
Fermanagh and Armagh Connected Together - FACT

Valuing the lives of our Older People



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The FACT Project is a new partnership initiative between South East Fermanagh Foundation and County Armagh Phoenix Group and is funded by the Big Lottery Fund which will see community-based services being offered for the over 60's within Counties Fermanagh and Armagh over the next 5 year period.



Date for your Diary
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Thursday 19 /9/2013
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'The Big Lunch' on Saturday 27 July is the first of many exciting projects planned. The FACT Project will provide a wide range of social and information-based events throughout Counties Armagh and Fermanagh in order to decrease levels of loneliness and isolation. To find out more about the FACT Project, please contact Sharon Howe (Finance and Activities Coordinator) on 028 6772 2615.

The Project will be officially launched on Thursday 19 September 2013, at the West Wing, Crom Castle and a busy Programme of activities and services will be offered to communities throughout Counties Fermanagh and Armagh from October 2013 onwards.

Please keep an eye in the Press for further details or why not drop into or call the FACT Office.



The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the United Kingdom to have lunch with their neighbours once a year in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Since starting in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all types of community across the United Kingdom. This year the official 'Big Lunch' was held on: Sunday 2nd June and millions of people took to their streets, gardens and community spaces for the fifth annual Big Lunch.

South East Fermanagh Foundation is also getting in on the act via the FACT Project (Fermanagh and Armagh Connected Together) and will be holding a Big Lunch, on Saturday 27 July from 1-3 pm in the Archdale Hall and Market Yard, Main Street Lisnaskea.

There will be a tea dance with some outside games in the Market yard. Come along for a wee dance, a cup of tea and some lunch. Halifax have provided £150 funding towards the initiative and a number of their Staff will assist as Volunteers on the day of the Lunch.

Meet the FACT staff...



Sharon Howe (Finance & Activities Co-ordinator - Full Time, Lisnaskea)

Originally from Teemore but now living just outside Lisnaskea with my husband Charlie & son Dylan.

Many of you may already know the face as I have been the secretary in the High School for the past 5 years. In my spare time I enjoy boating on Lough Erne.



Brian McConnell (Projects Officer - Part Time, Armagh)

Brian is from Tullyvallen, South Armagh and has worked and volunteered within the Victim/Community/Voluntary sectors for over 15 years holding a range of positions. Brian is also heavily involved in supporting local community development-based organisations within his own local area. In his spare time Brian plays for City of Armagh Rugby Club and is a member of Whitewater Pipe Band.



Watch out

Programme of events—Autumn

Sign up to be a member and receive a regular newsletter which will detail all upcoming events and courses. We will be running a wide variety of events including, cultural diversity trips, monthly lunches, yoga, 'cook it' programmes, information sessions, first aid, colour and style workshops, and aerobics. There will also be opportunities for you to act as a volunteer for the project. Membership forms are available at the office or email showe_fact@hotmail.co.uk or brianmcconnellfwh@btinternet.com

We are currently working on the programme of events and will have more details shortly, which will in turn be publicised