

Belfast Locality Planning Newsletter

Edition: 29th October 2026

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

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Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESOURCE PACK

HALLOWEEN EDITION | OCTOBER 2026



DOWNLOAD HERE:

<https://cypsp.hscni.net/download/426/cyp-resource-pack/49308/cyp-resource-pack-halloween-edition-2026.pdf>

FREE Family Halloween Events



Posted on 12th October 2026

Spooktacular FREE family fun this Halloween at CastleCourt! 🎃

Join us for two days of FREE Halloween activities:

Thursday 29th Oct: Halloween mask making 🍷

Friday 30th Oct: Chocolate Apple Decorating 🍏

Both events will be held on the ground floor, outside Poundland between 11am-2pm.

These creative sessions will operate on a first come first served basis, so arrive early to avoid any disappointment!

See you there, if you dare 👻





A purple poster for a Halloween event. At the top right is the 'sense' logo. The word 'Halloween' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, 'Stay and Play at the Hub' is written in a white sans-serif font. A large orange pumpkin is in the center, with 'The Together Project' written on it in white. Below the pumpkin, the date 'Saturday 24th October' and time '11am-1pm' are listed. At the bottom left, the address 'Sense Hub Belfast, 34 Annadale Avenue, BT7 3JJ' is provided. At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of a witch's hat and a crescent moon. A yellow brushstroke is at the very bottom.

Halloween

Stay and Play
at the Hub

The Together Project

Saturday 24th October
11am-1pm

Sense Hub Belfast
34 Annadale Avenue
BT7 3JJ

For more information on Stay and Play at the Hub, please
contact: Anne Marie on 07985411593



The top part is a poster for 'Circusful' at 'CQ Cathedral Quarter Belfast'. It features three performers: a man with fire, a man on a chair, and a person with a skull mask. The dates '31ST OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER' and times '12-2PM' and '5-7PM' are listed. The bottom part is a Facebook post from 'Cathedral Quarter Belfast' dated '12 October 2024'. It contains text about the Halloween event, including the location 'Hill Street, Cathedral Quarter' and the fact that it is free entertainment for all ages.

CQ
CATHEDRAL
QUARTER
BELFAST
Business Improvement District

Circusful

31ST OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER
12-2PM 5-7PM

**CATHEDRAL QUARTER
GETS SPOOKY**

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FOR ALL AGES**

Cathedral Quarter Belfast
12 October 2024

Join us on the 31st of October 12 - 2PM & 1st November, 5 - 7PM, for Halloween! 🎃

Cathedral Quarter Belfast gets spooky this Halloween with acts from [Circusful](#), based on Gordon street! 🎭

Keep an eye out for eerie characters on Thursday 31st October on Hill Street, Cathedral Quarter, as uncanny circus performers will be roaming the cobbled streets at lunchtime! Do say hello and get a photo with them if you dare!

Then on Friday 1st November, head to Hill Street between 5-7pm to explore the free entertainment on offer with fire performance, face painting, circus performances and storytelling, there will be thrills and chills galore!

Circusful on Gordon street will be transformed for the occasion and fire performers will illuminate Hill Street, while larger than life characters sweep through the alleyways of the area.

Renowned Irish Storyteller and Author Steve Lally will be at Circusful with tales of the otherworld to bewitch and enchant!

These events are free and open to the public of all ages, but particularly suited to young families.

 To find our more contact us at: advice@brysonpathways.org

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Halloween is just around the corner!

While it can be an exciting time, Halloween can also bring new experiences and changes to routine for autistic people.

We have resources available to help autistic people and their families prepare for the spooky season, including our Halloween Hints and Tips and Halloween Scavenger Hunt.

Whether you're looking for ideas or some helpful tips ahead of Halloween, we hope you find these resources useful.



Halloween resources



<https://autismni.org/halloween-resources>

[Click here to view full pack:](#)

<https://canva.link/rgpsjzvOatcdm4m>



Belfast Health and
Social Care Trust



Emotional Wellbeing Team in Schools (EWTS)

A programme of support for Post Primary Schools

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information pages
when forwarding to
others. A3 is
recommended when
printing.



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Youth Wellness Web

PLEASE SEE UPDATES ON
SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST.
LINKS CAN BE SHARED
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A
WHOLE DOCUMENT

Reach Out is delighted to let you know we have received PHA Clear funding provide a range of programmes for parents and carers across North Belfast over the next few months to awareness on **Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing**.

All programmes will incorporate Take 5 key messages, including:

- **Connect**
- **Keep Learning**
- **Be Active**
- **Take Notice**
- **Give**

Programme: Sound bath with Tessa-Ann

Date: Monday's 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd November

Time: 11.30 till 12.30 (ex Monday 2nd November 12 till 1)

Venue: Duncairn Community Centre

No. Sessions: 4 sessions

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bh3sx9eWcR>

Programme: North Belfast Mental Health & Wellbeing Programme

Programme will include: * Winter Wealth Making * Winter Wellness with Vital Nutrition * Clifton House Christmas Tour * Art with Leah

Date: Monday's 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd November

Time: 1pm – 2.30pm

No. Sessions: 4 sessions

Venue: Duncairn Community Centre

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/FDMSeDRinX>



Programme: Yoga Nidra

Date: Tuesday 17th, 24th November Tuesday 1st & 8th December

Time: 6.15pm - 7.45pm

No. Sessions: 4 sessions

Venue: Ananda Yoga & Wellness, 537 Antrim Road, BT153BU

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SROcicpN8G>

Programme: Art with Leah

Date: Tuesday 19th and 26th January, 2nd and 9th February 2027

Time: 1pm – 3pm

No. Sessions: 4 sessions

Venue: The Duncairn Art & Cultural Centre

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/qWp6DrrZmv>

VENDORS WANTED!

Victoria Park Primary School Christmas Fair

Calling local vendors, makers and food traders to join our indoor/outdoor Christmas Fair!

We'd love food trucks, sweet treats, handmade gifts and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR DATE: 26 November

Stall Price: £20

Email us to book a stall

Pop in at the coffee morning if you want to chat about it, ask questions, or meet the team.

rhowe534@victoriaparkps.belfast.ni.sch.uk

life

You are invited to our
Open Day
at Belfast Life House

Thursday 12th Nov. 2026
12-2pm

Come along to view our house,
chat to staff & clients and find
out more about our work in the
house & community.

Light refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to
alexbarnes@lifecharity.org.uk

Life Charity - where no one faces pregnancy
or pregnancy loss alone.



November 2026

Nov 2nd	10.30-11.30am Sensory SOS: Practical Strategies for kids who feel everything	SCAN ME 
Nov 3rd	7.30-8.30pm Sensory SOS: Practical Strategies for kids who feel everything	SCAN ME 
Nov 11th	10:30AM -11.30AM Stop, Think & Act: Helping Children Manage Impulsivity	SCAN ME 
Nov 12th	7.30-8.30pm Stop, Think & Act: Helping Children Manage Impulsivity	SCAN ME 



November 2026

Nov 17th	7:30PM -8:30PM Thinking Outside the Box. How Different Brains Learn & Grow	SCAN ME 
Nov 19th	10.30-11.30am Thinking Outside the Box. How Different Brains Learn & Grow	SCAN ME 
Nov 25th	7.30-8.30pm Calm & Connected Helping kids understand and manage emotions	SCAN ME 



This Parenting Week 2026
Parentline NI is launching
Free Parent Workshops via Zoom



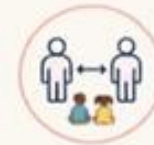
Co-Parenting with Confidence



Putting children first and strengthening
parenting before, during and after separation



Part 1- Compassion & Coping-
Nov 4th 7-8.30pm



Part 2- Communication & Connection-
Nov 18th 7-8.30pm



Book your place early by contacting
0808 8020 400

We are seeking views

from professionals, practitioners, schools, voluntary and community organisations, parents and carers, children and young people to help improve our understanding of Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) and the support available to children and young people and their families experiencing difficulties attending school across Northern Ireland.



We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey and share it widely with colleagues, schools, teachers, parents and networks who may have relevant experience or perspectives.

The survey will remain open until **Friday 27th November 2026.**

EBSNA is a growing area of concern across our communities, and we know that children, young people, families and professionals can face significant challenges in accessing the right support at the right time. Through this survey, we want to gather insights on current experiences, emerging issues, barriers to support, examples of effective practice, and priorities for future action.

Your feedback will help us:

- Better understand the factors contributing to EBSNA.
- Identify strengths and gaps in current support and services.
- Inform future planning, partnership working and service development.
- Ensure the voices of those supporting children and young people are reflected in future work.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bVPf80emgV>

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this important work. Your views will play a valuable role in helping partners across the region develop a stronger understanding of EBSNA and identify opportunities to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

Northern Ireland Department of Health Core Grants Open for 2027/28

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to registered charities to support core costs

The Northern Ireland Executive's Department of Health has opened its Core Grant Scheme for 2027/28, offering grants of £5,000 to £50,000 to registered charities working across health and social care.

Funding is available to charities that deliver frontline services based on identified needs or provide central support services aligned with the Department of Health's strategic and policy objectives:

- Public health, including reducing health inequalities.
- Supporting adults, including those with disabilities and vulnerabilities, to live independent, healthy and inclusive lives.
- Supporting children and young people, including those with disabilities and vulnerabilities, and their families.
- Improving the mental health and wellbeing across the population.

Applicants must be independent, not-for-profit registered charities that operate in Northern Ireland or allocate funding to costs incurred by activities in Northern Ireland. They must also have appropriate governance and financial controls in place.

The scheme supports activities such as representing service users, promoting social inclusion, building capacity through training and information-sharing, and encouraging collaboration between voluntary and community sector organisations.

Grants will contribute towards eligible core operating costs for the period from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028. These may include:

- Up to 30% of a permanent member of staff's annual salary, provided they are not involved in service delivery while funded by the scheme.
- Relevant staff and volunteer training costs.
- Running costs and overheads.
- Equipment and minor capital items costing less than £5,000.
- External management and audit costs.
- Costs associated with involving volunteers.
- Organisational or service evaluation costs.

The deadline for applications is 20 November 2026 (12 noon).





Upcoming courses from The King's Trust

The King's Trust Newsletter

Northern Ireland, November 2026



Welcome to November's edition of your King's Trust Newsletter

Many young people still feel uncertain about their future. They're often struggling with confidence, looking for work, or considering their next steps in education, training or employment.

The King's Trust is here to support them to find their discover their next move, helping them to explore new opportunities, build confidence, develop skills, and accessing practical support to move forward with purpose. All our courses are free, and we reimburse travel costs for all our programmes. We can also support with childcare costs where needed.

Whether a young person is looking for a fresh start before the end of the year or wants to build momentum for the future, our upcoming programmes can help them take that next positive step.

Upcoming courses



Get Started with Content Creation



Get Started with Make Up



Get Started with PSNI



Get Started with Brows and Lashes



Get Hired in Hospitality



Get Hired in Health and Social Care



Get Ready for Careers in Digital



Get Ready for Careers in Coding



Enterprise



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Monthly Flyer



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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!

Please send these to:
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