

**SCHEMES
AVAILABLE**

CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT SCHEME. Provides individuals who are suffering chronic physical pain (as a result of a Troubles related injury), with financial assistance towards a private medical consultation and treatments.

SHORT BREAK SCHEME. Provides individuals and families with a short break away from their usual surroundings, responsibilities and commitments. Short breaks are available throughout the UK and Ireland.

EDUCATION & TRAINING SCHEME. Provides grant assistance to children and adults whose education or vocation has been affected by their experiences. This enables them to access education and training opportunities available to help them improve their employment prospects.

DISCRETIONARY SCHEME. Provides a grant to those who have lost a spouse or partner or those who have suffered very serious physical/psychological injuries as a result of the Troubles and are experiencing financial difficulties (*this scheme is means tested*).

OVER 60'S SUPPORT SCHEME. Help for the over 60's with the general cost of living expenses that older people, particularly pensioners, may find difficult to finance.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEME. This scheme aims to provide financial assistance to purchase school uniforms and help meet other costs associated with the start of the school year.

For further details on any of the schemes, contact us on 028 9076 1166 or visit our website at www.nimf.org.uk or write to us at Unit 1, 33 Massey Avenue, Belfast BT4 2JT. Fax number 028 9076 1144.

The Northern Ireland Memorial Fund is an independent charity that seeks to promote peace and reconciliation by ensuring that those individuals and families that have suffered as a result of the "Troubles" are remembered, by providing them with help and support in a practical and meaningful way.

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ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Our readers may be aware that the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister have approved additional funding for the NI Memorial Fund of £1.5 million which will cover the period April 2009 to March 2010. This will allow the Fund to continue its work in the interim period. The Fund very much welcomes this additional funding as it is vital in sustaining our much needed grant programmes.

With effect from 27th April 2009, both Head Office and the Grants Office will be moving to new premises at the following address:

Unit 1, 33 Massey Avenue, Belfast BT4 2JT

Our contact number for all enquiries will be 028 9076 1166.

Carolyn Mada – Fund Secretary
Donna McKee – Fund Administrator
Wendy Hayes – Grants Office Manager
Brett Campbell – Grants Officer
Tom Cunningham – Grants Assistant

Website: www.nimf.org.uk
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Please ensure all applications and correspondence are sent to the new address from 27th April 2009.

WE ARE MOVING

DISCRETIONARY SCHEME

Are you living in a low income household?

Have you lost a spouse or partner, sustained a physical injury which is ongoing, or been clinically diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of the Troubles? If so the Discretionary Fund may be able to help you with the purchase of basic household items or services. This is our only means tested scheme and is reserved only for the lowest income households.

Applications are strictly limited to those who:

- lost a partner/spouse, or;
- sustained a physical injury which is ongoing or have been clinically diagnosed with PTSD and have not recovered.

Applications will not be accepted from those who fall outside this criteria. The award of Disability Living Allowance is not included in our assessment. If you think you may qualify for assistance, please complete the form below and send to our new address shown on the front page of this newsletter.

NIMF Discretionary Scheme

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

How do you qualify for assistance?

I lost my partner/spouse I was injured

Have you applied to this scheme in the past?

Yes No

Please give details of the item or service you require:

Please note: qualifying applicants will be visited at home to have their case assessed. The scheme is discretionary and an award is not guaranteed.

OVER 60'S SUPPORT SCHEME

The Over 60's Support Scheme was launched on 1 June 2008 and ran until 31 December 2008 and provided grants to approximately 1300 applicants. Due to additional funding recently secured through Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, the scheme will continue to operate until March 2010.

Applicants can apply for a grant of £200 (one per household).

Applications will be accepted from those who are aged 60 years and over and who as a result of the Troubles have:

- lost a parent, partner, child or sibling, or;
- sustained a physical injury which is ongoing or have been clinically diagnosed with PTSD and have not recovered, or;
- are the registered primary carer of an immediate family member who has been physically injured.

Applicants are reminded that they can only apply for this grant once in a twelve month period, therefore if you received a grant in July 2008 you will be unable to re-apply until July 2009.

If you wish to apply, please contact the Grants Office on 028 9076 1166.

HOME REPAIRS SCHEME

Readers will be aware that the Fund ran a home repairs pilot scheme from 01 June 2008 - 31 December 2008. This was introduced to assist home owners (aged 60 and over) with minor household repairs. During the six month application period, we received a very low uptake on this scheme and as a result the scheme will no longer continue.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEME

The Back to School Scheme will be reintroduced on 1 June 2009 and will run until 30 September 2009.

The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to purchase school uniforms and help meet other costs associated with the start of the school year.

The scheme will be open to applicants who have school age children and who as a result of the Troubles have:

- lost a parent, partner, child, or;
- sustained a physical injury which is ongoing or have been clinically diagnosed with PTSD and have not recovered, or;
- are the registered primary carer of an immediate family member who has been physically injured.

Application forms will automatically be sent out in June to all those who received the grant in 2008 in early June 2009.

If you are a new applicant to this scheme, please contact the Grants Office on 028 9076 1166 (after 1 June 2009).

CARE FOR CARERS!

If you are a registered primary carer providing care for an individual who sustained injuries as a result of the Troubles, the Fund would like to hear from you.

We have recently received comments that there is very little support available for carers and would like to hear your views on what those needs are and how the Fund could possibly help.

If you would like to contact us with your views on the needs of carers, please contact Carolyn on 028 9076 1166 or write to us at Unit 1, 33 Massey Avenue, Belfast BT4 2JT.

