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Small Grants Scheme Applications– Apply Now!

We are pleased to announce that the second round of the Small Grants Scheme are currently live!

Launched by Local Councils, the Department of the Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Tourism Northern Ireland, Choice Housing, Coca-Cola, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Keep Northern Beautiful, the small grants scheme provides support to volunteer projects that use innovative ways to reduce littering and dog fouling , improve your local environment, and contribute to the development of civic pride and tourism.

This round of the Small Grants are available from **£500 to £5,000** and are open to volunteer and community

groups, all school and third level education organisations, youth groups and sports clubs undertaking civic pride projects in the following Council areas:

- Belfast City Council
- Derry City and Strabane District Council
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NI wide)

We are pleased to announce that the Live Here Love Here partnership has grown to include Northern Ireland Housing Executive. They will be providing additional funding to groups who are active within areas managed by a Housing Executive/Association across all council areas.

To apply, simply download an application form from www.livehereandlovehere.org. The deadline for applications is **noon on Monday 28th November 2016**. For more information please visit www.livehereandlovehere.org or contact Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful on 028 9073 6920.

If your Live Here Love Here council is not on the list it is because their funding has all been allocated during Round 1 and fantastic projects are underway in your area, more grants will be launching in 2017. If you have any questions please contact smallgrants@livehereandlovehere.org

Small Grants Scheme



Coca Cola Coast Care Awards 2016 – Congratulations to our Winners!

On the 13th October 2016 Live Here Love Here, in association with Coca-Cola ran the Live Here Love Here Coast Care Awards for the seventh year running held at Parliament Buildings, Stormont.

These awards recognised the amazing work of volunteers involved in the Coast Care Programme who have gone the extra mile to clean up and look after our coastline, loughs and inland waterways. David Small, Deputy Secretary of Environment, Marine and Fisheries Group and Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Environment Agency



presented the dedicated volunteers with their awards along with BBC's Karen Patterson who hosted the event.



The awards even recognised the stunning scenery of Northern Ireland through a Picture Perfect Award supported by Tourism Ireland. For more information on the event, and how to get involved in the Coast Care Programme visit www.livehereandlovehere.org

Challenge Fund Applications are Closing Soon!

Are you a Community Group, Nursery, Primary Secondary level schools and third level education organisations working on environmental projects in your area? Then now is your chance to receive additional funding!

The Challenge Fund is an environmental funding programme established in 2011 to enable groups from the community and voluntary sector deliver a range of environmental projects.

The challenge fund is a great way to receive some funding for your project and is open to all not for profit organisations including Nursery, Primary Secondary level schools and third level education organisations.



Projects may be funded to a maximum of £20,000 and applications must be received by **noon on Friday 18th of November 2016**. All successful projects must be completed by the 15th of March 2017.

All applications to the Challenge Fund must fit with at least one of the themes:

- Civic Pride
- Access & Recreation
- Education & Awareness
- Environmental Management

To apply for this funding groups can complete the application form – downloadable from the Departmental website at www.daera-ni.gov.uk

Citi Belfast Colossal Clean Up!

On Friday 21st October a small team of volunteers from Citi Belfast rallied together with the help of Live Here Love Here to tackle the colossal amount of rubbish washed up on the harbour beach in Ardglass.

Awash with a sea of blue plastic gloves, fishing nets, cans, cushions and even a sealed bag of potatoes, this looked like the impossible task

when the Citi volunteers first set eyes on the beach. However, four hours later and with sheer determination, the beach was transformed!



In 2014, almost 15.5 tonnes of litter was removed from our beaches in Northern Ireland. A massive forty heavy bags of rubbish were removed from this clean up alone!

Richard Joseph on behalf of Citi Belfast said, “Citi Belfast was delighted to take part in the Ardglass beach clean. Although we were a bit daunted when we arrived and viewed its litter strewn condition, we were delighted to see the change the 5 off us brought to this small part of the Northern Ireland coast line in such a short time. We in Citi recognise the great effort that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful perform in these clean ups and are ready to help in future events”.

By getting involved in Live Here Love Here, the volunteers showed a commitment to making a difference to our surroundings. If you would like to make a difference in your area whether it be big or small contact Live Here Love Here at enquiries@livehereandlovehere.org or visit www.livehereandlovehere.org

Peninsula Health Living launch Green Gym at Kircubbin Community Centre

During the summer Peninsula Health and Living constructed two new polytunnels at Kircubbin Community Centre, elements of this projects were funded by the Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme.

With the support of The Conservation Volunteers a range of raised beds were also built at the site to create a green gym, an outdoor exercise class to not only benefit your own health but also create an amazing space to enjoy with your friends and family!

The site was specifically designed for all ages to enjoy and emerge themselves in the striking surroundings and beautiful scents from the flower and herb beds.

If you would like to get involved, The Conservation Volunteers will be onsite every Tuesday between 12.30pm and 3pm, offering help and support on best practice and the best kept gardening secrets! **For more information call down between 12.30pm and 3pm on a Tuesday or call the Kircubbin Community Centre at 028 42739021.**



Upper Springfield Resource Centre win Community Award for Live Here Love Here Garden

Congratulations to children and young people from Springmadden, winning a West Belfast Partnership Community Environment Award for their Live Here Love Here Garden in Springhill Park.



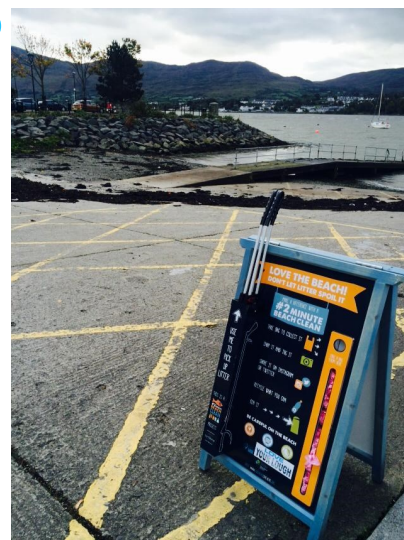
The West Belfast Partnership's Community Environment Awards are held each year to celebrate those who have worked to improve, protect and enhance the environment in west Belfast.

The garden, funded by Live Here Love Here, was developed by Upper Springfield Resource Centre to create a community memorial garden in an overgrown and neglected area, which often attracted antisocial behaviour. Graffiti was removed from the walls and the group repainted the wall with positive images. A large number of people from the local community also attended an event to plant flowers in shrubs in memory of lost loved ones.

#2MinuteBeachClean Boards Come to Northern Ireland

#2MinuteBeachClean boards are hitting the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council beaches to combat litter on our shoreline!

The #2minutebeachclean boards are placed on a beach, and have a space for litter pickers and bags; so when you are out and about on your local beach you can pick up a litter picker and a bag and carry out a quick clean up. A two minute beach clean might seem insignificant but removing even the smallest bit of rubbish makes a difference. That one piece of plastic is no longer a hazard to our marine life and won't break down into micro plastics which could be ingested!



Nicola Fitzsimons, Live Here Love Here said, "We are delighted that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are the first council to introduce the Two Minute Beach Clean Boards to their beaches. This will allow anybody who is out enjoying our coastline to do their small bit and help keep our beaches clean. Don't forget to take a snap of the litter you collect and post it on social media using #2minutebeachclean."

If you would like to get involved or purchase a board for your area, please contact Nicola

Fitzsimons at Nicola.fitzsimons@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org.

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