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:
12th November 2026

- Community News and Events
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- Training and Resources
- Funding and Grants
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TAKE A STAND NI

YOUNG PEOPLE. SAFER RELATIONSHIPS. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

REAL VOICES. REAL CHANGE.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME!

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.

@TAKE_A_STAND_NI

DM US TO JOIN!

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.

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Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm

Fri 9am-5pm

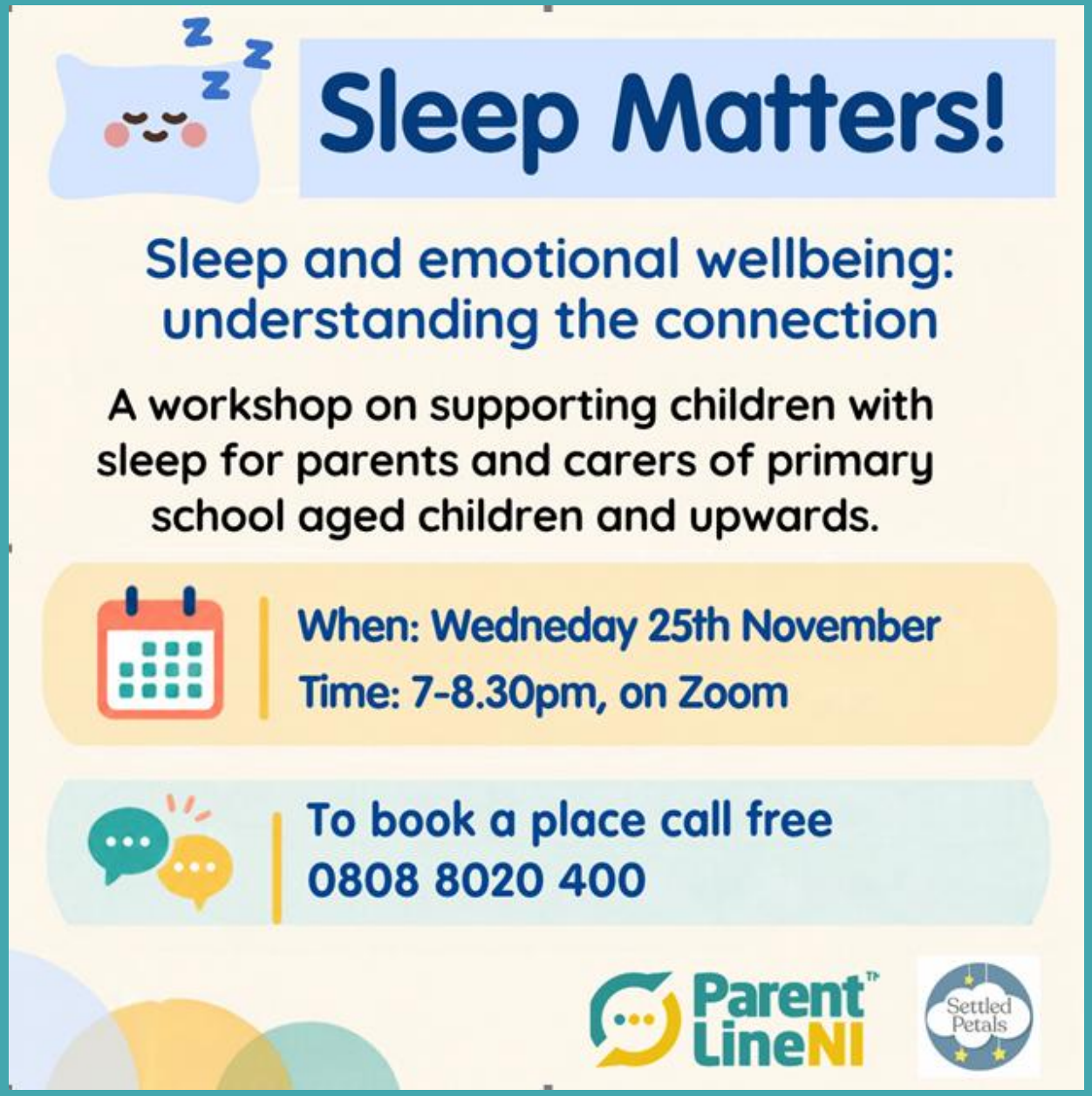
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ASCERT News | November Training

ASCERT is a Northern Ireland Charity Providing Services that Have Been Reducing Alcohol and Drug Related Harm in our Communities since 1998.

We Support Positive Change in the Community and Provide Prevention, Intervention, and Training Services for Children, Young People, Adults, Families, and Professionals.
Charity Number NIC101239

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Newington Housing Association

Newington Housing Associations'

Brian Mullan Community Fund

Now open for winter 2026

The health & wellbeing of people living in the local communities in North Belfast is extremely important to us, in Newington Housing Association. The Brian Mullan Community Fund has been designed to support organisations and projects that promote inclusion, strengthen communities, and improve individual lives.

We therefore are seeking to invest in activities that have a significant and positive social impact for all. The Brian Mullan Community Fund aims to support voluntary and community organisations that are currently operating within North Belfast, to deliver one a programme or one-off project for residents.

Our total funding pot is £15,000. All applications will be considered in line with the criteria outlined below. In previous years applications have been supported that help foodbanks, mental health and wellbeing, social isolation Arts and sport.

How to Apply

If you are interested in applying for financial support ranging from £250 to £1,000. Please contact our Community Engagement Officer, Sadie Reid on 028 9074 4055 or email s.reid@newingtonha.co.uk

Any voluntary and community organisations wishing to apply must:

• be based within North Belfast BT13, BT14 & BT15 or

• intend to deliver their proposed project within the North Belfast area.

Applications are available on request. All completed applications must be submitted via email or delivered to Newington Housing Association, 300 Limestone Road, Belfast, BT15 3AR by 20/11/2026

Belfast PEACEPLUS Interfaith & Belief Project
Unity and Peace – Welcoming Programme

CONNECT WORKSHOPS

How can we build a more welcoming Belfast together?

Join us at the Connect Workshops as we meet others supporting migrant communities, celebrate the contribution of faith and belief groups, and explore ways to strengthen collaboration for a more compassionate, vibrant and inclusive city.

North Belfast: 13th Nov | 10.30am | Vine Centre

East Belfast: 18th Nov | 10.30am | Skainos

City Centre: 20th Nov | 10.30am | St Stephen's Church of Ireland

West Belfast: 24th Nov | 10.30am| Forthspring

South Belfast: 24th Nov | 7pm | Belfast Islamic Centre

BOOK NOW

For more details, contact ROC Team:
northernireland@roc.uk.com / 02890 351020

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ROC NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum

Belfast Islamic Centre

The Belfast Local Community Action Plan is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

THE CHANGING LIVES INITIATIVE
FLOURISH & THRIVE

Online Workshops

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

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

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FLOURISH & THRIVE

Online Workshops

December 2026

Dec 2nd	10.30-11.30am Attention HQ - Helping Kids Tine In & Stay on Track	SCAN ME
Dec 2nd	7.30-8.30pm From Wobbles to Wins. Helping Kids with Coordination & Control	SCAN ME
Dec 3rd	10:30AM -11.30AM Social Smarts. Helping your Child Build Meaningful Connections	SCAN ME
Dec 3rd	7.30-8.30pm Attention HQ. Helping Kids Tune in & Stay on Track	SCAN ME

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Hi,

I am the Play Ambassador in Blackie River Community Centre, and my role is to support interaction, play and learning in the home, whilst supporting parents to understand child development; and promoting the voice of the child through the adult. I do this through play based group activities, or 1:1 within the home.
Although based in Blackie River Centre, I work across West Belfast, with different organisations to deliver play workshops/sessions including Baby Massage, Baby Yoga, Sensory and theme based play. I aim to provide activity ideas, using common household items and can be replicated within the home.
To support continued play and learning in the home, I also promote an app called Easy-peasy.
EasyPeasy's evidence-based, integrated, and scalable support programme is proven to enhance early years development from birth to age 5, improve the home learning environment, and close the gap in school readiness for children in communities across the country.
The app – which is used by many local authorities in England as part of the "Good Level of Development" strategy - provides evidence based information, play ideas, information on child development, parenting etc
It's a great resource for support and guidance for parents/practitioners. It has over 2000 play ideas, 102 different languages, games and many topics for everyday routines. Its covers the areas of development(SPICE), age appropriate activities that meet the children's abilities to help them reach their skills they need.

I have arranged **free on-line training** for practitioners who work with families and children on the use of this app, our unique access code and accessing the app themselves and for parents.
Training will take place via **Microsoft teams Tuesday 8th December 2026**. It will give you an overview of the app, the benefits for your organisation, and how you can use it to support families.

Please contact me – Siobhan Clarke – to book your place on this session

Kind Regards,

Siobhan Clarke
Play Ambassador
Blackie River Community Groups
43 Beechmount Pass
Belfast, BT12 7NU
028 9031 9634



GET HIRED IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- Gain essential employability skills for Health and Social Care
- Build interview skills and enhance your CV
- Get personalised support to apply for jobs
- Lunch provided
- Public transport costs covered
- Help with childcare costs available by application

DATES
10th - 11th November
Belfast

ELIGIBILITY
Ages 16-30
Not in full-time work or study

Get In Touch

Email: outreachni@kingstrust.org.uk
Call: 0800 842 842
WebChat: www.kingstrust.org.uk

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ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:

- Learn the art of scriptwriting for podcast and video production
- Find your audience and get an introduction to graphic design and visual marketing
- Get tips on creating compelling content
- Learn audio and video creation and editing
- Travel and childcare costs covered for every day on programme (subject to application)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster day: 16 Nov
Course dates: 23-27 Nov
Contact: outreachni@kingstrust.org.uk
Location: WheelWorks Arts, Belfast
Eligibility criteria: Ages 16-30, not in full time education or employment

Find out more via webchat at:
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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

familyservicesfloatingsupport.lmt@depaulcharity.net

Contact our team:

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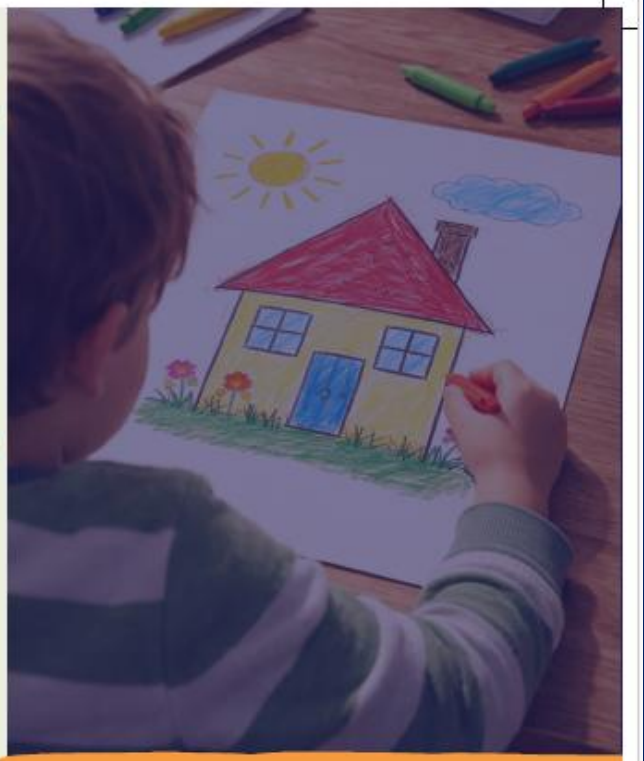
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FAMILY SERVICES FLOATING SUPPORT

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Homelessness has no place

What is Family Services Floating Support?

Family Services Floating Support is a flexible housing led support service for families in the community.

The service is aimed at offering housing advice and advocacy to help families secure permanent housing and provide vital resettlement support to ease the stress, fear and anxiety often experienced during homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

We meet with our families face-to-face on a one to one basis either in their homes or at an agreed, convenient location to assess their needs and housing points. We take a personalised, flexible approach that respects each family's unique circumstances with bespoke plans.

Areas of support include:

- Tenancy difficulties
- Maximising housing points
- Healthy living & life skills
- Help with communicating to statutory agencies.
- Making personalised housing-led support plans
- Referral to other partner agencies

How does it work?

You will meet with a member of the Family Services Floating Support team to discuss your personal housing needs.

We will empower, encourage and provide information and guidance to our families. Together, we will create an achievable housing-led support plan to path a way forward.

Your case worker will meet with you twice a month to discuss any updates or progress relating to your housing stress and support you in finding positive solutions to your needs.

We work collaboratively with other external agencies to support our families, including the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

This service works in the Greater Belfast and Lisburn areas, helping families living in the community to progress towards a better future and end homelessness.

Who is the service for?

Family Services Floating Support is for families with children under the age of 18, who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.

How do I refer someone for support?

Families can self refer and agencies can refer a client through the following email address - **familyservicesfloatingsupport.lmt@depaulcharity.net**



What's On At A Glance All Films Seasons Accessible Screenings

Christmas 2026: Relaxed: The Muppet Christmas Carol

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Showing: 20 December 2026

Christmas 2026: Relaxed: The Muppet Christmas Carol showing at Queen's Film Theatre, Belfast.



Please find this week's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team in Schools signposting using the link below.
You can now view the full signposting pack online, with all links to events, training and resources remaining clickable. Please feel free to share this with those who may find it helpful.

https://canva.link/sbrnlmqywywcn1l



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-screening-unauthorised-absence-tickets-200448703167l

Job Opportunity

Family Support Worker (1 year maternity cover)

South Belfast Sure Start

Belfast BT7 1NR

£15.87 an hour - Temporary, Full-time

Job details

£15.87 an hour

Employee discount, Sick pay, Bereavement leave, Company pension, Company events, Enhanced maternity leave, Enhanced paternity leave

Temporary, Full-time

Belfast BT7 1NR

https://uk.indeed.com/job/family-support-worker-1-year-maternity-cover-522064f1e5fa61e9

Job Opportunity

BARNARDO'S Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

Careers

Youth Project Worker (PW2)

Reference number: 23919 **Job Title:** Youth Project Worker (PW2)

Location: Travellers Early Years Service - Belfast

Contract type: Permanent (Fixed term funded post)

End date: 31 March 2029 **Hours:** 22.5 hours (Term Time)

Salary: £28,687 - £32,786 (£16,041.46 - £18,333.58 pro rata)

Closing Date: 19 November 2026 **Interview Date:** TBC

Youth Project Worker (PW2) | Barnardo's jobs

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Careers

Saturday Club Leader (PW1)

Reference number: 23972 **Job Title:** Saturday Club Leader (PW1)

Location: Play for All - Belfast **Contract type:** Permanent

Hours: 90 hours (Annual)

Salary: £13.51 per hour (£26,003 FTE Annualised)

Closing Date: 19 November 2026 **Interview Date:** TBC

Saturday Club Leader (PW1) | Barnardo's jobs

Training Opportunity

Crystal Miles
IAIM International Trainer
Connected Babies
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www.connectedbabies.co.uk
www.iaim.org.uk
Socials: @connectedbabies

I'm getting in touch to share two upcoming training opportunities in Belfast for professionals supporting parents and babies: **IAIM Infant Massage Instructor Training on 1–4 March 2027**, followed by an **IAIM Instructor Refresher Day on 5 March**.

I'm Crystal Miles, founder of Connected Babies and an International Trainer with the International Association of Infant Massage (IAIM). I work with health trusts, charities and family services to train practitioners to deliver infant massage with connection, communication and responsive caregiving at its heart. The IAIM is the training provider of choice for the health trusts of Northern Ireland, whose staff we train regularly, and the original, largest and only infant massage association in the world with a presence in over 100 countries!

With staff changes, new service priorities and the demands of everyday practice, having opportunities to train new colleagues and support experienced instructors helps keep a strong infant massage offer within your service.

IAIM Infant Massage Instructor Training
Monday 1st–Thursday 4th March 2027 | Belfast

This comprehensive, research-informed training prepares practitioners to teach parents and carers infant massage, while developing their understanding of infant cues, bonding and attachment, nurturing touch and group facilitation.

Parents massage their own babies while instructors demonstrate using a doll. Throughout the programme, we help parents recognise their baby's readiness to engage, respond when they need a pause and build confidence in their own ability to understand and comfort them. Sessions also create valuable space for parents to share experiences and find support.

For organisations, training members of your own team can help build an ongoing infant massage offer delivered by practitioners who know your families and understand your wider services.

IAIM Instructor Refresher Day
Friday 5th March 2027 | Belfast

For existing certified IAIM instructors, this day offers time to revisit the strokes, ask questions, reflect on teaching experiences and reconnect with the principles behind the programme. It is an opportunity to renew confidence, particularly after a break from teaching, and learn alongside fellow practitioners.

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:
LocalityPlanning@belfasttrust.hscni.net