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| **Belfast Festival of Learning**  Belfast Strategic Partnership’s Lifelong Learning Group will host the third annual Belfast Festival of Learning during the week 5 - 11 March 2018 to promote Belfast as a learning city for all and to celebrate Belfast joining the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities. | cid:image010.jpg@01D218CA.A05DADC0 |
| The festival aims to engage Belfast citizens in learning and to inspire interest and enjoyment through a week-long programme of interactive learning events and workshops.  It also aims to showcase the range of learning opportunities that exist in the city. Once again, we particularly wish to promote events that encourage the participation of groups and individuals who have experienced barriers in accessing learning opportunities.  If you would like to hold an event as part of the festival, guidance notes and an events submission form are attached. A small amount of financial assistance is available to support these events. | |
| **Family Friendly Belfast**  Belfast Strategic Partnership’s Family Friendly Belfast initiative aims to ensure that Belfast is a city where families feel welcome and safe. As part of the initiative, we are offering up to £500 to groups and organisations to hold family friendly events between 1 December 2017 and 31 March 2018 on the themes of Connectivity and Food. | cid:346D7F25-1CA7-4C04-989C-5C3B6FBEBCAD@cable.virginmedia.net |
| If you would like to hold an event as part of Family Friendly Belfast, guidance notes and an events submission form are attached. Family friendly events will also be supported as part of the 2018 Belfast Festival of Learning. For more information, please refer to the attached Belfast Festival of Learning guidance notes and forms. | |
| **Please note:**  For more information about the Belfast Festival of Learning, please contact Dolores Atkinson at [dolores.atkinson@bhdu.org](mailto:dolores.atkinson@bhdu.org) or phone 028 9050 2073 and for more information on Family Friendly Belfast, please contact Jacqui Frazer at [Jacqueline.frazer@bhdu.org](mailto:Jacqueline.frazer@bhdu.org) or phone 028 9050 2073.  Event Submission Forms for both the 2018 Belfast Festival of Learning and Family Friendly Belfast events must be returned no later than 5.00pm on **Monday October 23rd 2017.**  We look forward to working with you and welcome your support. | |