

# Combating Homelessness In Northern Ireland



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INFORMATION UPDATE FOR CHNI MEMBERS

## CHNI Training Programme (Belfast) – June 2005

<b>JUNE</b>			<b>1</b>	2	3	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Business Planning</b>
	6	<b>7</b>	8	9	10	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Introduction to Fundraising – Day 1</b>
	13	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	16	17	<b>14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Introduction to Fundraising – Day 2: Business Planning</b>
	20	<b>21</b>	22	23	24	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Managing Risk in Youth Settings</b>
	27	28	29	30			



All the above courses will be held in CHNI Training Room, 72 North Street, Belfast. BT1 1LD Phone: 90 246440 Fax: 90 241266 or email: training@chni.org.uk

## CHNI Training Programme (North-West) June 2005

<b>JUNE</b>			1	2	3		
	<b>6</b>	7	8	9	10	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Young People - Managing Risk, Lorraine Thompson</b>
	13	14	15	16	17		
	20	21	22	23	24		
	27	28	29	30			



To confirm bookings for any of the above courses, contact Majella at CHNI, Phone: (028) 71366363, Fax: (028) 71366364, or Email: majellaq@fsmail.net

**Need more information ?** Please contact Yvonne or Lesley if you want more information about a course, or wish to discuss your organisation's training requirements.  
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**CHNI launches second Investors in People Group programme** CHNI are launching a second Investors in People programme that will assist member organisations to achieve Investors in People recognition. The first programme was a huge success with five organisations seeking an assessment before end August 2005.

Dermot Curran, Chief Executive of BCHA, a participant on the programme "found the process very positive" and felt that "it has brought "Added-value" to our association's development and our corporate objectives will be successfully delivered with the assistance of the IIP process. Investors in People is a Nationally recognised Standard which provides a framework to achieve success through the development of an organisations people. This second programme comes at a time when the Standard has been updated. The new Standard places an emphasis on employee involvement and on maximising their potential and is designed to ensure it continues to offer relevant support to employees of all sectors and sizes. The programme will consist of seven half day workshops covering areas such as Business Planning, Learning and development, Recognition and reward, People management, and Planning for an assessment. Additionally, each organisation will be given mentoring support by a nationally recognised adviser to help implement the areas from the workshops.

Two awareness sessions will be held on: **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Walsh's Hotel** The sessions will enable organisations to make an assessment as to whether they would like to commit to the programme by introducing them to the Investors in People Standard, how the programme will be delivered and Dermot Curran of Belfast Community Housing Association will talk about how the programme helped the association.

As places on both the awareness sessions and the programme are limited so those interested in applying for this programme should contact the training department as soon as possible.

For further details, telephone Yvonne Beggs, Training Officer, CHNI - details as above.



Congratulations to George, Information Officer at CHNI, and Nuala on the arrival of their new baby son, Euan Seoirse, born on the 5th May 2005 at 9lb 7oz...

## Beacon Fellowship Award...



Margaret Henry, Deputy Director CHNI, has been highly commended after being nominated for the prestigious Beacon Prize 2004 for her philanthropic achievements.

Beacon is a charitable initiative to raise the profile of philanthropy in the UK, awarding the Beacon Prize to individuals whose giving, be it their time, their money or their expertise, inspires others to do more.

Margaret was nominated for her work in the establishment of the Homeplus Street Outreach Project for rough sleepers in Belfast, in the category of New Initiatives. "We were thrilled with the quality of the nominations received this year, reflecting the full depth and extent of charitable activity in the UK," commented Emily Stonor, Chief Executive of Beacon. "Being highly commended is thus remarkable. Margaret Henry's nomination was judged alongside those for prize winners such as Sir Bob Geldof and Jamie Oliver. We are delighted to recognise Margaret's contribution to charity and we hope that her success story will be an inspiration to many others." **From all your colleagues at CHNI, and on behalf of CHNI members, and those you work with and for—Congratulations Margaret!!**



**Want to share your organisation's achievements with others? Want to get your profile out there to other CHNI members?** CHNI are inviting members to write a few paragraphs about themselves, their history & activities to be included in each edition of CHINWAG to be shared with other members. Interested groups should e-mail their "piece" to George [info@chni.org.uk](mailto:info@chni.org.uk), or telephone (028) 90246440.

**North West News** The forum meeting scheduled for **9 June**, has been rescheduled for **22 June**, (same venue:) **Strand Foyer, 11.00 am** and will look in detail at **SP funding agreements**. Bernie will contact each member with these changes prior to the meeting.

## Supporting People

**Scheme Review Timetable:** The SP Team has informed CHNI that the updated scheme review timetable is ready. They will be forwarding this to individual providers shortly. The timetable covers supported housing and floating support services, but not sheltered housing. This is year 2 of a 3-year rolling programme. The approach is still client-based, but there is now more of an emphasis on risk – so there will be a certain amount of cross-cutting across groups.

**Throughput, length of stay, and analysis for departures.** The SP Team now intends to introduce this measure from the start of the next quarter, 04/07/05. Proforma documentation and guidelines will be issued to providers in advance. Providers need to be *now* thinking about how to keep records for this measure. A template record-keeping workbook is available on the spkweb under 'quality and monitoring workbooks' – this is a guideline only.  
**New Draft Funding Agreement** The SP Team has stated that payments will be by way of grant and not contract. The draft document has been circulated to members for consultation.

## Supporting People contd.

Please contact Bernie or Malcolm **asap** with any queries. Please note, there will be a presentation from the Supporting People Team on this issue at the Focus Group on the 15th of June. **SP information and training resources:** Please note the following websites may be of help to providers:

[www.spkweb.org.uk/](http://www.spkweb.org.uk/)  
[www.sitra.org.uk](http://www.sitra.org.uk)

[www.nihe.gov.uk/sp](http://www.nihe.gov.uk/sp)  
[www.housing.org.uk/policy](http://www.housing.org.uk/policy)

**Children (Leaving Care) Act (NI) 2002.** Providers should be aware that Supporting People will not fund support for 16-18 year old care leavers after September 2005. You should **now** be reviewing access and referral procedures to ensure funding from Social Services after this date.

## Meetings / Training

**02nd June** Small Providers Forum -10.30am, the Training Room, NICVA. **15th June** Focus Group – 10.30am, Conference Room B, NICVA **01st July** Floating Support Forum – 11am, Greenvale Hotel, Cookstown

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## 4 Peaks Trek 2005 Homeless Challenge

**4 Peaks... 20 Team Members..& Only 72 Hours...**



Ark Housing Association has joined forces with the Simon Community Northern Ireland and Shelter (NI) to launch the 2005 4 Peaks (Ireland) Challenge for Homelessness.

The challenge will be completed over a 72 hour period beginning at the foot of Mweelrea on Thursday 30th June 2005 and will finish at the base of Slieve Donard on Sunday 3rd July 2005. This is the first time such an event has been attempted by the voluntary housing sector and the efforts of all participants will directly benefit homeless people in Northern Ireland.

**If you are interested in taking part** in the challenge and would like to obtain an information pack please contact: **Ark Housing Association** on Tel: 02890681808 or by e-mail: [info@arkhousing.co.uk](mailto:info@arkhousing.co.uk) ...and don't worry you don't need to be superman or superwoman to take part !!!