

Locality Planning Belfast

Information Update 20/11/25



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CO-CREATED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE EXTERN CREATIVE YOUTH PROJECT

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FRIDAY 28th & SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER 19:30 / UPSTAIRS THEATRE / MAC BELFAST BOOKING: THEMACLIVE.COM

















We would like to invite you to our theatre production *Still We Weave When Growing Up Pulls You Apart* co-written by us and Tony Macauley at the MAC Upstairs theatre on 28th & 29th November at 7.30pm.

We are young people from North and South of Ireland, from different backgrounds and upbringings, coming together with ambition, diversity and dedication to put our talent and stories on stage.

This show is our true point of view — the struggles teenagers face every day: addictions, mental health, school, family, trauma — and the resilience we carry with us.

Still We Weave is a powerful showcase of raw honesty and creative expression. Through theatre, storytelling, music, humour and lived experience, we highlight both the pain and resilience of a generation that refuses to be silenced.

Come and witness a show that doesn't shy away from the hard truths but weaves them together into something beautiful — a reminder that no matter how broken the threads, the story is not finished.

RSVP by Thursday 20th November

As our guest we are offering you and you complementary tickets to see our production. To book your tickets click here for Still I Weave complementary tickets and use the booking code EXTERN to avail of your complementary tickets. If you need 5 tickets or more, please contact the MAC box office at tickets@themaclive.com





HOW DO BOYS & YOUNG MEN REALLY FEEL ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS?

Scan to complete a short online survey:

BOY or YOUNG MAN AGED 16-24? We want to hear from YOU! YOUR VOICE MATTERS



https://tinyurl.com/QUBmasculinities



Ending Violence Against
Women and Girls Involves
Men and Boys Too

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Do you work with young men in Northern Ireland?

We want to hear from YOU!







WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

The Executive Office has commissioned Queen's University Belfast to conduct research on masculinities and attitudes of men and boys in relation to violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Northern Ireland.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Groups or individuals who work with young men and boys.
- Based in Northern Ireland.







WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Take part in a one-hour interview (online or in person).

Share your views on:

- Working with young men in NI.
- How young men and boys view masculinity.
- Young men and boys' attitudes towards violence against women.

WHY TAKE PART?

- Influence policy and practice across Northern Ireland.
- Ensure young men's voices are included — and heard.
- Help end violence against women and girls.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

E-mail: Dr Aoibheann Brennan-Wilson

a.brennan-wilson@gub.ac.uk



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).

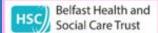
Tender opportunities

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).







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We're delighted to welcome Beth McComish, Artist in Residence for the Belfast Trust, who will facilitate a special creative wellbeing workshop alongside the EHWBT. Using a medium of your choice - felt, watercolours or metal - you will have the opportunity to work on a piece linked to your experience as a parent. No art experience required. Refreshments provided.

Date: Wednesday 26th November, 10:00am – 11:30am Venue: Ballynafeigh Community Development Association, 283 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GG

To register: Spaces are limited - to reserve your spot please email: EHWBT@belfasttrust.hscni.net









A MAN FOR ALL REASONS

27th November 2025 Dunadry Hotel, Antrim 9am - 1.30pm Who Dares Win Kenny Spence

Where are all the men? Shane Murphy

> Why men matter? Shane Murphy

> Fatherhood an Foundations Darren Beggs

t's men's worl too! Francis Loye

This workshop will explore the barriers, myths, challenges and opportunities to build a more gender balanced Early Years, Education and Childcare workforce in Northern Ireland.

The keynote speaker and panel members will provide good practice examples both home and abroad relating to developing effective targeted recruitment campaigns, providing support for male practitioners, showcasing male role models to challenge stereotypes, creating supportive environments, rethinking existing working practices to retain male practitioners and highlighting the benefits a more diverse workforce can have on improving outcomes for children and families.

This workshop is aimed at:

Senior Early Years and Childcare Practitioners/Managers, policy leads, employers employer support agencies, workforce development leads, careers advisors, representatives from the local registering authorities and individuals with an interest in exploring a career in this sector.

To Book:

Please click on the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8DtzjS5ESUS3R6dl6jWf-DHRhNjE5ctKmsLhRlgWhKVUQTA3OVhYSlk3VlBORk42T0tOOU1VRFNZSy4u



ASD Information Event

For Parents of Children Awaiting an ASD Assessment or Post-Diagnosis Support

- * Are you waiting for an autism assessment for your child?
- * Do you need guidance and support after a diagnosis?
 - * Join us for an informative and supportive event!
 - ♣What to Expect:
 - ✓ Expert advice & information
 - ✓Support networks & local resources
 - ✓ Practical strategies for home & school
 - ✓ Safe Space for questions & sharing experiences
 - All parents & caregivers welcome!
 - Date: Friday 5th December 2025
 - Time: 10am 12 noon
 - ♦ Location: Forthspring Inter-Community Group 373-375 Springfield Road, BT12 7DG





Join us on Wednesday 17th December, 12–2pm for an afternoon of festive cheer, friendship, and community spirit at Forthspring! \$\mathcal{G}\$

We'll have a 3-course Christmas lunch, carol singing, and a few fungames to keep the holiday laughter going. **4 5**

Everyone is welcome — neighbours, friends, families, and community partners alike. Let's come together to share good food, warm company, and a little Christmas magic.

If you have any dietary requirements, just let us know so we can make sure everyone's well-fed and happy!

- P Forthspring Inter Community Group, 373 Springfield Road
- Wednesday 17th December | 12–2pm



Newly Launched! On-demand webinars for autistic adults and parents/carers

We're excited to launch brand new on-demand webinars designed specifically for autistic adults.

Plus: we have expanded our range of on-demand webinars for parents/carers of autistic children.

Topics include:

- Anxiety and self-care
- · Executive functioning
- · Building a positive autistic identity

These pre-recorded sessions are available for you to access at a time that suits you, so you can learn at your own pace and in your own environment.

Please note: These webinars are funded by National Lottery Awards for All, and are only available to autistic adults and parents/carers of autistic people (pre or post diagnosis).

Choose your webinar type:





<u>Just Launched: Webinars for autistic adults and parents/carers</u>



Compiled by: Orla O'Haga

Welcome to the SBNI Online Safety Hub **Highlights**

The Online Safety Hub is a central place where young people, parents, carers, and professionals can find practical advice about child safety online, all in one easy-to-use site. It's updated regularly with resources from trusted organisations as part of the Northern Ireland Executive's Keeping children and young people safe: an Online Safety Strategy for Northern Ireland.

Inside the Hub, you'll find an adult section with core messaging and signposting on key online safety topics, a library of resources, sample policy templates, and a research and evidence bank to keep you informed. There's also a Young Person's Hub offering supportive, non-judgemental guidance for under-13s and teens to help them manage their online lives safely and confidently. To make it even easier to explore, the Hub offers new video tours for adults and young people that guide you through its features.

The Hub is designed for sharing. Feel free to take, use, and share the resources widely within your networks.

Online Safety Hub - Safequarding Board for Northern Ireland

PARENT CONNECT





Join us for a welcoming gathering where parents, families, and carers can enjoy a friendly chat, and hear from some educational facilitators and services.

This Parent Connect will spotlight one of our priorities: Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have an Early Years and/or KS1 child at home, we would love to see you there!

Register here



- 26th of November
- 10:00am 11:00am and 7:30pm - 8:30pm
 - **Templemore Baths -**



We are excited to invite you to take part in a unique opportunity to shape the future of early years support in East Belfast.

Come and vote for projects you wish to see come to life in East Belfast. **Transforming the Early Years in East Belfast** will be funding 10 projects that support children and their families living in East Belfast. The fund is focused on helping to improve parental/caregiver mental health and support attuned child/parent relationships.



Projects will be showcasing fantastic ideas on offer that would love your vote.

27th November

2pm - 4pm

Skainos Centre, Newtownards Rd

All welcome!

Your voice matters. By casting your vote, you will be helping to bring meaningful, community-driven ideas to life. These are ideas that could make a lasting difference for families across East Belfast!

Keep an eye on your inbox for more information.



Service Aim:

Our goal is to empower children from an Irish Traveller background by promoting inclusion, supporting smooth transitions in education, and creating opportunities for every child to thrive and



Traveller's Early Years, Transition and Youth Group

Barnardo's Travellers Early Years Service (TEYS)

TEYS supports Traveller children aged 0–6 and their families living in the Greater Belfast areas. The service promotes children's development and wellbeing through family outreach, inclusive early years support, and the integration of Traveller families into local education and community services.

Travellers Transition Service (TTS)

TTS supports Traveller children as they transition into post-primary school, helping them navigate the challenges of their first year and working to sustain their school placement. The service aims to provide culturally sensitive, tailored support to encourage a positive and successful start to

<u>Traveller's</u> Transition Service

Group Programmes:

A 6-week group programme for the whole class, and a 4-week programme specifically for Traveller students, designed to build connection, confidence, and resilience.

Student Support:

Children receive support
with managing emotions,
homework and study skills,
practical challenges,
building self-esteem,
dealing with bullying, and
settling into post-primary
school life.

Parental Support:

Guidance and assistance provided to parents with school communication and application processes, helping to ensure a smooth transition and ongoing support.

Individual Support: One-to-one sessions







Youth Group

The group is designed for young people aged 12 to 18. Our mission is to empower young leaders to use their voice, embrace their heritage, and step into leadership with confidence. Through interactive workshops, cultural exploration, creative expression, and real-life leadership opportunities, members will be empowered to take pride in who they are and where they come from.

This group fosters a safe and inclusive space where the young people can build selfesteem, develop critical life skills, and connect with others who share a passion for growth and positive change. Whether it's through storytelling, community projects, leadership challenges, or cultural celebrations, every session is an opportunity for young people to lead, learn, and be proud of their identity.

Together, we are creating the next

The team:

Colleen Ward -Project Worker 07885478563 colleen.ward@barnardos.org.uk

Elaine Norney - Project Worker 07710750539 elaine.norney@barnardos.org.uk

Nadine Irvine Project



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We'd love for you to join us at our Explore Plus Open Day - a 6-month personal development programme for young people aged 16-24 who are not in education, employment, or training.

m Date: Monday 24th November

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: King's Trust Centre – Weavers Court

This is your chance to:

· Hear directly from young people who have completed the programme.

Learn what Explore Plus offers.

Ask questions about getting involved or referring young people.

About Explore Plus

Explore Plus runs 3 days per week for 6 months (250 hours total). It's youth-work led and focuses on learning by doing. Key themes include:

- Personal Development Confidence building, goal setting, new skills.
- Positive Progression 1:1 support and guidance for next steps.
- Employability CV building, interview skills, First Aid qualification.
- Good Relations Understanding communities and reducing division.
- Citizenship Contributing positively to society through projects.

Please RSVP to outreachni@kingstrust.org.uk.



Together With Refugees are sending FREE posters all over the UK for people to show their solidarity with refugees, order your posters at the link below



Order your free posters and help put Hope in Every Window this festive period.







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DECEMBER NORTH BELFAST MENOPAUSE CAFÉ
WILL BE HELD AT THE DUNCAIRN (DUNCAIRN
AVENUE, BT14,6BP) ON
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER FROM 2 TILL 3.30

THEME FOR THIS SESSION WILL BE
PELVIC HEALTH
FACILITATED BY
PHYSIOTHERAPIST CHRISTINA O'NEILL

TEA, COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM: HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/XZI99IADC5









Rathgael House 43 Balloo Road Rathgill BANGOR BT19 7PR

Email: raise@education-ni.gov.uk

17 October 2025





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Listen to Learn Event

You SAID, We HEARD, We DID

Where: Crumlin Road Gaol - Lanyon Suite

When: Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time: 6.15pm - 9.00pm

Refreshments provided from 6.15pm evening will start @ 6.45pm

This is an opportunity for children and young people to:

- √ Be Heard Share your views in a safe and meaningful way
- √ Be Taken Seriously Ask questions about the things that matter to you
- √ Make an Impact Shape policies and give solutions to the big issues that affect your education
- √ Talk to Policy Designers and Creators

TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP CONTACT YOUR LOCALITY CO-ORDINATOR





Dear Stakeholder,

INVITATION TO RAISE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENT IN CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL - LANYON SUITE ON THE 25 NOVEMBER 2025 6.15PM - 9PM

On 5 September, the RAISE Programme published 18 Strategic Area Plans - RAISE - Strategic Area Plans | Department of Education. Children and young people's voices have helped shape and inform these plans, through our local and regional consultations events.

The RAISE Programme is committed to the principles of the Lundy Model of Participation 2007, and we want to ensure that children and young people continue to be given both the space for their voice to be heard and the audience to enable opportunities for them to have an influence on issues that affect them.

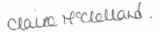
We previously held a very successful engagement event in Stormont in April 2025 and have taken on board your feedback from that event as such we plan to hold another event, and we would like to invite up to 8 young people from your organisation to be part of our RAISE: Listen to Learn event for children and young people.

The event will include a **YOU SAID, WE HEARD, WE DID** feedback session on the Strategic Area Plans, input from key policy makers on Attendance, Curriculum, Emotional Health and Well Being, Inclusion and Transitions and the opportunity for children and young people to talk to the policy designers dealing with issues that affect them in their educational journey. This event will be of interest to young people who are keen to understand more about how education works and how policies are developed and keen to have their voices heard and shape policies within Education.

The event will take place in the Crumlin Road Gaol on **Tuesday 25 November 2025** starting at 6.45pm and will conclude by 9.00pm. Food will be provided from 6.15pm on arrival.

To register your group, please contact your Locality Co-ordinator,

Yours sincerely,



CLAIRE MCCLELLAND

DIRECTOR OF RAISING ASPIRATIONS AND SUPPORTING LEARNING



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER we run** 5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.

First Tuesday of every month 7pm - 8.30pm Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- · Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- · The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- · Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Who We Are

174 Trust Disability Project

The 174 Trust Disability Project brings people with disabilities visibly into the heart of our organisation.

The project serves as a wonderful social outlet, where children, young people and young adults can play, learn, and create. This includes dealing with autism, downs, wheelchair users, severe learning disabilities, sight loss, hearing loss, challenging behaviour, or a combination of complex needs.

174 Trust Preschool

Since its founding in 1995, it has been an integral part of the 174 Trust's family work. We endeavour to address the play and education needs of children in and around the North Belfast area. The hope for every child who goes through the 174 Trust Nursery is that they leave with a keen desire to learn, the foundation for independence, and a respect for others.

We hope all our children will have a

strong foundation for life.

Where?

Duncairn Centre, Duncairn Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6BP



When?

Every Monday during term time. 10am - 11:30am







174 Trust SEN Parent & Tots



A Community for Parents & Carers of children aged 0-3 with a Disability, Developmental Delay or awaiting assessment.



We aim to provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment for Parents & Carers to come together and meet other families on a similar journey, whilst giving their children the opportunity to explore and play.

Community

A space to connect with others

We understand there is a gap in our North Belfast Services for parents and carers with children with additional needs, especially in the early years. We aim to provide support for these parents and carers, where they are understood and welcomed.

Parents

A space for you

This group gives you a space to...
Enjoy your child.
Share hopes, fears and challenges with other parents who understand and to ask those practical questions.

Seek advice from those with shared lived experience.

Be empowered and build confidence as you grow to become advocates for your child, sharing strategies and developing a stronger voice.



Children

A space for them

Our group will provide a safe and welcoming space for your child to play, grow and develop.

Your child will enjoy exploring our 2 new sensory rooms, meeting new people, playing with their friends and enjoying a special time with their parent or carer.

How to apply for a space

Email: linda@174trust.org or nursery@174trust.org

Request an application, fill it in and return to us.

We will be in touch asap.



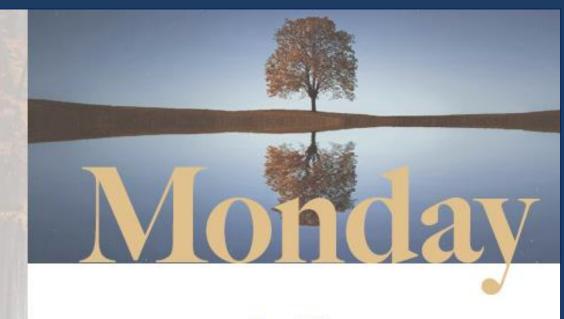


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Let's Talk About... Death, Dying and Grief is a week-long initiative in libraries and online, taking a look at conversations around one of life's most universal experiences. Through history, culture, storytelling and practical guidance, the programme explores how people across time and place have understood death, and how we live with it today. Events include talks from leading experts, exhibitions, workshops, and resources to support anyone curious about traditions of the past, other cultures, or ways to navigate grief in the present.

Whether you join in person or online, you're invited to pause, reflect and discover how the stories we tell about death can deepen our understanding of life itself. All events are free and we welcome everyone, whether you are curious about history, culture, storytelling, or looking for support navigating grief in the present. Come along to explore, reflect, and join the conversation.

Please note: Some content may be sensitive. Participants are encouraged to engage at their own comfort level.



Omagh Library

Melting Words - Art of Life

Monday 17 November at 10:30am

Booking essential.
Call 028 9446 1942 or email
omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

Explore life's final chapter through creativity in this mindful art workshop, part of The Art of Life Project by Bailleborough Creative Hub. Using art and reflection, this session offers a gentle space to explore how we talk, or don't talk, about death and dying, and what those conversations can mean for the living.

Facilitator: Bailieborough Creative Hub, a community arts collective based in County Cavan, brings together artists and makers who believe in the power of creativity to heal, connect and inspire.



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Ballymena Central Library

Death and Dying in Ancient Ireland

Tuesday 18 November 11:00am - 12 noon

Booking essential.

Call 028 2563 3950 or email ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk

Discover how our ancestors merged ancient beliefs with new faiths in early Ireland. This illustrated talk uncovers how burial traditions evolved from pre-Christian to Early Christian times and is a fascinating glimpse into the rituals, sites, and stories that shaped how people once viewed death and the afterlife.

Speakers:

Willie Drennan is a musician, storyteller and writer from County Antrim whose work draws richly on Ulster-Scots heritage and folklore.

Ed Luke is a local historian mapping ancient sites across Mid and East Antrim and the Causeway Coast and Glens, revealing the layers of belief embedded in the local landscape.

Falls Road Library

Symbolism in Belfast City Cemetery

Tuesday 18 November 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Booking essential.
Call 028 9050 9212 or email
fallsroad.library@librariesni.org.uk

What do the carvings and monuments of Belfast City Cemetery really mean? Join historian Tom Hartley for an evocative exploration of the symbols that reflect humanity's age-old attempt to understand death, and life beyond it.

Speaker: Tom Hartley is a historian, author and former Lord Mayor of Belfast. His tours and books on Belfast's cemeteries have helped countless visitors uncover the stories etched in stone across the city's resting places.

Cookstown Library

Understanding Your Grief Workshop

Tuesday 18 November 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Booking essential.

Call 028 8676 3702 or email

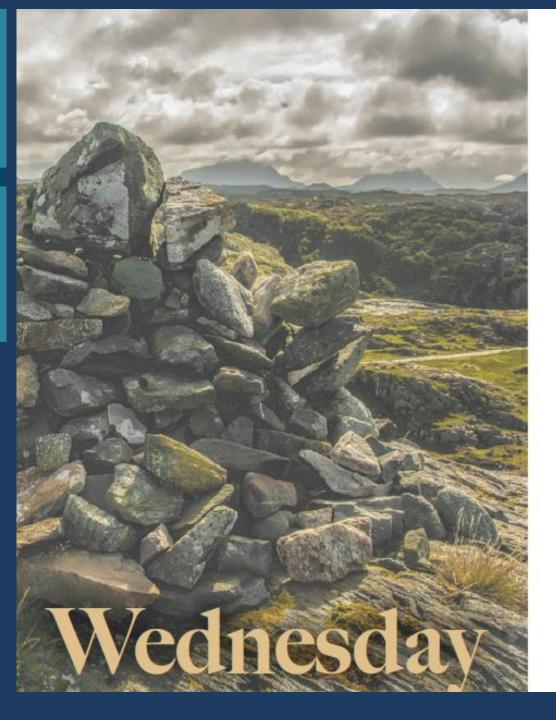
cookstown.library@librariesni.org.uk

A compassionate space to begin making sense of loss. Led by CRUSE Bereavement Support, this workshop offers insights and guidance to help participants navigate grief and find comfort in shared experience.

Facilitators: CRUSE Bereavement Support is the leading organisation in Northern Ireland providing free, confidential support to people experiencing loss.



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Belfast Central Library

Death and Burial in Ireland 8000 BC – AD 400 with special reference to Ulster

Wednesday 19 November 12 noon - 1:00pm

Booking essential.

Call 028 9050 9150 or email belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk.

From the first traces of humanity in Ireland to the dawn of Christianity, burial customs tell a powerful story of belief and belonging. Join Professor Gabriel Cooney for a thought-provoking look at how the treatment of the dead reveals what early societies valued most.

Speaker: Professor Gabriel Cooney, Emeritus Professor of Celtic Archaeology at University College Dublin, is one of Ireland's leading experts on Neolithic life and death. His research focuses on mortuary practices and the ways they reflect identity and community.

Dungiven Library

The Irish Wake

Wednesday 19 November 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Booking essential. Call 028 7774 1475 or email dungiven.library@librariesni.org.uk

A storyteller's journey into the heart of one of Ireland's most enduring traditions. Stephen O'Hara brings to life the folklore, rituals and superstitions that surround the Irish wake, a unique celebration of life, death and community.

Speaker: Stephen O'Hara is a storyteller from Cushendun with a passion for Irish mythology and the customs that shaped rural life. His performances weave together humour, history and humanity.



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Online Event

Displaying the Dead: Human Remains from Ancient Egypt at the Ulster Museum

> Thursday 20 November 12 noon - 1:00pm



Registration essential. Scan the QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/DisplayingTheDead

Who was Takabuti, and what can her story tell us about ancient Egypt's beliefs in the afterlife? Curator Triona White Hamilton explores the ethics and insights of displaying human remains, and what these ancient lives reveal to us today.

Speaker: Triona White Hamilton is Curator of Modern History at National Museums NI. Her work spans social history, world cultures and community-led storytelling, focusing on representation, ethics and belonging in museum spaces.

Ormeau Road Library

Faith Funerals

Thursday 20 November 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Booking essential.

Call 028 9050 9228 or email

ormeauroad.library@librariesni.org.uk

From ritual to remembrance, faith shapes how we say goodbye. Facilitators from ArtsEkta share insights into funeral traditions across cultures and religions, exploring how diverse beliefs find common ground in honouring the departed.

Facilitators: ArtsEkta is a multi-award-winning intercultural arts organisation and the team behind the Belfast Mela. Their work celebrates cultural diversity and human connection through creativity and shared experience.



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Glengormley Library

The Irish Wake

Thursday 20 November 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Booking essential.
Call 028 9083 3797 or email
glengormley.library@librariesni.org.uk

Cushendun storyteller Stephen O'Hara returns to share more tales and traditions surrounding the Irish wake, from heartfelt customs to haunting folklore. This is an evening rich in memory, myth and meaning.



Online Event

Ireland of a Thousand Goodbyes: The America Wake and Memories of Mass Emigration

Thursday 20 November 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Registration essential. Scan the QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/TheAmericaWake

The "America Wake" marked both farewell and loss, a final gathering before emigration, when most would never return. David Broderick traces the echoes of these poignant partings through Ireland's landscapes and collective memory.

Speaker: David Broderick holds a Master's degree in Public History and Cultural Heritage and works with Laois County Council as a Creative Communities Engagement Officer. His work explores the intersection of memory, place and identity in Irish history.

Portstewart Library

The Irish Wake

Friday 21 November 11:00am - 12 noon

Booking essential.
Call 028 7083 2712 or email
portstewart.library@librariesni.org.uk

Experience storytelling steeped in Irish folklore as Stephen O'Hara explores the customs, humour and humanity of the traditional wake. This is a moving reminder of how communities once gathered to celebrate life in the face of loss.



As part of a Strategic Review, Windsor Women's Centre would like to consult with you as a provider of services and support or funding to help shape our strategic direction for the next 3 years.

The survey will be open until the end of December 2025.

I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey using the link below to provide us with some of your views and input which is an important part of this process.

Windsor Women's Centre Stakeholder Survey:

https://forms.gle/egkqUdw9X25tQT6f7

Homeless Services









Making A Positive Difference By Empowering People And Communities

Floating Support Service

Our Floating Support Service will provide guidance and assistance to families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Service users will be supported to obtain and / or sustain accommodation within the community in the long term.

Type Of Support We Can Offer:

- Securing and / or maintaining a tenancy.
- Transitioning to a new tenancy.
- Moving on from supported accommodation.
- · Finding suitable accommodation.
- Applying for accommodation via social or private landlords.
- Understanding the terms of your tenancy - rights and responsibilities in partnership with your landlord.
- Support to maintain safety and security of dwelling.
- Support in setting up home and tenancy sustainment.
- Support in managing finances, maximising income and accessing benefits.
- Signposting and accessing other support services.
- Support into education, employment, or training.



- Developing domestic / daily living skills.
- · Developing social skills.
- Support in establishing social contacts and activities within the community, to promote emotional well-being and alleviate social isolation.

Who is Eligible To Apply:

- Women and / or Men with dependent children.
- Require support to maintain your independence and tenancy.
- Be willing to engage with the service and the support provided.

How To Make A Referral:

T: 028 9075 2310

E: homelessservices@arkhousing.co.uk

This service is available to families living in any type of tenure within the Greater Belfast area.

Upcoming 3 day facilitator training for this exciting evidence-based parent programme!

When: 27 & 28 November and 4 December 2025

10am-4pm

Where: Ramada By Wyndham, Belfast

Cost: £1050 (includes supervision)

Fee includes access to all programme

materials and videos

For information on iiP check out investinplay.com

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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

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FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Let's Talk− simple tools for building early language TUESDAY 25TH NOV 7–8.30PM, ON ZOOM

Join Leigh, one of the Clinical Directors, and Speech and Language Therapists, at Insight Clinic for a session exploring how children learn to communicate, from first sounds to fluent conversations.

Hear Me, See Me, Know Me
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7–8.30PM, ON ZOOM

A workshop for parents of children who are being assessed or are diagnosed as autistic, delivered by Elaine McGreevy– Speech & Language Therapist.

Surviving the Season: Fussy Eating & Autism Made Easier WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 7–8.30PM, ON ZOOM A session on fussy eating and autism with Dr Kirsty Porter, Children's Dietitian at Nutrition4kidsNI.

CALL 0808 8020 400 NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



Join Leigh, one of the Clinical Directors, and Speech and Language Therapists, at Insight Clinic for a session exploring how children learn to communicate, from first sounds to fluent conversations.

We'll cover what's typical at different stages, when to seek support, and simple, practical ways to build language through everyday play and routines. You'll leave with realistic milestones, tips, and confidence to nurture your child's communication journey.

When: Tuesday 25th November

Time: 7-8.30pm, on Zoom

To book a place call free

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Parent



Hear me, See me, Know me

A workshop for parents of children who are being assessed or are diagnosed as autisticdelivered by Elaine McGreevy- Speech & Language Therapist

- Support communication preferences
- Understand sensory experiences & attention
- Communicate with a child/young person in distress

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Surviving the Season: Fussy Eating & Autism Made Easier

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Discover practical strategies to help master fussy eating including mealtime challenges, sensory eating and food acceptance tips.

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