



Belfast Locality Planning Newsletter

“Working together at a local level to connect services, share resources and strengthen support for children, young people and families.”

Edition:
15th October 2026

- Community News and Events
- CYPSP & LPG updates
- Training and Resources
- Funding and Grants
- Jobs and Opportunities



TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES UPDATE

Together For Families Enhanced Family Support Service applications are open.

The Application form and Guidance can be found here:

[Enhanced Family Support Services Resources Application form and Guidance | Department of Health](#)

Further instructions can be found on the Together for Families webpage:

[Together for Families Enhanced Family Support Services resources | Department of Health](#)



A Public Sector Transformation Project



Christmas Appeal 2026

Help us bring a little Christmas magic to local children and families.

For many families in our community, Christmas can be a difficult and worrying time. Your support will help us make sure no child is left behind this festive season.

Your donation will help provide:



Christmas gifts for children and young people



Food and essential items for families in need



A safe, welcoming space and caring services



Festive activities and opportunities that bring joy, confidence and hope

Every donation, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated.



No child should wake up without the magic of Christmas.

Scan to donate

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Scan to donate to Deirdre Walsh's fundraiser
"Christmas Appeal 2026"

Thank you

Whiterock Child & Family Centre
Supporting Children, Strengthening Families,
Building Community

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

- Online, 8 x 2-hour sessions
- Daytime and evening programmes available
- Daytime programme starts Wednesday 21 October, 10am - 12pm
- Evening programme starts Thursday 22 October, 6pm - 8pm

Open to parents and carers in both the Belfast Trust and Southern Trust areas

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

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

Daytime registration Evening registration



Children in Northern Ireland

HSC Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
caring supporting improving together

HSC Southern Health and Social Care Trust
TOGETHER, IMPROVING CARE, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Programme	Course	Day & Time	Information
Employability & Professional Development	CACHE Level 3 Childcare Assistant	Monday 6.00 – 8.00	Placement required
	CACHE Level 3 Classroom Assistant	Wednesday or Thursday 6.00 – 8.00	Placement required
	CACHE Level 3 Health and Social Care	Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00	Placement required
	OCN Level 1 &2 Essential English (equivalent to GCSE)	Monday 10.00 – 12.30	Applicants MUST attend the assessment session 7 th September
	IAB Level 1 Introduction to Bookkeeping	Thursday 10.00 – 12.-30	
	OCN Level 1 Computer Skills	Monday 10.00 – 12.00	
Women in Peacebuilding Cross-Community & Cross-Border Projects	OCN Level 3 Community Development	Thursday 10.00 – 12.30	More Women in Peacebuilding courses will follow in January.
	OCN Level 2 Women and Politics	Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	
	OCN Level 2 Understanding Violence Against Women and Girls	Monday 1.00 - 3.00	Some classes are held in outreach locations.
	Shared Island Creative Art Project	Wed 1.00 - 3.00	~~Includes~~ trips and other events



Falls Women's Centre Training & Education Programme 2026

Registration week commences Monday 17 August 10.00 – 3.00pm

Classes roll out from Monday 7th September, with more to come in January.

For more information please contact Falls Womens Centre 028 90327672

Be the Change Project Women's Empowerment for Social Change	Social gathering and workshops	Friday 10.00 – 1.00	~~Includes~~ trips and other events
	Confidence-building Course	Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	
Young Women's Empowerment Project	Girls Unfiltered (16-18 yrs) Confidence-building, activities, support and education for young women (18-25 years)	Days and times to be arranged	~~Includes~~ trips and other events
Creative Classes	Introduction to Sewing Machine Skills	Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00	
Money Management Programme	Workshops to build your confidence, financial knowledge and skills	Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00	



Upcoming Session:
🕒 **Wednesday 25 November 2026**
🕒 **1pm - 3pm**
🌐 **Online via MS Teams**

Nutrition Awareness Training

Overview

This free, interactive course run by Dietitians is to provide up-to-date, safe and reliable information about diet and lifestyle for those running physical activity sessions with children and young people aged 11-18.

All participants receive a cue-card resource with 8 key messages to help confidently deliver basic health and wellbeing advice within your setting.

Course Aims

The course aims are to:

1. Update attendees on the current health status of our population.
2. Increase awareness of the barriers to eating well.
3. Update participants on age specific nutrition and physical activity guidelines.
4. Increase understanding around food labelling and portion sizes.
5. Equip participants to use the take-home resource.
6. Provide attendees with further reliable sources of nutritional information and ongoing support.

Contact us to book a place:

Tel: 028 9615 2450

Email: PHdietitians@belfasttrust.hscni.net

CONTACT US



CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Management)

What does the qualification cover?

This qualification provides learners with the skills and knowledge needed to manage practice and lead others in children's care, learning and development.

It covers a wide range of subjects, including leading professional practice, health, safety, and risk management, safeguarding and developing professional supervision practice.

Who is it suitable for?

This qualification is suitable for Assistant Managers and Deputy Managers working in children's care, learning and development who are looking to progress their career. It is also appropriate for Managers who have not yet achieved a vocational qualification at this level.

Do you need to be working to take the qualification?

Yes, you will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as you need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

How long does it take to complete?

You can usually complete it in one year, however we allow 18 months to complete the award. Classes are weekly, on-line sessions, 2 hours per class

Classes will be starting at the end of September 2026

The cost is £1000.

For further information please contact

Penny Ambrose, 028 90319634 OR e-mail penny@blackieriver.ie

The Open University is offering a free online course called **Reading for Pleasure**, which explores the importance of encouraging children to enjoy reading and how adults can help foster a lifelong love of books.

As volunteers, you already play a vital role in supporting children's literacy. This course offers additional insights into:

- Why reading for pleasure is so important for children's development and future success.
- Current research and challenges relating to children's reading habits.
- Practical strategies to encourage reader engagement.
- Ways to promote reading across schools, homes, and communities.

Although the course has been developed primarily for teachers, teaching assistants, librarians and school leaders, the content is also highly relevant for reading volunteers and anyone interested in supporting children's reading journeys.

There is also an opportunity to earn an **Open University digital badge** and download a **Statement of Participation**, which can be used as evidence of your ongoing personal and volunteer development.



Free course

Developing Reading for Pleasure: engaging young readers

 Free statement
of participation
on completion



[Developing Reading for Pleasure: engaging young readers | OpenLearn - Open University](#)

About Depaul

Depaul provides low threshold, specialist services for people who are at risk of homelessness or who are experiencing homelessness.

Since 2002, Depaul has grown from a small charity to become a trusted leader, addressing homelessness across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

We currently manage **43 specialist accommodation and outreach services**, supporting some of the most marginalised individuals, couples and families experiencing homelessness

We **provide over 800 bed spaces** each night and last year we **supported almost 10,000 people** through our accommodation and community-based services.

We offer support and guidance to break the cycle of homelessness. When every door is closed to them, Depaul is there with support to help them rebuild their lives and progress towards a positive future.

Contact Family Services Floating Support:



028 95215110



familyservicesfloatingssupport.
lmt@depaulcharity.net

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BT15 3BJ. NI Charity Reg. 102995 (XR87991)

**FAMILY SERVICES
FLOATING SUPPORT**

DEPAUL

Homelessness has no place

We're delighted to share that **Parenting Week 2026** will run from **Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2026**

This year's theme is **Making Connections**

We're encouraging parents, carers, organisations, schools and communities to think about the importance of connection — whether that's:

- 👥 Connecting with other parents
- 💬 Finding support in your local community
- ❤️ Spending time together as a family
- 🤝 Reaching out to someone who might need a little support

We've put together a Parenting Week 2026 Partner Activity and Asset Pack with information, ideas and downloadable resources in one place to help parents, schools, organisations, and community groups get involved.

Visit our website to download the pack and find out more about how you can get involved in Parenting Week 2026.

<https://www.ci-ni.org.uk/parenting-week-2026/>

Parentline NI

0808 8020 400

Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm

Fri 9am-5pm

Sat 9am-1pm

parentline@ci-ni.org.uk



EAL Hub

Online educational workshops

📅 11th Nov 2026 – 16th April 2027

Supporting newcomer pupils using English as an Additional Language.



1 Session 1
Developing vocabulary

📅 Wednesday 11th November
7 to 8 p.m. | 🖥️ Online- MS Teams

2 Session 2
Developing reading skills

📅 Wednesday 9th December
7 to 8 p.m. | 🖥️ Online- MS Teams

3 Session 3
The language of numeracy

📅 Wednesday 13th January
7 to 8 p.m. | 🖥️ Online- MS Teams

4 Session 4
Using home languages

📅 Wednesday 17th February
7 to 8 p.m. | 🖥️ Online- MS Teams

5 Session 5
Trauma-informed care to support pupils from sanctuary-seeking backgrounds

📅 Wednesday 10th March
7 to 8 p.m. | 🖥️ Online- MS Teams

6 Session 6
A celebration of our community of practice

St Mary's University College Belfast
📅 Friday 16th April
10 to 11 a.m.



For more information and to sign up, please email Sophie Cocault at anne-sophie.cocault@ccmsschools.com



02890245582

← DREAM SPACE AT W5 LIFE

FREE DREAM SPACE HALLOWEEN CAMPS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Register your interest by Thursday 15 October!

For more information click this link : [STEM Hub | Northern Ireland | W5 Belfast](#)

Please note that you do not have to attend all 2 days, you are welcome to sign up to either day or both days.

The camp will run:

- Thursday 29th October 10am – 2pm.
- Friday 30th October 10am-2pm

Each days consists of:

- A hands on crafting activity
- An element of coding
- A team build within Minecraft Education

- We require a minimum of 8 and maximum of 24 participants per group
- The leaders of your community group must attend to supervise but all content will be delivered by the Dream Space team. We require a minimum of 1 adult to 8 children.
- Lunch will not be provided. All participants must bring a packed lunch each day.
- You must arrange your own transportation to Dream Space at W5 LIFE
- The camp does not include admission to W5.
- Registration will close on Thursday 15th October 2026.

Link to register your interest:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5C7WQccQaD>

Any questions please contact: dreamspacebelfast@odysseytrust.co.uk

Neuro-Affirming Practice in Action: Parents Plus ADHD Children's Programme

We're delighted to invite you to a FREE one-hour practice and information session on the Parents Plus ADHD Children's Programme (6-12yrs).

As our understanding of ADHD continues to evolve, this session offers space to reflect on practice, share learning, and consider how a neuro-affirming, strengths-based approach drives best practice in delivering parent support.

Experienced facilitators and managers will share their experience and perspectives from delivering the PP-ADHD programme within their (CAMHS – North Dublin; CAMHS – Gloucestershire NHS), alongside a whistlestop overview of the programme's content and delivery approach for those new to Parents Plus.

Whether you're already delivering the programme or new to the Parents Plus community and considering training, this session offers valuable insight into the programme in action, followed by an opportunity to put your questions to our panel.

Programme Outline & Speakers:

- Intro and Context – Prof. John Sherry, Clinical Director & Fred Ehresmann, Senior Trainer and Facilitator, Parents Plus.
- Adapting the ADHD Content to Parents' Needs – Lisa Whitlock, Trainer/Facilitator and Parenting Coordinator, Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust
- Practitioner and Manager Insights – Urszula Przybysz-Pereira & Sally Powell, Parenting Programme Team, Gloucestershire CAMHS
- Delivering PP-ADHD in North Dublin CAMHS – John O'Brien & Therese McCarthy, Advanced Nurse Practitioners

We hope to see you there and please feel free to send this email to interested colleagues: [Register here](#)

One Website, One Team One Focus

We are delighted to share our new **Family Support NI** video showcasing the work we do to support parents, practitioners and professionals across NI.

Our site offers a range of services including the Childcare Register for NI, this is the formal register of childcare providers in Northern Ireland and holds the most up to date childcare information.

We also have the Family Support section of the website, Information is available on a wide range of services from Statutory, Community and Voluntary Organisations.

In addition to this we also have the Childcare Partnership section of the website – CCP which supports information, training and development across the early years and childcare sector.

The video offers a snapshot of who we are, what we do and the difference our work makes.

[New Family Support NI Video - Family Support News](#)

HELP SHAPE MORE ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

We're inviting neurodivergent people and families to take part in our research survey exploring barriers and enablers to attending community and pop-up events.

This co-produced survey is delivered by Neurodiversity Spark and Diverse Minds Events Limited, with ICEP Europe as our research partner.

The findings will help create a plain-English checklist and practical guide for organisers of community and pop-up events.

Your voice!
Better events!
Stronger communities!



TAKE A STAND NI

YOUNG PEOPLE. SAFER RELATIONSHIPS.
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

REAL VOICES.
REAL CHANGE. 

JOIN OUR YOUTH FORUM!

Be part of the **Take A Stand NI Youth Forum** – a group of young people who meet every month to plan and discuss how we highlight the issue of **Domestic Abuse in teenage relationships** and the support offered.



SHARE
IDEAS



HAVE
YOUR SAY



PLAN
CAMPAIGNS



DISCUSS
SUPPORT & SERVICES



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



WE MEET
EVERY MONTH



ALL YOUNG
PEOPLE WELCOME!



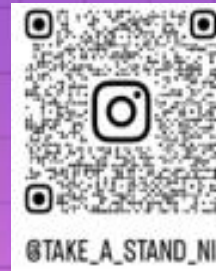
DIFFERENT
CONVERSATIONS.
BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Take A Stand NI



Stand Against

Teenage Domestic Abuse



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Health Visiting Helpline



Support and advice for parents with children aged 0-4 years

Our helpline is available
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm
Please contact us on:

028 9504 0846 or

Email: HVadvice@belfasttrust.hscni.net





KINSHIP WORKSHOPS ACROSS BELFAST

SUPPORT ♥ LEARN ♥ CONNECT ♥ HAVE FUN



≡ OCTOBER 2026 ≡

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	1 Good Relations Workshop Candle Making 🕒 10:00am – 2:00pm 📍 Olivia's Haven	2	3	4 ♥
5 ♥	6 Lego Therapy (Week 5) 🕒 9:30am – 11:30am 📍 Upper Springfield Development Trust	7 Kinship Carers Coffee Morning 🕒 10:00am – 12:00pm 📍 Blackie River Community Centre	8 Good Relations Train Adventure 🕒 10:00am – 2:00pm 📍 (Venue TBC) ♥	9	10	11
12	13	14 Kinship Carers Coffee Morning 🕒 10:00am – 12:00pm 📍 Blackie River Community Centre	15 Good Relations Halloween Baking 🕒 6:00pm – 8:00pm 📍 Upper Springfield Development Trust	16	17	18 🍁
19 🍁	20	21 Kinship Carers Coffee Morning 🕒 10:00am – 12:00pm 📍 Blackie River Community Centre	22 Good Relations Celebration Lunch 🕒 1:00pm 📍 City Centre	23	24	25 ♥
26	27	28 Good Relations Pumpkin Patch Picking (Family Event) 🕒 5:00pm 📍 Black Mountain Shared Space	29	30	31 🎃	ALL FAMILIES WELCOME! ♥

♥ Building Community Connections ♥ New Skills 👤 Meaningful Friendships ♥ Support for Kinship Families 👤 A Stronger Belfast

Welcome Information Programme (WIP)

Law Centre NI have now opened registrations for our three strands of FREE training covering the rights and entitlements of asylum seekers and refugees. This training is being offered under the Welcome Information Programme (WIP), a community development programme funded by Belfast City Council.

We invite staff/volunteers from community and voluntary organisations operating in Belfast to explore our training offers, whether they:

- Are new to working with asylum seekers and refugees
- Are familiar with asylum and refugee issues and need something more in-depth
- Need a refresher as the rules are always changing

There is something for everyone! To register, please follow the links to the relevant webpage and click the 'register here' button underneath your chosen course. Spaces are limited. See our full listings below:

1. Understanding Asylum & Refugee Rights – half day, in person

- North Belfast, BT15 - Monday 26th October 9:30am – 1pm
- West Belfast . BT12 – Thursday 12th November 9:30 – 1pm
- South Belfast, BT7 – Wednesday 9th December 9:30am – 1pm
- East Belfast - TBC

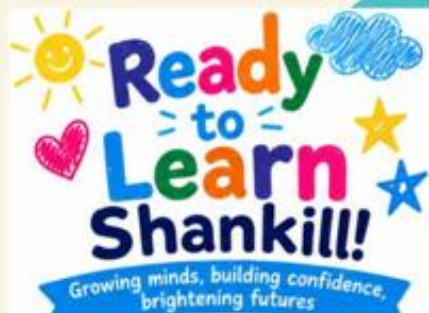
2. Delivering Services to Asylum Seekers and Refugees – 2-day, in person

- Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November 9:30 – 4pm
- Wednesday 10th Thursday 11th February 9:30am – 4pm

3. Refugee & Asylum Masterclasses – 1 hour, online via Zoom

- Immigration advice vs immigration support 0 Wednesday 21st October 12 – 1pm
- Asylum Support – Thursday 19th November 11am – 12pm
- Permission to work for asylum seekers – Tuesday 1st December 2-3pm
- Refugee "move-on" process – Thursday 7th January 10.30 - 11.30am
- Understanding travel documents – Wednesday 24th February 12.30- 1.30pm
- Newborn babies & immigration status – Tuesday 9th March 2-3pm

COFFEE MORNING



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN PRE-SCHOOL, NURSERY OR P1?

DO YOU LIVE IN THE GREATER SHANKILL AREA?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT?

Join us for an informal coffee morning for a chat, support and signposting

Top tips, support and guidance around school related issues, including: behaviour, settling in, toilet training and homework.

- **Practical resources**
- **No judgement**
- **Peer support**

REGISTER TODAY!

CONTACT SARAH ON:
07896724180

sarah.mathison@spectrumcentre.com

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
9.30 AM - 11AM
@ THE SPECTRUM CENTRE

FREE MONEY COACHING SESSIONS

Take control of your money with confidence



The course is **FREE** and open to everyone!



DATES:

Wednesday 14th October
Wednesday 21st October
Wednesday 28th October



TIME:

9.45 - 11.15am



VENUE:

Whiterock
Child & Family Centre

*Supporting Families,
Strengthening Communities*

CAP Money Coaching provides practical guidance and budgeting tools to help people better manage their finances.

IN THESE SESSIONS YOU WILL LEARN PRACTICAL SKILLS TO HELP YOU:



Create a budget that works



Manage your money with confidence



Save more and make your money go further



Build healthier financial habits

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!



CALL THE CENTRE:

+44 28 9043 8438



EMAIL THE HUB:

uswfamilhub@outlook.com



Find out more about CAP Money Coaching:

www.capuk.org

(Budget. Save. Spend. Plan.)



Find out more about Whiterock Child & Family Centre:

www.whiterockcfc.org



VOLUNTEER NOW

LINK, LUNCH, & LEARN

BELFAST VOLT SESSION

Meet your local Volunteer Now team and discover the free support, services and opportunities available to your organisation.



Meet other like-minded organisations.



Discussions and tips to recruit and support older volunteers.



Find out how we can support your group.



Share your ideas and tell us what local communities need.

Light lunch and refreshments provided.

RSVP

aislinn.byrne@volunteernow.co.uk or 07850 851830
and let us know if you have any dietary / accessibility requirements.

Some of the areas we can help with:

We can help!

- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Mini Health Checks on volunteering policy and practice
- Training to support volunteer wellbeing and management
- Youth Volunteering, Impact Awards, and 'Social CV's'
- Access NI and Safeguarding issues
- Volunteer Development and Recognition Events

Positive Ageing Month
October



Tues 27 Oct 2026



11:30am - 1:30pm



Skainos Centre
2nd floor,
239 Newtownards Road,
Belfast BT4 1AF

VOLUNTEER NOW
Promoting · Building · Advocating

FREE KEEPING SAFE HEALTH CHECKS

for groups within the **Belfast City Council area ONLY**

Volunteer Now can visit your organisation to complete a Keeping Safe Health Check.

This involves working through Volunteer Now's government endorsed safeguarding standards Keeping Children Safe: Our Duty to Care and Keeping Adults Safe: A Shared Responsibility to assess where your organisation is in relation to each standard, identify gaps, and provide guidance and support to help you achieve all standards.

Your organisation will have:

- ✓ One to one dedicated support
- ✓ Opportunity to ask questions
- ✓ Guidance and support to improve your practice and procedures
- ✓ Useful templates for your organisation to download and adapt

Please note that places are limited. Contact ruth.mulholland@volunteernow.co.uk to register interest.


Keeping Safe



Belfast City Council

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Roma Community Health Worker

Help Roma families access healthcare, support services and wellbeing programmes

- ✓ Reduce inequalities
- ✓ Build community connections
- ✓ Improve health outcomes

Band 4 - £27,485 - £30,162 pro rata
16 hours per week

To see full job description and apply
please click or scan QR code

SCAN ME



If you require further information please email:
sara.vicente@belfasttrust.hscni.net

FREE TRAINING

for voluntary/community groups within the
Belfast City Council area ONLY

- **Safeguarding in the Age of AI: Deepfakes, Exploitation and Emerging Risks**
- **26 November 2026**
10.30am-12pm
online
- This webinar will explore the emerging safeguarding risks linked to AI and deepfakes, with a focus on children, young people and adults at risk. The session will focus on how AI is changing the risk landscape and what organisations can do to prepare.



Supporting your
organisation
with best
practice in
safeguarding.



To book your
place, scan the
QR code or visit
our [website](#).



FREE TRAINING

*for voluntary/community groups within the
Belfast City Council area ONLY*

● Keeping Children & Adults Safe:

Creating a Safe Environment (10am–4pm)

20 October 2026, Skainos Centre
18 November 2026, ABC Health & Leisure Hub
1 December 2026, Spectrum Centre
28 January 2027, Ballynafeigh Community
Development Association

● Keeping Children & Adults Safe:

Recognising, Responding & Reporting

(6.30pm–9.30pm)
22 October 2026, online

● Recruit, Retain & Reward Volunteers (The 3 R's) (10am–1pm)

20 January 2027, Skainos Centre
3 March 2027, Skainos Centre

Volunteer Now also provides a
safeguarding query service.



Supporting your
organisation
with best
practice in
safeguarding
and volunteer
management.



To book your
place, scan the
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Belfast
City Council

FREE TRAINING

*for voluntary/community groups within the
Belfast City Council area ONLY*

● Keeping Children & Adults Safe:

Creating a Safe Environment

This course covers legal and policy context, categories of abuse and possible indicators, dealing with a disclosure, reporting concerns, dealing with an allegation against a staff member/volunteer, safe recruitment and selection procedures, effective management procedures, programme planning, risk assessment, and code of behaviour. This session is aimed at those planning and managing services/activities for children and adults.

● Keeping Children & Adults Safe:

Recognising, Responding & Reporting

This course covers legal and policy context, categories of abuse and possible indicators, dealing with a disclosure and reporting concerns.

● Recruit, Retain & Reward Volunteers (The 3 R's)

This course looks at volunteering in terms of recruitment, retention, and recognition.



Supporting your
organisation
with best
practice in
safeguarding
and volunteer
management.

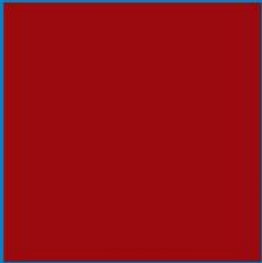


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Belfast
City Council

Floating Support Service



Making A Positive Difference By
Empowering People And Communities

FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICE

Our Floating Support Service will provide support and assistance to families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Floating Support will support service users to obtain and 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 and maintaining home or tenancy.
- 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:

- Men and women 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: homelesssservices@arkhousing.co.uk

This service is available to families living in the **Greater Belfast** area.

Everyone welcome

Ask staff for details

t: 028 9050 9216

e: hollywoodarches.library@librariesni.org.uk

New Group Started September 2026

**Next meeting Friday 30 October
2:00pm – 3:00pm**

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Free

The Shared Page

Rediscover the
joy of stories

Perhaps reading isn't as easy as it once was.
Maybe your eyesight has changed.
Perhaps you find it easier to listen than to read.
Or maybe you'd simply enjoy sharing stories
with others.

Whatever your reason, you'll find a warm
welcome at **The Shared Page**.

Listen to a poem or story read aloud, enjoy a
cup of tea and join the conversation, or simply
relax and listen.

No pressure to read aloud.

No preparation needed.

Listen or join in – it's your choice.

Dementia friendly and
welcoming to all.



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www.librariesni.org.uk

Cregagh Primary School *presents* **Community Information Fayre**

The event welcomes a host of local organisations, community groups and support services for residents to attend, get advice, practical tips & connect with each other.



**Tuesday 20th
of October**



1pm to 4pm



**Cregagh Youth and
Community Centre**

Mount Merrion avenue,
Belfast BT6 OFL

All Welcome!



BBC NORTHERN IRELAND

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BOOK WEEK NI

19 - 25 October 2026



[book-week-2026-brochure.pdf](#)



Whiterock Library presents

Whiterock Young Minds

Meet new people in your local community and learn more about a wide range of issues.

Enjoy talks from guest speakers and take part in workshops and activities.

Suitable for children over 8 years.

Next meeting

Wednesday 4 November
3:30pm - 4:30pm



**Animal Care and welfare
workshop with the USPCA**

Suitable for children 8 years old and older

Booking essential

Ask staff for details

t: 028 9050 9236

e: whiterock.library@librariesni.org.uk



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Free

Small Actions. Shared Impact.

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Tullycarnet Library presents

Green Guardians Eco Club

Join us for a mission to protect the planet.
Our new Eco club hopes to give your kids
the superpowers to help their environment.

The **Tullycarnet Green Guardians** is a new fun, hands-on monthly library group where 8 to 11-year-olds discover nature, learn about saving the environment, and become local eco-heroes through exciting outdoor adventures, wildlife crafts, and environmental projects. Sign up now – your planet needs you.

3rd Thursday of the month
beginning September 2026.

Next Meeting: Visit from Belfast City
Council Environmental Education team

Thursday 19 November
3:30pm – 4:30pm

Booking recommended

Ask staff for details

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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
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Top tips, support and guidance around
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Northern Ireland's biggest Talk Money Week online event brings local organisations together with support from your local Council.

Whether you want to make your money go further, understand your options, or get support with money worries, come and join the conversation on **Tuesday 3 November from 10am until 4pm.**

Covering budgeting, energy, scams, debt, planning ahead, food banks and benefits — with practical tips to help you take small, manageable steps that can make a big difference. Because It All Counts towards feeling more in control of your money.

It's all online — so log in for the whole day, or just pop in for the sessions that matter most to you. Check the timetable below and join whenever suits

Joining the event

If you are on a laptop, just click the link and join. If you are using a mobile, it may ask you to install the free Teams app. Please give yourself a couple of extra minutes before the event starts, so you don't miss a moment of valuable information.

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/363646040716073?p=CXycerDV3ggZalJxnj>

Meeting ID: 363 646 040 716 073

Passcode: W7Qp9Wo2

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What's on:

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| 10:00 – 10:05 | Welcome |
| 10:05 – 10:35 | Consumer Council
Learn how to save on household bills with our online tools, compare energy and fuel costs, explore oil support, and get help with official complaints. |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | Healthy Start
Find out about the Healthy Start Scheme which provides help to buy healthy food and milk for pregnant women and children under four years old. |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Make the Call
Understand how to get free, confidential help checking benefit entitlements, making claims, arranging home visits if needed, and accessing wider support services. |
| 11:50 – 12:20 | MoneyHelper
Compare petrol prices, plan your budget, check borrowing options, try our salary calculator and explore free tools, then contact us for money or pension guidance. |
| 12:25 – 12:55 | Trading Standards
Learn about common scams, hear the real-life impacts, and get practical advice to recognise fraud and protect yourself from becoming a victim. |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | Compassionate Communities NI
Discover practical steps to plan ahead, from organising key paperwork, setting up an Enduring Power of Attorney, and protecting your future wishes and finances. |
| 13:35 – 14:05 | Trussell
Understand why foodbanks exist, how talking about money can help you maximise your income, and where to find community support when times are difficult. |
| 14:10 – 14:40 | National Energy Action
Learn how to reduce your energy bills, keep warm for less, use heating efficiently, and find support if you're struggling with costs. |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | Independent Community Advice – CAAN
Gain free, independent advice on managing money, debt, benefits and financial support, helping you to make informed choices and build financial confidence. |
| 15:20 – 15:50 | MoneyHelper Pension Guidance
Learn how to plan key next steps in retirement planning with a basic guide to pensions and how to get further guidance and help. |
| 15:55 – 16:00 | Thanks and Close |

Help us keep our community connected!

If you have community news, something worth celebrating, upcoming events, training opportunities, useful resources, funding information, job vacancies, or other opportunities to share, we'd love to hear from you.

Your contribution could help inform, support, and inspire others across our community. Send your content to us for consideration in future editions!

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