ Tel: 028 9447 8645 e-mail: wendy@southantrimcommunitynetwork.org</p> <p>North Antrim Community Network (NACN) www.nacn.org Tel: 028 2177 2100 e-mail: grants@nacn.org</p>
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	<p>The Armagh, Down and Antrim Network (TADA) www.tadarsn.com Tel: 028 3839 8888 e-mail: info@tadarsn.com</p>
Causeway Coast and Glens	<p>North Antrim Community Network (NACN) www.nacn.org Tel: 028 2177 2100 e-mail: grants@nacn.org</p>
Derry and Strabane	<p>Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID) www.rapidni.com Tel: 028 7133 7149 e-mail: philip@rapidni.com</p> <p>Dennett Interchange Tel: (028) 71 397990 e-mail: dennettinterchange@gmail.com</p>
Fermanagh and Omagh	<p>Fermanagh Rural Community Network (FRCN) www.fermanaghrcn.org Tel: 028 6632 7006 e-mail: info@fermanaghrcn.com</p> <p>Omagh Forum for Rural Associations (OFRA) www.omaghforum.org Tel: 028 8825 1559 e-mail: info@omaghforum.org</p>
<p>Mid Ulster</p> <p>(Cookstown & Magherafelt)</p> <p>(Dungannon & South Tyrone)</p>	<p>Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network (CWSAN) www.cwsan.org Tel: 028 8773 8845 e-mail: microgrants@cwsan.org</p> <p>Community Organisations of South Tyrone and Areas (COSTA) www.costaruralsupportnetwork.org Tel: 028 8555 6880 e-mail: info.costa@btconnect.com</p>
Newry, Mourne & Down; North Down & Ards and Lisburn & Castlereagh	<p>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) www.countydownruralcommunitynetwork.com Tel: 028 4461 2311 e-mail: info@countydownrcn.com</p>

The Closing Date for Applications is 4PM on Friday 29th September 2017

Information on the scheme is also available on the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs website.



Desk Space for Hire at COSTA

COSTA Rural Support Network based at President Grant's Homestead in Dungannon, South Tyrone area.

Desk space and facilities available for hire, very competitive rates / negotiable:

- ✓ Up to 3 – 4 desk spaces available.
- ✓ Full Disability Access to premises and WCs.
- ✓ Ample, free and secure car parking.
- ✓ Kitchen facilities.
- ✓ Adjoining Meeting Room.
- ✓ Audio-Visual facilities / Screen / Flip Charts.
- ✓ WiFi / Broadband.
- ✓ Photocopier / Fax / Telephone Line / Answering Machine / Computer access.
- ✓ Public Notice Board.
- ✓ Shelving / space.
- ✓ Spacious and pleasant.
- ✓ Picturesque rural surroundings at the very centre of the former Dungannon Council area adjoining President Grant's Homestead.

Contact COSTA Tel: 028 855 56880
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