

20th May 2021

Northern Ireland Executive Update

On 13th May, the Executive announced their intention to further relax restrictions on 24th May. You can view the announcement [here](#). The Executive are due to meet later today (20th May) to review and confirm this.

Although many coronavirus restrictions have eased, some regulations remain in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to protect yourself and others by following public health advice and find out the rules on what you can and cannot do.

For the full information on the revised COVID-19 regulation guidance, and what the restrictions mean for you please click [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE

£13m fleet of new school buses launched!



Last week saw the launch of a fleet of new high specification EA school buses at Lagan College.

EA runs one of the largest bus fleets in Northern Ireland with over 800 buses helping to transport 86,000 pupils to school and college each day.

Eve Bremner, Assistant Director of Transport at EA explained:

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In 2020 we began a five-year investment programme to modernise our school bus fleet. By the end of this year we will have invested £31million and after five years aim to have replaced 50% of our buses. The new vehicles provide an improved passenger experience, as well as having enhanced safety features and increased seating capacity.

We were delighted to be at Lagan College to launch some of our new models. They demonstrate our commitment to continue to provide a high quality, safe and efficient service to the 86,000 pupils we transport every day. We're looking forward to welcoming pupils on board.

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EA Summer Programme Funding - How to Apply

EA Youth Service were delighted to release new funding opportunities on 10th May to facilitate programmes and camps in the upcoming summer period.

Applications will close on Friday 21st May for the below 4 funding streams. More information below.



Access for All Funding

This stream supports all **non-EA registered voluntary** and community organisations in Northern Ireland who work with children and young people aged between 4-25 year olds in an informal setting to re-connect, re-energise and re-engage children and young people throughout the summer months.

For further information and to apply please click [here](#).



Summer Jam Funding

This stream supports EA Registered Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations groups in Northern Ireland who work with 4-25 year olds in an informal setting with a particular focus on the faith based and uniformed sector, inclusive of Generic/Non-Targeted groups and not those currently in receipt of Local Area Based or Local Project Funding. This stream is to be used to create opportunities for children and young people to re-connect, re-energise and re-engage with peers throughout the summer months.

For further information and to apply please click [here](#).



Summer Boost Funding

This stream provides all those EA Local Registered **groups in receipt of Local Area Based Funding** the opportunity to provide further provision and resources NOT included within their current EA Funded Youth Provision Delivery Plan.

For further information and to apply please click [here](#).



Youth Service Camp Equipment Grant

This stream is for EA Registered groups (Regional and Local) to provide the opportunity to source new camping equipment for summer youth provision.

For more information and to apply please click [here](#).

Tea Tuesday

Want to meet new people?
Join us for 'Tea Tuesday'
8th June 2021



"A bit of fun, no prep needed, great to meet other colleagues and understand their roles"

Take some time out, 'grab a cuppa' and join your EA colleagues for a **virtual tea break!**

During the tea break event you will be split into small, random groups, to enjoy a quick 15 minute chat with colleagues from throughout the organisation.

Register for this event [here](#) (NB: Google Chrome is the recommended browser) or alternatively, contact Lynette Lowry directly.

DATE: Tuesday 8th June 2021

TIME: 10.00am - 10.20am

VENUE: **MS TEAMS** (Link to the event will be forwarded in due course following registration)

For further information on this, please contact Lynette Lowry by email: lynette.lowry@eani.org.uk

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