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## CHNI's work – update

Below is a snapshot of the type of work carried out by CHNI staff members. Details refer to specific activities, and may not necessarily refer to other, core / daily activities. Should you require further information about any of the activities below, or staff's other activities, please contact the staff member in question ([click here to access contact details](#))

## Directorate

Margaret Henry (Deputy Director)

- Attended Belfast Migrant Forum (Belfast City Council)
- Representing CHNI members on newly formed Working Group, established by the Law Centre NI. The purpose of the Working Group is to lobby for an emergency fund for destitute foreign nationals. An agreed initial task was to conduct a scoping exercise on what has been spent by voluntary agencies from their own funds over the last year in providing services for those who have no recourse to public funds.
- Identification of training needs of an organisation working with destitute foreign nationals – in conjunction with CHNI Homelessness and Substance Use Training Development Officer.
- Meeting with management of SEEDS in Derry. SEEDS are an organisation with a multi-cultural focus, providing advice and assistance to foreign nationals. This includes access to short-term emergency accommodation and the running of a social economy café to generate funds. SEEDS will attend fora in the North West, chaired by CHNI, in order to network with our members, and identify gaps in services for this particular client group.
- Attendance at launch of photography exhibition by local artist, in conjunction with the Welcome Organisation, portraying the human face of homelessness.
- Undertaking yearly staff appraisals with all staff.

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## Training department

- In April/ May we met with new Sessional Trainers, who had responded to our advertisement, to discuss the new training courses CHNI are going to offer out to the sector from the Autumn. These new courses will expand the portfolio of courses offered by CHNI and increase the learning opportunities for staff working in the homelessness sector throughout Northern Ireland.
- New courses to be offered to staff from the Autumn will be:
  - Service User Involvement and Participation
  - Health and Safety in Supported Housing Setting
  - Protection of children in Supported Housing
  - Working with those with dementia

- We met with OCN to discuss the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for these new training courses. It is envisaged that these training courses will be accredited in the near future.
- The following training took place during April/May 2010.
  - Motivational Interviewing
  - Schizophrenia - An Introduction
  - Personality Disorders - An Introduction
  - Working with Challenging Behaviour
  - Young People and Risk Taking
- The courses were very well attended and the evaluations were excellent.
- Please find below the training calendar\*, updated for courses that remain for Spring / Summer 2010.

<b>Belfast</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Description</b>
Wed 23 June	Training	Finance for non Financial Managers

<b>North West</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session Description</b>
Tues 22 June	Training	Finance for non Financial Managers
Wed 23 June	Training	Introduction to Personality Disorders
Thurs 24 June	Training	Record Keeping and Report Writing

*\*Please note, although the training department works hard to ensure that all dates, venues, tutors and courses are fixed, CHNI reserve the right to change any aspect of course content as appropriate. We will notify you of any changes in good time, where practicable.*

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### **Training Department (Substance Use strand)**

- In May we met with representatives from the Public Health Agency to discuss expanding the free training and learning opportunities for homelessness and addictions staff on substance use issues throughout Northern Ireland. Therefore we have begun to offer out a range of our courses to these staff and some will be delivered in Derry.
- **The following courses are available between June and August:**
  - Safer Crack/Cocaine Use (Belfast) : 15th June
  - Alcohol Effects (Derry) : 17th June
  - OCN Working with Substance Users - portfolio submission date (Belfast) : 18th June
  - Homelessness and Substance Use (Belfast) : 22nd June

- Emergency Life Support/Overdose Management (Derry) : 6th July
- In addition to these we will be delivering a range of bespoke training to various services:
  - Substance Use training for Dismas House, Extern Organisation : 9th June
  - Alcohol, Blood Borne Viruses & Overdose training for Homeplus : 3rd & 4th August
  - Mephedrone training for Strand Foyer : 18th August
  - Mephedrone training for First Housing : 25th August
- If you have an interest in attending any of the forthcoming training or would like bespoke training for your team please get in touch with Kathy at 90246440 or email [kathyhenry@chni.org.uk](mailto:kathyhenry@chni.org.uk)
- We are also involved with the 3 EDACT funded Service User groups in a supporting role and to facilitate their involvement in the CHNI training programme. Their participation in the training we deliver continues to be very highly regarded by participants and complements the educational, theoretical and skills-based elements.
- In April Chris attended the International Harm Reduction Association conference held in Liverpool. These 5 days were an extremely informative event with over 2000 academics, substance users and practitioners attending from throughout the world. The opportunities to listen to presentations from such a range of speakers and develop networks with many of them will prove beneficial to the training project.
- **For more information / queries regarding substance use training and development opportunities**, please email [kathyhenry@chni.org.uk](mailto:kathyhenry@chni.org.uk)

Up and coming Training Courses, (end of) June-December 2010*	
Date	Session Description
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Homelessness & Substance Use Course, 1-Day.
September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Injecting Course, 3-Day.
September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	OCN Level 3 Working with Substance Users Course 2-Day.
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Substance Use Awareness Course, 1-Day.
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Alcohol Effects Course, 1-Day.
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Substance Use Awareness Course, 1-Day.
November 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Cross-Sectoral Placements.
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Screening Tools and Brief Interventions Course, 2-Day.
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Best Practice Seminar (to be decided).

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## Food sharing network

- **No such thing as a free lunch?** Food is an important part of many services. Food can be the main focus of what you do as in the case of lunch-clubs for the elderly, breakfast clubs for the young, cookery classes for low income families, food baskets for people facing hard times. Food can also add value to services and bring people together, - free lunches for young people on training programmes, drop in centres offering tea and coffee all day along with advice services. However your organisation uses food to combat disadvantage and poverty, the new food network proposed by CHNI can help.
- CHNI is working with FareShare in the UK to establish a food-sharing network for the voluntary, community and faith groups across NI. This network will work with the food industry to redistribute quality food and other food related support services to a network of organisations working with disadvantaged people.
- To make sure the network is built to meet your needs we need to hear from you. If your organisation includes food in its services to the community we would like to know about it. We want to be sure that the network can source what's best for you and your service users . You can contact us by any of the following ways:
  1. Log on to our website at [www.chni.org.uk](http://www.chni.org.uk) and follow the links to the food network page
  2. Email Alison Upton at [foodnetwork@chni.org.uk](mailto:foodnetwork@chni.org.uk) for information to be emailed to you.
  3. Telephone Alison on 02890 246440 or,
  4. Write to us at CHNI Food Network, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Andras House, 60 Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7BB
- CHNI's Food Network Project welcomes Darren McMenamin who will be completing an Intern Programme with us over the summer months. Daren's work with CHNI will complete his Master of Business Studies degree course at the University of Ulster. This programme is designed for recent graduates, primarily from non-business related disciplines, who wish to gain a sought after qualification combined with practical managerial experience.

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## Information department

- As well as ongoing information provision to staff, members and public; and information management, George Quinn, Information Officer has been
- Maintaining the current CHNI website, including the development of a new page dedicated to CHNI's newest project, Food Sharing Network. This page can be accessed either by going to [www.chni.org.uk](http://www.chni.org.uk), and following the link, or directly via [www.chni.org.uk/services.php?sid=14](http://www.chni.org.uk/services.php?sid=14)
- Developing paper copy and poster copy of Homelessni directory. CHNI have not produced a 'hostel directory' or the poster providing hostel contact details essentially since the launch of homeless NI online directory, but are reviving these due to member demand.
- Ongoing work creating new website.
- Developing a member satisfaction evaluation, to be circulated amongst members in coming weeks.
- Supporting the youth department with regards to design / desktop publishing in the development of Charter.

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## Admin

- This month, apart from my usual reception and vacancy online duties, I have been working on sending out Membership renewal packs and updating our members database. I have also been trying to provide a new, comprehensive and integrated database of all CHNI contacts.
- In addition I have been providing admin support to the Director, Deputy Director, and the Youth Officer. This has involved trying to complete the CHNI Action Plan and Risk Assessments for this year, and recruit a Temporary Admin Development Officer to cover Alison's duties while she is working on the food network, basic admin for the Youth Providers Forum and the very difficult task of trying to keep Rick's diary in some semblance of order!
- As we have had our email systems changed I have also spent quite a lot of time sorting through the vast amount of emails I had gathered and trying to salvage the ones that are still relevant.

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## North West

- Northwest Members Forum was attended by 12 provider organisations, and we had the PSNI Public Protection Unit attending in which they gave a presentation outlining their role within the community and how they can be directly accessed by providers. They also discussed Schedule 1 offenders the appropriate referrals, access to services, risks and responsibilities of providers.
- The next NW Members Forum will be held on 18th June at 11am in the CHNI offices, Rath Mor Centre, Derry. All CHNI members welcome, for more information contact Majella on 02871366363 or majella@chni.org.uk
- CHNI North West also hosted a Business Planning day on 14th May, in which all the CHNI staff attended up in the Derry office.
- As well as usual administrative duties, and dealing with public queries, CHNI North West provided administrative support to a training session on Motivational Interviewing, delivered by Maurice Apsley; organised meeting with local provider Seeds; organised members forum meeting; provided secretariat for CRISPP meeting; and carried out some desk research on housing benefit, after a member query.
- CHNI North West visited member organisations; Foyle Valley and Strand Foyer, during the month.
- In terms of training, work went into preparing a course on 'Support Planning',
- Majella continues to undertake financial duties one day a week from Belfast office
- Both staff in the North West will be attending a seminar on Health & Social Needs among Migrants and Minority Ethnic Communities on 16th June, hosted by the WHSSB and PHA. We will also be represented at an event on the Rights to Housing seminar on 24th June.

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## CHNI News

- **Membership renewal time.** By now, you should have received your membership renewal notices. For queries regarding payment, contact Majella at [majella@chni.org.uk](mailto:majella@chni.org.uk). For general membership queries, contact Lara Bamford, 90246440, [admin@chni.org.uk](mailto:admin@chni.org.uk)

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## CHNI Services: training facilities available for hire

Pressure on space for meetings and for training purposes is high in most busy organisations these days. Yours may be no exception. **If this is the case, then CHNI has the perfect solution.**

CHNI's training room is an ideal venue for educational activities, training, and for meetings. It is well-equipped and can comfortably accommodate up to 30 people.



**Training and Meeting Rooms for Hire...** CHNI training suite is the perfect central venue for meetings, negotiations and project teams.

**Ideal location.** The training room is situated in CHNI Central Office, ideally located in Belfast City Centre, accessible by all major public transport and by car, with a selection of car parking facilities nearby.

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- Click here for [map for nearby parking](#)



**Facilities included...**The following facilities are available for inclusion in your package:

- Laptop and DVD Drive projecting on to 50 inch TV Screen
- Flip Chart, white board & Pens included in costs
- water cooler
- photocopies
- lunch and refreshments. (For the reasons of Health and Safety, no food is allowed to be brought on to the premises by clients or delegates.)

Should you have any particular requests regarding facilities, please contact the training department (details below).



**Competitive rates...** Hourly, daily and a number of delegate rates are on offer (reduced rates for CHNI members).

- **Booking form and further details at:** <http://www.chni.org.uk/services.php?sid=13>
- CHNI particularly welcomes the use of these facilities by its member organisations, and those working with socially excluded and/or vulnerable groups.
- **Further Information / queries,** email [Yvonne Beggs](mailto:Yvonne.Beggs@chni.org.uk) or telephone training Department on 02890 246440

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## Homeless NI – online services directory

**Homeless NI website - directory of services to help homeless people**



**Homeless Northern Ireland** is a website that helps homeless people and those at risk of homelessness to get the services they need. It gives up to date information about 400 hostels, advice and support services. The website is published by Homeless Link, in partnership with CHNI. The project is funded by the Big Lottery Fund Northern Ireland and the NI Housing Executive.

**What does it do?** You can search online to get full details from the website about each service to compare different options available and their appropriateness. It gives information about advice services, hostels and supported housing projects, Housing Executive offices, floating support, CAB, Jobcentres and other services for the public and particular client groups. Homeless Northern Ireland gives details of who each service is for, how to contact and make referrals, opening hours and support provided. For hostels, it also includes information such as length of stay, facilities and move-on accommodation.

**Who is it for?** It's open access and easy to search. It would be of particular interest to:

- Agencies and advisors in contact with homeless people
- Homeless people, those in housing need or at risk of homelessness

- Policy makers, planners and researchers

**How can I use Homeless Northern Ireland?** To get started, simply visit the site and click on Search all services under the Find a Service menu. You can use Homeless Northern Ireland without registering as an individual user, but if you do register (click on My account to do this), you can also:

- save your frequently used searches
- add your own additional information about agencies as user notes
- bookmark pages that you frequently refer to

Click here to visit: [www.homelessni.org](http://www.homelessni.org) or for more information, [click here and open this flyer](#) (PDF, opens in CHNI site)

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## Other news and activities

### organisation spotlight: SEEDS



SEEDS, established in 2004 and formally launched in 2006, is:

*“an independent group working in mutual solidarity to promote and realise the human rights, equality and full integration in our society of asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers....We seek to promote racial, ethnic and cultural diversity in the North West of Ireland thus maintaining a commitment to promote equality and integration. Concerns about increasing racial attacks, verbal abuse, the isolation of migrant workers, working conditions, poverty, exclusion, language problems, visa issues, housing, education, health and social cohesion drew attention to the plight of migrants to Ireland in general, but to the North West in particular.”*

SEEDS, a registered charity, has a committee consisting of 18, and currently has 490 members from 38 nationalities living and working in the Derry area. SEEDS has a cross border dimension and is seeking to develop a base in Letterkenny. SEEDS has also opened a ‘One World Centre’ (incorporating a Multi-Cultural Centre) providing a range of services and activities promoting integration and meeting unmet needs for the growing number of new citizens and migrants to the North West of Ireland region:

*“Our Centre will provide information on accommodation, education and training, social and cultural activities and will also promote English classes and translation and interpretative services through our partner organisations. SEEDS will serve as a social space where people can meet, exchange information and break down cultural and linguistic barriers.”*

The charity sees itself as: “a link between the North West’s immigrant community and statutory and voluntary services.”

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- **Methadone Study. Link (pdf):** <http://www.lifeline.org.uk/docs/M-cat%20report%20small.pdf>
  - The findings of this study contain some practical advice and harm reduction interventions. However it should be highlighted that the sample size is small and there is a distinct absence of prior clinical literature on this substance, so caution is warranted.
  - **Other methadone / mephedrone articles<sup>1</sup>.**
1. NI Direct Mephedrone and legal highs - the facts: <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/news-mar-10-mephedrone-legal-highs-the-facts>
  2. Drugscope website, Mephedrone, methadone, and methylone:  
<http://www.drugscope.org.uk/resources/drugsearch/drugsearchpages/mephedrone.htm>
  3. British Medical Journal website, editorial: What should be done about mephedrone?:  
[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/340/mar23\\_1/c1605](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/340/mar23_1/c1605)
  4. Guardian Newspaper online, Mephedrone: the anatomy of a media drug scare:  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/apr/05/mephedrone-drug-media-scare-newspapers>
  5. Transform (Drug Policy Foundation), blog entry: Mephedrone and the ACMD: lessons from BZP and New Zealand's 'Class D' experiment?: <http://transform-drugs.blogspot.com/2010/03/mephedrone-and-acmd-lessons-from-bzp.html>
  6. Transform (Drug Policy Foundation), blog entry: Mephedrone and Methadone - keep calm and review the evidence - <http://transform-drugs.blogspot.com/2010/03/mephedrone-and-methadone-keep-calm-and.html>

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**Other News:****DHSSPSNI report: Social costs of alcohol misuse in Northern Ireland for 2008/09**

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety today published the findings of a research study to estimate the cost to society of alcohol misuse to Northern Ireland in 2008/09.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note, potential sources of information cannot be endorsed by CHNI, as they are third party and the content has been checked by our staff - exercise your judgement re. suitability.

## Key Findings

- The cost to society of alcohol misuse in Northern Ireland based on 2008/09 prices, is estimated to be £679.8million within a range of £500.8million and £884.4million.
- The study incorporated a comprehensive literature review which considered existing methodologies of estimating the social cost of alcohol misuse. A number of key themes were examined and a breakdown of the estimates by theme is provided in each section:
  - Healthcare, in terms of additional visits to GPs, hospital inpatient stays and visits to hospitals as outpatients - estimated cost is £122.2million within a range of £89.8million and £158.0million;
  - Social work and additional services carried out by Health and Social Care Trusts on community care and children's services - estimated cost is £48.5million within a range of £33.6million and £82.0million;
  - Public safety, in relation to additional activity by the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service - estimated cost is £223.6million within a range of £167.7million and £279.3million;
  - Criminal justice, in terms of additional work generated for the Northern Ireland Court Service, Public Prosecution Service, Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission and Northern Ireland Prison Service - estimated cost is £83.8million within a range of £64.4million and £103.6million; and
  - Wider economic costs, including the impact of alcohol misuse on factors such as unemployment and absenteeism - estimated cost is £201.7million within a range of £145.3million and £258.2million.

The research is as robust and evidence-based as the available information allows, but upper and lower limits for each theme have been provided as it is recognised that cost estimates in a number of areas may be subject to a degree of uncertainty.

**Source:** Belfast Healthy Cities, circulation of press release from Public Health Information and Research Branch, DHSSPSNI

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## Health and Social Care Board Southern area GP Out of Hours number has changed...

The new telephone number for the Health and Social Care Board Southern area is 028 3839 9201. This is the service you use if you require urgent medical assistance outside normal GP hours- usually after 6pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. **Source:** <http://www.cdhn.org/news/viewdetails.asp?newsID=1414>

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## Do you have an opinion on Out-of-Hours health services?

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust is organising a workshop to hear people's views and experiences of their emergency out of hour's services. If you have ever used GP, social work, mental health, nursing or domiciliary care, the minor injuries unit, and/or A&E out of hrs services they are interested in your opinions.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 30th June from 9.30am – 12.30pm in Armagh Fire Station. **To register to attend this event Tel: 028 3883 3220.** For those interested in working with the Trust on an ongoing basis there will be further sessions in the future.

**Source:** <http://www.cdhn.org/news/viewdetails.asp?newsID=1421>

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### **The Right to Housing: A People's Inquiry**

You are invited to attend The Right to Housing: A People's Inquiry, a landmark event featuring evidence from international human rights experts as well as those from the fields of urban geography, health, architecture, housing, and equality.

**Thursday 24th June 2010, 10am - 4pm (registration 9.30am), Grosvenor House, Glengall Street, Belfast**

Evidence is now showing that the housing needs across the most disadvantaged communities is growing and will be further impacted by the current global recession. The Right to Housing: A People's Inquiry will build on previous work demonstrating how a human rights based approach can be of use to groups experiencing social and economic disadvantage in a manner which ensures the most effective and efficient use of public resources. Places are limited for the event so we would ask that you register by Friday 18th June. To register please return the attached reply slip or email [fiona@pprproject.org](mailto:fiona@pprproject.org).

**Source:** Participation and the Practice of Rights Project

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### **Changes afoot to National Lottery good cause allocation**

The Department of Culture Media and Sport is consulting on plans to change how the lottery good causes money is divided between arts, heritage, sports and the Big Lottery Fund. At present the Big Lottery Fund receives half of the total money obtained from the National Lottery good causes allocation, with the other 50% spread equally between the arts, sports and heritage sectors. Under plans from the coalition government the apportionment to good causes will change to 20% to each cause of arts, sport and heritage with the remaining 40% allocated to the Big Lottery Fund.

In return for the cut from 50% to 40% for Big Lottery Fund, the Government is planning for 100% of Big Lottery Fund funding to be committed to the voluntary and community sector only – however, this is not outlined in the Draft Order under consultation but contained as a commitment in a letter from the Minister, Jeremy Hunt.

NICVA intends to respond to the consultation and is keen to hear what members think about the plans to change the lottery good causes allocations, to feed into its response. Visit [www.nicva.org/news/department-culture-media-and-sport-lottery-shares-consultation](http://www.nicva.org/news/department-culture-media-and-sport-lottery-shares-consultation) to find out more or contact Neil Irwin to share your thoughts at [neil.irwin@nicva.org](mailto:neil.irwin@nicva.org). The DCMS consultation paper is available at [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk).

**Source:** NICVA news

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### **Making it Happen: Ending Child Poverty by 2020**

Save the Children is hosting this one day conference on Wednesday 23 June in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast. The UK-wide Child Poverty Act March 2010 places a legal obligation on government to end child poverty in the UK by 2020. In Northern Ireland, this requires the Executive to develop a child poverty strategy by March 2011.

Through a series of keynote speeches, workshop sessions and discussions, this conference aims to:

- Explore the shape of the child poverty strategy including SMART targets and effective monitoring.
- Ensure a co-ordinated and complementary approach to ending child poverty across all levels of government.
- Explore how budget decisions can prioritise the most vulnerable, especially children in severe and persistent poverty.

There is no charge to attend. To register for this event or for more information, please contact Barry Faloona at the event-ful consultancy on 028 9043 4320, email: [barry@event-ful.co.uk](mailto:barry@event-ful.co.uk) or register online at [www.event-ful.co.uk/makingithappen](http://www.event-ful.co.uk/makingithappen).

**Source: NICVA news**

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### **Self-employed workers to gain maternity and pension benefits under new EU law**

Self-employed workers and their partners will enjoy better social protection – including the right to maternity leave for the first time – under new legislation endorsed by EU governments on June 7, 2010.

The Directive on self-employed workers and assisting spouses repeals and replaces an earlier law and improves the social protection rights of millions of women in the labour market, boosting female entrepreneurship. At present, women represent only one in three entrepreneurs. The legislation, agreed with the European Parliament on 18 May and endorsed today by EU Member States, considerably improves the protection of female self-employed workers and assisting spouses in case of maternity or motherhood. It will provide equivalent access to maternity leave as for employees, but on a voluntary basis. At EU level, this is the first time a maternity allowance has been granted to self-employed workers.

The new rules will also serve to promote entrepreneurship in general and among women in particular. There is a currently a major gender gap in this area – only 30% of entrepreneurs in Europe are women. Finally, the provision on social protection for assisting spouses and life partners (recognised as such in national law) is also a considerable improvement from the 1986 Directive. They will have the right to social security coverage (such as pensions) on an equal basis as formal self-employed workers. This will help to provide a stronger social safety net and to stop women from falling into poverty. The Council of Ministers is now expected to formally adopt the legislation on 24 June 2010. EU countries will then have two years to introduce it into national law. Where justified by particular difficulties, they may have an additional period of two years to implement the provisions concerning assisting spouses.

**Source: European Commission Social Europe e-newsletter :**

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=822&furtherNews=yes>

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## **Manifesto for disadvantaged young people in Northern Ireland**

The Prince's Trust in Northern Ireland has launched a manifesto which reveals some alarming statistics about ongoing issues concerning our young people aged 14-30.

The document reveals that there are currently over 52,000 young people in Northern Ireland who are not in employment, education or training (NEET). [You can download it here](#). Of these NEETs, 32% say they are down or depressed all of the time and 27% say that they have nothing to look forward to in their lives.

The manifesto lists a series of requirements for every young person to have the chance to succeed - including more consistent funding, more interaction with young people, prioritising our young people, and joined-up interventions between the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Download the manifesto at [www.princes-trust.org.uk/pdf/NI\\_Manifesto\\_May10.pdf](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/pdf/NI_Manifesto_May10.pdf)

**Source:** [http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/news\\_2010/100526\\_ni\\_manifesto.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/news_2010/100526_ni_manifesto.aspx)

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## **Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010**

NISRA has released [Super Output Area \(SOA\) level results](#) for the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM 2010) and Small Area Population Estimates 2001-2008. Also available are [maps](#) of the SOA multiple deprivation measure and individual domains, a [press release](#) and a [list of the indicators](#) used in the updated deprivation measure.

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure is a relative measure of seven types or 'domains' of deprivation and provides results for 890 small areas in Northern Ireland. The [Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2010 report](#) (also available in [large print](#)) was published on 26 May 2010, and updates and replaces the 2005 Measure. (Note that until the release of the final report in summer 2010, the 2005 report will remain the official measure).

- The deprivation results are available at [www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation.htm](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation.htm).
- The small area population estimates are available from [www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp125.htm](http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp125.htm).
- Also available: further deprivation data at [Output Area](#), [Electoral Ward](#), [Local Government District](#) and [Assembly Area](#) levels. A [description of indicators document](#) and a [guidance leaflet](#).

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## **New Publication listing locations of Unmet Social Housing Need throughout Northern Ireland**

Corporate Planning Service have just published an 'Unmet Social Housing Need Prospectus', highlighting areas throughout Northern Ireland with a current shortage of acquired development sites where the Northern Ireland Housing Executive would welcome suitable scheme proposals.

This Prospectus has been introduced to provide guidance to housing associations and developers to focus development to those areas in greatest need. The Prospectus is an integral part of the [Social Housing Development Programme](#) - as appropriate scheme are identified they may be added to the three year programme (subject to budgetary constraints). **For further details and to download a copy** of the Prospectus, please click on the following link: [Unmet Social Housing Need Prospectus](#).

**Source:** NIHE, [http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/about-us-home/media\\_centre/news.htm?newsid=16363](http://www.nihe.gov.uk/index/about-us-home/media_centre/news.htm?newsid=16363)

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## Vacancy

### Housing Adviser, Housing Rights Service

- fixed term, until 31st March 2011; Salary £20,801 - £26,086 (under review)
- This post holder will be part of a busy casework team and will be required to provide specialist advice, advocacy and representation on homelessness, housing debt and issues relating to renting accommodation. S/he will also contribute to the delivery of training and the production of legal information materials.
- **Essential requirements for the post include:** at least 12 months' full-time (or equivalent part-time) experience gained over the last five years, in providing advice and representation to the public in a social welfare context (including an element of housing advice); experience managing a substantial caseload
- Applications on a secondment basis are welcome.

[Job Description 15.75 Kb](#)

[Person Specification 0 16.70 Kb](#)

For an application form, contact: Emma McAllister, Housing Rights Service, 4th Floor, Middleton Buildings, 10-12 High Street, Belfast BT1 2BA. Tel: (028) 9024 5640 or email [emma@housingrights.org.uk](mailto:emma@housingrights.org.uk). **Closing date for applications: 2nd July 2010, 12.00 noon. Anticipated interview date: 19th July 2010**

**Source:** Housing Rights Service, <http://www.housingrights.org.uk/about-us/work-with-us.html>

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### Diary dates:

- Mon 14th June – Sun 20th June 2010 - Men's Health Week

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