



Department of
Health

An Roinn Sláinte
Máinnystrie O Pouste

Core Grant Funding Scheme 2026-27

[Core Grant Funding Scheme 2026-27 | Department of Health](#)

The Department awards grants to voluntary and community sector organisations which are, through the work of the organisation, contributing towards the outcomes envisaged by the key departmental strategic and policy initiatives outlined below:

1. Public Health, including reducing Health Inequalities.
2. Supporting Adults, including those with disabilities and vulnerabilities, to live an independent, healthy and inclusive life.
3. Supporting children and young people, including those with disabilities and vulnerabilities, and their families.
4. Improving the mental health and wellbeing of the population.

If you have any information you would like to share across our Locality Planning Group members in Belfast please email:
LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net



Belfast
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Grants and funding

Funding support for groups

We give grants and funding to various types of organisation in Belfast. You should check that your organisation is eligible to apply to the grant that you are interested in.

Grants through the Central Grants Unit

If you are receiving funding for a current project or programme through the Central Grants Unit (CGU) and you would like to complete a monitoring form or access your information, [go to our Online Funding Hub](#) (link opens in new window).

[Grants and funding | Belfast City Council](#)

Tender opportunities

The PEACEPLUS From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism: Collaborative Cross-Community Language and Cultural Access Project is being re-released.

The tender opened today Friday 24 October 2025 and will close on Monday 24 November 2025.

This project is to engage 1,110 participants and 650 wider participants in an Irish Language and Ulster-Scots Heritage Project, and a New Languages Project.

This project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

[Tendering opportunities](#)

FREE for practitioners across Northern Ireland

Online courses:

- **Understanding Trauma** - This course covers Type 1 and Type 2 trauma, the window of tolerance, going through a traumatic experience, neurology and trauma, recognising trauma, recovery from trauma, and more...
- **Understanding Attachment** - This course is for practitioners who want to understand more about attachment and shows how containment and reciprocity underpin the quality of an attachment.
- **Understanding Brain Development** - This course is for practitioners who want introduction to brain development from antenatal period to adolescence.

Each course will take approx 3.75 hrs CPD per course

To attain Solihull Approach Advanced Trained Practitioner status, just send a copy of your certificates for the 2 Day Foundation training and three Advanced Trainings (online or face to face) to solihull.approach@uhb.nhs.uk

For technical support contact:
solihull.approach@uhb.nhs.uk
or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm



Step 1: Create (or convert to) a professional account
Scan QR or visit www.solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-professionals/

Select 'Create account' and complete the application

OR

Go to www.inourplace.co.uk

Sign in to existing account and click
'Unlock professional courses'

Step 2: Once signed in to your professional account,
enter Access Code:

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Step 3: To return to the course

Scan QR or visit www.solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-professionals/ and click 'Sign in'



As part of Parenting Week 2025, CiNI recently launched a survey of parents and carers that explores some of the challenges of caring for children with disabilities.

We want to hear directly from parents and carers about how their child's rights are being impacted across areas such as healthcare, education, participation, play and leisure, and living standards.

The survey also looks at the impact of caring responsibilities and lack of services/support on parents, including issues such as family finances and mental health.

We will use the survey responses and findings as part of our ongoing advocacy work to improve government policy and practice around children's services and family support in Northern Ireland.

[Children_In_Northern_Ireland_Parent/Guardian_Survey_2025](#)



Building Bridges, Celebrating Unity: Good Relations Awards 2026 Now Open

The Good Relations Awards 2026 are now open for nominations, inviting the public to shine a light on the dedicated individuals, groups, and projects working tirelessly to build lasting peace throughout the region. Delivered by the Community Relations Council (CRC) in partnership with The Executive Office (TEO), the Awards are the premier platform for recognising the vital role that grassroots efforts play in fostering understanding, respect, and cultural diversity here. This year's focus is on "The Power of Everyday Peace celebrating the consistent, tireless efforts that bridge divides.

[Building Bridges, Celebrating Unity: Good Relations Awards 2026 Now Open - Volunteer Now](https://goodrelationsawards.com/)

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Seven Categories to Honour Community Impact

The Awards feature seven categories designed to recognise diverse aspects of good relations work:

- 1.The Community Relations Council Exceptional Achievement Award
- 2.Good Relations Volunteer of the Year Award
- 3.Good Relations Community Champion Award
- 4.Good Relations Connecting Communities Project of the Year Award
- 5.Good Relations 'Housing for All' Award
- 6.Good Relations Youth Award (Under 25)
- 7.Sport for Good Award.

The closing date for nominations is **12 Noon, Friday 19th December 2025.**

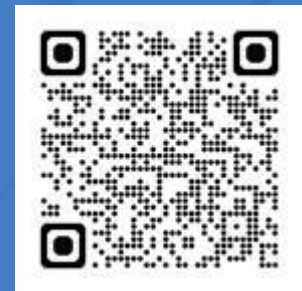
Latest figures from the National Diet and Nutrition Survey show that 9 in 10 children and 4 in 5 adults are exceeding their recommended daily sugar limits, increasing the risk of lifelong health issues, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes and tooth decay.

Making small swaps can make a big difference.

Find out more in our brand-new short videos on the Public Health Dietitians YouTube channel:

https://youtu.be/ADVwrUI8LoQ?si=-053Uqdv3Nmb7_YE

<https://youtu.be/lXqlr5Khzu8?si=lt7Q9EedZkai0RkU>





Children and Young People Team

MINDWISE CYP PROGRAMMES

Beyond Bricks - Primary schools

Beyond Bricks is a LEGO®-based, child-led emotional wellbeing programme designed to help pupils build confidence, communication, and resilience. The fully funded programme includes full teacher training and is co-delivered with MindWise practitioners — to express interest, contact amy.stothers@mindwisenv.org.



Bloom - Secondary schools

Bloom is a free resilience programme that helps young people understand and manage their mental wellbeing. For ages 11-18. We offer staff training with co-delivery options, or our team can deliver standalone workshops directly to students. Contact sarah.ferris@mindwisenv.org to express interest

Your Resilience - community groups

Your Resilience is a free resilience programme for community and sports groups, supporting young people aged 11-18. We can train staff and co-deliver sessions, or our team can deliver standalone workshops directly to participants. Contact sarah.ferris@mindwisenv.org to express interest



For young people's mental health

Me and Money

Me & Money offers up to four free workshops for schools and community groups, supporting children and young people aged 11-18. The sessions explore the link between mental health and money and form part of a leading UK-wide programme on financial wellbeing. Contact sarah.ferris@mindwisenv.org to express interest



Parent Well

A source of inspiration



Staying Safer & Smarter Online

*Content *Contact *Conduct *Consequences
Supporting children 11yrs & over to stay safer online



Small group information
session for parents

Thursday 20th November
10-11.30am on Zoom

To book your place call
0808 8020 400





Free parent/carer support courses available

Autism NI has released new parent/carer support courses, with topics including:

- Sleep
- Supporting your young child with a learning disability
- School-related anxiety

These courses are supported by the Public Health Agency through the CLEAR project. There are dates available in each Health Trust area across NI - please select the course date that matches your location.

Courses are delivered online via Zoom in the evenings. Sessions include the ability to interact and ask questions, so you can get the support that you need.

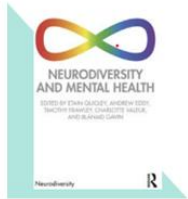
We also have our on-demand 'Understanding Autism' webinar that is available for you to access whenever suits your schedule!

[Autism training and support courses for parents and carers | Autism NI](#)

📖 Save the Date – Virtual Book Launch

 **Date:** November 13th, 2025
 **Time:** 1:00 PM (GMT)
 **Location:** Online via Zoom

[Register Here via Eventbrite](#)



All are welcome to the launch of the new Neurodiversity Book Series with Routledge.

Neurodiversity and Higher Education
Neurodiversity and Mental Health

Coming next year Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System...and more



November 13th, 1pm: Virtual launch of the new Neurodiversity Book Series with Routledge.

There will be a special webinar to celebrate the launch of the new Neurodiversity Book Series with Routledge.

This exciting new book series is edited by organisers of the **Neurodiversity Masterclass Series**, and online conferences; with many of the books' authors being drawn from the global experts who have presented at these events over the last five years.

The event will be recorded as usual, so if you are unable to attend on the day, register via Eventbrite and you will be sent the recording to watch back.

This special event to launch the book series will celebrate the publication of the first two volumes:

- ***Neurodiversity and Mental Health***
- ***Neurodiversity and Higher Education***

And there's much more to come — including *Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System* and additional titles in 2026

Date:	Thursday, November 13 th 2025
Time:	1pm
Location:	Online via Zoom

[Neurodiversity - Masterclass Series Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Children's Law Centre

HYBRID TRAINING

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

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DATE: THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER
TIME: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
CPD HOURS: 3 HOURS (GROUP STUDY)
FORMAT: ONLINE



FIND OUT MORE

Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) have the same right to education, dignity, and equality as every other child — yet too often, their voices are overlooked and their entitlements misunderstood. This essential training cuts through the complexity to give you a clear and practical understanding of the legal frameworks that protect children and young people with SEN based on years of experience servicing legal rights of these children and their families.

The course will explore in depth **statutory assessments**, **statements**, and **appeal rights**. You'll gain an overview of the legal frameworks relating to SEND, exploring how the law can and should prevent children from being unfairly treated.

Delivered by:

- **Liam Mackle**, CLC's Advice Manager
- **Diane Hammond**, CLC Legal Advisor

This is a hybrid event. For those attending online, a Teams link will be sent out the day before via the email address given when purchasing a ticket.

3 Group CPD Hours available for Barristers and Solicitors.

If you are unable to book online and wish to raise an invoice or pay by another method, please contact paulhamilton@childrenslawcentre.org

This course carries CPD points for solicitors and barristers.

Get discounted training by becoming a CLC member at:
www.childrenslawcentre.org.uk/membership

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Partnership and Engagement

Involving you, improving care

Consultation on the Public Health Agency Partnership and Engagement Strategy

We want to hear from you!

The Public Health Agency has recently launched our new draft Partnership and Engagement Strategy for 2025–2030.

The PHA is conducting a series of online and in person information and discussion events to explain the purpose of the strategy, and hear the thoughts of the wider public, service users and carers.

The events are listed below, follow the link or scan the QR Code to register.

Wednesday 5th November 2pm – 4pm – Online

Thursday 6th November 11am – 1pm – Lecture

Theatre, Ballymoney Health Centre, 21B Newal Rd,
Ballymoney, BT53 6HB

Wednesday 12th November 11am – 1pm – Arches

Wellbeing Centre, 1 Westminster Ave N, Belfast BT4 1NS

Tuesday 18th November 7pm – 9pm – Online



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8DtzjS5ESUS3R6dl6jWf-HVIDtHQOpVPvKn9RzZFLx1UMVhQR040N0tPVzMINKNCTzdGOUhFVkhOTC4u>



Public Health
Agency

OPEN CONSULTATION

Consultation on the establishment of a new organisation to support controlled schools

Topics: [Schools and infrastructure](#)

Consultation closes

11 December 2025, 11.59 pm

Summary

The Department is seeking views on proposals to set up a new dedicated organisation to support Controlled schools

[Consultation on the establishment of a new organisation to support controlled schools | Department of Education](#)



Musical Connections

Nurturing Musical
Cultures in Autism
Resource Bases

Friday 7th November
1pm - 4pm
The MAC
Belfast (BT1 2NJ)

Join us for a session to
explore music education
in Specialist Provision in
Mainstream Schools
(SPiMS).



[CLICK HERE OR](#)
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ATTENDANCE

We want every autistic child and young person to access
creative, child-centred music education. With AHRC funding,
Live Music Now and the University of South Wales are building
an evidence-informed picture of music learning in Specialist
Provision (Autism Resource Bases) across the UK.

What it's for?

- Share what's working & where the gaps are.
- Hear perspectives from autistic professionals, carers and learners.
- Identify barriers (practical, cultural, structural) and realistic solutions.
- Prioritise next steps for research & practice.
- Grow a network for ongoing exchange & support in Northern Ireland.

What can you expect?

- Overview of research aims & timeline.
- Hear from **Dr Beth Pickard** (University of South Wales), **Alex Lupo** (Autistic Musician and Creative Lead, Live Music Now), **Gary Day** (NI Project Lead), and the Education Authority Specialist Provision Team.
- An open call to contribute insights, case studies and lived experience to the research.

Why now?

A Youth Music-supported pilot project over the past 3 years has shown benefits for autistic pupils' social, emotional and academic development—and raised important questions we want to explore together.

Your expertise and networks are essential to shaping practical, sustainable change & ensuring the research outcomes are relevant in Northern Ireland.



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Let us know of any access requirements and we'll readily accommodate them.

The Change Maker Funding Programme



The PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme will distribute €40million over the next three years to support people-to-people projects on a cross-community and/or cross-border basis. This is an important element of the Special EU Programmes Body's PEACEPLUS Programme as it will allow communities and organisations to

avail of investment in a more simplified form, but will still result in a significant impact.

Co-operation Ireland, together with Rural Action and East Border Region are providing advice, guidance and support to community groups and organisations that are interested in applying to the programme. To access this support contact our helpdesk or helpline at any time.

[The Change Maker Funding Programme - Co-operation Ireland](#)