



## Grants and funding

# Summer Community Diversionary Programme 2026-2028

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Our Summer Community Diversionary Programme (SCDP) 2026-2028 is open for applications.

### About the programme

The SCDP provides funding to eligible community-based groups in Belfast to develop diversionary activities or programmes that celebrate positive cultural expression.

Its aim is to make a significant contribution to the reduction of anti-social behaviour linked to key areas and bonfires around the key dates of 11 July and 8 August, with a 14-day window before and a seven-day after those dates to deliver activities.

Applications that are assessed in 2026 and reach the threshold for support will be awarded an equivalent level of funding to deliver a similar community diversionary programme in 2027 and 2028.

Individual organisations can only apply to deliver diversionary activities or programmes in one of the priority locations.

If you have any information you would like to share across our Locality Planning Group members in Belfast please email:

[LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

New  
Date

## Parent Workshop



Are you a parent fed-up fighting fires every day?  
Do you feel caught in negative cycles with your partner and children?

You can **Bounce Back**!

Join our 3 week, practical parenting programme to support you to build calmer, more connected family relationships.

Online via Zoom, for three consecutive Mondays starting 9th March, 7-8:30pm.

Call 0808 8020 400 to book your place.



# International WOMEN DAY

MARCH



GIRDWOOD

SUNDAY

1.30PM

3.30PM



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City Council



Northern Ireland  
Executive  
[www.northernireland.gov.uk](http://www.northernireland.gov.uk)

[belfastcity.gov.uk/endviolence](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/endviolence)  
#EndViolenceBelfast



**LGBTQIA+ Asylum Seeker?**  
**You are not alone**  
**Rainbow Refugees NI host monthly meet-ups in Belfast**  
**Get in touch, meet friends**

 07821742404  
 rainbowrefugeesni@gmail.com



## ESOL NI

### Looking for English Language classes in Northern Ireland?



How to search the ESOL NI website?



👉 On the 'Home' page, you will find the searching box and different options.

📍 We recommend you start your search by selecting a 'City/Town' and scroll down the options available. Select the location closer to where you live.

📘 To achieve the wider range of results possible per location, you should then click directly onto the blue button called 'Search Providers'.

Translate this page into other languages. Select your language from the dropdown list below.

Select Language  Powered by Google Translate

[Search Providers](#)

If you wish to **translate the website into another language** you will find this feature below the ESOL NI logo and just above the searching fields, to the right of the screen.

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All 6 Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland deliver accredited ESOL courses. English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses provided by Further Education colleges in Northern Ireland are free for refugees, asylum seekers and other specific categories of displaced migrants.



# 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.



Cultural Demonstrations

Information Stands

Panel Discussions

Please scan/click to register your attendance:



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

Maureen Sheehan Centre  
106 Albert St  
Belfast, BT12 4HL

# PARENTING PROGRAMME SHOWCASE 2026: NEURODIVERSITY

**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:**  
cphillips@ncb.org.uk  
smckeever@ncb.org.uk

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

This group is aimed at parents and carers who support a child with additional needs!

Come along for a coffee and a chat all welcome!

EVERY FRIDAY

10AM-12PM

56-58 KNIGHTSBRIDGE PARK, BT9 5EH



Please contact Rebecca  
sat2@solasbt7.com  
02890247600

## WALKING on EGGSHELLS

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

Runs Thursday 12 March to Thursday 14 May 2026

8 consecutive Thursdays  
10am - 12pm  
(with a 2-week break for Easter)

Online

Open to parents and carers in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust area

All parents / carers will complete an initial assessment to ensure the programme is suitable for their family circumstances

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



Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

caring supporting improving together



*The Toybox Project provides home-based support for newcomer, asylum seeker and refugee families with young children aged 0-4 years who are settling in to Northern Ireland.*

#### **Eligibility**

Families must meet the following criteria :

- Be a newcomer , asylum seeker or refugee family new to Northern Ireland.
- Have at least one child aged 0-4 years.
- Live within Belfast Area.

#### **Referral Indicators**

Need support with Child's early development.

Require help to build parental confidence and capacity.

Reside outside of a Sure Start area.

Experience social isolation or language barriers.

Struggle to access local services and supports.

Expectant Mother.

*\*Priority will be given to those who have lived in Northern Ireland for less than 2 years.\**



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Toybox aims to reduce social and educational inequalities experienced by Newcomer families to Northern Ireland.



An outreach home visiting service aimed at empowering parents to support their young children's optimal development.



A programme aimed at supporting the inclusion of children and parents in Sure Start, Pre-school and primary schools.



An advocacy programme including a partnership approach with a range of key stakeholders aimed at improving policies and services for children and their families.



### What to expect when we visit:

- A toybox project worker will attend your home to carry out the play sessions.
- Each play session will last between 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- The project worker will provide resources and activities for both you and your child / children to get involved in.
- Activities will be planned around the child's interests and to support with their overall development.
- These sessions allow us time to interact with both, you and your child, providing support if needed.

### Project Worker Details

Victoria Rea  
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07742076321

[www.early-years.org](http://www.early-years.org)



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Apollo Road  
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Department of  
**Education**

**early years**  
the organisation for young children  
toybox project



We would like to remind you that applications for Bryson Emergency Relief Initiative remain open.

If you are considering applying, we encourage you to complete and submit your application as soon as possible.

We also encourage all registered referrers to make full use of their allocated spaces by submitting applications on behalf of households or individuals identified as being in emergency need of assistance.

Our opening hours are:

- Monday to Thursday: 8:00am – 6:00pm
- Friday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

If you require any further information or support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us

[bryson.emergency.relief.initiative.2025-26@brysongroup.org](mailto:bryson.emergency.relief.initiative.2025-26@brysongroup.org)



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## Stop! Think! Act!

Helping Kids with Self-Control

Free Workshop For  
Parents and Caregivers

Does your child act before thinking, interrupt, or find it hard to wait? This free workshop explains what drives impulsive behaviour and shares strategies to build self-control and confidence.

**Whether your child has a diagnosis, is on a waiting list, or you're beginning to explore the possibility, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.**

**In this workshop you can expect:**

- ✓ Parent-friendly insights into impulsive behaviour
- ✓ Strategies to help kids pause, problem-solve, and make positive choices
- ✓ A supportive space to learn and share

### Event Details:

 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

 7:30PM - 8:30PM

 **The Carew Family Centre**  
15 Tamar Street  
BT4 1HS



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A project supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).  
Delivered as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive



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## Thinking outside the box

How Different Brains Learn & Grow

Free Workshop For  
Parents and Caregivers

Raising a child who learns differently brings both joys and challenges. This workshop helps parents understand how children's brains grow and adapt, with simple strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your child has a diagnosis, is waiting, or you're just beginning to wonder, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.

**In this workshop you can expect:**

- ✓ Parent-friendly information on how children's brains learn
- ✓ Everyday strategies to support your child
- ✓ A focus on strengths as well as challenges

### Event Details:

 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

 10:00AM - 11:00AM



 7:30PM - 8:30PM



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Delivered by Colin Neighbourhood Partnership as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive



**On Monday 2 February, the National Year of Reading in Northern Ireland launched at Stormont with a landmark roundtable event to mark the start of a year-long national effort to reignite a love of reading.**

Primary school pupils, authors, government officials, community groups, charities and businesses came together to explore how the initiative can help more of the nation's children, young people and adults to rediscover reading through the things they already love.

Led by the National Literacy Trust, the **National Year of Reading 2026** aims to address the steep decline in reading engagement and launched in Northern Ireland as **our latest research** found that:

- fewer than 3 in 10 (28.9%) children and young people aged 8-18 in Northern Ireland said they enjoy reading in their free time, while
- only 1 in 6 (16.9%) read daily in their free time.

To help address this challenge, the campaign is asking the nation to 'Go All In' on their interests and passions and (re)discover how reading can unlock the things they already love – from music and sport to films, food and family time – in whatever way works for them.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/the-national-year-of-reading-in-northern-ireland-launches-in-stormont/>

visit [wired-different.co.uk](http://wired-different.co.uk) for tickets

# Under 18s Disco For Neurodivergent U18



**Mon 6th April**  
**Balmoral Hotel, Belfast**  
**6pm-9pm, £10 Admission**

 **Neuro Night Club**

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FINANCIAL WELLBEING



Autism  
Central

England's Peer  
Education Programme

**NHS**

**Supporting autistic young  
people who are absent from  
school**

Join our free webinar on 13 March  
with Dr Ruth Moyse



Delivered by  
**Anna Freud**

[www.autismcentral.org.uk](http://www.autismcentral.org.uk)

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**NI Fraud Forum Workshop/Masterclass**  
**Combating Online Fraud**  
**In Northern Ireland**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**The Merchant Hotel**  
**9:00am - 11:30am**



[Combating Online Fraud in Northern Ireland Tickets, Thursday, Mar 26, 2026 from 9 am to 11:30 am | Eventbrite](#)



**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.

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07739004151**

WISHING WELL  
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Time  
10AM/12PM

**SHANKILL WOMEN'S  
WELLBEING FAIR**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**The Spectrum Centre,  
331 - 333 Shankill Road**

- Information stalls
- Therapy tasters
- Fitness demos
- Health Checks
- Refreshments
- Free Ballot

**Just Drop In  
No need to book!**



You are Invited  
TO

## 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



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



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Psychological services



The Neurodiversity Café offers a warm, welcoming space for parents and carers to focus on their own wellbeing. It provides a safe place to pause, talk, and access information on local services and signposting.

Join us for a special Neurocafé event as we celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2026!  
Creative Wellbeing Workshop for Parents & Carers

We are delighted to be joined by Beth McComish, Artist in Residence with the Belfast Trust. Beth will guide us through an expressive art session designed to support relaxation, connection, and creativity.  
No artistic experience needed.

📍 Venue: Frank Gillen Centre, Address: 1A Cullingtree Rd, Belfast BT12 4JT

📅 Date: Friday 20th March 2026

🕒 Time: 10:00-11:30am

All materials provided.

Settle into our wellbeing café with a warm drink and thoughtful treats to help you breathe and reset. Just come as you are, we'd love to welcome you



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



# Job and Training Opportunities

JOB | PART TIME

## Family Support Worker Blackie River Community Group

Friday / 06 March 2026 12:00pm

Job Role: Carer Professions

Salary: 14,560.00

Hours per week: 20.00

<https://www.communityni.org/job/family-support-worker-201>



**GET READY FOR CAREERS IN DIGITAL  
WITH W5 LIFE**

Get a taste of the exciting careers available in this growing and evolving field and start building in-demand skills.

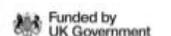
**ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:**

- Develop digital skills and learn about opportunities in STEM
- Build communication, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills
- Work towards an OCN Level 2 qualification in Digital Skills for Life and Work
- Receive 6 months of follow-on support from The King's Trust
- Travel and childcare costs covered for every day on programme (subject to application)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Taster day: 03 Mar  
Course dates: 09 Mar - 20 Mar  
Location: W5 Life, Belfast  
Eligibility criteria: Ages 16-30, not in full-time education or employment.

Find out more via webchat at:  
[kingstrust.org.uk](https://kingstrust.org.uk)  
or email us at:  
[outreachni@kingstrust.org.uk](mailto:outreachni@kingstrust.org.uk)



# Job and Training Opportunities



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2pm- Still I Rise, Diversity Training:** focusing on how to talk about issues of race & diversity with young people & active bystander

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-5pm- Connected for Life, Helping Children Manage their Emotions:** how children learn to manage their emotions, feelings and behaviour, what can get in the way of the development of these skills and how that manifests regulation skills. behaviourally, how children can best be supported to learn self-regulation skills.

If anyone wishes to sign up, they can do so by emailing [aine.groogan@forwardsouth.org](mailto:aine.groogan@forwardsouth.org). All trainings will be held at 185-189 Lisburn Road.

## The King's Trust Newsletter

Northern Ireland, March 2026

We have so many great courses for young people aged 16-30 to get involved in. **Courses are free** and give people the tools to build their confidence, find a job or start their own business.

Did you know? We **reimburse travel costs** for all our courses and can also support with **childcare costs**

### Upcoming courses

-  [Explore+](#)
-  [Get Hired in Health & Social Care](#)
-  [Get Ready for Careers in Digital w/ W5 Life](#)
-  [Get Started with Content Creation](#)
-  [Get Started with Photography](#)
-  [Enterprise](#)
-  [Drop Ins](#)
-  [Monthly Flyer and Quick Guide](#)

[Upcoming courses from The King's Trust](#)

# Job and Training Opportunities



## Project Worker 2 - Youth Participation Worker

**Reference number:** 22517

**Job Title:** Project Worker 2 - Youth Participation Worker

**Location:** Travellers Early Years Service

**Contract type:** Permanent (Fixed term funded post)

**End date:** 31st March 2029 **Hours:** 22.5 Term Time

**Salary:** £28,124.46 - £37,117.07 FTE **Closing Date:** 8 March 2026

**Interview Date:** wb 16th March 2026

## Service Administrator

**Reference number:** 22552 **Job Title:** Service Administrator

**Location:** Newtownabbey Family Connections

**Contract type:** Permanent (Fixed term funded post)

**End date:** 31/03/2027 **Hours:** 22 (Term Time)

**Salary:** £25,401 - £27,351 FTE **Closing Date:** 8 March 2026

**Interview Date:** w/c 16 March 2026

[Project Worker 2 - Youth Participation Worker | Barnardo's jobs](#)

[Service Administrator | Barnardo's jobs](#)

# Job and Training Opportunities

## 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.

