



We're back for another Coffee Connection!



We've been listening to your feedback and we know how much our members have been enjoying our Coffee Connection events - so we've organised another round for Autumn this year!

This time we're really encouraging you all to come along and bring a friend, especially if you haven't been before! Our Coffee Connection events are informal, relaxed and an opportunity for us to get to know you, and for you to get to know us better!

As usual we have organised a series of these events across Northern Ireland, so please check the list on the right for more details.

Please let us know if you're interested in coming. You can do so by calling Briege McAlister on **028 95 362550** or by emailing: **briege.mcalister@nhs.uk**.

Date	Time	Venue
10 th Oct	2:00pm	Tesco Newtownbreda, South Belfast
16 th Oct	10:30am	Beech Hall Wellbeing Centre, West Belfast
17 th Oct	10:30am	Arches Centre, East Belfast
19 th Oct	2:00pm	Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts, North Belfast
2 nd Oct	10:00am	Tidal Centre, Toome
3 rd Oct	6:00pm	Whitehead Community Centre
13 th Oct	10:00am	Cushendall Development Centre
17 th Oct	10:00am	Omagh Community House
9 th Oct	2:00pm	Derg Valley Healthy Living Centre, Limavady
10 th Oct	10:30am	Craft Village Cottage, Derry~Londonderry
11 th Oct	10:00am	Tommy Makem Arts Centre, Keady
12 th Oct	2:00pm	Jethro Centre, Lurgan
18 th Oct	2:00pm	Nautilus Centre, Kilkeel
11 th Oct	2:00pm	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
13 th Oct	10:30am	Newcastle Centre
20 th Oct	10:30am	Ards Arts Centre (Newtownards Town Hall)

Do you want to know the top tips for getting involved?



At our last round of Coffee Connections some of our members told us that they'd like to take part in training to gain the skills and knowledge needed to get better involved. Taking that feedback on board, we've developed some involvement 'taster training' events. These half day sessions aim to give participants the top tips for getting their voice heard and are perfect for folk thinking about dipping their toes into the wider involvement arena.

We would encourage all members who have a keen interest in getting more involved in health and social care services to come along. Training sessions have been organised in each Trust area - you can find more details in the table opposite.

Date	Time	Venue
24 th Oct	10:00am	Grosvenor House, Belfast City Centre
8 th Nov	10:00am	Tesco Newtownbreda, South Belfast
26 th Oct	12:30pm	Antrim Library
27 th Oct	12:30pm	Causeway Urban and Rural Network, Coleraine
25 th Oct	10:00am	Jethro Centre, Lurgan
7 th Nov	1:00pm	The Junction, Dungannon
30 th Oct	10:30am	Londonderry Park Pavillion, Newtownards
31 st Oct	1:30pm	Lagan View Enterprise Centre, Lisburn
6 th Nov	10:30am	Verbal Arts Centre, Derry~Londonderry
7 th Nov	1:30pm	Omagh Leisure Centre

If you're interested in attending, or would like more information about these sessions, please contact Briege McAlister on 028 95 362550 or email: briege.mcalister@hscni.net.

Public consultation launched on £70M health service savings



On 24th August all five Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts announced at meetings open to the public that they have been tasked by the Department of Health to develop draft savings plans to deliver a total saving of £70M in 2017/18. Each Trust has been set a different financial target and each put forward proposals as to how they would meet these targets.

The Trusts have now launched a six-week public consultation period, in which they are asking healthcare professionals, service users, carers and members of the public to have their say about the proposed cuts.

These consultation documents can be accessed online via each Trust's website or people can request the document in hard copy format (alternative formats can also be provided). Further details of any public consultation events will be made public as soon as the details have been finalised.

Each Trust stresses that no decisions have been made on the proposed savings and this consultation provides an opportunity for people to give their views on the proposals.

Weblinks for each Trust website have been listed below, as well as a telephone number for those who may wish to request a hard copy / alternative format of the consultation documents.

Comments should be returned by 5th October 2017.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Web: www.belfasttrust.hscni.net

Tel: 028 95 048734

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Web: www.southerntrust.hscni.net

Tel: 028 37 564151

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Web: www.northerntrust.hscni.net

Tel: 028 27 661377

Western Health and Social Care Trust

Web: www.westerntrust.hscni.net

Tel: 028 82 835278

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Web: www.setrust.hscni.net

Tel: 028 90 550434

