



Welcome to NISCC e-News.....

This bulletin is for our registrants, their employers and our stakeholders to update you about issues related to professional registration and to share information about our work to help improve and develop the workforce.

If you have any comments to improve our e-News, or would like to submit a story for publication please email comms@niscc.hscni.net

You can keep in touch with us on:



**Colum Conway –
NISCC Chief Executive**

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Coming Up! - Professional in Practice

PiP Awards Ceremony – 15 June 2017

Plans are well under way for this year's event. We look forward to celebrating the achievement of our Social Workers, Trainers, Line Managers, Directors and Chief Executives on Thursday 15 June 2017.

Social Work Leaders – Leading by Example!

At the 2016 PiP Award Ceremony, Brendan Whittle (SEHSCT) presented PiP Awards to candidates. In June 2017, Brendan and other social work leaders will receive their PiP Awards.



PIP Awards 2016 – Brendan Whittle guest speaker and presenter of awards. Congratulating everyone on their achievement *"You are a credit to your Profession, to Social Work, and your families - congratulations"*

NISCC Workforce Skills Development Recognised by the Federation for Industry Sector Skills and Standards

NISCC, as the NI partner of the UK Sector Skills Council 'Skills for Care & Development' (SfCD) has been assessed as meeting the FISSS Code of Practice. Achieving the Code demonstrates the NISCC status as the trusted employer-led organisation for shaping standards, qualifications, apprenticeships and career pathways in the care sector. [Click and read more](#)



Public Appointments – NISCC Chair and 7 Non-Executive Members



The Department of Health is recruiting a Non-Executive Chair and 7 Non-Executive Members (1 Lay; 3 Stakeholder; and 3 Registrant) to the NI Social Care Council (NISCC) with effect from October/November 2017.

This is an exceptional opportunity to share your talents and expertise to make a positive difference to the lives of people in Northern Ireland. [Click for further information](#) (Closing date 22 June 2017)



Care Home Open Day – 16 June 2017 Building 'friendship' in local communities

Care Homes in NI - Are you supporting [@CareHomeOpenDay 2017](#)

Every year, care homes are encouraged to open their doors and build 'friendships' in their local community. This year's theme is 'friendship' and is partnered with The Big Lunch, the UK's annual get together for neighbours.

Care homes are organising a 'Big Lunch' and inviting people from their local communities to join them. It's a great way to build relationships within communities and encourage people who access care and support to engage with new people. It's also a great opportunity to advertise showcase the job opportunities in social care. [For further info click here](#)



Take a few minutes and share your news and stories with:

[@nisc_comms](#) / [#CHOD2017](#) / [#carehomeopenday](#)

Information for Social Work Students Graduating

If you are a social work student graduating this year your NISCC registration as a student will end shortly and you should now register with NISCC as a Qualified Social Worker. For guidance on how to do this [click here](#)



Thanks for your support!



NISCC Social Care and Early Years Qualification Panel (SCEYQP)

Health and Social Care Qualification
Review Reference Group



A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to sit on the NISCC Qualifications Panel and the Health and Social Care Qualification Review Reference Group. Planning is now under way and it is hoped that both groups will meet in the coming weeks. For more information about this work, contact meta.keenan@niscc.hscni.net

Helping you with the Registration Process

We have lots on information and support to help social care workers and managers to complete the registration process. Go to our website to access [Resource materials](#), ['How to Guides'](#), and [YouTube presentations](#). Contact the NISCC Customer Service Team if you need advice. Email: info@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2600.

Visitors to NISCC



Working on the development of the Level 4 Certificate in Leadership & Management with staff from ILM, Belfast Met, South Eastern H&SC, Northern H&SC, South West College, and Southern Regional College. We are on schedule to deliver in September 2017.

Staff from Kennedy Recruitment, Lucas Love Healthcare and MPA Recruitment joined NISCC staff for discussions about workforce regulation and development.

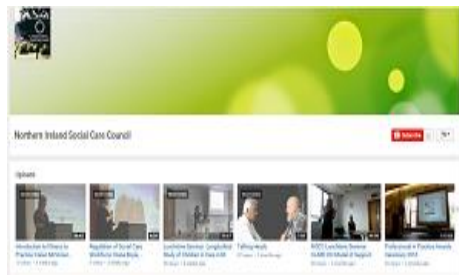
NISCC Seminars and Workshops – take part or catch up on YouTube

We run a range of workshops and seminars throughout the year. These are seminars are free to attend. Details and booking information is shared on our website [Events](#) page. If you can't attend on the day, catch up later on our You Tube channel.

Tax Relief on Registrant Fees - remember to claim from HMRC

Remember to claim tax relief on fees you have paid for NISCC registration. More information about tax and the forms you need to submit is available from the [HMRC website](#)

Share the Social Care Story - Keep in touch with NISCC on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter



We have clips and animations to help share news and information about registration, regulation and professional development for social work and social care workers. Have a look and subscribe to the [Northern Ireland Social Care Council You Tube Channel](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for live news and stories from events with our registrants and social. We now have 794 Facebook Page likes and 1503 Twitter Followers. Please Like and Share with your colleagues and friends to spread social care good news stories.

Council Meetings – Open and accessible

You are welcome to come along to our Council meetings. They are usually held in our office at Millennium House.

**Dates for 2017-18 - 30 June 2017, 25 October 2017
31 January 2018, 25 April 2018, 27 June 2018**



If you would like to attend a meeting, please email maureen.martin@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2952. Minutes from previous meetings are published on our website at: <http://www.niscc.info/about/how-we-make-decisions>

Customer Service – Here to help

We can help with queries about our work & the services we offer, including advice on your NISCC registration, using your NISCC Online account, routes into education & training and information about our Corporate Management. Call: **028 9536 2600** (lines open Mon-Fri 09.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00). Email info@niscc.hscni.net

This newsletter is to update you on news and projects affecting the social care workforce in NI. Registrants using the information within the newsletter to develop their knowledge and practice can include the learning and development in their Post Registration Training & Learning record.

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