

NI CHARITIES ALERT

CHARITIES ACT (NI) 2008 – ARE YOU READY?

We are delighted to announce that Tom McGrath, the recently appointed Chief Charity Commissioner for Northern Ireland will give the opening address at two important conferences to be held in Belfast and Derry.

The conferences have been organised jointly by Cleaver Fulton Rankin, Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants and Northern Bank. These free events will examine the impact of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 on organisational procedures and practices and will be of interest to Trustees, Chief Executives and Directors of Finance of charitable sector organisations.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- **ISSUES ARISING FROM THE CHARITIES ACT (NI) 2008**
- **THE COMPANIES ACT 2006: OUTLINE OF THE IMPACT ON CHARITY COMPANIES**
- **ACCOUNTING & AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**
- **ROLE OF TRUSTEES/ DIRECTORS & THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**
- **BANKING & INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS**
- **QUESTION & ANSWER CHAIRED BY MAJELLA MCCLOSKEY**

VENUES

BELFAST – SPIRES CONFERENCE CENTRE

DATE: Tuesday 29th September 2009

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm

LUNCH: A light finger buffet will be served at 12.45pm

DERRY – THE PLAYHOUSE

DATE: Wednesday 30th September 2009

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm

LUNCH: A light finger buffet will be served at 12.45pm

To register your interest please email tgeddis@msca.co.uk quoting CCB for the Belfast event or CCD for the Derry event.

SPEAKERS



TOM MCGRATH CBE – CHIEF CHARITY COMMISSIONER

Tom McGrath was appointed as Chief Commissioner of the new Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 1 June 2009. He previously worked as Regional Director for Marsh Ltd for 34 years. He is the principal of Thomas McGrath Professional Associates which provides expert witness services to solicitors in England, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

He has held a number of other public appointments including Chair of the NI Tourist Board (2003-2008), the NI Business Education Partnership (2004-2006) and the George Best Memorial Trust (2006-2007). He was a Board member of Tourism Ireland (2003-2008) and the Probation Board NI (2000-2003). He was also Director of the Ireland Funds (1998-2007) and previously served as a Committee Member of Princes Youth Trust and NSPCC Special Appeal.



MAJELLA MCCLOSKEY – DIRECTOR, CO3 (CHIEF OFFICERS THIRD SECTOR)

Majella McCloskey has been Director of CO3 since 31 May 2005. CO3 is the membership body for third sector chief executives in Northern Ireland, with over 200 members. She has operational responsibility to CO3's Board and members for the services and events delivered by CO3, and for setting the policy and direction of the organisation. CO3 has an interest in the governance responsibilities of their members and organises specialist governance events for chairs and chief executives.

Majella has a special interest in public affairs and advocacy, particularly in the third sector and has undertaken research, specialist training and projects, as well as speaking to students and other groups on this issue. She previously worked as Director of the fuel poverty charity, NEA NI.



JENNY EBBAGE – CLEAVER FULTON RANKIN SOLICITORS

Jenny is a partner with Cleaver Fulton Rankin Solicitors and heads up the Charities Unit providing specialised legal advice to local and national charities, social enterprise and not for profit organisations of all sizes.

Jenny led Cleaver Fulton Rankin's Charities team which presented evidence to the Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly scrutinising the Bill which became the Charities Act (NI) 2008. In addition, Jenny regularly delivers seminars on charity law and is a charity trustee sitting on the board of a local housing association with interests throughout Ireland.

As a firm Cleaver Fulton Rankin are the only Northern Ireland firm ranked as top tier for charity law by "Chambers UK, A Client's Guide to the Legal Profession" for 2008 and 2009. Jenny is noted as, "The Leading Individual".



ROSEMARY PETERS GALLAGHER OBE – MOORE STEPHENS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Rosemary is a partner with Moore Stephens and leads the practice's Audit and Assurance Division. She is responsible for the delivery of external and internal audit, advisory and consultancy services to an extensive portfolio of clients in the Charity, Voluntary, Public, Social Economy, Education and Not for Profit sectors. Her clients include local and national charities, housing associations, schools and colleges.

A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, Rosemary is also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is the only person in Northern Ireland to hold the Diploma in Charity in Accounting from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Rosemary holds a number of non-executive roles on several public and private sector bodies and is a trustee of several charities. She is a member of the University of Ulster's Governing Body and is also Honorary Treasurer (one of the 3 senior lay officers) of the University of Ulster. She is also a non-executive director of the Cabinet Office Audit and Risk Committee. This experience, combined with her private sector experience adds to Rosemary's understanding of the issues facing her clients, most particularly the executive and independent board members.

Rosemary was awarded the OBE in the New Year's Honours 2007 for services to business and the community in Northern Ireland.



MARK ARNDELL – NORTHERN BANK

Mark is the Head of Northern Bank's Investment Management Team.

An Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and a Member of the Securities and Investment Institute, Mark has 14 years investment experience, joined Northern Bank in 2000 as an Investment Manager and took over management of the team in 2006.

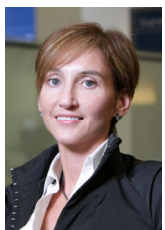
Northern Bank Investment Management have 50 years experience in managing investments on behalf of locally based Charities, Trusts, Pension Schemes and Private Clients.



ADRIAN O'NEILL – NORTHERN BANK

Adrian is a Senior Client Manager in Northern Bank's Investment Management Team. Before joining Northern Bank in October 2008, he spent 8 years at Lazard Asset Management where he was a key member of its Charities team. He previously worked at Allianz Dresdner in a similar role.

Adrian is fellow of the Securities Institute by Diploma and a member of the Northern Ireland Securities Institute Board.



KAREN KENNEDY – NORTHERN BANK

Karen is Senior Cash Manager with responsibility for the provision of cash management solutions to corporate, public sector and charity clients. Her career at Northern Bank spans 17 years, during which time she has held a number of different roles and gained considerable experience across the spectrum of banking services.

Karen holds the Certificate in International Cash Management and as such is qualified to advise charities who have both local and cross border business interests.