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Supporting Victims & Survivors, Strengthening Communities



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The SEFF Office

is open
Monday - Friday,
9am - 5pm
for general office
business
If you require support or
help with completing
DHSS or other Welfare
forms Tina will be availa-
ble to assist with this
service.

As much as is possible,
Tina will be in the office
on

Tuesdays from
10am - 5pm.

However, if you require
help outside these times,
please contact the office,
leave your name and
number and someone
will contact you to ar-
range a suitable time.

Dear Member,

Lots has been happening in SEFF since the last Newsletter was issued. We hosted families of the 1st Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers who were back in Fermanagh for a Memorial dedication unveiling to their loved ones. We've continued our lobbying work with Government, statutory agencies and others and we have continued to deliver the services and programmes which you, the members have come to value and utilise.

Next month's Newsletter will feature reports on a Residential that SEFF are attending at The Glenree Peace Centre, Wicklow with the leaderships of our main Churches and much more.

Drama Project

Playwright Jonathan Burgess has been appointed to work with SEFF volunteers and members, in writing a short drama depicting the various issues that victims/survivors have faced in these areas. The purpose of the drama is to educate new audiences as to the unique border experience and the anti-violence belief system which was at the heart of those living within these areas.

Jonathan has been speaking to members within SEFF and has material now in place to assist in the preparation of a script. We appeal for would be actors within SEFF's membership to come forward to indicate your interest in becoming involved with this Project. You do not have to have had any previous acting experience.

2. SEFF Families Recording Project

Families previously approached us wanting the opportunity to share memories of what their loved ones lives stood for, who they were as people, their hobbies and traits etc. We would appeal with bereaved families to contact us and to find out further information on this Project. Recordings are currently taking place and feedback thus far has been very positive. Bob Lyons (Videographer) and Matthew Dawson (Facilitator) are leading on this.

Next monthly member meeting: Wednesday 25th May 2016 @ 7.30pm. Dr Simon Taylor of The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst will be in attendance to give a presentation on the campaign waged by PIRA terrorists in East Tyrone. A short Member's meeting will then follow.

Kenny

SEFF offices will be closed on the May Day Holiday - Monday 30th May

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RENEWING SEFF MEMBERSHIP 2016/17

We are fast approaching the new membership year at SEFF; **1st July 2016**. Payments for renewing can be made by either cheque, cash or standing orders from your bank account. *If you wish to set up a standing order please obtain a standing order mandate from your bank and then call the office and we will give you the required bank details for SEFF needed to complete the form.* Regrettably we cannot do card payments over the phone or in the office.

Since the introduction of our membership some of your details may have changed ie: address/mobile/phones/ postcodes etc.

Enclosed for each household are two new membership forms (if required) which we would appreciate that you complete with ALL the relevant details included on the forms along with your renewal fee.

Membership fees are as follows: £10 per adult renewing in the household.

Post primary school age (12 - 16 yrs old) is £5 each and under 11's are free.

August will be the last month that we will send out SEFF newsletters to all those on the current 2015/16 membership database before we implement the updated 2016/17 mailing list.

We would appreciate if you could pay membership fees before **31st July 2016** and if possible that you would also sign up for gift aid if you are paying tax on your income, if you have not already done so.

Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Ulster Scot Summer Schools

SEFF has applied to the Ulster Scots Agency for funding of the following Summer Schemes for young people.

The annual **Summer School**, will be for sixty 7 to 16 year olds and will be held in Lisnaskea High School over five days, from **Monday 25th to Friday 29th July 2016**. The scheme will be jammed packed with activities over the five days, with a trip to the Siege Museum in Londonderry planned.

Subject to funding, we are also planning a **Youth Residential Weekend** at the Rosscor Youth Village, near Belleek from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th August**, for up to thirty 11 to 18 year olds.

If music and drama appeal, we are also organising two **Drama Schools** this August.

The first is from **1st to 5th August 2016**, and is angled towards juniors from the ages of 7 to 14 years. We anticipate that this will be held in Brookeborough Primary School over the week. This drama school is based on a play by the popular Ulster Scots Playwright Dan Gordon, and will be exploring Ulster Scots Culture and language through an Agricultural themed play.

The second scheme will be a Senior musical, aimed at twenty 15 to 18 year olds. We are hoping that this will take place at Enniskillen Integrated College. **More information to follow soon.**

Family Respite Weekend

We are currently planning a weekend family respite trip to the Carrowmena Activity Centre, near Limavady .

This will take place over the weekend Friday 5th to Sunday 7th August 2016, & will be for up to **30 SEFF members (10-12 adults 18-20 Children)**.

The accommodation at Carrowmena is a mixture of cabins and glamping pods, and offers activities such as a Climbing Wall, Zip Line and Archery sessions. There will also be an opportunity for folk to have a day out in Portrush. **The price per person is £50 per adult and £25 per child under 12 years old.**



SEFF representatives meeting with UN Special Rapporteur, Pablo de Greiff, (Justice Truth Reparations & Guarantee of Non-Recurrence) in meeting facilitated by the Victims Commission.

SEFF raised a range of pertinent issues relevant to innocent victims and survivors.

Victims & Survivors Service: Individual Needs Programme

If registered with the VSS at this stage you should have received an application pack/award letters for this financial year (2016-2017) across the relevant schemes; Support for the Bereaved, Support for the Injured 1, Support for the Injured 2 and Carers.

If you have any problems or queries in regards to your letter(s) then please phone the office and we can support you with this.

Please note the Financial Assistance scheme is currently open and closes on Friday 17th June 2016 at 5pm should you need any assistance in completing this form please contact us ASAP.



SEFF's Advocacy Service

AflV's core casework continues and we would encourage anyone with any concerns that the Advocacy service can help with to contact the office and arrange an appointment.

During this last month, AflV has met with volunteer advocates who took part in the Advocacy Skills Training in January to discuss how the service would operate across the country and to give each advocate a clearer understanding of their role. Several groups under the IVU banner have sent their members to become volun-



AflV's Staff and Volunteer Advocates meet to discuss the operation of the service across Northern Ireland and receive Advocacy Skills Certificates.

From Left: Mitch Breslin, Decorum NI; Jenny Ferguson, SEFF; Matthew Gault, AflV Staff; Rev Alan Irwin, Chairman of AflV; Kyle Black, SEFF; John Eaglesham, AflV Committee Member; Ken Funston, AflV Manager; Franklin Kelly, ESTWS; Cheryl Patton, MUVE; Norman Kirkpatrick, SEFF

teer advocates and to work together to help all innocent victims with their truth, justice and accountability needs irrespective of their locality.

Research work for the Border Trails in West Fermanagh, North Fermanagh and Enniskillen is in its final stages. The Border Trails are constantly being added to as new personal accounts are given during the Trail and as new research comes to light, so we would encourage anyone who has something they'd like to have included in the Trails to call the office or e-mail Matthew. We are also working on a project examining how forced displacements have affected the border regions of Fermanagh and would like anyone who wishes to contribute personal accounts or has newspaper clippings they would like to share to contact the SEFF Office.

As always, please call us if you have any concerns or needs that can be addressed through the advocacy service to arrange a meeting.

**Kind Regards,
Ken & Matthew**

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SEFF and Fermanagh welcomes back the families of the 1st Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Kenny explains: "We committed to the families last September that we would unveil a plaque and personalised photo montage to honour their loved ones and that this would be erected in the Legion Hall. We are indebted to Enniskillen RBL who said yes without hesitation".

"The weekend has been difficult for the families returning to Northern Ireland and Fermanagh and a number came with heavy and hurting hearts. We pray that they leave this weekend with a knowledge that very many people in County Fermanagh care about them and their welfare".

"The evil perpetrated 32 years ago on Wednesday last against off duty soldiers enjoying a day's fishing in the tranquil surroundings of County Fermanagh was an act of cowardice and opportunism - it was not done in the name of the vast majority of the community, it was done by a terror movement whose ideology was and is wedded to ethnic and sectarian hatred".

"SEFF will continue to reach out to the families of Regular British Army soldiers who are hurting in silence throughout GB and who have unfinished business with this place. Because of their sacrifices and others Northern Ireland remains free and its' people have hope of something better".

"Whilst the family representatives were staying in Fermanagh they were brought out for a boat trip on the Lough where they were shown the area where their loved ones fished that fateful day, they also visited Marble Arch Caves, received therapy treatments and were involved in a SEFF meeting with The Minister of State for Northern Ireland Ben Wallace MP (who himself is an ex-military man with three tours completed in Northern Ireland)

"Thanks go out to all those who made the weekend possible; the volunteer drivers, the folks at the Legion, Rev Alan Irwin, Bob and Avril Lyons, Venton Dunwoody who designed the plaque and many, many others. SEFF's army of volunteers kicked in as always".



Left to right are: Kenny Donaldson, Kathleen Martin (sister of John Aldridge) Annette Gallimore (widow of Samuel Gallimore) Christine Huggins (widow of Robert Huggins) Sheila Agar (widow of Thomas) and Rev Alan Irwin



Above pic shows representatives of the four soldier's families represented - Agar's, Huggins', Aldridge's and Gallimore's

IVU - UPDATE

Event: hustings event was held with political parties who contested the upcoming Assembly election on Thursday 21st April 2016

Those who contributed were:

Cllr Denise Mullen (SDLP) Whose father Oliver Mullen was murdered in Moy, County Tyrone by loyalist terrorists.

Brian Higginson (UKIP)

Sandra Overend (UUP)

Jeffrey Donaldson MP (DUP)

Jim Allister (TUV)

Chairman for the meeting was Prof Arthur Aughey (Ulster University)

8 core needs of the IVU constituency which we seek your support for and your Party's commitment to further:

1. Commitment from your Party to examine current legislation around the glorification of terrorism with a view to introducing more robust legislation which carries with it robust sentencing.
2. Commitment from your Party to examine current legal aid structures and the imbalance which exists in terms of those cases supported with State sponsorship.
3. That your Party will redouble its' efforts around the provision of a special Pension for the seriously injured insisting that those who were injured at their own hand are not supported through any 'official direct scheme' introduced by the Government.
4. That your Party will support the re-instating and backdating of pensions for UDR Widows and other Army Widows who re-married. Army Widows should be treated no differently to Police or Prison Office widows.
5. That your Party will support IVU's campaign for a change to the 'Definition of Victim.' If this cannot be resolved through existing legislative structures that your Party would examine with others the potential for a Public Referendum to be held on the issue.
6. Commit your Party to never provide support for the development of a 'Conflict Transformation Centre' at the former Maze Prison site, whether this year, next year or in the medium-longer term.
7. In the event of a BRexit that your Party would lobby National Government strongly ensuring that comparable financial resources as being made available via Peace IV are made available to enable envisaged work programmes supporting victims and survivors to be taken forward.
8. That your Party will fight for the innocent victims and survivors of Gaddafi sponsored PIRA terrorism insisting that the current legal writ is furthered but also that a pool of finance is in place to support the needs of victims/survivors of PIRA terrorism across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland supporting such individual's advocacy, health and wellbeing and other practical needs.

IVU - UPDATE

IVU seeks support for its' agenda

In a statement Kenny Donaldson, IVU Spokesman stated: "IVU felt it important to hold a seminar discussion where we would appraise local political parties contesting the forthcoming `N.I Assembly election about the needs of our members with a view to securing their support and commitment to further these issues".

"Within our opening address we presented 8 core needs for IVU's constituency of victims and survivors and we secured the full backing of the TUV, UKIP and DUP representatives on these issues with the SDLP and UUP representatives also associating themselves with the content and committing to liaise with their Party leaderships around IVU's agenda for change".

"IVU made clear to the panellists the sheer frustration and sense of injustice which permeates across many innocent victims and survivors of terrorism who feel that unresolved murder cases concerning their loved ones are given mere lip service and are treated very differently to those cases where there is alleged involvement and responsibility from individual members of the Security Forces/the State".

"The case was made very strongly of the need for properly resourced advocacy infrastructure which would enable the IVU constituency to be best represented in the event of the new HIU and other legacy structures being legislated for".

Mr Donaldson added: "The gathering were encouraged by the commitments given by all four of the Unionist candidates that no 'Conflict Transformation Centre' would be positioned on the former Maze Prison site this year, next year or in the medium-longer term - that this issue was non negotiable".

Other issues discussed through opening remarks and the Q and A session included:



*The Mental Health Trauma Service
Oral History Archive
HIU and ICIR structures
The definition of victim
The role of the Rol State concerning
'The Troubles'
Disclosure commitments made by
both the UK and Rol Governments*



FACT May 2016 Update

The **FACT** project have been extremely busy this month. Following on from our success in the St Patricks Parade we were invited to dance at a tea dance in the Shambles Variety Market Armagh. This was part of the celebrations surrounding Northern Ireland Year of Food & Drink 2016. **FACT** dancers from both counties provided a demonstration and encouraged passers-by to join in. New **FACT** members were signed up along the way.

These beautiful sculptures were created at an event in Kinawley from electric wire, old t-shirts and bits and bobs. Huge thanks to Mervyn and Alice Gould who set up the hall and the ladies who provided the delicious lunch.

FACT were delighted to host Tim Richmond, Watch Commander from Enniskillen Fire Station and his brilliant fire dog Reggie this morning at the Ardhowen Theatre. Reggie is a specialist fire dog trained to detect the sources of fires started deliberately. **FACT** members got to see Reggie at work during a practical demonstration and as well as that we are very grateful to Tim for providing an excellent presentation on steps we can take within the home to prevent fire. Remember any **FACT** members seeking a FREE home fire safety check can contact Yvonne / Sharon at the **FACT** Office 67722615 to arrange a referral to the NI Fire Service.

FACT is on Facebook so friend and like us to spread the word. Contact the **FACT** Fermanagh office for more information on 028 677 22615 / 07711590771 or email: showe_fact@hotmail.co.uk. Please note the Lisnaskea office opening hours are 9.00am - 3.00pm.



'Morning, SEFF Calling'

Hello Folks,

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through 2016, time waits for no man they say; and Morning SEFF Calling is now in its seventh month, and growing steadily. However with growth comes the need for more volunteers to help as with this gratifying service and we are keen to recruit more volunteers for assist.



If you feel that you may like to donate for up three hours a week to this service to help us bring a little comfort into someone's life just by saying 'Hello, how are you today?' then please get in touch with the office where you can find out more about what is proving to be an invaluable service. From my own experience, I have found that those who use this weekly service have found it very comforting and reassuring to know that they will be speaking with another person on a regular basis, in some cases this is the only other person they speak with all week.

We are also considering extending the Service to provide an evening phone call option on Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8.30pm. If you think you would like to get involved - please contact with the SEFF office.

Training will be provided.

Remember if you feel you would like to avail of this service or know someone who may please get in touch with SEFF Office on 02867723884/67722242 and we will go through the service in more detail for you.

We trust that you have all been enjoying the great weather, lets hope its not the end of our summer!

Ann & Rita of Morning SEFF Calling.

BEFRIENDING SERVICE UPDATE

Hi All,

As we head to what is supposed to be summer, we are all making plans to get away or just relax and hopefully enjoy some good weather. The year seems to be flying past, especially when we are very busy within the Befriending Team. We continually keep up to date with meetings and training, some that is compulsory and some training that is extra but comes in useful in our work.

Befrienders continue to enjoy working with their Befriendees, coming to SEFF events, accompanying them to appointments and much more. We have a temporary drop in Befriender numbers due other commitments so are trying to work around that and have now got four people trained to solely drive people to appointments etc, we hope to get this new team up and running in the near future.

We look forward to meeting with you and especially love to see you at Coffee Mornings. Apologies to those who came in for the Parkinson's Talk, the speaker had a family emergency so had to cancel at the last minute. We will be rerunning this talk at a later stage so watch for the new date.

The next Coffee Morning is **Thursday 26th May 2016** and is about **Money Matters**, a rep from Advice NI is coming along to discuss how we can manage our money better. Do try to join in with events and catch up with us all as often as you can.

Chat soon, The Befriending Team



COFFEE MORNINGS - Starting at 10.30am



DATE, TIME & VENUE

SPEAKER

Thursday 26th May 2016

John Bradbury from Advice N.I - speaking on 'Money Matters' issues

Thursday 30th June 2016

Cancer Focus N.I (Cancer Prevention talk)

SEFF's Counselling Service

Accessing Counselling is not a sign of weakness, rather it should be viewed as a sign of strength, a realisation that sometimes we can't just deal with things on our own - that when issues get too big, too complicated, too painful to deal with that we need to reach out and accept support from another.

If interested in learning more about SEFF's Counselling Service then please contact:

Helen (Counsellor based at SEFF, Lisnaskea)

Mob: 07510068382

Susanne (Outreach Counsellor based in

Banbridge) Mob: 07732708498,

Ruth (Outreach Counsellor based in

Cookstown/Dungannon/Richill)

Mob: 07912439345

Or call the SEFF Office on:

028 677 23884 / 677 22242.

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES 2016-17

WE ARE TAKING NAMES FOR COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES FOR THE COMING NEW FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17, WE PLAN TO RUN THESE IN MAY JUNE 2016,

IF INTERESTED IN AVAILING OF 5 SESSIONS OF MASSAGE, (**HOT STONES ARE NOW AVAILABLE**)

AROMATHERAPY, REFLEXOLOGY, PHYSIOTHERAPY, HOPI EAR CANDLE, KINESIOLOGY OR INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON

028 677 23884 OR 677 22242.

£40 CONTRIBUTION FOR 5 SESSIONS - IT IS POSSIBLE TO PAY £20 AT THE BEGINNING & £20 AT THE END OF TREATMENT SESSIONS.



CHILD PROTECTION COURSE

SEFF are running an accredited one day course, facilitated by Volunteer Now on Child Protection.

If you are interested in doing this course or updating your certificate

On Saturday 11th June 2016 from

10am - 4pm in SEFF.

Please call the SEFF office on 028

677 23884

to register your details

Cost - £15 pp

Photography Enthusiastic?



Would you like a few hints and tips from a professional photographer?

The please call the office and leave your name and number to attend a two day class (Saturday's) over the summer months (dates confirmed when numbers confirmed)



Planned sessions to take place outside shooting images and getting help to take the best picture with your camera.



SEFF Tel: 02867723884

£10 per person

Notices Out & About the Area



100th Anniversary Battle Of the Somme Festival
Lisnaskea District LOL No4

July 1, 1916

**Friday
24th
June
2016**



On the Day:

- ~ Act of Remembrance
- ~ Amusements for the Kids (**FREE**)
- ~ Children's Period Fancy Dress (**PRIZE** for the best dressed)
- ~ Bygone Day Games-with Prizes
- ~ BBQ Available
- ~ Local & Visiting Musical Entertainment
- ~ Bands on the Day - 9th Battalion (Tyrone)
- ~ R.I.F. Band playing Military Style Music

LIVING HISTORY

**RE-ENACTMENT on
the evening of the
Christmas Truce &
Battle of the
Somme
1st July
1916**

**Family
FunDay**
All Welcome

7pm in Lisnaskea High School

Any Green Finger Enthusiasts?



SEFF still have a few Allotments available for those who wish to get some fresh air, grow fresh vegetables and make new friendships with other enthusiastic horticulturists as well as link with other Allotment Projects in N.I and over the border

Please contact the office if you wish to avail of an allotment for £30 or acquire two for £50 for the period;

01/02/2016 -
31/01/2017

Tel: 028 677 23884



Ballindarragh LOL 689

**REMEMBERING & COMMEMORATING
1916**

EXHIBITION

PHOTOGRAPHIC & MEMORABILIA DISPLAY

Fri 3rd June 7.30pm -9.30pm

Sat 4th June - 12pm - 9pm

Magulresbridge Orange Hall

Free Admittance

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

ALL WELCOME



If anyone has any memorabilia of this era and would like to lend it to the organiser for the duration of the exhibition please contact Barrett Rennick on 02866387798

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**WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU
TO
A NIGHT OF DANCING
IN
FAWNEY ORANGE HALL
ON
FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2016
WITH
MUSIC
BY
CURTIS MAGEE
TICKETS £5.00 EACH
EVERYONE WELCOME**



GOD SAVE THE QUEEN