

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Throughout the current restrictions and with the community centre closed, the association are delivering as many FREE activities online as possible and a list of activities are detailed below.

- Zumba – 4 weeks via zoom commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Suitable for teenagers and adults from the comfort of your own home.
- Martial Arts for Kids – 4 weeks via zoom, commencing Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 6:45pm – 7:45pm – Suitable for ages 6+
- Culture Programme – An art programme for young people of the area with packs available with all relevant materials (paints, markets, paper, utensils etc) – delivered on Tuesday evenings via zoom with a facilitator – the aim of the workshops is to do an art piece on our community culture were young people use skills to show their perception of our community that will then be pieced together with everyone else’s and displayed in the community centre
- Culture Programme – Story telling – will take place via zoom and separate sessions for children and adults – Dates to be confirmed
- Irish Dance for Fun – Children and Adults together via zoom with an Irish dance instructor, commencing Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Suitable for all ages
- Community cookbook – Encouraging any residents who like baking or cooking to share their recipes and photos of them with their finished products to be included in a community cookbook Three Ways CA area developing which will then be available to all residents.
- Spring planting project for children to benefit isolated older people - Resources will be provided and a session via zoom with facilitator - Once completed, pot is delivered and left at home of isolated older person in neighbourhood. – Date to be confirmed
- Window-box lettuce - participants will be supplied with window box, seeds & compost to grow their own ‘cut and come again’ lettuce - facilitated via zoom -a step by step guide is also available for those with no access to internet – Date to be confirmed
- Potato Growing - participants will be supplier with container/box, seed potatoes & compost to grow their own facilitated via zoom -a step by step guide is also available for those with no access to internet – Date to be confirmed.

To book into or express your interest in any of these programmes, call 07768669291, email [info@threewaysca.co.uk](mailto:info@threewaysca.co.uk) or send our Facebook/Instagram page a private message. Great events to get you all through these long days. All dates will be publicised on social media and in the local shops.

## SANTA DRIVE-IN CINEMA ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Three Ways Community Association with the support from the PCSP Newry, Mourne & Down, Department for Communities/NR, Newry Bid & John Moore’s Foundations hosted a Santa drive-in cinema in North Street Car Park following the success of the last event. We were delighted with the attendance and the feedback was fantastic to hear. We do plan on holding another in the summer months.

Another packed-out event with 200+ people (of all ages) in attendance to view ‘The Polar Express. Santa made an appearance and spoke with every child and passed on a chocolate selection box to enjoy whilst watching the movie. Attendees donated to allow the association to fundraise for other local charities and we are delighted to have donated £250.00 to PIPS Hope and Support and a further £250.00 to Macmillan Cancer. Thank you everyone for your donations.



### **CONTACT THREE WAYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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## **HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT**

Since March 2020, Three Ways CA has been delivering a community Covid-19 response. We have helped residents who have been furloughed, made redundant or whose finances have been impacted by providing vouchers for food supplies, electricity, gas and mobile top-ups.

We have funding in place from Newry Mourne and Down District Council to continue providing fresh meat and food vouchers and hygiene products.

Again, we would encourage any resident to avail of this initiative and contact our designated member by calling 07768669291. Your details will be held in strict confidence and not shared. This is here for you and is an entitlement of support for you with these hard times.

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

As we move forward with our plans this year to deliver community programmes and events. Three Ways Community Association are completing funding applications and want your input to help shape what should be delivered.

Have you an idea or a programme that you would like delivered in the local community? Is there specific training you would like to take part in and gain a new skill set? What would attract you to attend the community centre?

Don't be shy, be vocal and get in touch with us by email, phone or social media and let us know. We are always keen to hear from residents as to what they would like delivered in their community.

We aim to deliver as much as resources and finances allow as we start to recover from the current pandemic.

As always, this community association will do all we can to provide for residents of all ages and abilities and we hope to deliver as many face-to-face activities as possible when restrictions allow.

All activities will be based in line with successful grants and outcomes.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Three Ways Community Association held our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm. Due to current circumstances, this year's meeting was hosted online via Zoom and was attended by residents, partners and funders.

Chairperson, Cathy Keenan gave an overview of the workings and activities of the association for the year and thanked residents, funders and partners for their support over the year with a special mention to all those who went above and beyond throughout the current pandemic.

The committee then stood down and the committee for 2021 was elected and consists of; Chairperson – Cathy Keenan, Secretary – Padraig Harte – Treasurer – Patricia O’Gorman, Vice Secretary – Amy O’Gorman, Committee Members – Josephine Keenan, Joanne McAteer, Lesa Rooney, Valerie Harte, Maria Keenan, Johnny McAteer, Leah King, Mark Markey, Jordan King and Bernadette Hollywood.

## **ONLINE COMMUNITY BINGO NIGHTS**

Join us as we host an ONLINE COMMUNITY BINGO NIGHT for residents and those further afield. Taking place every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm via ZOOM, we would love for you to join us. To join simply enter by paying your £3.00 via [www.paypal.com/paypalme/threewaysca](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/threewaysca) and we will send across the link. This has been great craic and we are supporting local businesses on a weekly basis. If you would like to play along but need support in setting it up or no access to PayPal, call 07768669291

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our community this few month has become a place of sadness and mourning to the loss of residents or those who grew up within this community. Three Ways Community Association sympathise with all families and send our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with all families who have sadly lost a loved one.

## **FREE LEVEL 2 TRAINING IN CCTV OPERATIONS THROUGH SRC NEWRY**

This FREE training is available to those residents who currently live in Neighbourhood Renewal parts of our area and are on a low income. The course commences late February and will be delivered partially online & partially face-to-face when Covid19 restrictions allow.

Entry Requirements: Participants must be aged 18 or over, minimum of a Level 2 in English Literacy, participants are required to complete an Access NI Standard Check. To secure your place, contact Lesley Hamilton by emailing [hamiltonl@src.ac.uk](mailto:hamiltonl@src.ac.uk) or calling 07841102846

If you have any queries or unsure if your estate is in an area of benefit, please contact us and we will let you know and ask any questions on your behalf.

## **COVID VACCINES**

We wish to highlight that those residents aged between 65-69 can now book their covid vaccine online for one of the vaccine centres by visiting [covid-19.hscni.net](http://covid-19.hscni.net). If you have no access to the internet and eager to book an appointment, we can help. Call 07768669291 and we will assist in completing the booking for you with your consent.