

Healthy Living Centres: the fully engaged scenario

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Background

The Healthy Living Centres (HLCs) programme was launched in 1999 with a Big Lottery Fund (BIG) budget of £300 million.

The programme has supported the development of 349 HLCs across the UK. Nineteen HLCs have been developed in Northern Ireland, representing an investment of £13.5 million.

Focusing on deprived areas and run by local partnerships, HLCs provide a wide range of services to local communities. They seek to address the wider determinants of health and health inequalities, such as social exclusion, lack of access to services, and socioeconomic deprivation.

HLCs are local flagships for health in the community, involving people who are often excluded from opportunities for better health. HLCs act as key drivers for positive change within local communities.

The 19 HLCs across Northern Ireland have come together to form the Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance, which aims to:

- build the profile and raise awareness of HLCs' activities;
- highlight HLCs' contribution to strategies, policies and priorities;
- sustain the HLCs' vision and approach.

In organising this seminar, the Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance wishes to demonstrate and celebrate the contribution HLCs have made in addressing the difficult issues affecting health and wellbeing at a local community level.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to share and reflect on experiences and learning gained over the past five years of the HLCs programme and to jointly consider how the momentum and model of HLC working can be further developed.

Additional partners

The Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance has been supported in organising this seminar by the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland (HPA), the Institute of Public Health in Ireland and BIG.

A leaflet providing details on the work of HLCs and the Healthy Living Centre Regional Alliance is available at www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk/Resources/alliances/hlc_brief2006.htm

Aims

This seminar seeks to:

- celebrate the work, successes and energy of HLCs;
- profile the contribution and role of HLCs in tackling the issues affecting health and wellbeing at a local community level;
- outline how HLCs have taken high level strategies and implemented them practicably at a local community level;
- discuss ongoing work addressing the challenges HLCs face to ensure the HLC model and vision is sustained.

Potential delegates

The seminar will be of interest to a broad range of stakeholders working to achieve health improvement and a reduction in inequalities across our society. Please book early as places for this event are limited.

Date and time

Thursday 19 April, 2007. The seminar will commence at 10.00am (registration 9.30am – 10.00am) and finish with lunch at 1.00pm.

Venue

Maureen Sheehan Centre, 106 Albert Street, Belfast.

Cost

There is no cost to participants for this seminar.

Booking

Booking forms are also available to download or submit online at: www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk

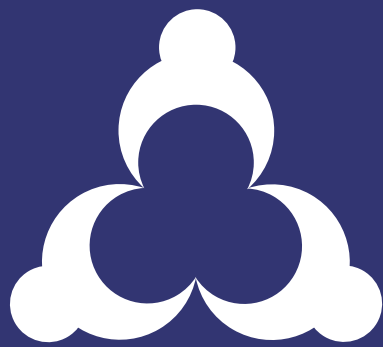
Closing date for applications

Thursday 5 April 2007.

Programme

- 9.30am** **Registration and refreshments**
- 10.00am** **The Maureen Sheehan Centre**
Liz McShane, HEART HLC, Maureen Sheehan Centre
- 10.05am** **Joint opening by morning chairs**
Danny Power, Chairperson, HLC Regional Alliance
Briedge Gadd OBE, Chairperson, Big Lottery Fund
- Benefits of HLCs, part one (DVD)**
- 10.25am** **HLCs – impacts, lessons and challenges**
Dr Leslie Boydell, Associate Director, Institute of Public Health in Ireland
Siobhan Livingstone, Research Officer, Institute of Public Health in Ireland
- Benefits of HLCs, part two (DVD)**
- 10.45am** **Valuing the HLC model**
David Sissling, Chief Executive Designate, Health and Social Services Authority
- Benefits of HLCs, part three (DVD)**
- 11.05am** **Break**
- 11.25am** **Workshop sessions**
- HLCs – contributing to the health economy
 - Joining up priorities and thinking
 - Commissioning in the new environment
 - HLCs – implementing high level strategy at street level
- Benefits of HLCs, part four (DVD)**
- 12.25pm** **Moving forward with the HLC model**
Panel discussion and plenary session
- Benefits of HLCs, part five (DVD)**
- 1.00pm** **Close and lunch**





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