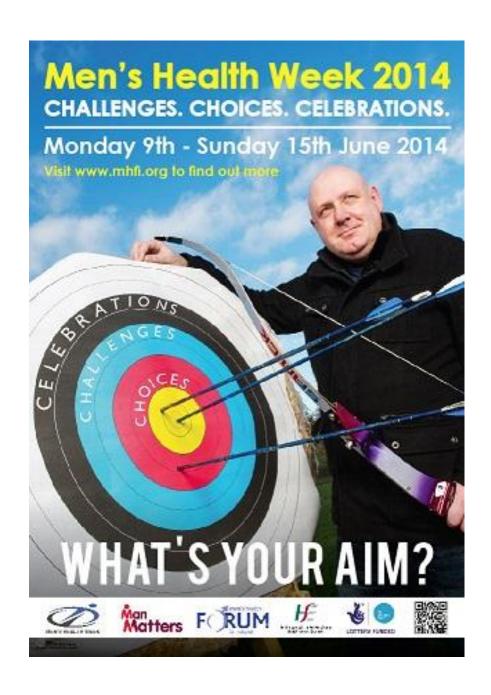
# Men's Health Week 2014



**Events and activities taking** place on the island of Ireland

# Men's Health Week 2014 - What's Happening Across Ireland?

Men's Health Week (MHW) 2014 will run from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The focus in Ireland this year will be upon: 'Challenges, Choices and Celebrations - What's Your Aim?'

There is clear evidence that local men experience a disproportionate burden of ill-health and die too young.

- Men on the island of Ireland die, on average, almost four and a half years younger than women do.
- Males have higher death rates than women for all of the leading causes of death and at all ages.
- Poor lifestyles are responsible for a high proportion of chronic diseases.
- Late presentation to health services leads to a large number of problems becoming untreatable ...

This high level of premature mortality amongst men in Ireland has farreaching repercussions - well beyond the life satisfaction of men themselves. It affects not only industry and commerce, but also impacts upon the social and financial positions of families. However, this is not a lost cause.

While the evidence clearly shows that there are many CHALLENGES to be faced when seeking to improve the health of men, it also highlights that men's health can be improved in many significant ways - if we make the right CHOICES. Men, themselves, have a key role to play in this process, but they require support, encouragement and opportunities to succeed. Men's Health Week this year asks everyone: 'WHAT'S YOUR AIM?' and invites them to CELEBRATE the important contributions that males make to our society.

The Men's Health Forum in Ireland (MHFI) wishes to document at least some of the events and activities which will be taking place throughout the island of Ireland to mark MHW 2014. There are three ways to submit details of events:

- 1. Use the online form at: <a href="https://www.mhfi.org/mhw/promote-an-event.html">www.mhfi.org/mhw/promote-an-event.html</a> or ...
- 2. Download and save a copy of the MS Word Registration Form, type in your details, and email it back or ...
- 3. Print off a copy of the <u>Portable Document Format (PDF) Registration</u> <u>Form</u>, handwrite your details, and post it back.

The following paper lists some things that are happening in Ireland this year. However, this is certainly <u>NOT</u> an exhaustive list!

#### Please click on the links below to find out more about each initiative ...

### Just before (and, sometimes, during) Men's Health Week ...

'Challenges and Choices' Men's Health Manual [All-Island]

Beat the Odds - Free Men's Health MOTs [Across Northern Ireland]

Celebrating Men as Fathers [Dublin]

Into the West [Counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon]

Health and Well-Being Week [Dublin]

Man Alive Conference 2014 [Antrim, Co. Antrim]

Men's Health Champion Training [Belfast]

Vintage Weekend Health Checks [Moville, Co. Donegal]

12th Annual Gay Health Forum [Dublin]

### Throughout Men's Health Week ...

Balbriggan Men's Health Events [Balbriggan, Co. Dublin]

# Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

<u>Launch of Factsheet on Older Men in Northern Ireland</u> [Northern Ireland]

Launch of Global Action on Men's Health [International]

Men's Health Information Point [Hospital, Co. Limerick]

RTE Nationwide Feature on Men's Health in Ireland [All-Island]

# Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

Beat the Odds Clinic [North Belfast]

Engage: Men's Health Training [Armagh City]

Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men [Co. Armagh]

Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men [Belfast]

Healthy Cooking Class for Men [Antrim, Co. Antrim]

Keep Fit [Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh]

Men's Health Checks [Drogheda, Co. Louth]

# Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

Belfast City Hall Men's Health Event [Belfast]

Engage: Men's Health Training [Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan]

Just For Men [Derry / Londonderry]

Man Time: A Micro Festival of Men's Health [Dublin]

Raising Awareness in the West [Co. Galway]

# Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

Cancer Focus Man Alive Van [Armagh City]

Coffee Morning for Traveller Men [Askeaton and Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick]

<u>Local Men Getting Fit and Healthy</u> [Derry / Londonderry]

Mindfulness for Men [Belfast]

Smile for Oral Health [Cork]

Traveller Men's Health Event [Eastern region of Republic of Ireland]

# Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

Bowling Competition and Healthy Lunch [Downpatrick, Co. Down]

Engage: Men's Health Training [Laytown, Co. Meath]

The Recipe for Tackling Male Obesity [All-Island]

# Saturday 14th June 2014 ...

Beat the Odds Clinic [Culloville, Co. Armagh]

Men of Ireland - The All Island Gathering [Hill of Uisneach, Co. Westmeath]

Men's Health Day in the Guild Hall [Derry / Londonderry]

Men's Health Event and Dragon Boat Race [Antrim, Co. Antrim]

Redeeming Fathers [Cork City]

# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 ...

None recorded - as yet!

### Just after Men's Health Week 2014 ...

Beat the Odds Clinic [West Belfast]

Introduction to Painting - for Beginners [Carlow, Co. Carlow]

Beat the Odds Clinic [Ballyclare, Co. Antrim]

Beat the Odds Clinic [East Belfast]

Beat the Odds Clinic [South Belfast]

# 'Challenges and Choices' Men's Health Manual



**Date:** Official Launch = Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Organised by:** Men's Health Forum in Ireland (MHFI)

#### **Details:**

As the final countdown to Men's Health Week begins, the Men's Health Forum in Ireland is launching a new, free, 32 page Man Manual. This booklet (titled 'Challenges and Choices') poses a series of simple, practical challenges to men in an effort to radically improve their health.

The manual was written by internationally acclaimed men's health author Dr Ian Banks, President of the European Men's Health Forum. It is based upon the highly successful series of 'Haynes Manuals for Men' which have been developed by Dr Banks. These publications use the widely recognised Haynes Car Workshop Manual format (which many men are already familiar with) to promote health messages in a straightforward, step-by-step, humorous and commonsense way.

Evidence clearly shows that there are many challenges to be faced when seeking to improve men's health. However, it also highlights that men's health can be improved in significant ways - if the right choices are made. This manual provides the information and the tools to do this.

Production of the 'Challenges and Choices' manual has been funded by the Health Service Executive in the Republic of Ireland, and by the Man Matters Project (supported by the Big Lottery Fund) in Northern Ireland.

#### For more information contact:

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### **Beat the Odds - Free Men's Health MOTs**



Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 7.00pm

#### Venue:

Action Cancer House
1 Marlborough Park
Belfast BT9 6XS

Organised by: Action Cancer

#### **Details:**

Book your MOT Health Checks! Action Cancer is offering 1,000 free health checks to men across Northern Ireland. These health checks do not diagnose cancer, but aim to increase awareness of your current health and the importance of early detection. Each appointment will last for 25 minutes, and will include up to four of the available six tests. The six health check options available are: cholesterol testing; glucose testing; blood pressure and pulse rate; lung function; body composition analysis; and facial skin scanner analysis. Book online at <a href="https://www.actioncancer.org">www.actioncancer.org</a> or Tel: 02890 803344. Action Cancer will also be rolling out 'Men's Pop-Up Clinics' in different locations throughout Northern Ireland.

Entry Fee: Free

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# **Celebrating Men as Fathers**



Date: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

**Time:** 1.05pm

Organised by: Inter-Faith Centre, Dublin City University

#### **Details:**

Father's Day is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June this year. However, the Inter-Faith Centre in Dublin City University would like to give staff and students an opportunity to remember all dads before the end of the academic year - as many will be leaving before this day comes around. To do this, Mass will be held in An Tearmann Inter Faith Centre.

If you would like us to remember your father, please give us his name, and we will give you a bookmark that you can give him when the day arrives to show him that he has been remembered in our Service. If your father has passed away, we will remember him during the Mass. When sending any names, please indicate if your father is alive or has passed away.

Please submit all names by lunchtime on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

#### For more information contact:

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### **Into the West**



Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Location: GPs Surgeries and Pharmacies in Galway, Mayo and

Roscommon

Organised by: Health Promotion, HSE West

#### **Details:**

Over 150 GP's surgeries and 20 pharmacies will be emailed to inform them about Men's Health Week 2014 and the availability of MHW resources (e.g. the 'Challenges and Choices' manual, posters, images etc.).

It is hoped that this will encourage them to play a more active role in the week, and to devote extra attention to promoting men's health during June 2014.

#### For more information contact:

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# **Health and Well-Being Week**



Date: Week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

#### Venue:

Firstsource Solutions Ireland Limited Telephone House Marlborough Street Dublin 1

Organised by: Firstsource Solutions Ireland Limited

#### **Details:**

Workplace based health and well-being week for staff which will include the distribution of information packs (including the 'Challenges and Choices' Man Manual) on healthy living.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Theresa Woods Tel: 085 8613747

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### **Man Alive Conference 2014**



Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 9.00am to 1.30pm

#### Venue:

Dunsilly Hotel
20 Dunsilly Road
Antrim
Co. Antrim BT41 2JH

Organised by: Cancer Focus Northern Ireland

#### **Details:**

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland invites you to attend the 2014 Man Alive Conference. This event will examine communication strategies in health and wellbeing, with a focus on effective messaging and empowering men to improve their health, make healthier choices, and access support where it is needed. It will also look at how men receive and interpret information.

**Entry Fee:** Free (limited places available)

#### For more information contact:

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# **Men's Health Champion Training**



Date: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

#### Venue:

Belfast Community Sports Development Network (BCSDN) Townsend Enterprise Park Townsend Street Belfast BT13 2ES

Organised by: Man Matters

#### Details:

Eight experienced community-based sports coaches / health improvement officers in the greater-Belfast area will receive training in how to use health check equipment which measures cholesterol, blood sugar, body fat / BMI and blood pressure. These people will then use this equipment with the groups of men that they work alongside.

Entry Fee: Free

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# **Vintage Weekend Health Checks**



Date: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 2.00pm - 6.30pm

#### Venue:

Marquee for the Moville Agricultural Vintage Weekend Moville Co. Donegal

#### **Details:**

Free health checks will be offered to participants at this event.

#### For more information contact:

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### 12th Annual Gay Health Forum



Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am to 3.30pm

#### Venue:

Dublin Castle Dame Street Dublin 2

#### **Details:**

This annual event is organised by the Gay Men's Health Service (GMHS), in association with partners in the Gay Health Network (GHN), and with the support of the Department of Health, the HSE's National Directorate on Health and Wellbeing, and Primary Care and Mental Health.

The theme for this year's forum is ACCESS, with presentations and new research on a range of issues for men who have sex with men (MSM) on accessing HIV and STI testing, access to condoms, and access to sexual health information and support. Presentations will include surveillance updates on HIV and STIs in Ireland, a new report from the 2010 EMIS research on STI testing among MSM in Ireland, updates on the Man2Man.ie programme and other community initiatives, and a celebration of 20 years of the Gay Health Network.

**Entry Fee:** Free, with a light lunch provided. Booking essential.

#### For more information contact:

Email: <u>info@ghn.ie</u>

# **Balbriggan Men's Health Events**



#### Dates:

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 from 2.00pm 6.00pm
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 from 11.00am 3.00pm

#### Venue:

Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre Dublin Road Balbriggan Co. Dublin

Organised by: HSE and Cairde

#### **Details:**

Men are invited to come along and learn more about their health. There will be blood pressure checks, diabetic (sugar level) checks, and cancer checks. Information will be provided on: mental health, sexual health, domestic violence, physical health, oral health, addiction, general men's health and wellbeing. On Saturday, there will be a range of sporting activities. Light refreshments will also be offered.

Entry Fee: Free

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### Launch of Factsheet on Older Men in Northern Ireland



Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Organised by:** ARK (Accessing Research Knowledge)

#### **Details:**

To mark Men's Health Week 2014, ARK (within Queen's University Belfast and the University of Ulster) is publishing a new factsheet which looks at the health and wellbeing of older men in Northern Ireland.

Using statistics from the Health Survey Northern Ireland, as well as the Census of Population, this report looks at a range of topics including general health, age-related diseases, lifestyle, and mental health.

This is the tenth report in the Men in Northern Ireland (MINI) series. All the reports are available online at: <a href="https://www.ark.ac.uk/publications/factsheets/#mini">www.ark.ac.uk/publications/factsheets/#mini</a>

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### Launch of Global Action on Men's Health



Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Organised by:** Global Action on Men's Health (GAMH)

#### **Details:**

Globally, men die five years earlier than women and are 50% more likely to die between the ages of 15 and 60. In countries classified as 'least developed' and 'less developed' by the United Nations, adult mortality fell faster among women than among men between 1992 and 2012. In every part of the world, men's health outcomes are substantially worse than women's, yet this inequality has received little national, regional or global attention from health policymakers or healthcare providers.

Today, a new organisation called Global Action on Men's Health (GAMH) will be launched, and will issue an urgent call to improve the poor state of men's health in every part of the world. It is backed by eight organisations based on four continents: Australian Men's Health Forum, Canadian Men's Health Foundation, Danish Men's Health Society, European Men's Health Forum, Men's Health Forum England and Wales, Men's Health Forum in Ireland, Prostate Cancer Education Council/Men's Health Alliance (USA), and Sonke Gender Justice (South Africa).

GAMH wants the World Health Organisation, other international public health bodies, and individual governments to acknowledge the scale of the problems facing men and boys and to take sustained action to tackle them. This work should sit alongside continuing action to improve the health of women and girls.

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### **Men's Health Information Point**



Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.30am - 1.00pm

#### Venue:

Moore's Spar Hospital Co. Limerick

**Organised by:** Hospital Family Resource Centre

#### **Details:**

An information point on men's health issues is being hosted in Moores Spar, Hospital, Co. Limerick, to mark Men's Health Week 2014. The 'Challenges and Choices' Man Manual will be distributed, alongside information on men's issues from Mental Health Ireland, Marie Keating Foundation, Irish Cancer Society and many other organisations. Fit 4 Life Gymnasium in Kilmallock has also provided free trial passes for their facilities.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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### RTE Nationwide Feature on Men's Health in Ireland



Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time: 7.**00pm - 7.30pm

Organised by: RTE 1

#### **Details:**

To mark the beginning of Men's Health Week 2014, RTE's Nationwide television programme is running a special feature on men's health. In this programme, they will highlight the experience of a number of men's groups and individuals from across Ireland.

#### For more information see:

Website: www.rte.ie/tv/programmes/nationwide.html

Twitter: www.twitter.com/RTENationwide

### **Beat the Odds Clinic**



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 5.00pm

#### Venue:

Ashton Centre 31 Henry Place Belfast BT15 2BB

Organised by: Action Cancer

#### **Details:**

Men's MOT Health Checks ... These health checks do not diagnose cancer, but aim to increase awareness of your current health and the importance of early detection. Each appointment will last for 25 minutes, and will include up to four of the six available tests. The six health check options available are: cholesterol testing; glucose testing; blood pressure and pulse rate; lung function; body composition analysis; and facial skin scanner analysis. Book online at <a href="https://www.actioncancer.org">www.actioncancer.org</a> or Tel: 02890 803344.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Malachy Nixon Tel: 02890 803344

Email: <a href="mailto:info@actioncancer.org">info@actioncancer.org</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.actioncancer.org">www.actioncancer.org</a>

# **Engage: Men's Health Training**



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 9.30am start (registration at 9.15am)

#### Venue:

Promoting Wellbeing Resources Room St. Luke's Hospital Loughgall Road Armagh BT61 7NQ

**Organised by:** Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT)

#### **Details:**

This 'Engage' training is open to anyone from voluntary, community or statutory services whose role involves working with men. The aim is to increase participants' understanding of best practice in engaging men with health and social services.

This training will address the broad determinants of men's health, gender influences, best practice, and effective group work with men. It will use a range of teaching methodologies.

**Entry Fee:** Free - Staff book appointments

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# Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 9.30am - 1.00pm

#### Venue:

St. Patrick's Trian 38a English Street Armagh BT61 7BA

Organised by: YouthAction NI's Work with Young Men Team

#### **Details:**

As part of International Men's Health Week 2014, YouthAction NI is hosting a 'Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men' in Armagh. This half day event will give young men an opportunity to learn new skills in relation to employment, education or training opportunities - including CV advice and support, interview techniques and goal setting. Places are limited, and early booking is essential. Individual travel costs for participants will be reimbursed with valid receipts.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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# Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 9.30am - 1.00pm

#### Venue:

East Belfast Network Centre 55 Templemore Avenue Belfast BT5 4FP

Organised by: YouthAction NI's Work with Young Men Team

#### **Details:**

As part of International Men's Health Week 2014, YouthAction NI is hosting a 'Get Set to Go - Employability Skills Day for Young Men' in Belfast. This half day event will give young men an opportunity to learn new skills in relation to employment, education or training opportunities - including CV advice and support, interview techniques and goal setting. Places are limited, and early booking is essential. Individual travel costs for participants will be reimbursed with valid receipts.

Entry Fee: Free

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# **Healthy Cooking Class for Men**



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

#### Venue:

AMH Men's Shed Steeple Antrim 4a Steeple Road Antrim BT41 1AF

Organised by: AMH Men's Shed Steeple Antrim

#### **Details:**

The Men's Shed has organised a healthy cooking class for the local 'Shedders'. They will cook with ingredients produced in their garden and make a healthy lunch.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Eoin McAnuff

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Website: www.amh.org.uk/services/mensshed

# **Keep Fit**



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 10.00am - Noon

#### Venue:

Men's Shed Fermanagh AMH New Horizons Drumcoo Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh BT74 4FY

Organised by: AMH Men's Shed Fermanagh

#### **Details:**

The local 'Shedders' are undertaking a keep fit session with a personal trainer.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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Website: www.amh.org.uk/services/mensshed

### Men's Health Checks



Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm

#### Venue:

Health Promotion Corner Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Co. Louth

**Organised by:** Health Promotion Department

#### **Details:**

Health checks for men, changes in lifestyle advice, diabetic advice from Diabetic CNS, blood glucose monitoring, blood pressure checks, BMI checks, information packs related to men's health.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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### **Belfast City Hall Men's Health Event**



Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 11.00am - 2.00pm

#### Venue:

Belfast City Hall Donegall Square Belfast BT1 5GS

Organised by: Belfast Men's Health Group

#### **Details:**

This large scale event will begin with an address by Dr Ian Banks - President of the European Men's Health Forum and internationally acclaimed author on men's health.

Following this, participants will be invited to: have their health checked (blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, body fat, lifestyle ...); book a free complementary therapy session; view a range of health related stalls; try the spin bikes in front of the building; sample some free bottled water and fresh fruit; have a cup of tea or coffee.

Entry Fee: Free

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# **Engage: Men's Health Training**



Date: Wednesday 11th June 2014

Location: Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan

Organised by: Health Service Executive Dublin / North East

#### **Details:**

The 'Engage' National Men's Health Training Programme was developed in response to the growing demand from service providers for support to improve their engagement and work with men. A team of trainers has been developed in Ireland over the past two years.

The aim of the Engage roll-out programme is to create a network of knowledgeable and experienced people who are willing and able to cascade their learning to all areas of the country.

Cost: Free

#### For more information contact:

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### **Just For Men**



Date: Wednesday 11th June 2014

**Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm

#### Venue:

Longtower Youth Club Anne Street Derry / Londonderry BT48 6PB

Organised by: Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum

#### **Details:**

Health checks, 'Ask the Doc', healthy food, Turkish shaves ...

Entry Fee: Free

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Forum/239368922827901?id=239368922827901&sk=info

### Man Time: A Micro Festival of Men's Health



Date: Wednesday 11th June 2014

**Time:** 7.00pm - 10.00pm

#### Venue:

Slí an Chroí North West Inner City Network 117-118 North King Street Smithfield Dublin 7

(The yellow curved building at the traffic lights on the junction of North King St. and Queen St.)

Organised by: Fir le Chéile

#### **Details:**

An evening micro festival of men's lives with storytelling, music and song, presentations by local health care professionals, testimonies from men on their journeys, lively discussion, banter and craic. There is complimentary light food and drinks, and all men and boys are welcome. Man Time is the northwest inner city community's special event for Men's Health Week 2014, but you don't have to live in or be from the city to be welcome.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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# **Raising Awareness in the West**



Date: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Location: Galway region

Organised by: Health Promotion, HSE West

### **Details:**

The Health Promotion Department in HSE West will be submitting a newspaper article to The Galway Independent on: 'Why men need to be more aware of their own health, and why initiatives like Men's Health Week are so important'.

#### For more information contact:

Paul Gillen

Tel: 091 737261

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### **Cancer Focus Man Alive Van**



Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 9.30am - 4.00pm

#### Venue:

St Luke's Hospital site Loughgall Road Armagh BT61 7NQ

Organised by: Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT)

#### **Details:**

This event will offer 15 minute health assessments for men employed by the SHSCT. Measurements will include: weight, body mass index, blood pressure and random blood sugar. Each appointment will also offer health advice.

**Entry Fee:** Free - Staff book appointments

#### For more information contact:

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# **Coffee Morning for Traveller Men**



**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm

#### Venue:

Abbeyfeale Community Education Centre (Old Tech) Mountmahon Abbeyfeale Co. Limerick

Organised by: West Limerick Primary Health Care Project for Travellers

#### **Details:**

As part of its campaign for Men's Health Week 2014, West Limerick Primary Health Care Project for Travellers is organising a coffee morning in the Abbeyfeale Community Education Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

In the lead-up to Men's Health Week, the team is also targeting men from the Traveller community in both Askeaton and Abbeyfeale with health information. Thanks to support from the Limerick Sports Partnership, we are also able to promote access to the gym and pool in Askeaton Leisure Centre for twenty five men in Askeaton.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Mo Foley-Walsh Tel: 069 61316

Email: mfoley@wlr.ie

Website: www.wlr.ie/primary-health-care-project

# **Local Men Getting Fit and Healthy**



Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 2.00pm - 4.00pm

#### Venue:

All Saints Caring Hall Glendermott Road Derry / Londonderry

Organised by: Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project

#### **Details:**

This event will showcase the brilliant work happening in local communities. It will give guests a chance to hear real life stories from participants involved in the very successful Men's Health Programme and much more.

Everyone is invited to come along and show their support. Light refreshments will be provided.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Aileen McGuinness Tel: 02871 363925

Email: aileen@bbhealthforum.org

### **Mindfulness for Men**



Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 1.00pm - 3.00pm

#### Venue:

Sandy Row Community Centre 63/75 Sandy Row Belfast BT12 5ER

Organised by: Sandy Row Community Forum

#### **Details:**

This mindfulness session will be hosted by Frank Liddy. Mindfulness is a mind-body approach to well-being that can help you change the way you think about experiences and reduce stress and anxiety.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Glenda Davies Tel: 02890 238446

Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@sandyrow.co.uk">enquiries@sandyrow.co.uk</a>

### **Smile for Oral Health**



Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 1.00pm - 2.00pm

#### Venue:

Citygate Park and Mahon Area Cork

Organised by: Citygate Specialist Dental Clinic

#### **Details:**

This event will focus on increasing awareness of the need for improved oral health in males. Men are at a higher risk of developing problems related to poor oral health. Poor oral health can lead to a variety of other health problems including oral and throat cancer and periodontal (gum) disease.

This event will ask males to take a photo of themselves with our special smile to help increase awareness in the general population. Information necessary to improving oral health will also be available.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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### **Traveller Men's Health Event**



Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014

#### Venue:

Phoenix Park Dublin

**Organised by:** The Eastern Region Traveller Health Network. This is comprised of ten different Traveller Primary Healthcare Projects - Wicklow, Kildare, Blanchardstown, Tallaght, Clondalkin, STAG, Pavee Point, Trav Act, Ballymun and Balbriggan.

#### **Details:**

To mark Men's Health Week 2014, the Eastern Region Traveller Health Network will be hosting a Traveller Men's Health Event. This will include health checks and a football tournament.

The health checks will be performed by professional health bodies who have been invited to set up information stands. The football tournament (5-a-side) will be made up of teams sent from each project.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Pavee Point Tel: 01 8780255

Email: <a href="mailto:info@paveepoint.ie">info@paveepoint.ie</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.paveepoint.ie">www.paveepoint.ie</a>

# **Bowling Competition and Healthy Lunch**



Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: 11.30am - 2.30pm

# Venue:

Downpatrick Leisure Centre
114 Market Street
Downpatrick
Co. Down BT30 6LZ

Organised by: Men's Shed Downpatrick

## **Details:**

The local 'Shedders' in Downpatrick will have a healthy lunch followed by a bowling competition in Downpatrick Leisure Centre.

Entry Fee: Free

## For more information contact:

Hazel Wilson

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Website: www.amh.org.uk/services/mensshed

# **Engage: Men's Health Training**



Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Location:** Laytown, Co. Meath

Organised by: Health Service Executive Dublin / North East

## **Details:**

The 'Engage' National Men's Health Training Programme was developed in response to the growing demand from service providers for support to improve their engagement and work with men. A team of trainers has been developed in Ireland over the past two years.

The aim of the Engage roll-out programme is to create a network of knowledgeable and experienced people who are willing and able to cascade their learning to all areas of the country.

This course will target Primary Care Staff in East Meath.

Cost: Free

#### For more information contact:

Finian Murray Tel: 046 9076449

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# The Recipe for Tackling Obesity



Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014

#### **Details:**

Fewer men join weight loss programmes, but they are more likely than women to stick with them, according to analysis of international obesity studies. Men also prefer the use of simple 'business-like' language, welcome humour used sensitively, and benefit from the moral support of other men in strategies to tackle obesity.

These are some of the findings in a new report being launched today which suggests that, if weight loss programmes were specifically designed for men, these might be more effective at helping them to lose weight.

Researchers from the Universities of Aberdeen, Bournemouth and Stirling analysed evidence from around the world - gathered from weight loss trials and studies that have also taken on-board men's views. The team particularly investigated what would make services more appealing to men.

The Men's Health Forum in Ireland joined with Men's Health Forum England and Wales and Men's Health Forum Scotland to act in an advisory role to this major piece of research.

# For more information, view the ...

Launch press release at: <a href="https://www.mhfi.org/obesitystudy.pdf">www.mhfi.org/obesitystudy.pdf</a>

Report at: <a href="https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/volume-18/issue-35">www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/volume-18/issue-35</a>



**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

### Venue:

Culloville GAC Co. Armagh

Organised by: Action Cancer

## **Details:**

Men's MOT Health Checks ... These health checks do not diagnose cancer, but aim to increase awareness of your current health and the importance of early detection. Each appointment will last for 25 minutes, and will include up to four of the six available tests. The six health check options available are: cholesterol testing; glucose testing; blood pressure and pulse rate; lung function; body composition analysis; and facial skin scanner analysis. Book online at <a href="https://www.actioncancer.org">www.actioncancer.org</a> or Tel: 02890 803344.

Entry Fee: Free

## For more information contact:

Malachy Nixon Tel: 02890 803344

Email: <a href="mailto:info@actioncancer.org">info@actioncancer.org</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.actioncancer.org">www.actioncancer.org</a>

# Men of Ireland - The All Island Gathering



Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm

#### Venue:

Hill of Uisneach, Co. Westmeath
On R390 between Athlone and Mullingar
GPS Coordinates: 53.490°N 7.562°W

See: www.uisneach.ie

Organised by: Fir Le Chéile: Men Together

### **Details:**

On Father's Day Eve, men and boys from the entire island of Ireland will assemble at the foot of the Hill of Uisneach - regarded by many as the geographical centre of Ireland. Together, elders and boys will walk in a spirit of care, solidarity and brotherhood for the wellbeing of all males in all parts of Ireland. This will be a celebration of maleness, one that is thoroughly inclusive and non-hierarchical. With no flags, no fliers, no selling, no preaching, just togetherness as we walk the small, gentle climb to the very centre of Ireland. This is an historic occasion, one that is unique in the culture of health and wellbeing of men and boys. You are free to walk with personal intentions, to acknowledge the lives lived by men and boys known to us who have passed, to walk on behalf of those men and boys among us who are unable to do so, to walk for the betterment of our very selves.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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Website: www.menofireland.com

# Men's Health Day in the Guild Hall



**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 2.00pm - 5.30pm

#### Venue:

The Guild Hall
Guildhall Street
Derry / Londonderry BT48 6DQ

Organised by: Men's Health West

## **Details:**

This large scale event will offer a broad range of information and health checks to men. Participants will be invited to:

- Have their health checked e.g. blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, body fat and skin scan.
- Avail of a free complementary therapy session.
- 'Ask the Doc' about any concerns they might have.
- See a healthy eating cookery demonstration by a local chef and taste the dishes made.
- Get a free hair cut ...

Entry Fee: Free

## For more information contact:

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Email: <a href="mailto:man\_in\_derry@yahoo.co.uk">man\_in\_derry@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.menshealthwest.org">www.menshealthwest.org</a>

# Men's Health Event and Dragon Boat Race



**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Time: Noon - 4.00pm

Location: Antrim Lough Shore

**Organised by:** South Antrim Community Network, Eye Feel Good Outdoors, and Antrim Borough Council

#### **Details:**

Antrim Borough Council and Eye Feel Good are hosting a Family Fun Day. This will include activities such as a dragon boat race, dragon themed arts and crafts and fancy dress competition, dance workshops, treasure hunts, and magicians. South Antrim Community Network is providing free health 'MOT' checks, holistic therapies, and a Cookery Demonstration (by BBC Radio Ulster Chef Paula McIntyre) specifically aimed at men. There will also be Father's Day themed arts and crafts, and take-home health information packs.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

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Website: <a href="mailto:www.southantrimcommunitynetwork.org">www.southantrimcommunitynetwork.org</a>

# **Redeeming Fathers**



**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 2.00pm

### Venue:

St Dominic's Retreat Centre Ennismore Montenotte Co. Cork

Organised by: Mick Devine

### Details:

This event will invite men to recall their dad, who he was (is) as a man, how he did (does) as a dad, his successes and failures. We will seek to recall him by telling stories, writing letters, 'biographies' and 'obituaries', or doing collage or constellations. This will be done in an atmosphere of understanding and respect. How has this man impacted the participant's life? - for better / for worse? Where participants are fathers themselves, how has he impacted upon their fathering?

Entry Fee: €50

# For more information contact:

Mick Devine

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Email: mick.devine@hotmail.com



Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 11.00am - 6.00pm

#### Venue:

West Belfast Athletic and Cultural Society 236-242 Shankill Road Belfast BT13 2BL

Organised by: Action Cancer

#### **Details:**

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Entry Fee: Free

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# **Introduction to Painting - For Beginners**



Date: Friday 20th June 2014

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

## Venue:

The Shaw Room
Carlow Central Library
Tullow Street
Carlow
Co. Carlow

Organised by: Carlow County Library Service

#### **Details:**

This event, presented by artist Amanda Tapley and hosted by Carlow County Library service, offers members of our local Men's Shed a chance to explore their creative side and try something new for a day.

Entry Fee: Free

#### For more information contact:

Janette O'Brien Tel: 059 9129705

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Website: www.carlowlibraries.ie



Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 11.00am - 7.00pm

#### Venue:

Grange Community House 16 Clareville Avenue Ballyclare Co. Antrim BT39 9DN

Organised by: Action Cancer

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Date: Tuesday 24th June 2014

**Time:** 11.00am - 7.00pm

#### Venue:

Cregagh British Legion Club Montgomery Road Belfast BT6 9JD

Organised by: Action Cancer

#### **Details:**

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Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**Time:** 11.00am - 7.00pm

## Venue:

Fit 4 Life Centre 337 Donegal Road Belfast BT12 6FQ

Organised by: Action Cancer

## **Details:**

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