the workspace group

A DAY IN OUR LIFE

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

WELCOME to the Workspace Group Newsletter which is presented in the form of 'A Day in Our Life' to highlight the many activities the Group are involved in on a daily basis across a wide variety of activities and a wide geographical area.

We trust you find the Newsletter informative. Should you have any comments, queries or views on our activities please contact us through the named activity contact or directly on:

info@theworkspacegroup.org

A DAY IN OUR LIFE

7.30am
HOMESEAL VANS START LEAVING OUR YARD

homeseal

Over the past 18 years Homeseal has grown to become the leading installer of insulation in Northern Ireland. In that time Homeseal has improved the energy efficiency of 58,000 homes and its 'product offer' now includes cavity, loft and solid wall insulation, roof ventilation, thermal imaging and energy efficiency supports such as pipe lagging, radiator panels and draught proofing.

For further information on our insulation products and services or to arrange a free survey for your property contact Homeseal on **028 7962 7474** email **info@homesealni.co.uk** or visit **www.homesealni.co.uk**

7.00am
THERM TECH FACTORY COMMENCES PRODUCTION

ThermTech
Waste Heat Recovery Systems

Therm Tech design, build and install bespoke industrial waste heat recovery systems and is based in Manchester.

Since it was acquired by Workspace in November 2011 Therm Tech has been pursuing a planned, deliberate growth strategy. This involves building a management team to support the business growth, increasing output, employing more design and production staff, investing in new equipment and expanding its factory floor-space.

Workspace's 'hand on the tiller' is producing clear and significant results. More and more companies are recognising Therm Tech's unrivalled technical excellence, its highly skilled workforce and its ability to improve energy efficiency, maximise savings and optimise environmental performance.

Business turnover is improving monthly and orders are being received from blue chip companies such as Cargill, Eli Lily, Bridgenorth Aluminium, Heineken, Facultatieve, Nederman and CC Jenson. Added to these are increased export orders.

8.30am
ENDA, PROPERY MANAGER WELCOMES NEW TENANT

workspace enterprises ltd.

Workspace offers a range of office space and industrial units for rent at our sites in Magherafelt, Castledawson and Draperstown. We offer flexible leases at affordable rates that allow businesses the opportunity to grow and develop.

SO Popcorn who manufacture gourmet popcorn became a Workspace tenant in November 2013. Declan McBride, SO Popcorn owner says "Workspace were able to offer me an ideal environment for my new business venture. They were supportive and offered on going advice in relation to taking on premises and starting my new venture".

For further information on available office space and industrial units contact Workspace on **028 7962 8113** or check out **www.workspace.org.uk**

9.30am
CHARLENE, SOURCE ADVISER MEETS WITH JOB SEEKER

source
Sourcing Opportunities by Understanding Real Challenges to Employment

Network Personnel delivers the Department for Employment and Learning's (D.E.L.) Local Employment Intermediary Service initiative in the Moyle and Cookstown District Council areas as well as providing an outreach service in Antrim, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Larne, Limavady, Magherafelt, Newtownabbey & Omagh District Council areas.

We refer to it as SOURCE and it is designed to meet the needs of unemployed people with specific employability barriers such as homelessness, drug/alcohol misuse, criminal convictions, care leavers and NEETS (young people who are not engaged with education, employment or training). As well as arranging a variety of individual employment focused training courses, our teams facilitate group 'Pre-employment packages' in hospitality, social care, childcare, retail and other work areas. These allow groups of up to 12 people to quickly attain desirable accredited qualifications which would greatly help them find work in their local areas.

For further information contact our SOURCE team on **028 8676 6078** or email **info@networkpersonnel.org.uk**

10.00am
DRAPERSTOWN LIBRARY AT 50 HIGH STREET OPENS

The relocation of Draperstown Library to 50 High Street was just part of our refurbishment of the entire vacant building. As well as a new more modern fit for purpose library facility Draperstown now enjoys in '50 High Street' a resource which hosts/facilitates:

- An expansion of the local Youth Club
- Community meeting space
- A Sixth Form study room for the local High School
- An external poly-tunnel supporting Network Personnel's 'Up For Work' employment programme
- A relocation of the Glasgowbury Music Group to the nearby Corn Store where it will deliver music/ drama/multimedia tuition, training and events.

10.30am
ROBERT, NETWORK RECRUITMENT, ORGANISES A TEMPORARY WORK PLACEMENT IN BA COMPONENTS

Network Recruitment has grown to become a leading provider of recruitment, staffing and outsourcing services to local and multi-national businesses from its offices in Letterkenny and Magherafelt. The business model is simple: match the capabilities of 'client candidates' with the needs of 'client employers'. Delivery of that model however is less simple, demanding hard, focused and person-centred effort.

Why not contact one of our experienced advisors today or log on to our website **www.network-recruitment.net** for more information on the services that we offer. All new jobs are listed and updated daily.

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11.00am
NETWORK PERSONNEL'S STEPS TO WORK GROUP ATTEND CORE GATEWAY SESSION

Network Personnel delivers D.E.L.'s Steps to Work programme in the Magherafelt and Cookstown areas.

Steps to Work offers participants the opportunity to take part in training and/or work placements to enhance their chances of gaining employment. Unemployed individuals who are either 18-24 years old or 50+ can also avail of six month paid employment opportunities.

For further information contact our Steps to Work team on **028 7963 1032** or email **info@networkpersonnel.org.uk**

12.00noon
UP FOR WORK TEAM CONTINUES WORK ON SITE AT LISSAN HOUSE

'Up for Work' primarily assists people who are long-term unemployed or who have been through other 'back to work' initiatives but have not yet found jobs. It provides a powerful combination of advice, mentoring and training and has quickly become a 'best practice' example of how to get people back into training and work.

For further information contact our 'Up for Work' team on **028 7963 1032** or email **info@networkpersonnel.org.uk**

2.00pm
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB START PICKING UP KIDS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Our After School Club offers a range of services to children between 4 and 11 years.

At this age children are more discerning and require a more active and engaging environment. The Club therefore offers a range of age-appropriate activities, choices, fun and social interaction, all delivered in a dedicated space that is safe and secure and which has its own outdoor play area.

For further information contact our After School Club on **028 7962 9224** or email **info@theworkspacegroup.org**

2.30pm
THE MONDAY CLUB, A WORKSPACE COMMUNITY FUND GRANT RECIPIENT MEETS

The Workspace Community Fund allows us to allocate a proportion of our profits each year so that small grants are available for community and voluntary groups in the Magherafelt District Council area and in our 'areas of impact'. The Fund supports projects which will improve the local area, promote community involvement, enhance the quality of life/well-being of local residents or address other local needs.

To date we have awarded grants totalling over £44,000 to 120 voluntary/community groups. Individual Awards are also available through the Workspace Community Fund for people aged 18-30 within the Ballinascreen, Kilcronaghan or Desertmartin areas who have the potential to excel in the areas of arts, culture, sport or enterprise and are being restricted from doing so for financial reasons. For further information or to apply for a Workspace Community Fund grant check out **www.theworkspacegroup.org/workspace-community-fund** or contact the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland on **028 9024 5927**.

The closing date for the current round of applications is Friday 4th April 2014.

3.00pm
BUSINESS ADVISER LEON MEETS A NEW POTENTIAL START UP

Workspace delivers Invest NI's Regional Start Initiative in the Magherafelt District Council area.

We offer a comprehensive package of free advice, training and support to help people get businesses up and running. Through the 'Steps to Work' Test Trading programme we can offer unemployed people the chance to get support from an experienced business advisor and to 'test trade' a new business for up to 26 weeks while still continuing to receive their benefits.

To learn what support is available to you and your business contact Workspace on **028 7962 8113** or email **info@theworkspacegroup.org**

3.30pm
ELITE ENERGY STAFF START REFURBISHING SCHOOL LIGHTS AT THE END OF CLASSES

Elite Energy supply and install a wide range of energy efficient lighting solutions saving customers up to 75% on their energy bills.

We offer refurbishment of existing light fittings with the latest LED, T5 fluorescent or induction technologies to eliminate the need for new fittings or rewiring. If fittings are unsalvageable we offer a range of new energy saving lighting products for all types of working environments.

To find out more or to arrange a no obligation survey contact Elite Energy on **028 7962 9202** or email **sales@theenergyspecialists.co.uk**

4.00pm
JANICE, FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER, DOES A FAMILY VISIT

Network Personnel delivers D.E.L's Community Family Support Programme in the Northern and Southern Health and Social Care Trust areas.

The programme is specifically designed to help disadvantaged families make the life changing-decisions that will improve their prospects and leave them better-placed to become full participants in society. The Programme also supports families with a high level of need to develop their capacity to reach their full potential.

For further information contact Janice from the Community Family Support team on **078 7283 8681** or email **info@networkpersonnel.org.uk**

4.30pm
MICHELLE, BUSINESS ADVISOR, MEETS WITH UPPERLANDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LTD TO DEVELOP A BUSINESS PLAN FOR THEIR NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Workspace delivers the Social Entrepreneurship Programme on behalf on Invest NI in the North West region. It helps potential social enterprise groups start businesses and encourages existing ones to grow, create employment, exploit export opportunities and generally maximise their positive impact on society.

For further information about the Social Entrepreneurship Programme contact Michelle on **028 7962 8113** or email **info@theworkspacegroup.org**

6.45pm
THE YOUTH CLUB OPENS

From its new home in 50 High Street, the Corn Store Youth Club provides an ideal environment for children aged 8 to 18 years to come together to socialise, develop new skills, benefit from valuable lifestyle information and participate in exercise/leisure sessions.

Over 200 children attend the club every week which opens from Monday to Thursday. Workspace initially provided the Youth Club with premises at the Corn Store on a peppercorn rent and this arrangement continues in their new expanded home.

7.00pm
WORKSPACE FACILITATES COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING FOCUSING ON RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS

backrow RECREATION CENTRE

We continue our endeavours into the heath care arena locally and facilitated a series of health focused information evenings in Autumn 2013. Topics covered included Dementia, Men's Health, Respiratory Conditions, Children's Health, Diabetes, Teenager/Young Person's Health and Mental Health.

We are currently working in partnership with the Carers Trust, Carers NI, Northern Health & Social Care Trust and O'Kane's Pharmacy on a project in the Draperstown area aimed at raising awareness of the role of carers and identifying ways to help carers. If you are from Draperstown and look after someone who is ill or frail, either for a few hours a day or full time we would like to have a chat with you.

Please give Adele a call on **028 7962 8113** or email **adele@theworkspacegroup.org** for more information.

We are still interested in hearing any suggestions you may have as to how we can get involved or enhance the current healthcare services that are on offer in our local area so please give Adele a call with any ideas.

7.30pm
WORKSPACE BOARD MEETING

Dr Michael McAllister
Chair
Partner
ASM Chartered Accountants

Samantha McCloskey
Vice Chair
Director
Centre for Advanced Sustainable Energy

Brian McGuigan
Local Councillor

Damian Heron
Managing Director
Heron Bros

Graham Mawhinney
Local Historian
and retired Teacher

Kate Lagan
Local Councillor

Laurence OKane
Managing Director
Pharmacy Supplies
and iMed Healthcare

Patsy McShane
Local Economic
Development
Consultant

Willie McKeown
Managing Director
Yardmaster

The Workspace Board plans, guides, manages, resources and monitors/evaluates the Groups' growth and development. This past year saw three long serving members of the Board, Brian O'Kane, Regina Caulfield and Jack Hogg, step down. We thank them for the time and effort they dedicated in helping Workspace become the company it is today and wish them all the best for the future.

Brian O'Kane
Managing Director
O'Kane Holdings

Regina Caulfield
Managing Director
Caulfield Insurance

Jack Hogg
Director
R. Hogg and Co.

THROUGH THE NIGHT...

ThermTech Waste Heat Recovery Systems

...THERM TECH EQUIPMENT CONTINUES RUNNING AND RECOVERING WASTE HEAT

10.00pm
THE BACKROW RECREATION CENTRE CLOSES FOR THE NIGHT

backrow RECREATION CENTRE

The Backrow Recreation Centre offers top quality facilities, highly-trained staff and a programme of activities that includes spinning, circuits classes, various fitness and well-being activities as well as an annual summer scheme.

Half price weekends are still on offer at the Backrow. Book the 3rd generation outdoor pitches or the hall on a Saturday or Sunday for an activity of your choice or party and pay half price.

To book the Backrow Recreation Centre facilities or activities contact Workspace on **028 7962 8113**. Further information and timetables can be found at **www.theworkspacegroup.org/ backrow-recreation-centre** or like our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/BackrowRecreationCentre** to be kept up to date with all classes and activities.

elite energy

... ELITE ENERGY'S ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING CONTINUES TO SAVE ELECTRICITY COSTS

ACHIEVEMENTS 2012 - 2013

204
PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY WORKSPACE BUSINESS UNIT TENANTS

7,385
HOMES INSULATED ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND

780
PEOPLE COMPLETED AN ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSE THROUGH NETWORK PERSONNEL

534
PEOPLE COMPLETED WORK PLACEMENTS THROUGH STEPS TO WORK

1,890,805KG
ESTIMATED CO^2 SAVINGS AS A RESULT OF LIGHTING UPGRADES CARRIED OUT BY ELITE ENERGY IN SCHOOLS IN THE UK

1,045 PEOPLE
DIRECTLY BENEFITED FROM WORKSPACE COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

1,251
TEMPORARY PLACEMENTS/JOBS FILLED BY NETWORK RECRUITMENT

WORKSPACE GROUP TURNOVER EXCEEDS **£10,000,000** FOR THE FIRST TIME

21,281 USAGES AT THE BACKROW RECREATION CENTRE IN THE EVENINGS AND AT WEEKENDS

93 PERMANENT JOBS FILLED BY NETWORK RECRUITMENT

22 EXISTING BUSINESSES SUPPORTED

32 CHILDREN CARED FOR BY DRAPERSTOWN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

62
BUSINESS START-UPS SUPPORTED

4,649 PEOPLE REGISTERED WITH NETWORK RECRUITMENT

33
UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE HELPED TO START THEIR OWN BUSINESS THROUGH STEPS TO WORK

THERM TECH FITTED ODOUR ABATEMENT SYSTEMS TO VARIOUS UK CREMATORIA, PREVENTING 800KG OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND 200KG OF MERCURY FROM ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE PER ANNUM

440
SCHOOL CHILDREN USED THE BACKROW RECREATION CENTRE FACILITIES ON A WEEKLY BASIS

£630,000 SAVINGS IN UTILITY BILLS AS A RESULT OF INSULATION INSTALLED BY HOMESEAL IN HOMES ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND

147
EMPLOYED BY THE GROUP

3,254
TONNES OF CO^2 SAVINGS BY ECONOMISERS INSTALLED BY THERM TECH

130 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN OUR SUMMER SCHEME

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NETWORK personnel · homeseal · backrow RECREATION CENTRE · elite energy · workspace community fund

The Workspace Group is a social enterprise based in Draperstown with operational activities throughout Ireland and the UK.

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