

Omagh Support & Self-Help Groups Advocacy Newsletter Spring 2019



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Legacy Consultation:

The Legacy Consultation extended to 5pm on 5 October 2018. The NIO are considering the 18,000 responses which have been submitted. We are awaiting the outcome of their analysis.



Civil Action Update



A number of representatives from OSSHG attended the Four Courts in Dublin on Monday 18th February to lodge bankruptcy orders for four of the men found liable in the civil Action after they failed to pay a 1.6Millions damages judgement awarded to some of the families who were involved in the Civil Action in Belfast in 2009.

Claire Byrne Show

Our Spokesperson Michael Gallagher will be appearing on Claire Byrne Show on 11th February he will be discussing the implications Brexit & The boarder could have for victims. We will have coverage of this in our Summer Newsletter.



Judicial Review

In September 2013 the then Secretary of State Theresa Villers decided not to hold a Public Inquiry into the Omagh Bombing. We judicially reviewed her decision through the courts. In 2015 The British Government won the right to apply Closed Material Procedures which effectively meant that intelligence relevant to this case would be assessed in Private. This has been the first case of its kind in Northern Ireland and has been extremely difficult for the families having been locked out of a significant part of the process. In February we had our substantive hearing;

Monday 4th February- OPEN Court

Tuesday 5th February- OPEN Court

Wednesday 6th February- CLOSED Court

Thursday 7th February- CLOSED Court

We are due back in court in April for our final reply.



Floating Support Dates:

Advocacy and Wellbeing will be in Buncrana on Wednesday 27th March. Please get in contact to if you would like to meet with Nichola our Health & Wellbeing Caseworker or Nichola our Advocacy Caseworker.

Victims Pension Talk

Alan McBride from the Pension Campaign Group will be in The Bridge Centre on Monday 25th March @12noon- Alan will be giving a talk to update us on their campaign for compensation.

Refreshments will be provided, please phone the office to register interest.



upcoming EVENTS

Book Now!

Members ONLY



DRINK WISE AGE WELL TALK — Wednesday 13th March

@ 10.30am—12pm—In Omagh Support Office

Health & Well-Being Programme: (£3 per session—5 Sessions)

Making Paverpol Shapes with 'Gabrielle Dickson'

Friday 15th March & Saturday 16th March 10am—3pm (You only need to attend 1 day)

Creative Art Therapy painting class with 'Artfunktle'

Saturday 23rd March 11am—1pm



Included in this programme are the following but dates are to be confirmed: Health & Beauty Treatments/ Aromatherapy Day—Making Bath Oils & Lavender Sachets/ Motivational Speaker and Image Consultant

SPACES LIMITED—BOOKING & PAYMENTS FROM MONDAY 11TH MARCH 10AM

Monday 25th March 2019 @ 12pm—Pension for Victims information session



Talk on the Pension Campaign—Alan McBride



Flower Arranging Workshop



Confidence & Resilience building Workshops for Adults & Children

Please let Sharon/Claire know if you are interested and would like notified when these are taking place.

Our Walk and Talk Club is up and going everyday from 1pm. If anyone would like to join in meet **Sharon** our walk leader at the OSSHG offices at 1pm. **Everyone Welcome!!**



She will keep you on your toes.



Easter Raffle

6 Fantastic Easter Prizes

£1 per strip or 6 for £5

Draw will take place Thursday
18th April @ 1pm

