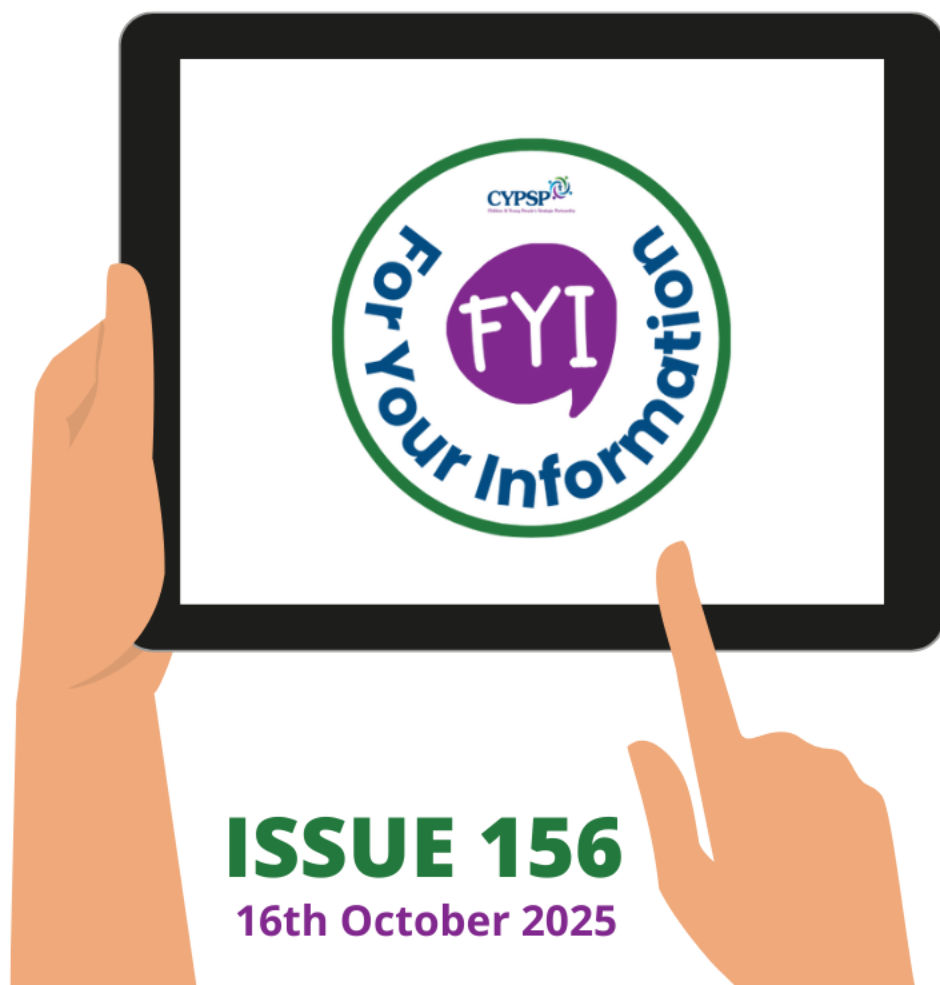


SOUTHERN AREA LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS



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WELCOME

Welcome to Issue 156 of our fortnightly newsletter, 'FYI' (For Your Information).

With the half-term breaking coming up, the next edition of 'FYI' will be circulated in three weeks' time, on Thursday 6th November. (We'll send out a reminder closer to the time!).

In the meantime, Monday 20th October sees the start of Parenting Week and so, in this edition, we have included a wide range of support and opportunities for parents & carers, and encourage as many people to avail of these resources as possible.

As always, keep sharing 'FYI' with your families and colleagues and feel free to send us any flyers or information to share with close to 600 contacts who regularly receive this newsletter.

Locality Development Team, Southern Area

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SOUTHERN TRUST AREA

TRAINING



Our funding restrictions are such that funded training is only available to those who work/volunteer for a **voluntary, charitable, faith or community-based** organisation

Upcoming Training Courses



Children in Northern Ireland

Open to those in Community/Voluntary Sector:

Child Protection Practice

(Half day, online)
October - 21st, 28th
November - 4th, 20th

Designated Officer Training

(Half day, online)
October - 28th
November - 25th

Safeguarding in the Digital World

(Half day, online)
November - 11th

Understanding Emotions and Behaviours (Early Years)

(Full day, in person)
November - 18th

Child Protection Practice

(Half day, online)
December - 2nd

Supervision for Supervisors

(Two full days, in person)
October - 21st - 22nd

Child Protection Case Conferences

(Half day, online)
November - 6th

Designated Officer Training (in person)

(Full day, in person)
November - 13th

Understanding and Supporting those who Self-harm

(Half day, online)
November - 27th



www.ci-ni.org.uk/training

Upcoming Training Courses



Children in Northern Ireland

Paid Courses:

Baby Massage Instructor Training

(Two full days, in person)
October 17th & 20th

Trauma and the Helping Professional

(Full day, in person)
October - 24th
December - 4th

Communicating Effectively with Children and Young People

(Half day, in person)
November - 12th

Supporting School Based Anxiety

(Half day, online)
November - 25th

Understanding Autism

(Full day, in person)
October - 23rd

Autistic Women and Girls

(Full day, in person)
November - 6th

Counselling Skills for Everyday Practice

(Full day, in person)
November - 21st

Baby Yoga Instructor Training

(Two full days, in person)
28th November & 1st December



Book: ci-ni.org.uk/training



www.ci-ni.org.uk/training



We are pleased to confirm the next date for our **C-Card / Traffic Light Training**

Monday 10 November, 10:00am - 4:30pm

Venue: CINI (Children in Northern Ireland) Unit 9, 40 Montgomery Road, Belfast, BT6 9HL.

Tea and coffee will be available, and lunch (sandwiches) will be provided
(Please confirm any dietary requirements when registering)

To book a place, please complete the registration form [HERE](#)

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis

If you can't make these dates, further training sessions will be available in early 2026

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Tailored Support
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Flexible Delivery
Integrate the 30-hour programme into your existing youth group/project hours with ease.

Inspiring Change
Empower young people to create positive social change and lead innovation within their communities.

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To register your interest in any courses, please get in touch using the contact details below:

Tel: 02837561938

Email: Recovery.college@southerntrust.hscni.net

Alternatively, you can use the below link to register your interest:

[Recovery College Register Form | Southern Health & Social Care Trust \(hscni.net\)](#)

To access our Free Online Recovery College Courses, which are available 24 hours a day, register [HERE](#)



Understanding Self-Harm

Self-harm & suicidal behaviours are interconnected but distinguishing between the two can be challenging. It's crucial to recognize the significant differences in intention and the risks each one presents.

This **FREE** community workshop provides a safe and supportive environment to learn how to recognise the signs, respond with compassion, and connect individuals (if appropriate) to Inspire's SHIP (Self-harm Intervention Programme) or to other relevant support services.

This workshop addresses both self-harm & suicide. It is designed for staff, family members, caregivers, or anyone supporting young people or adults affected or at risk.

In this workshop we will:

- Define Self-Harm & explore the motivations behind it.
- Understand risk factors, myths & discuss self-harm & suicide safely
- Learn to recognise the signs of distress & how to offer support
- Equip ourselves with tools to assist someone in crisis
- Explore Harm Minimisation & Safety Plans
- Gain an understanding of the SHIP Service & referral pathways

PLEASE NOTE: This workshop may not be appropriate if you have recently been bereaved by suicide.

Date: Wednesday 5th November
Time: 10am - 12pm
Venue: Tower Hill Boardroom

CYPSP
 Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

- Free to community groups in the Southern Trust Area.
- 2 Participants per Organisation ONLY.

To Book: Jenny Groves, Inspire Training Co-ordinator
 j.groves@inspirewellbeing.org
 07834 181303




j.groves@inspirewellbeing.org

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WE KNOW THAT LIFE CAN BE OVERWHELMING AT TIMES. BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE...

Right Support Right Time is here to help YOU!
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Better Days
Pain Support Programme

Do you live with chronic pain?

Supporting people to self-manage their pain and live better and happier lives

“My pain had overwhelmed me and I had lost my confidence and drive. This course has built my confidence and improved my motivation and self-worth. I am now more confident in being able to manage my own pain and I have a more positive outlook.”
Carole, 53, Belfast

**Date: Wednesday 5th November 2025
@10.30-12.30 in Wald Centre Cullyhanna**

Booking is Essential
Book via this link
<https://forms.office.com/r/jjjxae14PE>
or Telephone 02830861220

HSC Public Health Agency
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Better Days
Pain Support Programme

Topics include:

- Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing
- Sleep
- Pain Toolkit
- Self Care
- Understanding Pain
- Pharmacist Session
- Relaxation & Breathing
- Gentle Movement & Exercise
- Nutrition
- Peer Led Session

For more information please contact us.
Details overleaf

HSC Public Health Agency
Project supported by the PHA
HSC Health and Social Care Board



<https://forms.office.com/r/jjjxae14PE>



The IEF are delighted to be part of the Good Relations Week programme again this year with our event
‘Integrated Education: Connecting People, Planet and Peace’

Tuesday 21 October 2025

10am – 12.30pm

Malone House, Belfast

This is a free event, but places are limited so please ensure to register [HERE](#)



Take 5 Seconds is a positive parenting campaign by NSPCC, in partnership with Children in Northern Ireland (CiNI)

We are delighted to welcome you to the campaign launch on:

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9.30am - 12pm

Shankill Shared Women's Centre

To register for the event, click [HERE](#)



0808 8020 400

#parentingweek25
#parentwell

ASK THE EXPERT

DROP IN PARENTING EVENT

DATE: THURS 23RD OCT
TIME: 10AM-12PM
VENUE: ALLSTATE NI
BELFAST BUILDING

SCAN FOR VENUE LOCATION
PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARKING NEARBY

FREE event with Tea/coffee and tasty treats

Parenting experts will be on hand to share their nuggets of wisdom and answer your questions.

Ask the Experts (4 stations)
Susan from Settled Petals – sleep
Rebecca from Eden Consultancy – Neurodiversity
Elaine from Strive NI – Anxiety and mental health
The team from Parentline NI – The Parenting GP's

All questions welcome!






To celebrate **#ParentingWeek25** Parentline NI would love you to join them for a relaxed morning where you can chat with parenting experts, grab a tea or coffee, and get practical advice on everything from sleep and behaviour to neurodiversity, anxiety, and mental health

Free event with tea, coffee, and tasty treats!

Come along, ask questions, and leave with new insights and support

Cultural Competence: Stories that connect us and learning together from lived experience

Thursday, 23rd October 2025

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Armagh City Hotel

Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and connection as we work together to embed Cultural Competency and Strengthen Communities.

What to Expect:

- Cultural Competency Framework: Explore elements of e-learning resource, tools and strategies to strengthen inclusion and understanding in our communities.
- “You Do Not Know What You Have Not Lived” Hear the lived experiences of families and practitioners who have journeyed together in the STEPS Linking Families & Communities Project since 2016.
- Human Library: Meet “Human Books” and hear real-life stories of resilience, diversity, and cultural experiences.
- Networking & Collaboration: Connect with community members, organisations, and service providers.

 Light refreshments and lunch provided.

 Please register by 3rd October by emailing:
Agnieszka.Judkiewicz@southerntrust.hscni.net



Agnieszka.Judkiewicz@southerntrust.hscni.net



#TickTheBox

Join us to find out about the support available to care experienced people at university!

Thursday 30 October, 11am

Event open to care experienced people and foster carers.

Peter Froggett Centre, Queen's University Belfast.
Register by emailing events@fostering.net.



events@fostering.net



PlayBoard NI's
40th Anniversary Conference

**Spaces for Play,
Spaces for Childhood**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast
20th November 2025
9:30am - 4:30 pm

*Children have a
fundamental right
TO PLAY*

**Registration
is Open!**

**PLAY IS
EVERYONES BUSINESS**



www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1784273944399

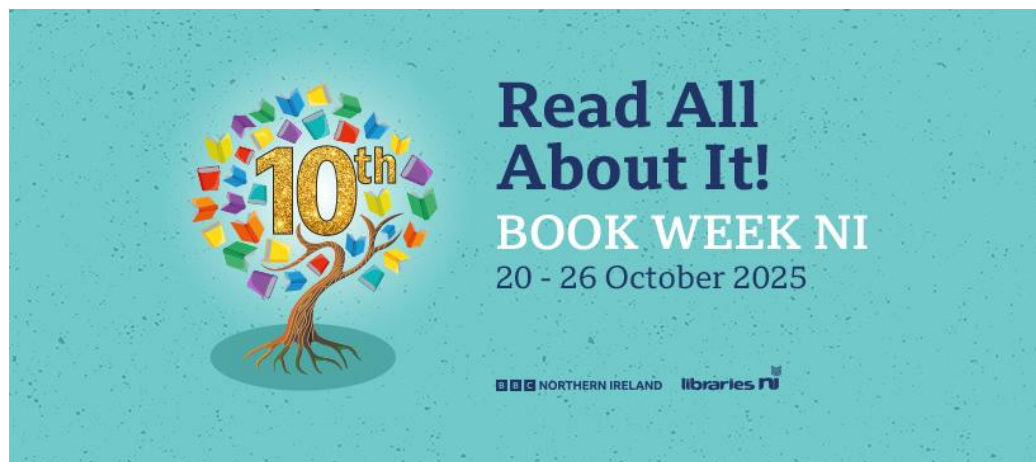
#ParentingWeek25 #ParentWell
Parenting Week 2025
Monday 20 - Friday 24 October



Parentline NI are delighted to share that **Parenting Week 2025** will run from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025**. This year's theme is **"Parent Well"**, focusing both on how we can support parents to parent well, and on the importance of self-care for parents themselves.

There will be lots of events and activities taking place throughout the week to support parents and those in a parenting role. Visit the Parentline NI website for further information, and keep an eye on our socials as we bring you more info on Parenting Week.

Find out more [HERE](#)



Book Week NI, or **#BookWeekNI**, returns in 2025 for its ten-year anniversary, marking a decade of bringing communities together to celebrate books, reading, and the role of libraries

Born from a partnership between BBC NI and Libraries NI, Book Week NI has become a key event in the cultural calendar, uniting schools, families, workplaces, and organisations across Northern Ireland

Book Week NI 2025 will run from **Monday 20 to Sunday 26 October** and will feature a packed programme of events in libraries, alongside BBC coverage across radio, TV, and online

Over the years, we've been delighted by the support from organisations such as Translink, the Education Authority, CCMS, the Ulster Orchestra, the Open University, the Commissioner for Older People, the Children's Commissioner, and many more who have dedicated time and energy to making Book Week a success

At its heart, Book Week is about celebrating reading in all its forms - promoting books and eResources, encouraging families to enjoy stories together, and ensuring libraries remain central to community life

Find out more [HERE](#)

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month. Learn what it's about and how you can get involved.

On this page

- [What is Black History Month?](#)
- [How to get involved](#)
- [Questions about Black History Month](#)

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?



October is Black History Month, an opportunity to highlight and learn about the achievements and contributions of Black people across British society and the world. Each year, Black History month has a theme to help people celebrate.

Black History Month is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate and learn. The theme for 2025 is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride", it's a chance to honour the strength and progress Black communities have made. The theme hopes to highlight and recognise the achievements of Black pioneers and leaders across the world.



www.childline.org.uk/black-history-month



For Mums to be

**A 6-week online program to support you
get ready for the birth of your baby**

Starting Wednesday 12th November 2025

6.30pm -8.30pm

For further information please contact:

**Jacqueline Masterson, Promoting Wellbeing Team,
Southern Health & Social Care Trust**

02837564489/ 07867208352

mellow.parenting@southerntrust.hscni.net



mellow.parenting@southerntrust.hscni.net

Teen programmes

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme
Start date: Wed 10th Sept-22nd of Oct 2025
Duration: 7 weeks (10am-12.30pm)
Location: Clanrye, 34 Amagh Business Centre, Loughgall Road, Amagh
Attendees: Parents/carers of young people 11-18 years in the Southern Trust with a confirmed Autism diagnosis.
Facilitators: Clanrye & Parenting Partnership
Enquires/Referrals: e Claire.convery@clanryegroup.com
t: 07483 059876

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme
Start date: Tues 13th Jan-Tues 3rd of March 2026
Duration: 7 weeks (10am-12.30pm)
Location: St Pauls High School Bessbrook
Attendees: All parents/carers of young people 11-18 years with special needs within Newry & Mourne area
Facilitators: Parenting Partnership & Newry MDT Team
Enquires/Referrals: Parenting Partnership-07880474747
e parenting.partnership@southerntrust.hscni.net
t: Or Newry GP MDT Team-07425630856
e Veronica.kerr@southerntrust.hscni.net

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme
Start date: Thurs 19th Feb-Thurs 2nd April
Duration: 7 weeks (6pm-8.30pm)
Location: Online
Attendees: Parents/carers of young people 11-18 years in the Southern Trust with a confirmed Autism diagnosis.
Facilitators: Clanrye
Enquires/Referrals: e Claire.convery@clanryegroup.com
t: 07483 059876

General Enquiries

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Parenting Partnership Manager
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✉ martina.mccooey@southerntrust.hscni.net

For further information on these and other programmes please visit our webpage below. Additional programme information will be added throughout the year

[Parent Support – Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership \(CYPSP\) \(hscni.net\)](https://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/parent-support)



Evidence Based SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR PARENTS & CARERS

*Giving every child
the best
start/opportunity in life*



**2025/ 2026
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Please visit our CYPSP webpage to access the range of **evidence-based parenting programmes** available to families resident in the Southern Trust Area over the coming year, September 2025 to June 2026

The programmes span the age range pre-birth to teens and are available for the families of typically developing/children and young people with special needs

Further information available [HERE](#)

FREE mental health & well-being programme for children aged 9-11 years

OUR Generation: Spaces to Be

PlayBoard NI, the lead organisation for the development and promotion of play is delivering *Spaces to Be* – an innovative, cross-community and cross-border personal development programme supporting peacebuilding for children and young people.

Spaces to Be is a unique and interactive initiative designed to enhance the mental health and well-being of children aged 9 to 11. Rooted in the advocacy of the *Child's Right to Play*, the programme aims to:

- Increase mental health literacy
- Enhance emotional resilience
- Develop self-help and coping skills
- Encourage inclusivity and acceptance of difference
- Increase knowledge of community

Programme overview:

- A free, fully facilitated programme delivered by PlayBoard's experienced staff team
- Interactive staff training
- 5 dynamic play-based sessions for children

Play sessions themes:

1. **ME (Mind & Emotions)** - Exploring emotions, promoting positive physical and mental health, well-being and resilience, through play.
2. **ME and My Connections** - Exploring problem solving, empathy and intrapersonal skills.
3. **ME, My Connections and My Community** - Supporting children to consider the multiple social groups they are part of, and how they contribute to building peaceful communities.
4. **Better Together** - Supporting children to consider a range of perspectives and have positive attitudes towards other communities.
5. **Better Together Celebration** - Celebrating the power of play and how it can promote peacebuilding on a cross-community basis.



GET IN TOUCH: OurGeneration@playboard.co.uk OR +44 28 9080 3380
www.playboard.org/resources/our-generation
www.ourgeneration-cyp.com



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A 30 hour social innovation programme that inspires community engagement, critical thinking, empowerment, leadership skills & youth led change

- Supports young people to use their voices to create a project that will have a positive social impact within their community
- Flexibility in the format, content & delivery tailored to your youth group's needs - we will meet you where you're at!
- Delivered during the hours of your existing youth group/project

Join our Ignite Community Programme to support young people to have their voices heard whilst making a positive impact within their local community.

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

FUN!
LEADERSHIP

CREATIVITY
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We are recruiting:

- Young people to participate in this 30 hour programme
- Youth workers to whom we will offer free training on how to deliver this programme to their existing youth groups



<https://ignitecommunity.carrd.co/>



SOUTHERN TRUST AREA

CONSULTATIONS



Consultation on the future of CCEA GCSEs, AS Levels and A Levels

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www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultation

Care Opinion

Care Opinion is a place where you can share your experience of health or care services, and help make them better for everyone.

Care Opinion make it safe and simple to share your story online and see other people's stories too. You can see how stories are leading to change. If you wish to get in contact with us within Southern Health and Social Care Trust please email - care.opinion@southerntrust.hscni.net

Our children may wish to share their story - Tell your story with help from Bear



Bear needs your help!

Hi there, I'm the Care Opinion Bear with a heart as big as the mountains!

I love listening to stories, because it brings us closer together. I am here to listen to what you have to say and lend you a helping paw!

Select the link below to begin sharing your story on Care Opinion.

[Tell your story with help from Bear](#)

Or you can also [tell your story without Bear](#)

Visit the [Children and young people help page](#) for more information.



Southern Health and Social Care Trust



Values Your Opinion

Care Opinion is an independent service where you can safely share feedback anonymously about your experience of care from:-

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

We want to **learn**:-

- What was good?
- What could have been better?
- How did you feel ?

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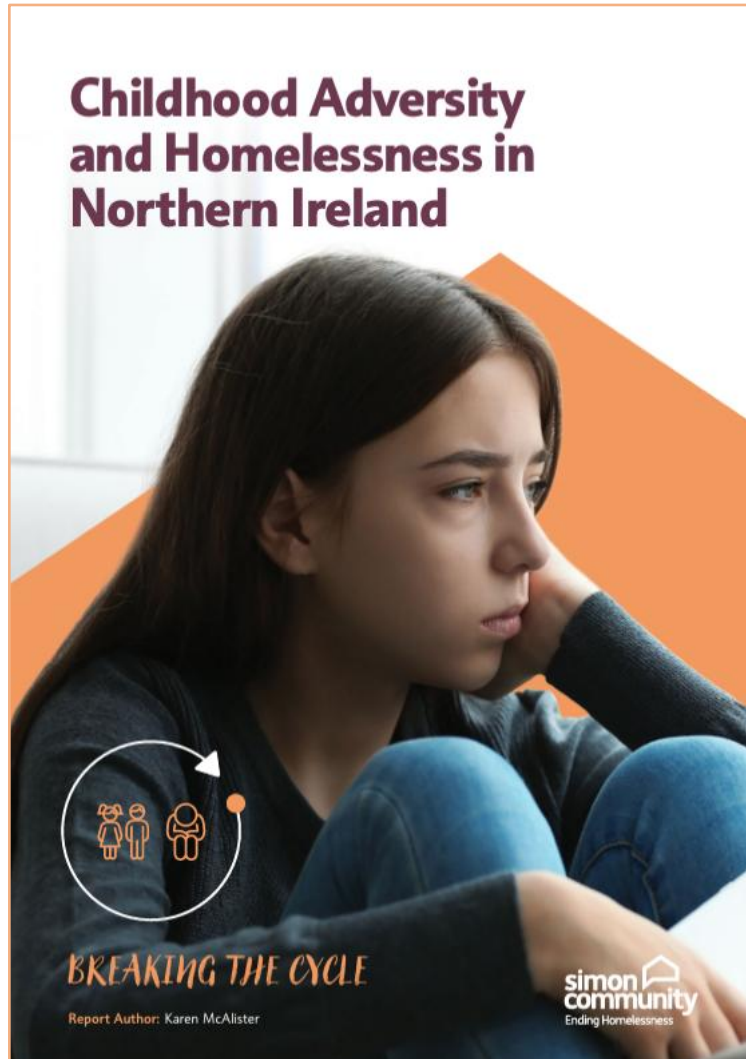
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Your story will be published anonymously on careopinion.org.uk. A staff member will aim to respond in a timely manner to your story.

Together we learn from your feedback to improve Health and Social Care services for everyone.



www.careopinion.org.uk/tellyourstory



<https://simoncommunity.org/ChildhoodAdversityReport>



About Girlguiding

We're 300,000 girls aged between 4 and 18-years-old who come together to laugh, learn and have adventures.

We're 80,000 volunteers who make guiding happen by giving their time, talents, enthusiasm, and care for girls.

We're 23,000 local groups having fun and exploring activities week in, week out. We're her first night away, weekend camping adventures, summer music festivals, emails to her MP about the things she cares about.

We want to see an equal world where all girls feel happy, safe and can enjoy fulfilling lives. We're a powerful collective voice – by girls, for girls – changing the world for the better.

All girls have a home at Girlguiding. We're reaching a wider range of girls than ever through our work in schools, building confidence and showing we're there for every girl – whoever they are, and wherever they are.

We help all girls know they can do anything.

We're Girlguiding.

About the Girls' Attitudes Survey

Since 2009, Girlguiding has given girls and young women a platform to speak out on the issues that matter to them through the Girls' Attitudes Survey.

Our flagship research asks girls and young women how they feel about their everyday lives. Now in its 17th year, this year's survey asked over 2,500 girls and young women aged 7-21, representative of girls across the UK, about the challenges they face as a girl today.

We develop the Girls' Attitudes Survey with young members of our advocate panel. We'd like to thank advocates for their help shaping the themes and questions, and producing this report. You can find all the results from this and previous surveys on our website: girlguiding.org.uk/girls-making-change/girls-attitudes-survey

A huge thank you also to players of People's Postcode Lottery for their invaluable support for our Girls' Attitudes Survey 2025.



www.girlguiding.org.uk/campaigns/girls-attitudes-survey

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN



Introducing: Communities for Children

Child poverty is one of the most critical challenges in the UK today. It is a complex and deep-rooted social issue, and the impact it has on young lives varies with every individual and every place.

Here at BBC Children in Need, we know the wide reaching impact that poverty has on the health outcomes, relationships and future life chances of children and young people, and we know that something must be done urgently.

That is why we are thrilled to launch Communities for Children; a new, £15 million funding programme dedicated to tackling child poverty in the UK, in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, City Bridge Foundation, Pears Foundation and The Hunter Foundation.

The first, major funder collaboration in the UK focused on finding and funding scalable solutions to support the impact of poverty on children, Communities for Children aims to support children living in areas of the highest economic deprivation to thrive and fulfil their potential.



www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/communities-for-children







[Get Active](#)
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Olympic Legacy Fund



Introduction

The Olympic Legacy Fund is a £1million pound investment programme, delivered by Sport NI in partnership with Crowdfunder UK. The fund aims to improve the quality of offering at club/community sports facilities, encouraging people to engage in sport and physical activity. Supported projects will leave a lasting community legacy from the success of Northern Ireland athletes at the Paris 2024 Olympic/Paralympic Games.

 www.sportni.net/olympic-legacy-fund




Intergenerational Small Grants

Christmas Connections Grant 2025

Application Pack

Small grants of £125 per group for events and activities to bring generations together through fun activities and shared experience.

Please complete this application form and return to:

joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk

by

Tuesday 28th October 2025 @ 12.00 noon

If you have any queries, please contact

joyce.savage@bjf.org.uk

Please refer to the guidance notes at the end of this form before you complete the application

 www.linkinggenerationsni.com/grants



SOUTHERN TRUST AREA

FUNDING



The poster features a purple background with a geometric pattern of triangles. At the top left is the NICIF logo, which consists of a stylized building icon above three circles representing people. To the right of the logo is the text 'THE NORTHERN IRELAND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND'. In the top right corner is the DfC logo, which is a stylized flower-like icon followed by 'DfC' and 'Department for Communities' with the website 'www.communities.ni.gov.uk' below it. The main title 'NICIF Information Sessions' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, the text 'Are you part of a voluntary or community organisation that wants to improve its community building?' is written in white. Further down, it says 'Find out more about our NICIF information sessions.' At the bottom right is a white circle containing a right-pointing arrow.

NICIF Information Sessions

Are you part of a voluntary or community organisation that wants to improve its community building?

Find out more about our NICIF information sessions.



This poster is identical to the one on the left, featuring the same purple background, NICIF logo, DfC logo, title 'NICIF Information Sessions', and text 'Are you part of a voluntary or community organisation that wants to improve its community building? Find out more about our NICIF information sessions.' with a right-pointing arrow at the bottom right.

NICIF Information Sessions

We are hosting information sessions to support groups considering applying for the NICIF.

Register to come along and find out if your project might be eligible and how to apply.

The **Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund** is a small capital grant scheme for voluntary & community organisations. The Fund is a £4.32 million grant scheme to support voluntary and community sector organisations to improve the internal or external fabric of their existing community buildings.

The fund is being delivered by the Department for Communities in partnership with Co-operation Ireland.

Find out more [HERE](#)



RURAL MICRO CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME

Rural Micro Capital Grants Scheme (RMCGS) 2025/2026 is now OPEN!

This Scheme, funded under the Department's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme, offers Micro Capital grants of between £500 and £2,000 to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and / or social isolation

Find out more and apply [HERE](#)



SOUTHERN TRUST AREA

FUNDING



ABOUT US **APPLY FOR FUNDING**

APPLY FOR FUNDING

TOY TRUST APPLICATION FORM

THANK YOU FOR VISITING THE TOY TRUST FUNDING APPLICATION PAGE

AT THE CURRENT TIME, WE WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM SMALL UK BASED CHILDREN'S CHARITIES - WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN ACROSS THE UK. AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION YOU WILL BE ASKED WHICH AREA OF THE UK YOU WORK.

APPLY ONLINE NOW >



www.toytrust.co.uk/apply



Social Work

Career Information Event

Cherry Villa, St Luke's Hospital,
Armagh BT61 7NQ

Date

Wednesday 22 October
2025

1.30pm - 3.30pm

4.30pm - 6.30pm



[Session 1](#) / [Session 2](#)

JOB | FULL TIME

Programme Coordinator Craigavon Travellers Support Committee

Friday / 24 October 2025 12:00pm

Salary: £26880

Hours per week: 30.00



The Programme Co-ordinator will be responsible for the design, coordination, and delivery of programmes and family support services in line with good community development practice.

The role will focus on empowering the Traveller community, strengthening family resilience, and enhancing Travellers' ability to access and engage with public services. A key part of the role will be building strong relationships with stakeholders and service providers to ensure inclusive and responsive service delivery.

The post holder will -

- › **Promote Health and Wellbeing:** Develop and implement health initiatives tailored to the Traveller community, aiming to reduce health disparities and encourage positive health behaviours.
- › **Challenge Discrimination:** Work actively to combat racism and discrimination in all forms, both within the community and in broader societal interactions.
- › **Foster Community Engagement:** Encourage Travellers to participate in community activities, build partnerships with other organizations, and promote social inclusion.
- › **Provide Support Services:** Offer drop-in services and signpost Travellers to relevant advice and support resources, ensuring they can access necessary services.

Closing Date

Friday / 24 October 2025
12:00pm

Contact Details

Lisa Hogg

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Craigavon
BT65 5BE

02838342089
manager@ctsc.uk

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 Programme Coordinator Recruitment
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www.communityni.org/job/programme-coordinator



The Department for Communities has announced the launch of a new **JobStart Scheme**, an employability scheme for working age benefit claimants who are currently unemployed or economically inactive

This launch builds on the success of the previous JobStart Schemes, with the first launching in 2021

Since then, over 4,000 employers have sought to use the schemes; more than 3,000 jobseekers have participated; 2,178 gained employment; and 160 moved into education or training

The scheme will provide quality job opportunities with a range of employers, in various sectors across Northern Ireland

The Minister has allocated £12.4 million, to run this phase of the Scheme

[A press release outlining the funding allocated has been issued.](#)

Detailed information on the new JobStart Scheme is available on the [nidirect website](#)

Information for employers is also available on the [nibusinessinfo website](#)

All current JobStart opportunities can be viewed at [JobApplyNI](#)

Potential participants who are claiming a working age benefit must speak to their Work Coach on [0800 001 5782](#) to discuss eligibility and the application process.

If you have any further queries, you can call the JobStart team on [028 90726788](#) or by e-mail at jobstart.scheme@communities-ni.gov.uk



Volunteer Now have partnered with the specialist organisation, **Join Her** ([JoinHer Network - Diversity, Inclusion, Cultural Diversity](#)), to deliver a series of short practical workshops on the topic of **Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI)**

These workshops focus on exploring what DEI is in practical terms, and why it matters so much in a volunteering context

These workshops can be taken as a series or as stand-alone sessions, depending on your interest and availability.

Session 1: Ask. Learn. Act. - 10am - 12 Noon - October 28th

Curiosity is the first step toward change

Session 2: Listen. Speak. Lead. - 10am-12Noon - November 25th

Leadership starts with listening

Session 3: Connection. Purpose. Culture. - 10am-12Noon - December 18th

Strong communities are built on connection and shared purpose

These workshops will be delivered by Lori Gasti-Barnett, the Founder and Executive Director of JoinHer Network CIC, a social impact organisation dedicated to advancing inclusion, equity, and resilience

A passionate advocate for belonging and purpose-driven leadership, Lori brings lived experience and strategic insight to every session she leads. Her engaging facilitation style encourages open, courageous conversations that move from awareness to action

Through sessions like “Ask. Learn. Act.”, “Listen. Speak. Lead.”, and “Connection. Purpose. Culture.”, Lori empowers individuals and organisations to build inclusive cultures, strengthen leadership, and lead with authenticity and impact

If you are interested in booking a place you can do so via the training schedule on the Volunteer Now website [HERE](#)



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Join the Volunteer Now Events Team

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- 4 hour shifts

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Scan here and sign up to Volunteer

Comhaltas Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Belfast 2026

Belfast City Council Comhaltas



events@volunteernow.co.uk



RESOURCES FOR WELLBEING



Thriving Mind – resources for well being

There is no question, stress levels for our workforce, our communities, schools and families remains high for a lot of people.

What can bring practical tools and resources that have been shown be effective to support well-being?



The Thriving Mind Home Page is a page Tiger platform with links to well-being resources in one place to increase accessibility.

Some of the tools are written resources. Some are visual media clips. Some are on-line interventions that are free to use at the users pace.

There are short clips for relaxed breathing, an introduction to mindfulness, calming skills, the revised Dealing with Worry Booklet, four online interventions including Self-compassion and Bend Don't Break and more.

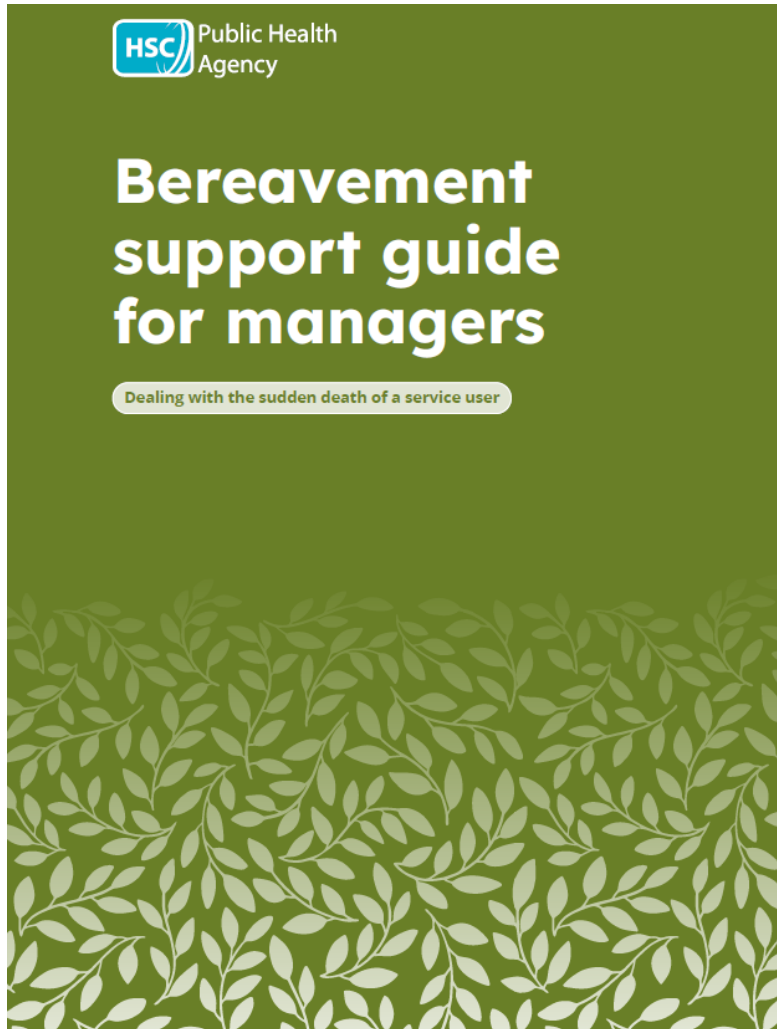
It is not a one size fits all. Have a look and decide what would be helpful for you, your work or your own well-being. If you do find something useful, please let us know.

<https://view.pagetiger.com/thrivingmind>

Led by Ed Sipler of South Eastern HSC Trust, the development of Thriving Mind tools has involved a range of partners and service users.



<https://setrust-hscni.pagetiger.com/thrivingmind/1>



PHA Bereavement Support Guide for Managers

This guide helps managers support staff after the sudden death of a client or service user, through suspected suicide or substance use

It provides clear steps for preparing, responding, and recovering, with a focus on kindness, good communication, and emotional safety

It encourages open conversations, offers practical tools, and helps teams learn and grow together

By using this guide, organisations can create a caring workplace, reduce stress, and support staff through grief while continuing to provide quality care

It has recently been integrated into the Minding your head (MYH) website and is now live - [Bereavement | Minding Your Head](#)

The PHA encourage you to share this information in your organisation & networks




Have you been affected in ANY WAY by a Road Traffic Collision?

If you have been handed this leaflet, you have probably been involved in some way in a road traffic collision, or connected to someone who has been involved in some way in a road traffic collision, or you have been affected in the aftermath of a road traffic collision.

Each experience is personal and individual but it can help to talk to others who are dealing with a similar experience.

We believe no-one should have to deal with this trauma alone.

The Road Ahead NI is a support service and has been set up by people from all different circumstances who have been deeply affected by road traffic collisions.

We offer:

- Support :- for groups, individuals and a drop in service.
- Therapeutic Workshops :- including yoga, mindfulness, wreath and jewellery making.
- Holistic Therapies :- including reflexology and massage.
- Peer Mentoring • Trauma Counselling
- Information & Advice • Advocacy
- Signposting & Referral to Specialist Support Services
- Family Events :- Fun days, Santa Sunday, Memorial walk
- Annual Memorial Day for Road Victims

**All our services are free to those affected in any way by a road traffic collision. We are a charity and are funded solely through fundraising, grants and donations.

We are so sorry that you have found yourself here, but please know we are here to help.

Contact us:
 Tel: 07871 731873
 Email: theroadaheadni@gmail.com

 /The Road Ahead Support Group

Registered Charity No: 110220




theroadaheadni@gmail.com

NSPCC
NORTHERN IRELAND

Making a difference

Our work in Northern Ireland
Growing reach, impact and influence across the region



EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Some useful videos to share with professionals, carers and parents:

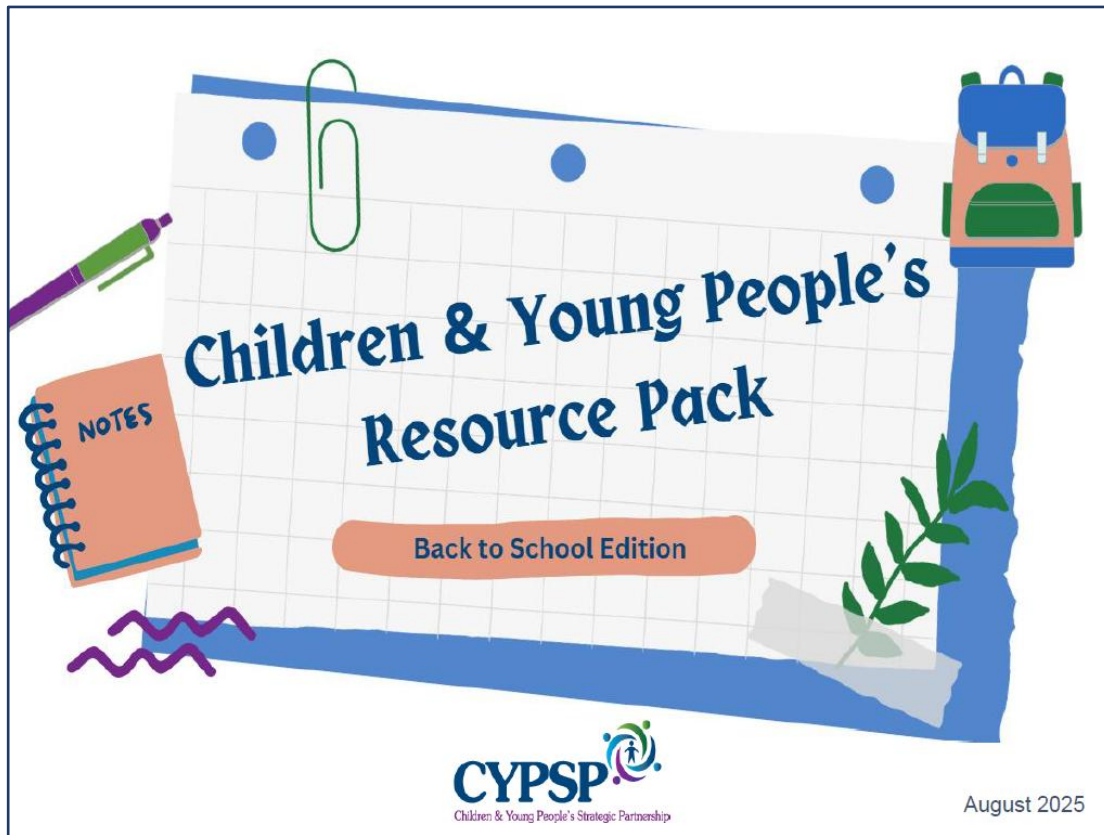
Hub Tour [HERE](#) & **Pregnancy In Mind** [HERE](#)

Hub Tour video that can be shared with children and young people who want to know more about what the NSPCC offer [HERE](#)

Young Witness Service video for parents/carers, children, young people & professionals [HERE](#)



www.nihe.gov.uk/migrant-housing-myths



The **Children and Young People's Resource Pack - Back to School Edition** is packed with fun, helpful, and supportive ideas to help you feel ready and confident for the new school year!

In this edition you will find:

Activities, Starting School, Back to School, Transitions,
Lunchbox & Snack Ideas, Results Day, Wellbeing

Download [HERE!](#)

(Note: Newsletter will download directly to your device - Look out for the pop-up box and click on open file when it appears)

Resources and activities are free and in the public domain

Please share with contacts who you think would find it useful



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parentline@ci-ni.org.uk



www.ci-ni.org.uk/parentline

Services Available Through The Hub May Include...

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Support

Disability
Support

Drug &
Alcohol Support

Signposting to
Other Supports

Emotional
Health &
Wellbeing

Advice &
Guidance

Family
Support

Education
Support

Youth
Support

Parenting
Programmes

Parenting
Support

Behaviour
Support

"The hub linked me with services I didn't know existed"

"It was so simple to make a referral and I got
the help I needed"

"After a friend recommended that I contact the
hub, I rang and spoke to the hub co-ordinator
who helped me to make a self-referral"



There Are 3 Family Support Hubs In the Southern Trust Area

ARMAGH & DUNGANNON HUB

Caroline Williamson
PosAbility, Barnardos
Grange Building Tower Hill
Armagh
BT61 9DR
M: 07514 724926
T: 028 3741 4541

CRAIGAVON & BANBRIDGE HUB

Lisa Grant
NIACRO
26 Carleton Street, Portadown Co. Armagh
BT62 3EP
T: 028 38331168
E: familysupporthub@niacro.co.uk

NEWRY & MOURNE HUB

Allison Slater
Bolster Community
Unit 1, Killeavy Road
Newry
BT35 6UA
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E: familysupporthub@bolstercommunity.org



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Southern Area FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

*Many families need a little extra
help sometimes*



Information for Families



The 3 **Family Support Hubs** in the Southern Area continue to operate as normal and are open for referrals

Please make any **referrals by e-mail** [HERE](#)

Download the **August edition** of the **Family Support Hubs newsletter** [HERE](#)

Click on the below thumbnail to watch the **Southern Area Family Support Hub promotional video**



What is the Family Support Hub?

- The Family Support Hub is a meeting of representatives from community, voluntary and statutory organisations who deliver services for children and families in your area.
- Each Family Support Hub has a lead body who co-ordinates the meeting and receives the referrals.
- The members of the Family Support Hub are from a range of statutory and community/voluntary agencies who offer services in your area. These agencies include; Education Welfare, Health Visiting, Womens Aid, Homestart, Social Services Surestart and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- Referrals will not be accepted without your consent. If the young person you are seeking support for is over 16, they must also sign the referral form.
- For more information follow this link <https://vimeo.com/216483917>

Your Family Support Hub Will

- Meet once a month to discuss referrals to identify and connect you and your family to the service you need at a time when you need it.
- Work in partnership with you and your family.
- Act professionally ensuring all information is treated in a confidential manner.

How The Hub Works

A referral form is submitted to your local hub-coordinator.

The Hub Co-ordinator may contact you for more information prior to the Hub meeting.

Hub Co-ordinator will present all referrals received to the monthly meeting. The Hub members will then discuss your referral and aim to match your family to the best service for you.

Only core Hub Members attend the meeting, you will not need to attend.

You will receive a letter from the Hub Co-ordinator to let you know what service was identified as most appropriate to meet your needs.

The service that was identified as most appropriate will then contact you directly.

You can choose whether or not you wish to accept the support that has been offered. You are in control.

What Are The Criteria For Making A Referral To The Hub?

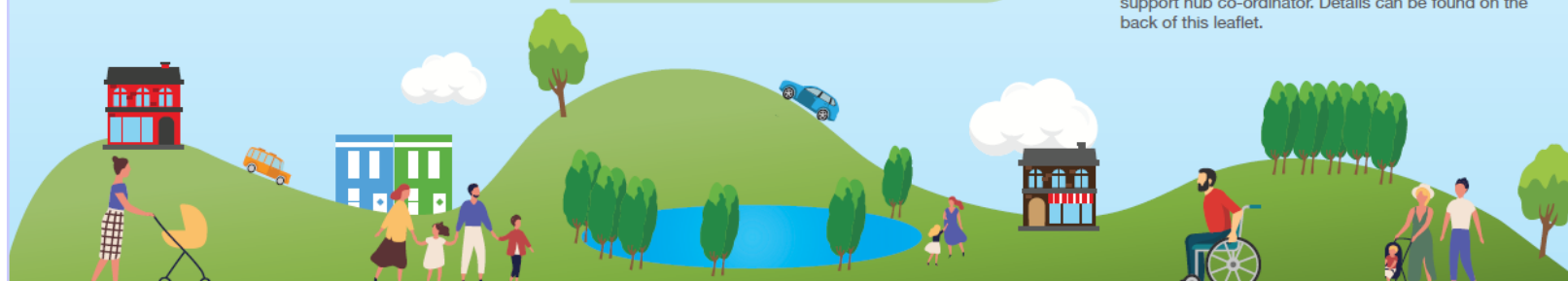
- Your family would like support - this is a voluntary process and you can withdraw your referral at any time.
- You are a family with children aged 0 -17 years.
- No social worker currently involved with your family.

Some of the challenges the Hub can help with



Who Can Refer To The Hub?

- You can make a self-referral to the family support hub or a referral can be made by anyone working on your behalf i.e. teacher, doctor, health visitor or community group.
- You can download a referral form from <http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/family-support-hubs/> or just pick up the phone and call your local family support hub co-ordinator. Details can be found on the back of this leaflet.



The supported lodgings/STAY process

If you think you could offer a young person a safe and secure home through STAY/Supported Lodgings or if you would simply like to find out more about what is involved, please get in touch. You can expect the process to involve:

- 1 Contact us**
Get in touch with our experienced team who are available to answer all your questions.
- 2 Receive a Call Back**
Within two days of contacting us, a social worker will be in touch.
- 3 Meet with your social worker**
You can expect this to take place within ten days of your call back.
- 4 Apply**
You should have all the information you need to submit your application.
- 5 Social Work Interviews**
The interview will consider your background, your support network, your lifestyle, your family setup and your skills.
- 6 STAY/Supported Lodgings Panel**
Your application will be presented and assessed by the STAY/supported lodgings panel.



Every child/young person deserves a safe and stable home.

0800 0720 137
adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

f @HSCAdoptionAndFosterCare
t @HSCAdopt_Foster



We need people who can change young people's lives, we need people like you

Supported lodgings / STAY prepares young people for adult life.



Supported lodgings / STAY

Supported Transition & Accommodation for Young people.

Supported Lodgings / STAY is accommodation provided in the home of an approved individual or family, known as a 'Host', who offers a safe and secure home for young people in care. These young people are aged from 16 to 21 years and are not quite ready to live on their own.

The young person may require accommodation as a move on from foster or residential care or they may be homeless or experiencing difficulties within their current home environment. Some young people are engaged in formal education or employment while others have an education package to meet their individual needs.

Some young people at university may also use this accommodation for holidays / weekend accommodation. They need emotional and practical support to help them develop their skills so they can move to the next stage of their lives to live independently.

About the young people:

- They will be aged 16-21 years
- They will need advice and support, and will be open to accepting it
- They may be still in education, or will be in training or employment.

STAY Hosts provide:

- A family based placement for care experienced young people
- Support to young people to develop social, practical and other independence skills
- Support to young people to achieve their potential in relation to education, training & employment
- A safe and supportive home; working in partnership with social workers and other professionals to promote the personal development of the young person
- A positive adult role model to young people
- Support to young people to make or re-establish links to their family and community.

The focus is on improving outcomes for vulnerable young people, giving them the necessary supports and advice that they require in their journey to independence.

Who can be a Host?

There is no such thing as a typical Host and each application will be assessed individually. We welcome applications from all backgrounds, regardless of marital, employment or home ownership status, or whether you are already a parent. Applications are considered from any race, religion, language, culture, gender, disability, age or sexual orientation.

It is important that Hosts:

- Like young people and enjoy their company
- Can offer a young person their own bedroom
- Have an understanding of the issues that young people face on day to day basis
- Are willing to teach the young person independent skills such as cooking, cleaning, basic DIY, managing money and household bills
- Have a keen desire to make a difference in a young person's life in preparing them to live independently
- Do not have a police record for violent or sexual offences
- Are available to attend all relevant training
- Are warm, caring and patient
- Have a good sense of humour.

What support do Hosts receive?

- You will receive a weekly payment to contribute towards rent, food and utilities
- An allocated worker to advise and support you.
- Opportunities to receive on-going training.



Sarah is a STAY host and currently has Laura living with her.

Sarah says: "We really enjoy spending time together; shopping, going for coffee and working out at the gym. I work full time and being a STAY host allows me to have the right balance between supporting Laura and having the freedom to work and have my own time. I have really benefited from the support from the STAY support worker and I love having Laura in my home."

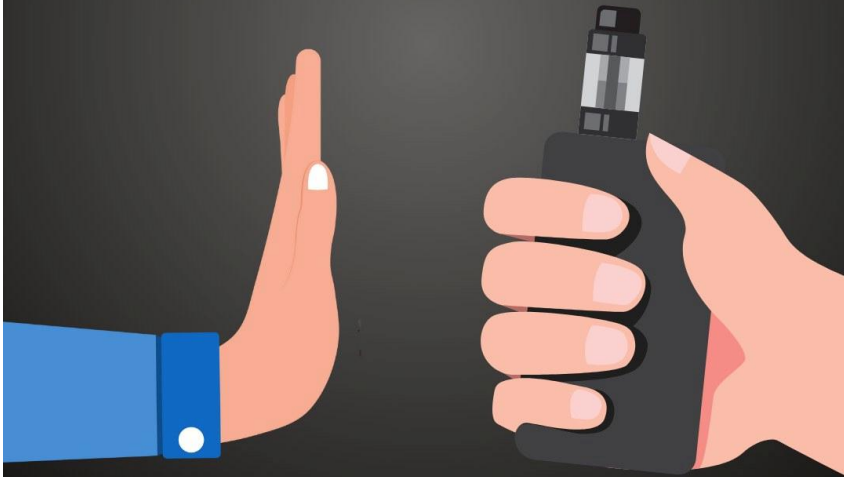


SAY NO TO VAPING



DID YOU KNOW?

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO VAPE ARE BETWEEN 3 AND 5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO START SMOKING COMPARED TO THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER VAPE.



Many young people who vape did not smoke cigarettes before they started vaping

But young people who vape are more likely to start smoking cigarettes than those who never vape

For help and advice on talking to your child about vaping visit [HERE](#)

Winter season 2025 / 26

Winter viruses can be serious, who is eligible and where to get your vaccine.

Where to get your vaccine	COVID vaccine	Flu vaccine
GP Practice 	- Adults aged 75 years and over 18 and over who are immunosuppressed	65 years and over 6 mths. - 64yrs. clinical risk group (excluding those eligible in school) - Pregnant women - Pre-school children - Carers - Household contacts of immunosuppressed
Community Pharmacy 	- Residents in care homes for older adults - Adults aged 75 years and over 18 and over who are immunosuppressed	- Care home residents and staff - All HSC workers 65 years and over 18 - 64yrs. clinical risk group - Pregnant women 18- 64 yrs. who are carers 18- 64 yrs. household contacts of immunosuppressed
HSC Trust 	6 months and over who are immunosuppressed - Housebound via home visits	- All HSC workers - Pregnant women via maternity - Housebound via home visits
In school 		All children in primary and secondary school (up to Year 12), including children in risk groups

www.nidirect.gov.uk/wintervaccines 

The winter flu and COVID-19 vaccination programmes began on 6 October 2025

Vaccines provide the best defence against winter viruses
People who are eligible for vaccination against flu or COVID-19 this year should make themselves aware of their own GP surgery's or community pharmacist's vaccination arrangements and work with them to get vaccinated

For further information visit [HERE](#)

Protect them on the inside too

The flu vaccine is now available for all children aged from 2 years old up to and including Year 12 at secondary school.*



- The nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective
- It is quick and painless
- It will help protect your child against flu, which can be serious, especially for children with medical conditions
- It can help stop the spread of flu to other people in the family who are at higher risk of flu like babies and grandparents

Go to pha.site/fluspray for more information. Your GP or school nurse should offer your child the vaccine or contact your GP surgery to find out about arrangements in your practice.

* Pre-school children will be offered the vaccine at their GP surgery. School children (up to and including Year 12) will be offered the vaccine at school.



www.pha.site/fluspray

Are you packing a healthy lunch?



school food



www.publichealth.hscni.net/Healthy_Lunch.pdf



ABC COUNCIL AREA

COMMUNITY WELLBEING EVENT

Banbridge High School
Tuesday 21st October 2025
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Health Checks | Mocktail Bar
Advice and Guidance on Alcohol and Drugs
Improving Your Mental Health
Goodie Bags | Light Refreshments

To register your attendance - RSVP by Tuesday 14th October 2025 to
✉ aisling.gillespie@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Guest Speaker
RORY SLOAN,
RESOLUTE.MINDS



"Addressing drugs and alcohol together"



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Supported by Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
and Southern Drugs & Alcohol Co-Ordination Team (SDACT Connection Service)

**TOGETHER AGAINST HATE.
TOGETHER FOR DIVERSITY.**

VENUE: ARMAGH CITY HOTEL
DATE: TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
Doors open to the exhibition at 6pm and the performance will take place at 7.30pm

Join us for a powerful evening of student-led drama and exhibition that shines a light on the impact of hate crime, celebrates diverse cultures and uplifts community voices.

Southern Regional College Performing Arts Students will deliver a moving live performance, bringing the message of hate crime to life through storytelling.

Before and after the performance, take time to explore our Celebration of Diversity Exhibition- an inspiring showcase honouring different backgrounds, traditions and identities. This event is free to attend and open to all. Let's raise awareness, spark conversation and celebrate the richness of our community. Together against hate.

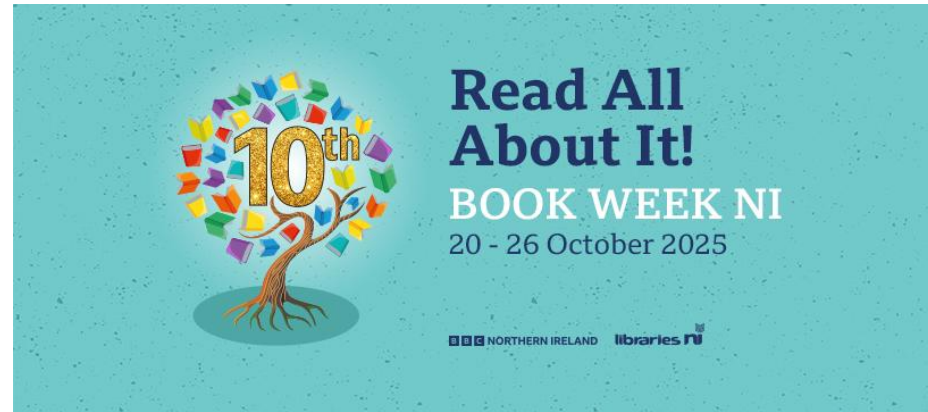
Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Scan QR code to book.



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www.eventbrite.com/e/speak-up



Book Week NI, or **#BookWeekNI**, returns in 2025 for its ten-year anniversary, marking a decade of bringing communities together to celebrate books, reading, and the role of libraries

Book Week NI is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the fantastic programming happening in libraries across the region.

There are many events taking place in your area, below you'll find details of a few key local events:

Jan Carson will give an author reading in Banbridge Library on Tuesday 21 October at 6:30pm

Stuart Neville will be in conversation with Jamie Guiney in Lurgan Library on Tuesday 21 October at 6:45pm

Families with children aged 4–8 can join a Love Your Library Storytime and Craft session in Tandragee Library on Wednesday 22 October at 3:30pm

Budding artists aged 8–12 can enjoy a Draw, Create, Imagine! Comic Workshop with Paul Howard in Dromore Library on Friday 24 October at 3:30pm

Local author Eirin Thompson (E.D. Thompson) will read from her work, discuss writing and answer your questions on Wednesday 22 October in Portadown Library at 6:30pm

Find out more [HERE](#)



GETACTIVEABC HALLOWEEN 2025

 <https://getactiveabc.com/halloween>

GET MOVING ABC PROGRAMMES

 <https://getactiveabc.com/get-moving>



ABC COUNCIL AREA



Have you a project idea?

Are you seeking revenue funding or small capital equipment costs?

Would you be interested in a grant search for your community group?

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council has access to the GrantFinder system which is a leading grants database with various funding opportunities and can undertake a search of the system on your behalf which will provide a tailored report detailing funding opportunities specific to your needs

To complete the search, some group and project details will be required

E-mail: jillian.leathem@armaghibanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk



ARMAGH LPG AREA

LAYERED LIVES WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

Are you a neurodivergent woman aged 16–30?
Join us for the 'Layered Lives' programme – a safe, empowering space to explore all things relationships – connect with others, gain valuable tools and find community.



OUR NEXT LAYERED LIVES PROGRAMME WILL
START MON 20TH OCTOBER
DOBBIN ST COMMUNITY CENTRE, ARMAGH.
6–8PM FOR 6 WEEKS

Join us to explore what makes **healthy and unhealthy relationships**, learn how to recognise **red flags**, establish and manage **boundaries** and maintain **personal safety** both on and off line.

We'll look at **all kinds of relationships** from friends & family to romantic relationships.

**Join the Layered Lives Programme
everyone deserves to feel safe and empowered!**

To enquire please contact Tracy or Sharon at Bolster Community on 028 3083 35764

OR email us at
info@bolstercommunity.org



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DeafblindUK

Support for sight and hearing loss event

If you or someone you know is affected by combined sight and hearing loss, then come along to our event to find out more. No need to book, just turn up and say hello!

Wednesday 29th October Armagh Library
10am to 3pm at 2 Market Street Armagh
Armagh BT61 7BU

Please join us! We look forward to meeting you. Contact us for more information:

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Are you 14-17?

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Activities include.....

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Bottle cap badges Nerf wars Board Games Card Games
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And many more

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AGE
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SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

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AUTISM & ME

BOLSTER COMMUNITY

Join us for a new 6 week course exploring everyday challenges faced by autistic adults. The course will be facilitated by Trauma Informed Practitioner Vivian McKinnon and hosted by Bolster Community's Autism Connect group

What to expect:

- Autism & Me is part of our Autism Connect programme and open to both members and non members. Over six weekly sessions (2hrs each week), the programme will explore everyday challenges faced by autistic adults.
- One recurring theme is overthinking - whether replying to a text, chatting with a friend, or engaging with services. This constant inner dialogue can feel overwhelming.
- Trainer Vivian McKinnon knows this struggle personally. She has faced it herself and developed practical techniques to help quiet negative self-talk and create strategies for moving forward.
- Vivian brings real understanding of the weight of both personal and societal narratives that can hold people back.
- Each session offers a chance to listen, learn, and take away strategies that feel right for you, right now.

Venue: Elim Church, Victoria Street, Banbridge

Time: Every Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Dates: Starts 14th Oct – 18th Nov 2025

*Places are limited and registrations are essential. Autism Connect and related Autism & Me programme is for adults (18+) either with or awaiting an autism-only diagnosis (i.e. not supported elsewhere) and living in the Southern Trust.

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Banbridge Job Fair

Oct 23

**Banbridge Leisure Centre,
15 Downshire Place, Banbridge**
**Thursday 23 October 2025,
10.30am – 1.00pm**

Find job opportunities, chat with local employers from various sectors and improve your employment prospects with practical advice and support.





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GIRLS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Do you want to become a sports coach?

Are you aged 15-18 with an interest in sport?
Do you live in Lurgan/Craigavon or Portadown?

Sign up and learn how to become a coach with recognised qualifications and first aid course.

For more information please contact Roisin; 📧 Roisin.ohagan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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DeafblindUK

Support for sight and hearing loss event

If you or someone you know is affected by combined sight and hearing loss, then come along to our event to find out more. No need to book, just turn up and say hello!

Tuesday 28th October Lurgan Library from 10am to 3pm at 1 Carnegie St, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 6AS

Please join us! We look forward to meeting you. Contact us for more information:

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PROJECT FUNDING FAIR

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WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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Integrate My School Activity Morning

Includes Lunch

Calling all parents and guardians
curious about their child's school becoming
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Saturday 25 October
10.00- 12.00

Children's Activities

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Newry

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Step Into Autumn with Our

WELLBEING WALKING GROUP

ALL AGES
WELCOME!

Breathe in the fresh air,
crunch through the
autumn leaves, and
enjoy friendly company
on our 6-week walking
adventure through
Derrymore Woods, starting
Monday 27th October.

If you need 1-1 support,
please bring a chaperone.

**FREE
REFRESHMENTS!**

When: Mondays
from 27th Oct – 1
Dec

Time: 11am

Where:
Derrymore Woods

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SLOW COOKER EVENING

4TH NOVEMBER, 7PM TO 9PM

**WHERE: BOLSTER COMMUNITY
WHITEGATES BUSINESS PARK (UNIT 1)**

**TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE CALL US ON
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BOLSTER COMMUNITY

TOTS & TEA

Join our meet up's
Fun Activities | Safe Space
Cuppas & Catch-ups | Peer Support

WE MEET THE LAST THREE WEDNESDAYS' OF EACH MONTH AT THE MEADOW & ARMAGH ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE (10AM-12 NOON)

Plus Parents only meet up once a month!

For further info & to register, please call Julie-Anne at Bolster Community on 028 3083 5764

BOLSTER COMMUNITY The Community Foundation Northern Ireland HSC Southern Health and Social Care Trust

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SHSCT Multi-Disciplinary Social Work Team & Newry & District Federation of Family Practices

5-Week Baby Massage Programme

Date: Tue 11th Nov to Tue 9th December

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: The Drumreagh Room, 16 The Square, Rostrevor, BT34 3AZ

***** BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL *****

Call Jenna 07385 462 726

Please leave a voicemail or email
jenna.hanna@southerntrust.hscni.net

Places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

I will contact those who have secured a place a week prior to programme start date.



Nurture Touch
Nurture Wellness
Positive Bonding
Promote Relaxation
Regulate Sleep
Relieve Constipation



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Careers Fairs
For 5th & 6th year students

Local employers with potential & future vacancies can exhibit for **FREE** to engage with students, principals & careers teachers to develop a prospective talent pipeline

20th January 2026
Newry Leisure Centre

4th February 2026
Down Leisure Centre

Register via link in post

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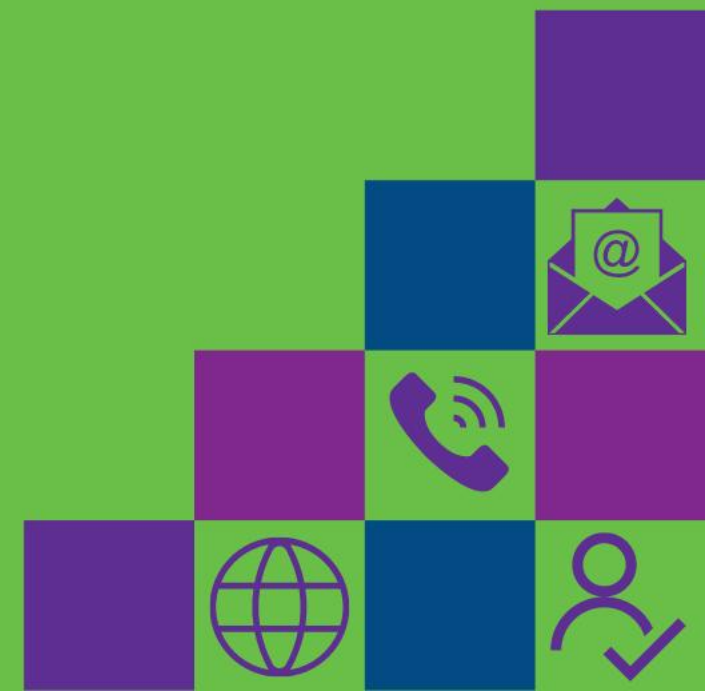
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✓ Submit the information in the format you would like it to be included. We can't transform a word-heavy document into a flyer. ✓ Less words, bigger pictures! ✓ We do not advertise or endorse those events or programmes which are privately funded as a business. ✓ Information will usually be included for x1 edition, unless otherwise requested.	           	✓ 'FYI' will usually be issued every fortnight, on a Thursday afternoon. Please send your articles for inclusion by 5pm of the Tuesday prior to this. ✓ We may have to decline to advertise information which is not applicable to better outcomes for children and young people. ✓ Your feedback is welcome. (We are not perfect, but strive to be as good as we can.) ✓ Please let us know if 'FYI' has helped your service, event or activity in any way.



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UPCOMING 2024 LPG MEETINGS

Armagh	Thurs. 6 th Nov
Craigavon	Tues. 11 th Nov
South Armagh	Tues. 18 th Nov
Banbridge	Wed. 26 th Nov
Dungannon	Tues. 2 nd Dec
Newry & Mourne	Wed. 10 th Dec

Meetings are usually scheduled to begin at 10am
Formats will alternate between face-to-face & Zoom
(Refer to the 2025 Meetings Calendar on our [Linktree](#))



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