



SUMMER 2009

VSB TRANSPORT BUDDY SCHEME

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Jill Hunter, I co-ordinate the Transport Buddy service on behalf of Voluntary Service Bureau for registered members of Door -2-Door Transport. Our role is to recruit, train, support and match suitable volunteers with members of the Door -2- Door Transport Service who feel that they may be able to make more use of the service with a little help from a travel companion.

VSB is a local development agency with over 40 years of experience providing the infrastructure to support, encourage and promote citizenship and participation through voluntary activity.



VSB Door -2 - Door Transport Buddy Scheme extends to Dungannon and Strabane

Following the success of the Door-2- Door, Transport Buddy Scheme which has recently come to completion in North & West Belfast, The Department for Regional Development have provided funding for VSB to introduce the transport buddy scheme into the Dungannon and Strabane areas. This is a pilot scheme which will run from April 2009 – April 2010.

What is the Door to Door Service ?

Door-2-Door Transport is a service for people living in urban areas who find it difficult using mainstream transport. Your first trip will be free and after that you will be charged a flat fare of £1.50 per journey to travel within your local area. It can take you to your work, local shop, hairdresser, bank, doctor or simply to visit family or friends.

You can use the Door to Door Service if....

- You are in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance
- You are in receipt of the higher rate care component of DLA
- You are in receipt of the higher rate care component of Attendance Allowance
- You are registered blind
- You are 80 years of age or over

If none of the above describes your circumstances, you can also apply for membership by providing a letter from your doctor.

What is the Transport Buddy Scheme ?

If you are registered or would like to register to become a member of the Door-2-Door transport service and you live in Dungannon or Strabane you may also be able to benefit from the Transport Buddy Scheme

Transport Buddies can provide the following ...

- One to one support in helping you to plan journeys using Door-2-Door service
- Provide information on social activities in your area
- Accompany you on a number of outings using the Door-2-Door transport to help build your confidence and use the service independently in the future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you are interested in finding out more or you know someone who could benefit from these services please complete the registration form on page 3.

Or contact JILL HUNTER

- 07974 610 120
- Text: **BUDDY** for a return call
- jill@vsb.org.uk



Door – 2 - Door Transport Buddy Scheme participates in... Dungannon ‘Check it Out’ - Information Road Show’s

A newly formed Dungannon Interagency Working Group for Older People is holding a series of “**Check it Out**” information road shows.

These **FREE** events will provide valuable information to older people about benefit entitlements, health, security, energy efficiency, transport, care and other local services. The information is designed to help and support older people to retain their independence. Come along to the next event in your area, enjoy some light refreshments and find out about these valuable services.

VSB’s Transport Buddy Scheme Co-ordinator will be there to answer questions on Door-2- Door transport and how a volunteer Transport Buddy could help you avail of the service.

To register for your place, please contact Steven McElhatten (Good Morning Scheme) on **028 8772 9690**.

If any organisation wishes to find out more about the Interagency Working Group please contact Elaine Simpson on **07912 046 534**.

Dungannon	Wed Sept 16	Ballysaggart Business Complex, Ballygawley Road, Dungannon
Coalisland (West)	Mon Oct 19	Cornmill Lineside Coalisland
Galbally/Killeshill	Wed Nov 18	Killeshill Community Centre
Aughnacloy	Wed Dec 9	Mccreedy Mill, Aughnacloy
Killyman/Moy	Wed Jan 20	Killyman Coi Church Hall, Killyman
Ballygawley	Wed Feb 17	Smith Memorial Hall, Church Street, Ballygawley
Coalisland (South)	Tue Mar 9	Clonoe Community Centre, 93 Washingbay Road, Coalisland

Enjoy a ‘Senior Moment’ with Translink

Developed in partnership with coffee shops and restaurants across NI, ‘Senior Moments with Translink’ is a special discount guide exclusively for those aged 60+, providing valuable money-off deals on drinks and dining on presentation of a valid SmartPass. Already enjoying free travel 60+/Senior Smartpass holders will now find it’s even easier and more affordable to travel more often and enjoy some good NI hospitality.

Running until 31st May 2010, copies of ‘Senior Moments with Translink’ can be picked up across all main NI bus and rail stations and online.

For information on how to obtain a copy of ‘Senior Moments with Translink’ or apply for a Senior SmartPass contact Translink on **028 9066 6630** or log onto **www.translink.co.uk**



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TRANSPORT BUDDY SERVICE CLIENT REFERRAL FORM

SECTION 1: REFERRER'S DETAILS

Name: _____

Relationship to Client: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____ e-mail _____

SECTION 2: CLIENT'S DETAILS

I am a registered member of the Door 2 Door transport service ☐

I would like more information on how to register for the Door 2 Door transport service ☐

I would like more information on how to register for a Transport Buddy ☐

MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐

Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Next of Kin: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please return this form to:

VSb, Buddy Service, PO Box 331, Bangor, BT20 9DN

For more information contact **Jill Hunter:**

Tel: 07974 610 120

Text BUDDY for call back

Email: jill@vsb.org.uk

OFFICE USE ONLY – To be completed by *Buddy Service Staff*

Assessment Date Set: _____ / _____ / _____

Referral Person/Next of Kin made aware of Assessment date: _____

Method of assessment: _____

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