



Web Newsletter

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NEW SPONSORSHIP FORMS ON NIASBAH DONATIONS PAGE

New sponsorship form templates have been placed on the [Donations](#) page of the NIASBAH website. They enable Branches to amend and print the template forms so that they are purpose designed for any sponsorship activity taking place. If the funds being raised are for a particular NIASBAH Branch then the Branch name can be put on the form and any Gift Aid received can then be forwarded to the Branch. If any Branch requires further information they can contact the NIASBAH Branch Secretary.

NEW UK CHARITY FOR PEOPLE WITH BLADDER AND BOWEL DYSFUNCTION

A new UK charity for people with bladder and bowel dysfunction has been launched this month following the closure of the Continence Foundation on 31 May. The new charity will incorporate the objectives of both organisations and will continue to provide information and support for all types of bladder and bowel related problems, both for patients and professionals and will work in partnership with other charities and organisations in the field. The website looks as though it contains loads of useful information and may well be worth visiting.

For further information [click here](#)

CHARITIES ACT (NI) 2008

The long-awaited charities legislation for Northern Ireland received Royal Assent on 9 September. The Act makes provisions for the establishment of a Charity Commission and a Register of Charities for Northern Ireland. The legislation also provides statutory definitions of charity and charitable purpose, sets out new rules with regard to fundraising and collections, and introduces a new form of charitable body. For further details [click here](#)

EVERY PHONE YOU SEND WILL RAISE UP TO £10 FOR ASBAH

An easy way to help ASBAH raise money and so help people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus is to recycle your mobile phone and your inkjet cartridges. If you are sending a phone do remember to remove any SIM cards. Original manufacturer-but not compatible-Inkjet cartridges from Hewlett Packard, Canon, Lexmark and Dell are welcomed.

Phones and inkjet cartridges can be sent to:
ASBAH Appeal,
FREEPOST ANG20589
PO Box 137
NR9 5BR

A supply of special envelopes for returning mobile phone and inkjet cartridges can be obtained by ringing Ian at 01733 421328

OPEN ARTS—DISABILITY IN THE ARTS

What with the Paralympics and the Open Arts Community Choir we've had loads of outstanding examples of the sheer talent that exists amongst people with disabilities. There are probably lots of people who would like to find out just what they can do and what opportunities exist. In that case it might be worthwhile contacting Open Arts. Open Arts promotes the inclusion of disabled people in arts activities and they will support disabled people to express their experiences through the arts.

Open Arts is committed to: valuing creativity, furthering artistic excellence among disabled people and promoting the rights and employment of disabled people within the arts and cultural sector. It will strive to increase the representation of disabled people in decision making in the arts and to provide a profile for disabled people through the medium of the arts. It works across all sections of the community and recognises and values diversity and equality in all its practices.

Although based in Belfast the really good thing is that Open Arts works throughout Northern Ireland with every art form and with people of all abilities. If you would like more information visit the Open Arts website by [clicking here](#)

AND PLEASE? Don't forget to visit and use the NIASBAH webshop

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