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## NORTHERN IRELAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL ACTION GROUPS



**ARC North West** - currently closed for applications

**SOAR (Southern Organisation for Action in Rural Areas)** - opened for its fourth call for applications on Monday 13 December, under all Measures:

- Measure 3.1 : Diversification into non-agricultural activities
- Measure 3.2 : Support for business creation and development
- Measure 3.3 : Encouragement of tourism activities
- Measure 3.4 : Basic services for the economy and rural population
- Measure 3.5 : Village renewal and development
- Measure 3.6 : Conservation and upgrading of rural heritage

These measures will remain open until Thursday 31 March 2011 at 4.00 pm

**THE NORTH EAST RDP** - currently closed for applications

**GROW South Antrim** - Opening and closing dates for the following measures:

Farm Diversification	3 May -13 June 2011
Business Creation & Development	3 May -13 June 2011
Rural Tourism	3 May -13 June 2011
Basic Services	14 Feb - 28 March 2011
Village Renewal	4 April - 9 May 2011
Rural Heritage	14 Feb - 28 March 2011

**LAGAN RURAL PARTNERSHIP** - open for applications on Monday 14 February 2011 and will close on Friday 1 April 2011 at 5.00pm

**DOWN RURAL AREA PARTNERSHIP** - Down Rural Area Partnership (DRAP) will open for applications from Friday 7th January 2011 for potential projects based within, or which demonstrate clear impact within the rural local authority area of Ards, Banbridge, Down and North Down, for the following measures; Measures 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.6

This call will close on Monday 14th February 2011 at 4.00pm. Applications submitted after this date and time will not be accepted.

**SWARD** (South West Action for Rural Development) - 3.3 and 3.4 opened on Monday 22nd November 2010 and will close at 12 Noon on Friday 28th January 2011.

## AFFECTED BY THE WATER CRISIS OVER CHRISTMAS?

The Consumer Council wants hear from those affected by the water crisis over the Christmas and New Year period. Maybe those whom you work with or advise were left without mains water for days; had water rationing and were left frustrated by the accuracy or lack of information available.



The Consumer Council

We want to hear real life stories that will form the basis of a report into how the crisis was handled. This report will be presented to the NI Executive alongside the independent review that is currently taking place.

The Consumer Council wants to know how you or your business was affected:

- What was your personal experience during the water crisis?
- How did you manage or what support did you receive?
- What would have helped you during the crisis?
- How do you think this could be prevented from happening again?

**Tell us at**

***watercrisis@consumercouncil.org.uk or telephone 0800 121 6022***



## BUILDING THE COMMUNITY-PHARMACY PARTNERSHIP (BCPP) FUNDING

The Community Development and Health Network has opened a new round of funding through its **Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP)** programme.

BCPP promotes and supports local communities to work in partnership with community pharmacists to address local health and social wellbeing needs using a community development approach. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to projects that

- Satisfy a real community need
- Show partnership working with community pharmacists and the local community
- Show evidence of working with people, using a community development approach and
- Demonstrate value for money

Projects are supported by BCPP through finance and monitoring training, group work skills training, evaluation training and site visits.

A new round of funding is open for applications.

**Level 1** funding is for those interested in developing ideas and a community pharmacy partnership. This funding is open to all constituted community groups and pharmacists and grants will be awarded of up to £2,000 for a maximum of 9 months.

**Level 2** is for those who have a clear vision of what their project will do, what issues it will look at, who it will partner with and how it will go about achieving its aims and objectives. This funding is open to all constituted community groups and pharmacists and grants will be awarded of up to £10,000 for a maximum of 2 years.

### Closing Dates

- Level 1 applications -10 March 2011
- Level 2 applications -20 April 2011

For further information on BCPP or to apply for funding see [www.cdhn.org/bcpp](http://www.cdhn.org/bcpp) Tel: 028 3026 4606

## HELP AVAILABLE IF YOU'RE DEALING WITH DEBT

Almost everyone has some form of debt, be it money owed on a credit card, a bank loan or overdraft, or a mortgage. But if you're having trouble paying your bills or loan repayments, you should get help as soon as possible.



### Help for tackling debt

nidirect has teamed up with the Consumer Financial Education Body (CFEB), which is responsible for helping consumers understand financial services in the UK and manage their finances better. If you're struggling with debt, you should:

- take stock - can you cover your bills, loan repayments or other debts with your income, or are they becoming unmanageable?
- work out the scale of the problem - make a list of your debts and prioritise them
- draw up a realistic budget - see if there's anything you can cut back on before working out how much of your debts you can afford to pay back
- talk to the people you owe money to - they may be able to help you. Don't ignore the problem
- get help - there are lots of organisations that offer free debt advice and can help you work out a plan of action
- stay in control - once your debt is under control, try to review your situation regularly to avoid it happening again

*For further information go to:*  
[www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/money-tax-and-benefits/debt](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/money-tax-and-benefits/debt)

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