

**WALKING on EGGSHHELLS**  
Non-violent resistance programme

Child to parent violence refers to patterns of behaviour which can impact on safety and wellbeing at home, often signalling that the child and family need understanding, support and guidance

**About the Programme**

Walking on Eggshells is an 8-week programme to support parents and carers in achieving a calmer, violence-free home

**It can help you:**

- Overcome feelings of helplessness
- Develop a support network
- Work toward healthier behaviours
- Improve family relationships

Take the first step towards a safer, more peaceful home for you and your child

**Register now:**

028 9040 1290  
info@ci-ni.org.uk

Children in Northern Ireland

**HSC** Belfast Health and Social Care Trust  
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Supporting North Belfast

# I HAVE A TEENAGER GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Teens and tantrums...and that's just the parents! Living with a teenager can be confusing, exhausting – and sometimes downright funny. If you've ever wondered "Is it just my house?" then this is for you!

**FREE** Friendly Information Sessions for Parents & Carers Come along for a relaxed, welcoming session where no one judges, everyone understands, and laughter is encouraged.

**TWO DAY PROGRAMME**  
**Dates:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
**Time:** 10:30am – 1:30pm  
**Location:** Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street, BT15 2BP

You'll gain:

- Practical, gentle guidance
- Tips for managing disagreements positively
- A chance to laugh, learn, and feel reassured
- Connection with other parents

For more information, please contact Sárlaith at:

028 9074 2255  
saerlaith.kerr@ashtoncentre.com



# PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUE TRAINING



**Date:** Friday, 13 March 2026

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
(registration from 9:30 am)

**Location:** Riddel Hall, Belfast

Discover how **Philosophy for (and with) Children (P4C)** can help young people think critically, speak confidently, listen deeply, and explore ideas respectfully. This hands-on training will show you how to create safe, inclusive spaces that encourage curiosity, creativity, and thoughtful dialogue.

#### During the day, you will:

- Take part in philosophical enquiry
- Raise and explore your own questions
- Gain practical tools, games, and strategies to use in classrooms, youth groups, and community settings

#### Ideal for:

Secondary school teachers, youth workers, community facilitators, and anyone working with Years 8–10 (ages 11–14).

#### Trainer:

Georgios Petropoulos, University College Dublin – Thinking Changes Project

#### Why philosophy?

Philosophy teaches young people **how to think, not what to think**. It builds confidence, empathy, and a sense of belonging — all while having fun.

**Join us for a day of learning, thinking together, and sharing practice.**

#### Register Today!

Please book your place by contacting  
[thinkingchangesproject@gmail.com](mailto:thinkingchangesproject@gmail.com)  
This training is funded and lunch will be provided.



# You Are Invited

## Stronger Together: An Information Day for Children with Disabilities & Additional Needs

Featuring stalls from local services and community organisations, presentations and information on health, education and family support



MONDAY

23

MARCH

9.30AM-3.30PM

BELFAST CASTLE  
ANTRIM ROAD, BELFAST

*Light lunch & refreshments provided*



**JOIN US!**

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG & CONNECT  
NO NEED FOR PARENTS/ CARERS/ PROFESSIONALS TO  
PRE-REGISTER



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Social Care Trust  
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# HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Open to all parents and carers who support a child with additional needs!

Come along for-

Coffee and a chat

Arts & crafts

Aromatherapy taster sessions

Positive thinking workshops

Support with ASD

And lots more!

**EVERY  
FRIDAY**

10AM-12PM

56-58  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE  
PARK, BT9 5EH



Please contact Rebecca

[sat2@solasbt7.com](mailto:sat2@solasbt7.com)

02890247600



# GLENBRYN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Tuesdays from 11:00 - 13:00

89 Alliance Rd, Belfast BT14 7JE





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UPCOMING COURSES FOR MARCH,  
APRIL & MAY 2026

3rd,10th,24th,31st MARCH BABY BONDING.

14th,21st,28th APRIL MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION.

5th,12th,19th,26th MAY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

Contact us today to find out more.

**TO SECURE A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT PAULA, LIMITED SPACES  
07739004151**

WISHING WELL  
FAMILY CENTRE  
ALLIANCE CRESCENT

Time  
10AM/12PM

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## FREE SUMMER SESSIONS during AUGUST – INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

Belfast City Council Play Team are pleased to invite organisations and community groups to take part in free summer play sessions at **Woodvale Playcentre/Woodvale Bowling Pavilion** throughout August

The sessions are available on the following days:

- Mondays
- Tuesdays
- Wednesdays
- Fridays

Each session will last 2 hours, with groups able to choose either a morning (**2h AM**) or afternoon (**2h PM**) slot.

These sessions provide a fun, safe and engaging environment for children during the summer period. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first – come, first – served basis.

If you are interested in booking a session for your group or would like further information, please email me at:  
[siudekm@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:siudekm@belfastcity.gov.uk) tel.07909891539

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming your group to Woodvale Playcentre this summer.





# FEARLESS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A PATHWAY

## A Masterclass in 'Defying the Odds'

 INVEST NI, BEDFORD SQUARE, BELFAST

 THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2026

 4.00PM - 5.45PM

 BOOK A PLACE: [WWW.PODIEM.COM/FEARLESS](http://WWW.PODIEM.COM/FEARLESS)

 CONCLUDES WITH FOOD, NETWORKING  
& ACCESS TO "NEXT STEPS" SUPPORT



### DR CAROLINE CASEY

Serial Entrepreneur, Global Speaker  
& Founder of The Valuable 500

Book tickets:

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Caroline's passion and drive are rooted in a very unique personal story of trying to fit in with a secret. Born with ocular albinism, she spent years concealing her visual impairment (she is legally blind). Now a globally recognised entrepreneur, she has turned bold ideas into movements that shift how business values people and drives market advantage through inclusion. She has repeatedly launched ventures that transform business practice and champion diversity and adversity as a strength.

President of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and a board member at L'Oréal and Sky, Caroline launched her principal venture, The Valuable 500, at the World Economic Forum's Davos Summit. Since then, she has secured commitments from 500 multinational companies, collectively generated \$8 trillion in revenue and employed 20 million people. Her efforts have earned her an honorary doctorate and numerous awards including the Eisenhower Fellowship, the Ashoka Fellowship and the Young Global Leader award.

Caroline will share her own journey – from hiding her legal blindness to founding multiple enterprises that influence global business systems – which embodies resilience, creative risk-taking and entrepreneurial spirit as a pathway. She will offer powerful insights and inspiration for would-be founders navigating adversity (in whichever form it takes), proving that purpose-driven innovation can create both meaningful impact as well as commercial and personal success.

# TRAVELLER AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Raising awareness of the barriers that  
Travellers face in accessing services

Join us at this event to promote understanding  
of Traveller culture and traditions.



**TUESDAY 10 MARCH 26  
10.30AM-1PM**

**Maureen Sheehan Centre  
106 Albert St  
Belfast, BT12 4HL**

Cultural Demonstrations

Information Stands

Panel Discussions

Please scan/click to  
register your attendance:



## SAVE THE DATE:

**March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026  
10am-12pm  
Online via Zoom**

Register by clicking  
here for the link, or  
scanning the QR code



### Who?

This event is for parent  
programme facilitators, peer  
coaches, managers, funders  
and anyone interested in  
finding out more about  
parent programmes.

### What?

CDICs and key figures from four  
evidence-based parenting  
programmes currently active across  
NI will speak to their knowledge and  
experience, highlighting key  
information about each programme's  
work with neurodiversity.

### Why?

Hear about the dynamic range  
of support available, along with  
what specific programmes work  
best to support parents and  
families with neurodiverse  
children in NI.

**Any questions, contact:**  
cphilips@ncb.org.uk  
smckeever@ncb.org.uk



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# Education

## School Attendance

Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive a suitable full-time education. It is also vital that they encourage their child's regular and punctual attendance at school. If a child is registered at a school then it is vital that they attend on a regular basis

A series of public consultation events are being held across Northern Ireland to hear your views on our new draft 'Attendance Matters' strategy.

These events are your opportunity to:

- share your thoughts and experiences;
- ask questions; and
- help shape future attendance policies.

All public events are free to attend and are being held in buildings with disabled access.

[School Attendance | Department of Education](#)



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## **Department of Education Consultation Event on 'Attendance Matters' Strategy**

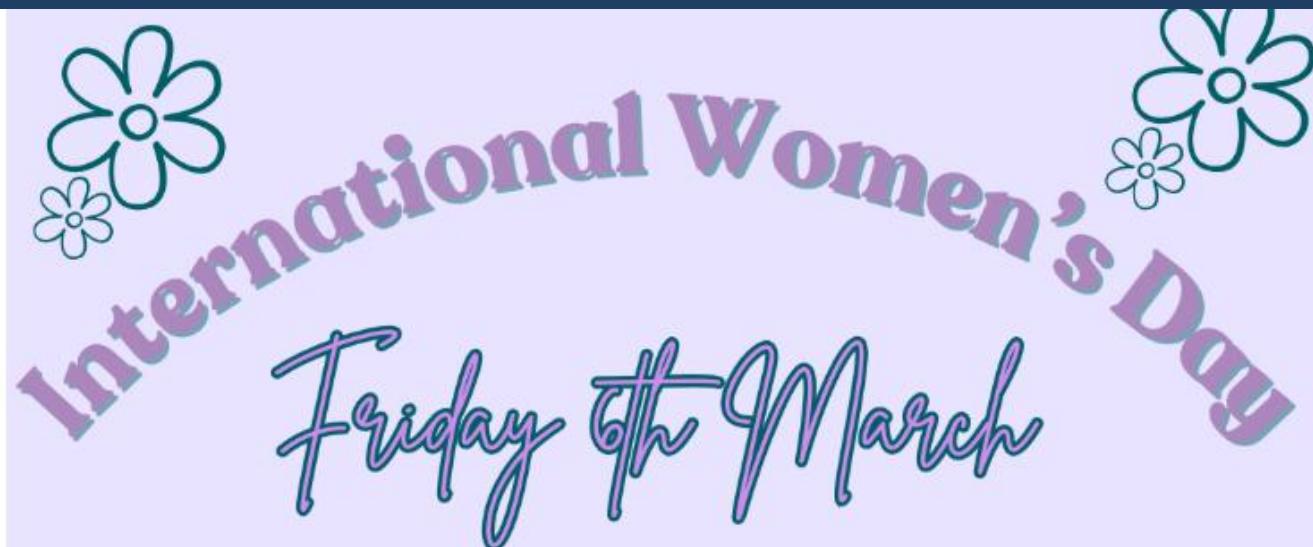
**Monday 23rd February 6.30pm  
At Forward South Partnership  
(185-189 Lisburn Road)**

**Come along & share your views  
on the consultation, share your  
experience & shape future  
attendance policies.**

**Scan here with your mobile phone**



<https://tinyurl.com/5b25h4v7>



## International Women's Day 2026

Friday, 6 March 2026, 07:00

5-7 Conway Street, Unit B1/1, Belfast, BT13 2DE [View Map](#)

### IWD ACTIVITIES 2026:

7:00AM - SEA DIP AT HELEN'S BAY

11:00AM - PILATES WITH ERIN & PUREGYM

1:00PM - BELOVED BEADING BRACELET WORKSHOP



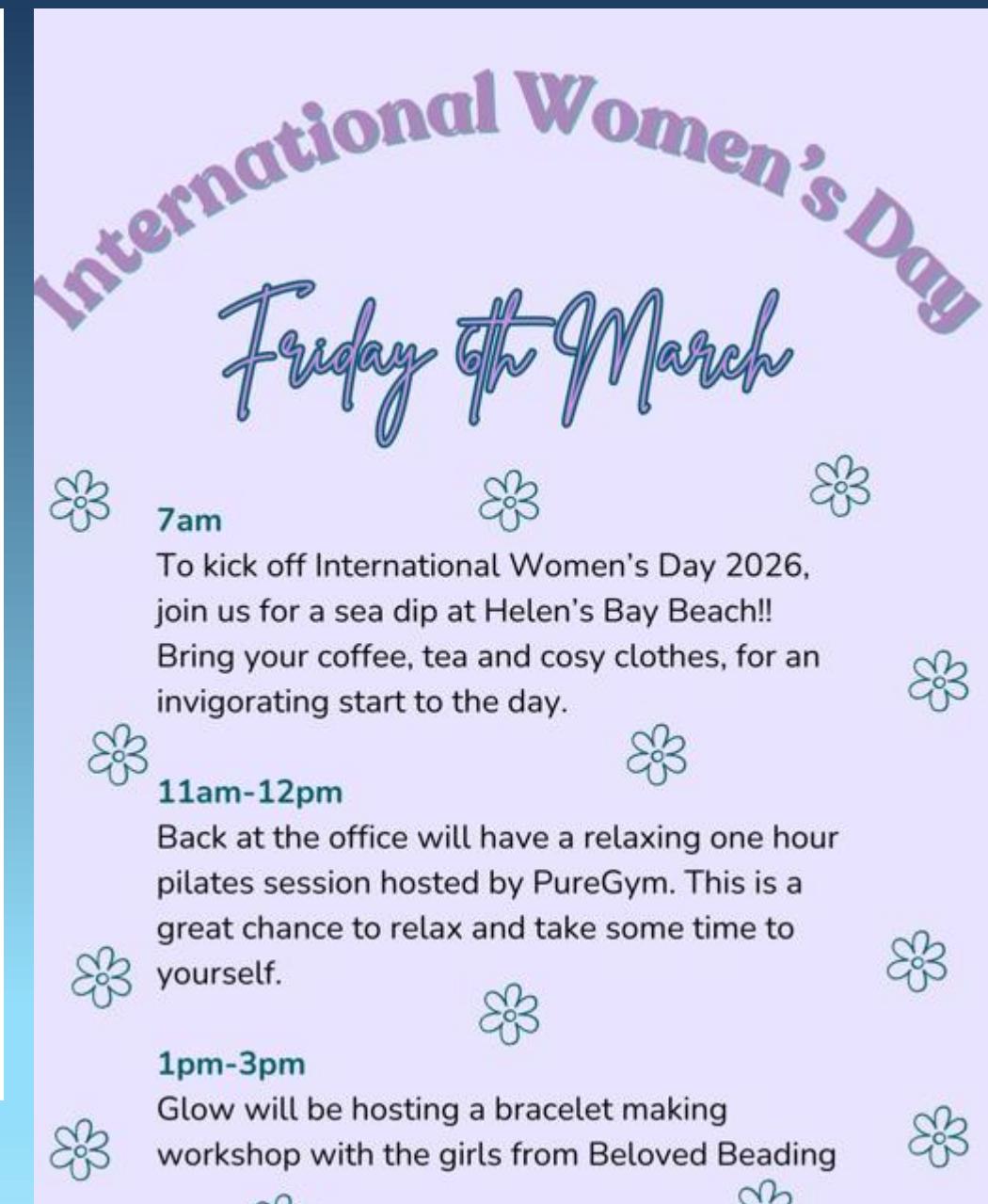
### International Women's Day

This allows you entry for all IWD Activities

£5.00

[Register](#)

[International Women's Day 2026 | Giving Life Opportunities To Women](#)





# HEALING SPACES

THIS EVENT IS FREE WITH A SUGGESTED £5 DONATION FOR MATERIALS

 SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY  
10:30am - 3:30pm

 GIRDWOOD COMMUNITY HUB, BT14 6EG

**About Our Event !**

Healing Spaces is a practical, interactive workshop delivered by The International Rescue Committee, designed for volunteers and community workers who support refugee and asylum-seeking children, young people, and families in the UK. The session builds understanding of trauma and displacement while equipping participants with simple, effective tools to create safe, welcoming, and healing environments in their everyday work.

**REGISTER NOW >**

Any queries please contact [anne-sophie.cocault@ccmsschools.com](mailto:anne-sophie.cocault@ccmsschools.com)



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INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

  
Acacia Path

Magdalén Hospital Trust Accepting Applications  
04/02/2026

## All News Items

### [Magdalén Hospital Trust Accepting Applications](#)



03/02/2026

#### **Project funding for charities working with vulnerable young people under 25**

The Trust makes grants to promote the welfare of young people, under the age of 25 years, who suffer from various effects of social deprivation, abuse, mental and physical handicap, inadequate housing, lack of education or training, and the problems derived from unemployment and broken families.

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to UK-based Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) working with vulnerable children and young adults, especially those at risk of sexual and other forms of exploitation.

The funding will support project costs. Projects can include those that provide:

- Training for work and personal development
- Clubs and play schemes
- Safeguarding education
- Mental health support and counselling
- Emergency care.

There are three funding rounds in 2026.

**The first deadline for applications is 28 February 2026.**



### **“Drop-in Coffee Morning in Cancer Lifeline”**

To coincide with **“LOOK NORTH”** (The North Belfast Festival) we are inviting you to come have a cuppa with us in Cancer Lifeline and see around our premises.

Maybe you are supporting or working alongside people affected by cancer and would like to find out about local cancer support services.

Try out some taster Complementary Therapies & Relaxation Wellbeing sessions.

**Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Venue: Cancer Lifeline, 44 Alliance Avenue**

**Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm**

**Please register your interest to attend by MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2026. Tel – 02890 351999**

**Thank you and we look forward to showing you around...**

# Wellbeing Hub Monthly Talks

March 2026

**Emily @21andsensory**

Tips and Tricks for looking after your  
Sensory Self



[Emily @21andsensory- Tips and Tricks for  
looking after your Sensory Self Tickets, Thu, Mar  
12, 2026 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## Content:

The Centre For Autism Wellbeing Hub is delighted to welcome Emily @21andsensory for their March Webinar. Emily's talk is titled '*Tips and Tricks for looking after your Sensory Self*', where she will discuss a range of topics including hypo and hyper sensitivities, stimming, masking, sensory overwhelm and burnout, and ways to support sensory needs.

## About Emily:

Emily is an Autistic Illustrator, Graphic Designer and Podcaster. She hosts her own 21andsensory podcast where she speaks to guests from all walks of life including Authors, Actors, Influencers, Illustrators, Artists, TikTokers, Educators, Activists, Writers, Speakers, Producers, YouTubers, Podcasters, Sports Teams, Researchers and Scientists!

Emily has worked with brands such as BBC, BBC Bitesize, Airbnb, Autistica, Royal College of Psychiatrists and Tiimo, as well as universities such as Oxford, Durham, Reading, Birmingham, Birkbeck, Stirling and UCL.



[Buy tickets – Protecting the Rights of Autistic Children - Hybrid Event – Children's Law Centre, Belfast](#)

## Protecting the Rights of Autistic Children - Hybrid Event

 Wed 25 Mar 2026 1:30 PM - 4:15 PM

 Children's Law Centre, Belfast, BT7 1SH

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Practical and accessible to everyone, this course will include discussion on the legal duties towards autistic children within education, health and social care, with a focus upon a robust children's rights-based approach. We'll examine recent case law and provide guidance on the SEN assessment, statementing and appeals processes as well as considering the current major policy directives and their impact on children and young people.

This course will be of benefit to parents and carers, health and social care practitioners, teachers, principals, SENCOs and teaching assistants in mainstream and special needs education, youth workers and youth advocates in the voluntary, statutory and community sector, Boards of Governors and anyone who works with or cares young people with autism.

**This course carries verified CPD points for both Solicitors and Barristers.**

Delivered by:

**Rachel Hogan**, SEND Specialist Advisor, CLC

**Diane Hammond**, Legal Advisor, CLC

**Liam Mackle**, Advice Manager, CLC

# Urban Villages Programme

Location: Portview  
A Creative Arts & Emotional Wellbeing Initiative for Young People & Adults

## Week 1: Emotional Intelligence Workshops – Mind & Growth

Module	Dates	Time	Focus
Module 1	Mon 2nd & Wed 4th Mar	10:00-12:00	Understanding the mind, emotions & thinking patterns
Module 2	Mon 9th & Wed 11th Mar	10:00-12:00	Confidence, communication, self-image
Module 3	Tue 24th & Thu 26th Mar	10:00-12:00	Goals, purpose & action planning

 Times may adjust depending on participant feedback.

## Week 1: Art Week – Create Your Masterpiece

Date	Instructor	Workshop	Time	Outcome
Tue 3rd Mar	Ann Marie	Watercolour	10:30-12:30	Participants create a piece for exhibition
Thu 5th Mar	Emma	Collage	10:30-12:30	Participants create a piece for exhibition

 Both classes are 2 hours. Each participant leaves with their own artwork ready for display.

## Week 2: Dance Week – Move & Perform

Date	Instructor	Workshop	Time	Outcome
Tue 10th Mar	Ajendance	Dance Skills	10:00-12:00	Learn performance techniques
Thu 12th Mar	Ajendance	Dance + Live Recording	10:00-12:30	Recorded performance for exhibition

 Thursday includes an extra 30 minutes for a live performance that will be displayed at the exhibition.

## Weeks 3 & 4: Digital Week – Tech & Creativity

Date	Instructor	Workshop	Time	Outcome
Mon 16th Mar	Ken	Digital Photography	10:00-12:00	Photography for exhibition
Wed 18th Mar	Ken	Digital Music	10:00-12:00	Music composition for exhibition
Mon 23rd Mar	Ken	Digital Photography	10:00-12:00	Photography for exhibition
Wed 25th Mar	Ken	Digital Music	10:00-12:00	Music composition for exhibition

## Exhibition Day – Celebrate Creativity

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 30th Mar	All Day	Display of all artwork, performances & digital projects. Open to friends & family.

### Notes:

- Workshops are progressive, building creative skills and emotional wellbeing.
- Participants produce tangible outputs for exhibition: art, dance, photography, music, and personal growth work.



## IMH Lunchtime Learning

**PHA's Breastfeeding Support Services**  
hosted by Community Infant Feeding lead,  
Naomie Farrell

**Wednesday 25th February**  
**12:00PM - 1:00PM, online**



To book please  
scan the QR code



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## IMH Lunchtime Learning

**Launch of the refreshed NI IMH Framework and Action Plan 2026-2029**  
hosted by NCB and Maurice Meehan, the PHA Strategic Lead for Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement (Starting Well)

**Wednesday 25th March  
12:00PM - 1:00PM, online**



To book please  
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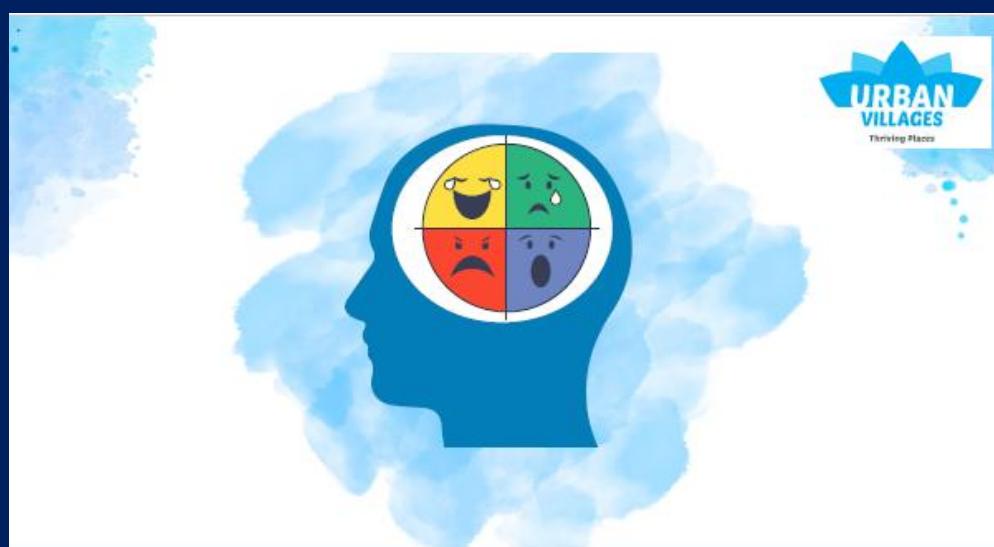


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BUREAU



**URBAN VILLAGES**  
Thriving Places

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE WORKSHOP

Learn to regulate emotions with **Tanya McCuaig**

Transform the way you connect, lead, and thrive

**Unlock Your Emotional Intelligence**

Discover the power of understanding and managing emotions in this transformative workshop series designed to enhance your personal and professional life.

**What You'll Gain:** Develop self-awareness to recognise your emotional triggers and patterns, master techniques to regulate stress and remain composed under pressure, strengthen your relationships through empathy and effective communication, and build the confidence to navigate challenging conversations with grace.

**Module 1**  
Understanding the mind, emotions, & thinking patterns  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 2026, Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026, Wednesday  
10 am - 12 pm

**Module 2**  
Confidence, Communication, & Self-Image  
9<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026, Monday  
11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026, Wednesday  
10 am - 12 pm

**Module 3**  
Purpose, Goals, & Action Plan  
24<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026, Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2026, Thursday  
10 am - 12 pm

**Portview Trade Centre,**  
310 Newtownards Rd, Belfast BT4 1HE

Email us for further information : [info@burc.org](mailto:info@burc.org)



**OPEN SESSION**  
**CREATIVE WORKSHOPS**

**URBAN VILLAGES**  
Thriving Places

# Let's Collaborate & be Creative

We invite you to discover how our Creative Workshop Programme can bring fresh energy, skills, and opportunities to the people you serve.

Explore how our Emotional Intelligence and Creative Arts Pilot Programme can inspire, empower, and provide new opportunities for the local community.

**What We Offer**

Our hands-on creative workshops are designed to engage, inspire, and empower. Whether it's creative arts, digital photography, music, or performing arts, we create safe, inclusive spaces where participants can:

- Express themselves through creative exploration
- Build confidence and develop new skills
- Connect with others in their community
- Discover pathways to education, employment, and personal growth

**When: 23 Feb 2026**  
**Time: 10:30 am**  
**Join us via Teams meeting link**

**Why Attend Our Open Session?**

This is your opportunity to:

- Learn how our workshops can complement your existing programmes
- Discuss how we can tailor sessions to your community's unique needs
- Meet our experienced facilitators and ask questions
- Explore collaboration opportunities at no obligation

REGISTER YOUR SPOT TODAY BY SENDING US EMAIL: [INFO@BURC.ORG](mailto:INFO@BURC.ORG)

# Job and Training Opportunities

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## HIRING!

### Regeneration Project Coordinator

Ligoniel Improvement Association (LIA) is seeking a motivated leader to drive social, economic, and environmental change in Ligoniel Village.

#### The Role:

- Coordinate the Ligoniel Village Regeneration Partnership.
- Lead community engagement and implement local regeneration plans.
- Network with government and private sectors to secure funding.
- Manage project staff and report to the CEO and Partnership Board.

#### Requirements:

- Degree in Regeneration, Community Development, or a related field.
- 3+ Years Experience in community regeneration management.
- Knowledge of neighbourhood regeneration policies.

#### The Offer:

- Salary: £31,648 p.a.
- Hours: 37.5 hours per week.
- Location: Wolfhill Centre, North Belfast.

Apply Now: Request an application pack from [administrationaligonielvillage.com](http://administrationaligonielvillage.com) or call 028 9039 1225.

Closing Date for current funding cycle: March 31, 2026. Possibility of further funding, depending on the funder

LIA is an Equal Opportunities Employer.



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Get the skills, experience and opportunities to help you land a job.

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via webchat at:  
[kingstrust.org.uk](http://kingstrust.org.uk)



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- Complete a 3-week work placement with Premier Inn to develop your skills
- Take part in employability sessions to work on your CV, Interview skills and more
- Receive 1-1 support throughout the programme and beyond
- Gain an insight into the working environment at a top hotel chain

#### IMPORTANT INFO:

Taster day: Wednesday, 4 March  
Course dates: 9 March-26 March  
Email: [outreachnl@kingstrust.org.uk](mailto:outreachnl@kingstrust.org.uk)  
Location: Various  
Eligibility criteria: Ages 18-30, not in full-time employment, education or training

