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Training Dates

Planning & Measuring Your Impact -
12 November 2015

Analysing & Reporting on the Difference You Make -
26 November 2015

CENI's 'Measuring Change' Approach Helps Rural Networks Demonstrate Their Impact



CENI is pleased to commence work on the second phase of our contract with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) to develop and support the social impact assessment of the Rural Community Development Support Service (RCDSS). Under the programme Rural Community Networks were funded by DARD for three years, 2012-2015, to support the community development of rural areas across NI. This has now been extended for a further year to March 2016.

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Phase 2 of Inspiring Impact NI to Go Ahead

CENI is delighted to announce that the Building Change Trust has invited CENI to develop an operational plan for Phase 2 of the Inspiring Impact NI programme. If

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approved by the Trust Board this would likely result in an extension of CENI's contract to act as their strategic partner to deliver the Inspiring Impact NI Programme for a further two years from January 2016.

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Upcoming Training Courses

Course 1

Planning and Measuring Your Impact

Date: 12 November 2015 (Full day course)

This newly developed course focuses on building in impact practice from the start of the project as well as using effective processes for measuring and reporting on the 'difference you make'. The course draws on the Theory of Change approach to support participants with identifying the changes you want to make. Included are exercises on developing your Theory of Change for an area of work as well as identifying indicators to measure impact. Evidence gathering tools and approaches are also discussed.

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Course 2

Analysing and Reporting on the Difference You Make

Date: 26 November 2015 (Half day course)

This course focuses on developing analysis and reporting skills in particular looking at impact. It highlights the importance of analysing and using information when reporting on project outcomes and impact. Participants will be taken through various stages including: collation of information; description and interpretation of data; and identifying recommendations to inform future work. Guidelines for evaluation reporting will be provided including a sample format and structure, we well as good practice tips.

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Feedback from course participants:

'I learned a lot about the language of outcomes and different measuring tools – I hope to build this in in practice'

'I came dragging my feet, but I'm so glad I came. It has been a very productive morning with lots of ideas to take back with me'

One-to-One Advice Sessions

CENI can provide one-to-one consultancy support to groups at key stages of the impact practice cycle including:

- **Planning for impact including using Theory of Change;**
- **Measuring impact and using impact tools;**
- **Analysis and reporting on impact achieved**

One to one support of up to half a day (per group) is offered on a first come basis and is free of charge (*travel expenses only*).

These sessions offer valuable opportunities for key personnel to discuss specific evaluation questions or needs and are useful in planning future actions.

'I found the session very useful. It has given me a broader understanding of the evaluation process and the need to start thinking about what evaluation plans we need to put in place now.'

'We have agreed that CENI will facilitate an impact workshop for the whole team'

'We discussed the role of external evaluation and the benefits of bringing this forward and I am also going to make changes to our training evaluation forms'

If you would like to avail of CENI's support please contact: Gladys Swanton (Learning and Development Manager) at CENI

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