

Locality Planning Belfast Information Update 02/10/25



Locality Planning Groups

What are Locality Planning Groups

'Children, young people, parents and community improving outcomes at a local level'

Locality Planning Groups are partnerships between statutory, voluntary and community organisations that are working with and for children young people and families at a local geography; such as District Council areas



Locality Planning Groups are a Partnership of front line leaders and staff across all sectors from the local neighbourhood/ locality. Their work focuses on Early intervention, Building preventative places and Improving outcomes for children and young people.

Each Locality Planning Group reports to their respective outcomes group by sharing information, knowledge base and expertise about the local area and identifying opportunities to improve outcomes for children and young people by working better together.

Members of each Locality Planning Group understand the issues for children and young people in their locality by using the CYPSP data sets, organisational data and input from children young people, and their families and linking closely with local Family Support Hubs.



TIRED OF BEING RIPPED OFF BY LETTING AGENTS?

Too many renters in Belfast are being charged so-called 'admin fees' by letting agents, despite this process being illegal.

Croí For Change is a campaigning community of renters and allies organising for rights and real impact. Together we're challenging unfair practices, fighting illegal fees and building renters' power.



SHARE YOUR
STORY AND
JOIN THE
MOVEMENT

SCAN TO

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY FIGHTING AGAINST ILLEGAL LETTING FEES





North Belfast Community Partnership Horizons Education Bursary – below and attached information.

The North Belfast Community Partnership is committed to supporting residents of North Belfast to achieve their full potential. To that end, we're proud to launch our first annual Educational Bursary Award.

This award is designed to help local learners take the next step in their education journey.

Mandatory Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a full-time resident of North Belfast
- Must be at least 18 years of age on 1 August 2025
- Must be enrolled in your course by 31 December 2025 (later start dates can apply 2026)
- Successful applicants must attend the award event in person
- Successful applicants must take part in promotional activity relating to the bursaries

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your future.

https://www.ashtoncentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Bursary-Application-Form-2025.docx



Community gardens, schools and other groups in Belfast can apply for free 1000 litre bulk bags of high-quality compost.





The compost is made by Natural World Products, a local company that processes the food and garden waste we collect from Belfast households, and we'd love to see it going full circle by helping to create a greener city.

- This scheme is for schools, charities and community groups, not individuals or businesses.
- Groups can apply for up to three bags over the year.
- Compost is allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.
- Delivery is by lorry with a crane to unload the compost, so each group must ensure suitable access to the delivery point. It is each group's responsibility to ensure the access point is suitable and the Council shall have no liability in relation thereto.

To apply, please email environmentaloutreach@belfastcity.gov.uk

Your email must include:

- Your name and contact details, including a phone number.
- Name of group/organisation.
- Address and location for compost to be delivered.





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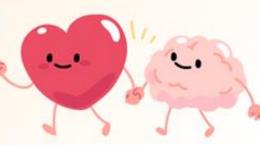




A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.



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https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/safeTALKEastBelfast



UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING BURSARIES

IN NORTHERN IRELAND



WOULD YOU CONSIDER A CAREER IN EDUCATION?

From September 2026, the Department of Education is offering generous financial support for students pursuing a Post-Primary Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) at Stranmillis and St Mary's University Colleges in subjects with teacher shortages.

ELIGIBLE SUBJECTS

- Maths
- Technology and Design

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

- Full tuition fees paid for the fouryear course
- Total bursary value: £20,000

WHY CHOOSE TEACHING?

Teaching is a rewarding and fulfilling career that allows you to shape young minds, make a lasting impact and contribute meaningfully to society. It also offers an extremely competitive pay and rewards package, with the starting salary for graduate teachers now £31,650.

ELIGIBILITY AND COMMITMENT

All Northern Ireland students enrolled the B.Ed courses in these subjects will be eligible for the bursary. All bursary recipients will be expected to teach in publicly funded schools in Northern Ireland for a minimum of two years after qualifying.

HOW DO I APPLY?

There is no need for a separate application for the bursary. Simply apply for the relevant courses at Stranmillis or St Mary's University College.

For more information, visit www.education-ni.gov.uk or contact the University Admissions Offices.

TEACH INSPIRE CHANGE LIVES





Online Workshops



OCTOBER



2025

ост 16	10:00AM - 11:00AM Attention HQ Helping Kids Tune In and Stay On Track	SCAN ME
ост 16	7:30PM - 8:30PM Sensory SOS Practical Strategies for Kids Who Feel Everything	SCAN ME
ост 23	10:00AM - 11:00AM Calm & Connected Helping Kids Understand & Manage Emotions	SCAN ME
ост 23	7:30PM - 8:30PM Stop, Think, Act Helping Kids with Self- Control	SCAN ME





A project supported by the PEACEPLUS Programmmanaged by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEL Delivered as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive



Online Workshops





NOVEMBER



2025

7	10:00AM - 11:00AM From Wobbles to Wins Helping Kids Master Coordination & Control	SCAN ME
20 20	7:30PM - 8:30PM Attention HQ Helping Kids Tune In and Stay On Track	SCAN ME
21	10:00AM - 11:00AM Calm & Connected Helping Kids Understand & Manage Emotions	SCAN ME







The Department of Justice is seeking views on proposals to criminalise sexually explicit deepfake images.

A link to the consultation paper and response form is attached below.

Completed response forms can be emailed it to: <u>CPU mustice-ni.gov.uk</u> or sent to us at: Criminal Policy Unit, Criminal Justice Policy and Legislation Division, Knockview Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SJ.

Responses to the consultation must be received by 11.59pm on Monday 6th October 2025.

Proposals To Criminalise Sexually Explicit Deepfake Images |
Department of Justice



African or Caribbean?

Come along to our free event to learn about health conditions that are more common for people from your community.

The Your Health event will bring together organisations focused on:

Physical, mental, and sexual health Cancer and diabetes risk

Eye and hearing health

Join us for:

Health awareness talks

Information stalls

African food

Live entertainment

Gym session

Fun!



Register here

Wednesday 15 October 2025

10am - 2pm

at LORAG, 97 Balfour Avenue, Belfast, BT7 2EW

Register at events.humanitix.com/your-health or scan above







Arts Across the Genres



FREE Arts Programme

with a range of arts-based activities such as: Music, Costume Making, Dancing, Creative/Lyric Writing

Curious?

scan the QR code below to find out more!



or email: kathrvn@beamcreativenetwork.com

For more information on Belfast City Council's PEACEPLUS Local Community Action plan, visit the council website at www.belfastcity.gov.uk/PEACEPLUS

Be part of something brilliant







Belfast City Council



The Belfast Local Community Action Plan is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).



FOR ALL

suitable for beginners



Come join us for Flow Yoga—a relaxed and inclusive class that's great for beginners or anyone wanting to go deeper in their practice and find a little inner peace. We especially welcome individuals from ethnic minority backgrounds.

- Mats and other props provided.
- Wear something comfortable.
- Healthy snacks and drinks provided after class
- A gift for those who complete the course.







FREE O G A

FOR ALL

"suitable for beginners"



FRIDAYS:

12/9, 26/9, 3/10, 10/10, 17/10, 24/10, 7/11, 14/11

5PM TO 6PM

Forward South Partnership, 185-189 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7EL

To register, please contact Martina 07395318943







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Support Groups

- Parents, carers and professionals sharing experiences and information (pre and post diagnosis).
- Invaluable peer support.
- Develop strategies and learn new skills.
- Facilitation by trained volunteers.

Date: Last Tuesday of Each month

Time: 6.30pm-8.00pm

Venue: Forthspring Community

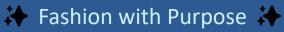
Centre, 373-375

Springfield Road,

Belfast, BT12 7DG



Glow NI Fashion Show Tickets



Glow NI's Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser is taking place on Friday 10th October – but this isn't just about style. Every ticket, every raffle, every step down the runway helps us raise vital funds to support women and girls facing mental health challenges.

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Your support means more safe spaces, more confidence-building programmes, and more opportunities for women and girls to shine brighter in their lives.

☐ Join us for an evening of fashion, empowerment, and community – and help us change lives together.

Event: Glow NI Fashion Show

Date: Friday 10th October (doors open 6.30pm with a cocktail

on arrival)

Venue: Conway Mill, Belfast



Stress Control classes are running again in November

Topics covered include an overview of what stress is, controlling your thoughts and actions, and techniques to get a good night's sleep. The classes are presented by Dr Jim White, a Clinical Psychologist, and are available at www.stresscontrolclass.com

November 2025 classes are scheduled as follows:

Session One: 9am Monday 3rd November (Available until 8am Monday 10th November)

Session Two: 9am Monday 10th November (Available until 8am Monday 17th November)

Session Three: 9am Monday 17th November (Available until 8am Monday 24th November)

Session Four: 9am Monday 24th November (Available until 8am Monday 1st December)

Session Five: 9am Monday 1st December (Available until 8am Monday 8th December)

Session Six: 9am Monday 8th December (Available until 8am Monday 15th December)

Participants do not have to register or log in to view the course – simply visit the website <u>www.stresscontrolclass.com</u>



YOU'RE INVITED

Working together to support young women in Belfast

The King's Trust invites you to a free breakfast event on Thursday 30 October 2025

Come along to:

- · Connect with other organisations
- Learn about the support available to young women in Belfast, including our free courses





Community Health and Wellbeing

Reach Out Delighted to announcement 'Autumn Art Workshops with Jane Turnbull' starting Monday 3rd November (for 4 weeks) in The Duncairn from 2pm – 4pm.

Workshops for people living in the LCAP area is from Duncairn Gardens along the Shore Road to Greencastle and bounded at the top end by the Antrim Road.

If you would like to register please click on link below:

https://forms.office.com/e/P8iwHY84YE

To RSVP or let us know of any dietary requirements,

please fill in this form.



My name is Breagha and I'm from BBC's <u>The Repair Shop</u>. If you are not familiar with the show, people bring in **precious personal and community items that have fallen into disrepair,** which are then fixed by our team of experts. As part of this year's *Christmas Special*, we are reaching out to community groups across Northern Ireland to find **deeply cherished festive items** that are in need of serious repair.

We're looking for **Christmas-themed or festive items** that hold **strong emotional or cultural significance**—either to individuals or to your community as a whole. Whether it's a treasured family heirloom, a community decoration, a much-loved nativity figure, or a broken tradition in need of revival, we want to hear its story. The items should be directly related to Christmas and the festive season and should be in very poor condition (in need of more than just a good clean!). We would really love to find items that have amazing stories attached to them.

Our team of expert craftspeople are ready to restore these beloved items, and it really can be any item. If your group—or someone within your community—has an item that fits, we'd love to hear from you.



kindle direct publishing











Achieve Author Success with Kindle Direct Publishing: Publish your book, connect with readers and drive sales on Amazon.

Presented by Darren Hardy, Senior Manager EU Author Community and Jen Barrett, UK Kindle Direct Publishing Lead.

Chaired by Margaret Skea, Scottish and Northern Irish Ambassador for the Alliance of Independent Authors.

Date: 9th October 2025

Place: Riddel Hall, Stranmillis Road, Belfast

Time: 2.30 - 5.00pm (Registration / coffee from 2.00pm)

Learn the processes involved in utilising Kindle Direct Publishing and strategies to maximize the opportunities for the sale of all book formats.

Followed by an Author panel – giving personal perspectives of publishing via KDP.

Dublin-based Gerry Kilby's first novel, Chain Reaction, is very much an old-school techno-thriller; while his later book series—Moon Base Delta, Colony Mars, and The Belt— have topped the Amazon charts for Hard Science Fiction and Space Exploration.

Kelly Creighton is an award-winning author based in Newtownards. Her thirteen books include the DI Harriet Sloane crime series; a thriller State of Fear, short story collections and poetry.

Margaret Skea is Northern Irish by birth, now living in Scotland, and is an award-winning author of 16th century historical novels, contemporary biography and short stories.

In both sessions there will be opportunity for audience Q+A

Places are limited – BOOK NOW: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/achieve-author-success-with-kindle-direct-publishing-tickets-1616263279979?aff=oddtdtcreator





Get a taste of the exciting careers available in this growing and evolving field and start building in-demand skills. You'll get relevant experience through practical activities and fun group challenges.

Find out more via webchat at: kingstrust.org.uk



ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:

- Gain insight into the wide variety of careers available in customer service.
- Receive valuable knowledge and guidance from industry professionals.
- Build teamwork and problem-solving skills, whilst learning key technical skills.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster day: 23 September 2025 Course dates: 2-10 October 2025 Express interest by: 22 September 2025 Location: Belfast Eligibility criteria: 16-30



Training Opportunities



Introducing the Skills for Life and Work Programme

Skills for Life and Work is a programme delivered by *Rutledge Training* on behalf of the *Department of Economy*. It will help young people build the confidence and skills to find work . And give young people a recognised recognised qualifications . It is a two year programme that assists young people to work towards a vocational quaffication of their choice in some of the following areas:

Vocational Areas We Offer

- ☐ Health & Social Care
- Childcare
- I Hospitality
- @ Customer Service
- Business Administration
- A Hairdressing/Barbering
- **ℬ** Beauty
- ♦ Engineering
- □ Joinery
- Stores and Warehousing

The programme helps young people work towards Essential Skills qualifications in:

• ☐ Literacy, **+** Numeracy ■ ICT

While taking part in Skills for Life and Work, you will also qualify for an **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)** of £40 per week

₩ Who Can Join?

- •Young people aged 16–18 years 🕹 🍪
- •If you have a disability, you can join up to 22 years of age 3
- •If you have an in-care background, you can join up to 24 years of age 🏠

☑ Eligibility Criteria

- •Must be under 18 years of age and have reached the minimum school leaving age as of 30th June
- •Age exceptions apply for those with a **disability (22)** or **in-care background (24)**
- •If turning 18 between 2nd July and the 1st Monday in September, eligible if starting that first Monday
- •If turning 16 between 2nd July (current year) and 1st July (next year), can leave school on 30th June of that academic year
- •Must reside in Northern Ireland GB or be a Republic of Ireland national IE
- •Third country nationals eligible if they have the right to study/work in the UK 🕟
- •Must **not already have a full Level 1 qualification** (4 GCSEs at grade D–G including English/Maths at D–F) □

♦ Ineligibility

You will **not be eligible** if:

- •You are in full-time education
- •You are a **student on placement** from full-time/further education
- •You are a third country national with restrictions on your stay (8)
- •You have completed all training entitlement funded by the Department
- You are currently suspended from training

Please let me know if you would have anyone interested in the above

Samara Doherty
Apprentice Trainee Manager
Belfast
Rutledge Group
02890246888



What is the Pathway Opportunity Programme (POP)?

The Pathway Opportunity Programme supports students in Year 13 in school, or the first year of an A Level course (or equivalent) at college, who come from underrepresented backgrounds in higher education, especially first-generation university applicants. The programme includes a number of structured events between January - September 2026 including a week-long summer school that promotes and supports progression to Queen's University.

Through the application process students choose **one** of **13 Pathway subject areas** learning about that subject, careers, while experiencing university life in general to build confidence and a sense of belonging. For further details on the **Pathway subject areas** available and **eligibility criteria** please see document attached.

Why apply?

By completing the Pathway Opportunity Programme, students have the chance to:

- Receive a **reduced grade conditional offer** (where applicable) for courses a Queen's.
- Receive a guaranteed conditional offer or a guaranteed interview (where applicable).
- £1000 bursary, and transition and other support while they are at Queen's.

When to apply?

Online applications will open on **Monday 29th September 2025** and will close on **Tuesday 4th November 2025** at noon.

Programme Information and Materials

You can find digital flyers and resources you can share with your Year 13 students with detailed information and how to apply here

On request, we can deliver a presentation to eligible young people in person or virtually.

Please let us know via pop@qub.ac.uk if you would like us to visit and talk to your young people.

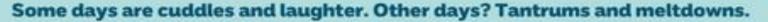
I look forward to hearing from you soon, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Kind regards, Pathway Opportunity Programme Team



Parenting is tough.







Feeling overwhelmed is normal. But how we respond matters.





Parenting is **tough**. Some days are cuddles and laughter. Other days? Tantrums and meltdowns. Feeling overwhelmed is normal. But how we respond matters.

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, please click here to fill-out our form.

Living Library Your opportunity to have a conversation with a human book!

Our Living Library is a 'library' of people, where curiosity and questions are expected, encouraged and answered.

What is the Living Library?

It's your opportunity to 'borrow' a person, instead of a book, for a one-to-one, 20-minute conversation.

How do I get involved?

- 1.Browse and check out our list of human books.
- 2.Make your selections (you can borrow more than one).
- 3.Contact us and let us know your choice of books and we will offer you a 20-minute time slot, between 10am and 12.30pm for you to borrow your human book. To book, contact our Good Relations team by calling 028 9027 0663 or emailing goodrelations@belfastcity.gov.uk.

Date: Thursday 16
October 2025, 10am to
12.30pm
Venue: The city centre
venue will be
confirmed following
booking



IMH Lunchtime Learning

Embedding Solihull Training Through a Systemic Approach

hosted by: Averil Bassett, Tracey Ripley-McElvogue, and Grainne McHugh.

> Wednesday 29th October 12:00PM - 1:00PM, online



To book please scan the QR code



Project supported by the PHA







Thriving Mind brings together a range of wellbeing resources for you, your service users, colleagues, family, friends... It is for anyone across Northern Ireland who can benefit from looking after their wellbeing.

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

We are delighted to share Thriving Mind with you and to encourage you to share it with others, using the poster attached.





For childeren 4 and under





EXERCISE CLASSES

No need to book Just turn up

Come along and get fitter with like minded local people!

£1 per class





TUESDAY 5.30 - 6.15PM - Keep Fit
WEDNESDAYS 9.30AM - 10.30AM - Pilates
WEDNESDAYS 10 - 11AM - Boxfit
WEDNESDAYS 6 - 7PM - Zumba
THURSDAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM - Legs, Bums, Tums
THURSDAY 5.30 - 6.15PM - Keep Fit



£1m Olympic Legacy Fund now Open!

£1million is now available to sports clubs, community groups and charities through our new Olympic Legacy Fund!

The fund aims to leave a lasting sporting legacy from Paris 2024 Olympic Games in communities across NI, improving community sports facilities and equipment to encourage more people to participate in sport and physical activity.

Made possible thanks to funding from the Department for Communities, we are delivering the fund in partnership with Crowdfunder UK. Applicants can propose projects from £1,000 up to £50,000 and are required to rally the support of the local community to raise 35% of their target, with Sport NI providing the other 65%.

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons announced the fund with double Olympic medallist Daniel Wiffen, who won gold and bronze in the 800m and 1500m freestyle in Paris.

Applications are now open

Olympic Legacy Fund | Sport NI