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The CAN

The CAN is produced by the Community Arts Forum (CAF) three times a year. CAF is a membership organisation that spans all artforms, aiming to provide greater access to the arts for everyone, and is an umbrella body for community arts in Northern Ireland.

CAF operates an open door policy and offers a warm welcome and wealth of knowledge, resources and expert advice. Work includes an information service, training, lobbying and advocating on behalf of community arts and a research programme.

CAF membership is open to anyone who has an interest in, or works in community arts. To find out about membership benefits or sign up online go to: www.caf.ie/membership.asp

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An essential purpose of this publication is to highlight regional and sectoral developments and provide community arts organisations and CAF members with a free platform for their news, activities and events. Submissions from groups and individuals from all regions are welcome. Back issues can be downloaded for free from www.caf.ie/CAN.asp



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SPRING/SUMMER FESTIVAL GUIDE

April

10 April	The 8th John Hewitt Society Spring Festival	Derry	johnhewittsociety.org
24 - 25 April	Belfast Spring Fair	Belfast	belfastcity.gov.uk/parks
15 - 30 April	Belfast Film Festival	Belfast	belfastfilmfestival.org
1 - 30 April	Ballymena Arts Festival	Ballymena	thebraid.com
29 April - 3 May	Festival of Fools	Belfast	foolsfestival.com
29 April - 3 May	City of Derry Jazz Festival	Derry	cityofderryjazzfestival.com
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29 April - 3 May	City of Derry Jazz Festival	Derry	cityofderryjazzfestival.com
29 April - 9 May	Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival	Belfast	cqaf.com

May

1 - 31 May	Mid Ulster Film Festival	Omagh	midulsterfilmfestival.com
6 - 9 May	Danny Boy Festival	Limavady	dannyboyfestival.com
8 May	Mayor's Parade & Family Fun Day	Lisburn	visitlisburn.com
21 - 30 May	Belfast Children's Festival	Belfast	belfastchildrensfestival.com
24 - 29 May	Carnivale of Colours	Derry	inyourspace.eu
25 May	Africa Day Festival	Derry	
27 - 31 May	Blues on the Bay Festival	Warrenpoint	bluesonthebay.com
28 - 30 May	Féile Laugh at the Bank	Belfast	feilebelfast.com
29 May	One World Festival	Derry	

June

3 - 5 June	2D Northern Ireland Comics Festival	Derry	2dfestival.com
10 - 13 June	Limavady Jazz & Blues Festival	Limavady	limavadyjazzandblues.com
12 - 13 June	Foyle Days	Derry	derryvisitor.com
18 June	BuskFest	Banbridge	buskfest.com

19 June	Belfast City Carnival	Belfast	belfastcity.gov.uk/events
23 - 27 June	Celtronic Festival	Derry	derryvisitor.com
26 - 27 June	Sea Bangor Festival	Bangor	northdowntourism.com
3 - 23 June	Ballymena Arts Festival	Ballymena	thebraid.com

July

3 - 23 July	trans	Belfast	transbelfast.com
12 July	OrangeFest	Belfast	belfastorange.com
18 - 25 July	Fiddler's Green International Festival	Rostrevor	fiddlersgreenfestival.co.uk
24 - 31 July	Belfast Pride	Belfast	belfastpride.com
24 July - 1 August	Féile 10	Derry	freederry.org/feile
30 July	Féile an Phobail	Belfast	feilebelfast.com
30 July - 5 August	InterAct Youth Arts Festival	Belfast	feilebelfast.com

August

7 - 14 August	Maiden City Festival	Derry	maidencityfestival.com
8 - 15 August	Amelia Earhart Festival	Belfast	gscaderry.com
7 - 15 August	Heart of the Glens	Cushendall	glensfestival.com
29 August	Belfast Mela	Belfast	belfastmela.org
21 - 30 August	Lough Neagh Fest	Magherafelt	discoverloughneagh.com
30 August	August Bank Holiday in Bangor	Bangor	northdowntourism.com
30 - 31 August	Auld Lammas Fair	Ballycastle	moyle-council.org/tourism

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND

Each council borough of Northern Ireland distributes a Community Festival Fund. For further details on your local area and for opening and closing dates of the relevant funding, please contact the arts officer for your borough using the numbers listed below.

Antrim Borough Council
028 9448 1338

Ards Borough Council
028 9181 0803

Armagh City and District Council
028 3752 1820

Ballymena Borough Council
028 2563 5988

Ballymoney Borough Council
028 2766 0229

Banbridge District Council
028 40660632/406 60605

Banbridge District Council
028 40660632/406 60605

Belfast City Council
028 90 918734

Carrickfergus Borough Council
028 93 366666

Castlereagh Borough Council
028 9049 4566

Coleraine Borough Council
028 7083 1400

Cookstown District Council
028 867 69949

Craigavon Borough Council
028 3831 1680

Derry City Council
028 7136 5151 ext 6920

Down District Council
028 4461 5283

Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council
028 8775 3626

Fermanagh District Council
028 6632 5050

Larne Borough Council
028 2826 3080

Limavady Borough Council
028 7776 0304

Lisburn City Council
028 92 509509

Magherafelt District Council
028 7963 2151

Moyle District Council
028 2076 2225

Newry and Mourne District Council
028 30313180

Newtownabbey Borough Council
028 90 340020

North Down Borough Council
028 9127 8032

Omagh District Council
028 8224 5321

Strabane District Council
028 7138 2204 ext338

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Digital Photography & Photoshop Skills
with Joanna Karolini

Fri 9 Apr (10.00am - 4.30pm)
Digital Arts Studios
£20 (£10 for CAF, VAI & DAS Members)

This workshop will engage professional and emerging artists to document their artwork using digital photography and Photoshop.

Attention will be given to traditional studio photography and darkroom techniques adapted to the methods used in present digital photographic practice.

Peer Support Session
(for artists working in a community setting)
with Rosie Burrows

Fri 16 Apr (10.00am - 4.00pm)
Community Arts Forum
£20 (£10 for CAF, VAI & BX Members)

Are you an artist working in the community? Do you sometimes feel isolated? Do you find it difficult finding someone you can talk work issues over with?

This session is an opportunity to discuss your work and receive feedback from a group of peers.

Register now: T: 0280 9024 2910 | E: heather@caf.ie

WORK WITH US!

CAF can offer office space to groups and small businesses at a reasonable cost. Currently there are three desks available. The facility fee includes electricity, gas, cleaning, security, building insurance and maintenance. Users are required to provide their own telephone and computer and internet connection (lines are installed at each workstation).

The building is 11 years old and fully meets the requirements of disability legislation. Facilities include:

- A fully equipped kitchen with microwave, cooker and dishwasher
- A meeting room is available for use free of charge to all tenants
- A photocopier capable of printing pamphlets and postcards.

The CAF premises are on ground floor level and overlook Writers' Square facing St. Anne's Cathedral in the burgeoning Cathedral Quarter, ideally situated for visiting Central Library, local pubs and restaurants and attending the many arts events taking place in the area.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Auditions

10 - 11 April / 10am, 2pm
Belvoir Players' Studio, Belfast
Open auditions for standIN'OVATION's summer production. Workshops in acting, voice and dance are also offered for anyone aged 15+. For more info contact standin-ovation@live.co.uk

Lobbying For Arts Groups

13 April / 2-4.30pm / Playhouse, Derry
21 April / 10-12.30 / Crescent Arts, Belfast
Arts Council of Northern Ireland is running two seminars on lobbying for arts groups. A look at how arts groups can effectively make the case for the arts during an election period and how to influence party policy and manifestos. To book contact mbeck@artscouncil-ni.org

A Year in the Life of the Arts Care Dance Studio

15th April / 6pm
The Naughton Gallery at Queens
Photographic exhibition by photographer Colin Cairns, reflecting the experiences of Orbit Dance and Kompany Maine. www.naughtongallery.org

Crescent Overture

19 - 25 April
Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast
The Crescent welcomes all to their refurbished home with a week long series of events including free taster workshops and guided tours of the building, a reading with Pulitzer Prize winning author and new patron of the Crescent Arts Centre Paul Muldoon, Bellydance, Puppetry, Figure Drawing, an afternoon with Shakespeare and lots more workshops and performances by local and international artists. www.crescentarts.org

Cross Generational & Reminiscence Work

23 April / 10.30am - 4.30pm
Belfast Exposed
This workshop will give an introduction to cross-generational and reminiscence work in particular looking at the Age Exchange approach and model of working. It will focus on the benefits of reminiscence and how this approach can help us look back and reflect on life and learn from other peoples experiences. www.belfastexposed.org

Community Relations Week

26 April - 1 May
Community Relations Council (CRC) co-ordinates a week of events ranging from public discussions

and debates to cultural events, publications, launches and award ceremonies. www.community-relations.org.uk

Dealing with Difference - Making a Difference

7 - 20 May
Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast
Training programme offering youth workers and Arts Facilitators an opportunity to explore the area of difference in relation to race, sexual orientation and disability. www.crescentarts.org

Ideas & Inspiration Day 2010

8 May / 10am - 3.30pm
Play Resource, Belfast
A diverse range of arts workshops with a summer focus, ideas & inspiration for working with children and young people and including scrap materials and shop products. www.playresource.org

Puppet Making Master Classes

10 and 17 May / 10am - 4.30pm
Beat Carnival Centre, Belfast
The aim of these sessions is to assist community and youth leaders working with groups to participate in Belfast City Carnival and in their own local festivals. It also offers practicing artists a great training and development opportunity. www.belfastcarnival.com

Building Change Trust information sessions

7 May / 2.30pm / NICVA, Belfast
10 May / 11am / St Columb's Park House, Derry
12 May / 2pm - 4 pm - Ballybot House, Newry
17 May / 11am / Community Relations Council
The Trust has developed its strategy and associated programmes for the period 2010 - 2013 and will outline these including details of its Exploring Change and Building Change award programmes at four regional information sessions. www.buildingchangetrust.org

Making Space 2010

24 - 28 May
Making Space is an annual discussion forum bringing together international practitioners, local artists, policy makers, academics and students to share and interrogate current practices, issues and concerns in the arts for children. www.youngatart.co.uk

SPACE FOR HIRE

Community Arts Forum (CAF) has a multi-purpose space available for hire to groups and individuals at reasonable rates.

CAF is conveniently located in Belfast's Cathedral Quarter opposite St Anne's Cathedral in the city centre.

The room measures 3.7 x 12 metres and is suitable for meetings, rehearsals and other activities. The space can also be used as a venue and has featured performances, readings and other public events.

Tables and chairs are stored on-site and can be arranged as needed. The CAF meeting room is fully wheelchair accessible and is adjacent to WCs and a fully equipped kitchen with tea/coffee making facilities.

Daily room hire is £50. Rates can be negotiated for shorter or longer periods. All enquiries should be directed to Kate Muldoon, finance and administration manager.

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Artists' training programme

The 9 week programme finished in December 2010 and covered a wide range of community arts related topics including theory and practice, project planning and budgeting, group dynamics, using the internet and documenting and evaluating.

Feedback was extremely positive and having identified isolation and the need for support as one of the key issues affecting artists working in communities, the participants have established a self-led peer support group. CAF is also planning a series of peer critique session in April 2010, offering participants space to share and explore their practice as community artists.

World Community Arts Day

The third World Community Arts day took place on 17th February 2010 at the Ulster Hall in Belfast.

This year CAF organised an information and networking event offering organisations stalls to showcase and share their work. Twenty groups from across the

region participated including traveller support group An Munia Tober, Belfast Friendship Club, Greater Shantallow Community Arts and ArtsEkta.

There were also a series of performances from FlamencoNI, Children in Crossfire. and the Gathering Drum.....

Exchange Mechanism Seminars

CAF organised two seminars as part of Belfast Exposed's Exchange Mechanism programme – a project which transformed their public gallery into an alternative political space where activists, artists, campaign groups and interested citizens were free to meet to exchange ideas via talks and debates.

The first on behalf of the Belfast's Cathedral Quarter 'Let's Get It Right' campaign to create a cultural hub for the city, explored the evolution of the group, achievements to date and Royal Exchange - a new development for the area.

Arts in Challenging Contexts was a discussion around the use of arts in

challenging contexts with contributions from three artists working in England, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Barry Stone, a writer who has worked on arts projects in the north of England for over 30 years talked about his experiences working in a wide range of difficult contexts.

Himself from a former industrialist town hit by rapidly growing unemployment in the 70s and 80s, Barry talked about the disenfranchisement of the so called 'underclass', how his experiences working in prisons and with drug users had challenged his own preconceptions.

Artist Fiona Whelan from Rialto Youth Project in Dublin talked about the challenges and rewards of working with young people and how drama was used to voice their experiences with the Gardai.

Anne-Marie Dillon is an artist born, living and working in Ballykinlar – a small village and townland in County Down which is home to both a local community and a British army base. She talked about how she has been using arts to bring members of the community together, provide arts and other activities for people of all ages and help lobby for local services.

Advocacy and lobbying

CAF is still pursuing a meeting with minister for culture, arts and leisure Nelson McCausland MLA, this meeting has unfortunately been postponed on several occasions. The object of the meeting is to offer the minister the opportunity to meet members of the community arts sector, learn about their work and the issues they face.

The Arts Council received a £1.1 million cut to its budget for the financial year



World Community Arts Day, Ulster Hall Belfast

2010-2011. During the consultation period on departmental budgets, CAF encouraged arts groups to write to the minister and encourage him to oppose this cut in light of the low per capita spend on arts in the region.

Some of this cut was passed on to arts groups through the 2010-2011 round of the Annual Support for Organisations (ASOP) programme. In a very tight funding round, community arts groups were cut or, like CAF, received a reduction in their funding. Some groups such as the Lyric Theatre and the Ulster Orchestra received a significant uplift (both these groups received uplifts of circa £150,000). CAF is currently researching the impact cuts will have on the community arts sector.

CAF prepared a response to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure (CAL) on its Inquiry into Funding for the Arts. CAF welcomed the fact that there was such strong recognition in the Inquiry of arts in community contexts. CAF asked, however, how aspirations for community arts within the Inquiry could be realised without a timeline or actions. CAF also expressed concern that the report fails to call for an increase in funding for arts in the region when the per capita spend is so low. Many of the 14 recommendations have resource implications, yet the inquiry does not seek additional resources to implement its recommendations. CAF suggested meeting the committee to discuss these issues in more detail.

CAF also wrote to the CAL committee on behalf of Invest in Inspiration asking to meet the committee to explore how the recommendations could be implemented.

Bill of Rights consultation

CAF facilitated a workshop on the Bill of Rights at the end of January 2010. This focused on cultural rights as most of the responses will focus on social and economic rights. CAF's written response is available at: www.caf.ie/caf_news.asp

Coming up...

Digital photography and photoshop

This workshop will take place on 9th April 2010 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm at the Digital Art Studios and will be facilitated by Joanna Karolini. For further information or to book a place contact: heather@caf.ie.

Peer critique session

A session for community artists to come together and discuss their work.

10 am - 4.00 pm, 16th April 2010.
CAF, 15 Church Street, Belfast

Do you feel ever isolated?
Would you like the opportunity to discuss your work with others working in community settings?

The session will be facilitated by Rosie Burrows and provide an opportunity for artist (in any medium) working in a community context to talk about their work and issues they encounter. Rosie is a qualified psychologist with experience working in a range of groupwork settings.

An open and informal session, it will allow participants to get support and advice from other each other and the facilitator.

This is the first in a series of sessions, for more information contact Heather Floyd, tel: 028 9024 2910 or email heather@caf.ie

Starting your own arts group?

Ever thought about starting your own arts group or organisation? This one off session could be the starting point for you.

CAF is calling for expressions of interest individuals and groups interested in taking part in CAF's forthcoming ½ day workshop on the practicalities of setting up your own arts group. To register your interest email: odonnell@caf.ie

FUNDING CALENDAR

Relevant funding deadlines for the coming months.

APRIL

Peace III Shared Cultural Space Funding - Belfast City Council

Applications are invited from organisations with a track record in delivering high quality, large scale cultural festivals. The maximum amount of funding available per organisation under this call is £25,000.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture/funding.asp

Deadline: 1 April 2010

Community Festivals Fund - Moyle District Council

Both the Council and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure have again put an equal amount of money into the fund for this year resulting in a total budget of £9,200 available for community festivals and events being held in the Moyle District in 2010/11.

www.moyle-council.org

Deadline: 2 April 2010

Arts & Cultural Development Grants - Cookstown District Council

Cookstown District Council Small Arts Grant Aid Scheme enables arts and community groups and individuals throughout the District to enhance existing, and undertake new community arts & cultural activities.

www.cookstown.gov.uk

Deadlines: 2 April 2010

Community Festivals Fund - Belfast City Council

Grants range from £2,500 with a maximum grant amount of £10,000.

Organisations must be formally constituted to apply to the Community Festivals Fund. The fund can support activities such as exhibitions, family fun days, historical talks, sports tournaments and concerts.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture/funding.asp

Deadline: 9 April 2010

Community Safety Small Grants Scheme - Belfast City Council

The Belfast Community Safety Partnership was established in 2004 to help Belfast be safer and feel safer. Grants are awarded along priority themes of: Tackling antisocial behaviour; Reducing alcohol fuelled violent crime; Dealing with hate crime; Helping Belfast feel safer.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture/funding.asp

Deadline: 9 April 2010

Elephant Trust Grants

The Elephant Trust was set up to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. Grants have usually been limited to £2,000 but larger grants may be considered.

www.elephanttrust.org.uk

Deadline: 13 April 2010

Public Art Programme - Arts Council of Northern Ireland

The Public Art Programme is designed to support the commissioning of new art for public places throughout Northern Ireland. The Arts Council embraces a wide range of media and art forms as Public Art – painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video and new media, temporary works, crafts and applied arts.

www.artscouncil-ni.org

Deadline: 15 April 2010

Project Funding - Arts Council of Northern Ireland

The aim of this programme is to assist organisations to deliver arts projects which contribute to the growth of arts in the community for new and existing audiences and which reflect the diversity of Northern Ireland's society and culture.

www.artscouncil-ni.org

Deadline: 15 April 2010

Revenue Grant - Belfast City Council

Groups from within the community sector are invited to apply for our Revenue Grant 2010/11. It contributes to the running costs of community buildings which deliver a wide range of activities in their local communities.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/culture/funding.asp

Deadline: 15 April 2010

PRSF - Performance, Festivals, Organisations, Promoters & New Works

Aims to provide small to medium scale funding which supports musicians, performers and promoters who are involved in creatively adventurous or pioneering musical activity. This includes projects with an arts and culture focus and events such as performing arts festivals.

www.prsfoundation.co.uk

Deadline: 16 April 2010

Good Relations Fund - Craigavon Borough Council

Applications are welcomed from organisations working in areas outlined by the councils Good Relations agenda: reducing community tension; reclaiming shared space; community development and tackling disadvantage and supporting race relations and cultural diversity

www.craigavon.gov.uk

Deadline: 16 April 2010

Arts Grants Scheme (Groups and Individuals) - Lisburn City Council

Lisburn Arts Advisory Committee's Arts Grant Scheme is designed to assist arts events, projects or activities, which take place in the City of Lisburn through the provision of direct grants or guarantees against loss. Two schemes are available, for groups and for individuals born or living in Lisburn.

www.lisburn.gov.uk

Deadline: 30 April 2010

Arts Awards - Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust is an independent medical research-funding charity whose mission is to foster and promote research with the aim of improving human and animal health. Allied to this is a commitment to engage the public with science through a diverse range of activities. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including artists, art venues, community groups, youth groups and art workers. Funding can be applied for at two levels: Small to medium sized projects (up to and including £30,000) and Large projects (above £30,000).

www.wellcome.ac.uk

Deadline: 30 April 2010

MAY

Grocers Charity

Favours small to medium scale proposals. Focuses on the relief of poverty, youth, disability, the arts and heritage.

www.grocershall.co.uk

Deadline: 1 May 2010

Arts and Heritage Small Grants Scheme - Antrim Borough Council

This scheme was set up to enable arts, community and special interest groups throughout the Antrim Borough area to enhance existing, and undertake new, community arts activities. Grants of up to £500 are available. The community arts development small grant can represent up to 90% of the total project cost.

www.antrim.gov.uk

Deadline: 3 May 2010

RVW Trust

Provides small scale funding and assistance for projects which directly relate to the promotion and education towards performance arts and music. The RVW Trust holds three main grant-making meetings a year.

www.rvwtrust.org.uk

Deadline: 3 May 2010

Henry Moore Foundation

The Foundation concentrates on fine arts particularly sculpture although it also aims to assist in the fields of arts culture and heritage, craft and design, cultural events and festivals, visual arts and media. Small to large scale funding is available.

www.henry-moore-fdn.co.uk

Deadline: 5 May 2010

Turkington Fund

Supports projects which benefit older people including the encouragement of older people to engage with a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities and influence policy.

www.communityfoundationni.org

Deadline: 11 May 2010

OFCOM Community Radio Fund

The OFCOM Community Radio Fund has been established to help fund the core costs of running a community radio station. These not-for-profit radio stations have a social purpose, and work to involve their target community in running the service.

www.ofcom.org.uk

Deadline: 11 May 2010

People's Millions

The aim of the scheme is to fund projects that improve the quality of life of local communities through transforming the local environment, or provide opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment.www.thepeoplesmillions.org.uk

Deadline: 14 May 2010

Hedley Foundation

The Hedley Foundation is a charitable foundation which supports young people, the disabled and the terminally ill.

www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk

Deadline: 19 May 2010

Good Relations Fund - Belfast City Council

The aim of the Good Relations Fund is to support community engagement in the context of good relations work - to promote good relations between people of different religious beliefs, political opinions and different racial groups in every aspect of our activities.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk

Deadline: 21 May 2010

Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives and primarily one-off projects. They focus on arts, education, environment, disability & health, community and social welfare.

www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Deadline: 24 May 2010

JUNE

Good Relations Grants - Strabane District Council

Good Relations covers a range of activities around developing equal relationships between divided communities. It aims to build relationships between people from different religious, political and ethnic traditions, in order to develop communication, trust and understanding.

www.strabanedc.com

Deadline: 1 June 2010

Fidelio Charitable Trust

Fidelio welcomes applications for grants in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk

Deadline: 1 June 2010

Ulster Local History Trust

The Ulster Local History Trust trustees seek to aid local historical studies in Ulster through financial aid, and by advice and encouragement. The most common type of grant awarded is for the publication of historical books. Exhibitions, training days and videos have also been grant aided.

www.ulht.org

Deadline: 1 June 2010

Youth Theatre Bursary

The Ulster Association for Youth Drama creates access to performing arts training for young people and arts facilitators.

www.uayd.co.uk

Deadline: 4 June 2010

Commonwealth Foundation Responsive Grants

The Commonwealth Foundation makes grants to civil society organisations to enable people to participate in activities that involve intercultural exchange: such as short training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, cultural festivals, exchanges and study visits in other Commonwealth countries.

www.commonwealthfoundation.com

Deadline: 30 June 2010

Further information on funding can be found at the CAF website. Our monthly newsletter, Community Arts Cash includes news, deadlines and training regarding funding opportunities. Subscribe now at www.caf.ie

Community Arts Weekly / Community Arts Cash

As part of its information service CAF produces a free weekly and monthly e-newsletter. Community Arts Weekly is CAF's weekly email bulletin and includes the latest community arts news, events, jobs and funding deadlines. Community Arts Cash is CAF's monthly funding e-newsletter and features funding news, deadlines for the coming month and information on funding related training.

To sign up for both newsletters visit www.caf.ie

CONTRIBUTE TO CAF'S E-NEWSLETTERS

Any individual or organisation can submit relevant information on projects, events, training or jobs for inclusion on the website and e-newsletter for free. For further details contact info@caf.ie or use the contact form at www.caf.ie

Online community arts directory

Everyone can access CAF's free online directory. With over 1,000 entries including community arts groups, individual artists, youth arts, arts and disability, arts and health, performance venues and a searchable list of funders. Log on to www.caf.ie to find out more.

Listing on the CAF directory is free and open to community artists and facilitators, community arts groups, projects and community venues. Contact info@caf.ie to find out how to apply to be added.

Join CAF

Become part of the fastest growing arts network in Northern Ireland. Our aim is to create access to the arts for everyone. CAF works towards this goal by:

- Offering advice and information;
- Providing community arts training and developing research for the sector;
- Creating networking opportunities; and
- Advocating and lobbying at all levels for more recognition and support for community arts.

As a member of CAF you'll be supporting CAF's work and ethos of providing access to the arts for all; be invited to give your opinions and feedback to inform the lobbying campaign and the development of its work; training/workshops run by CAF; and the right to vote at the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND FEES

Individual artists / small voluntary or community groups (non-subscription membership): FREE

Individual artists / small voluntary or community groups (subscription membership): £10

Affiliate voluntary or community group membership (over £25,000 pa): £30

Affiliate statutory sector/ associate membership (over £75,000 pa): £50

All members are entitled to free news updates. Only fee-based memberships are eligible for newsletter subscription and reduced rates offers.

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