



Annual General Meeting

Friday 24th November 2017

Crumlin Rd Gaol, Belfast

Agenda



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Universal Credit - The Story So Far

- 9.30 am **Registration** Tea & Coffee
- 10.00 am **Chairperson** – Welcome Introductions
- 10.15 am **AGM Business**
- Minutes
 - Matters arising
 - Election of Trustees/ Appointment of Board Advisers
 - Treasurer’s Report – Election of Auditors 2017/18
- Presentation of Annual Report**
Presentation of Membership Profile Report
- 10.45 am **Brunch** with Tea/Coffee
- 11.15 am **Universal Credit:** Neil Couling, CBE, Director General Universal Credit
- 11.35 am **A Warrington perspective of Universal Credit:** Steve Cullen,
Chief Officer of Warrington District Citizens Advice Bureau
- 12.00 pm **Welfare Reform:** Professor Eileen Evason, CBE
- 12.15 pm **Digital Resilience:** Hilary Hanberry, Communities Manager, Business
in the Community
- 12.30 pm **Q&A Panel - Keynote Speakers, Advice NI Member & Welfare Reform
Helpline**
- 13.15 pm **Closing Remarks & Networking** with Tea/Coffee & Traybakes

Keynote Speakers



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Neil Couling CBE Director General for Universal Credit Programme

Neil was appointed as Director General for the Universal Credit Programme in October 2014. Neil's career started in a local benefits office administering claims for Income Support. His subsequent roles have included: working in policy, Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State, several management roles within Jobcentre Plus and its predecessors most recently, Work Services Director, responsible for Jobcentres across the UK and around 30,000 people.

Director General, Universal Credit Programme

The Universal Credit Director General and Senior Responsible Owner is accountable for implementing the government's main welfare reform programme. This includes: owning and communicating the vision of the programme; ensuring the implementation of Universal Credit is completed safely and securely; providing clear leadership to the programme team.



Steve Cullen CEO Warrington District CAB

Warrington District CAB service contracts with the Legal Aid Agency delivers free, confidential and impartial community legal advice services including specialist housing and debt advice. Steve's team also provides duty advice in the County Court and social policy work on a local, regional and national level.

Steve has written and delivered successful public service agreements for the prevention of homelessness and has also been an active member of Warrington's Welfare Reform Action Partnership. Steve is currently the Chair of the Warrington Third Sector Hub and the Vice Chair of Warrington's Local Strategic Partnership.

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Professor Eileen Evason CBE

Eileen Evason is Emeritus Professor in Social Administration. As an academic, Eileen has produced numerous articles relating to poverty, social security and other issues. She is active in law reform and has worked in the voluntary sector, being a founder member of, for example, the Northern Ireland Womens' Aid Federation and Triangle Housing Association. Eileen has held various public appointment serving as an Equality Commissioner, Non-Executive Director with various health trusts and Chair of the Northern Ireland Joint Standards Committee for Social Security & Child Maintenance. In 2015 Eileen was tasked with delivering a report on measures to mitigate welfare reform as part of the Fresh Start Agreement. In 2013 Eileen was awarded a CBE.



Hilary Hanberry Business in the Community

As Communities Manager for Business in the Community Hilary possesses more than 10 years' experience working closely with both the public and private sectors, helping them to make a positive impact in Northern Ireland communities through their corporate social responsibility. A key part of Hilary's role is working with the The voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Northern Ireland, finding out about the key social issues they seek to address, and matching them with local businesses in NI to tackle this need. This can range from issues such as poverty and homelessness, through to mental health, digital inclusion, graduate unemployment and underemployment, and much more.

Hilary is passionate about digital inclusion and is a key contributor to this agenda in Northern Ireland. Her role as Chair of the Digital Assist Steering Group for Northern Ireland – a group made up of private, public and third sector representatives who are focused on bridging the digital divide – enables and challenges her to strategically explore how organisations can make a difference when they work together.

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