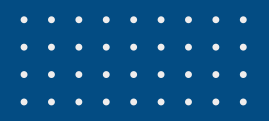




Feel Good ARMAGH

Services Networking Event

Thursday 14th May 2026



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BACKGROUND



The **Armagh LPG** is a partnership of statutory, voluntary, and community organisations working to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in the Armagh Area.

Meeting five times a year, the group shares information, builds connections, identifies local needs, and works together to address them. It is supported by the **Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)**.



Since 2023, member organisations have hosted an annual community networking event to connect people of all ages with local services and supports, under the **Feel Good Armagh** banner.

BACKGROUND



Following feedback received at the Good Relations Conference hosted by ABC Council, Ark Housing and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in October 2025, the **Joining the Dots Services Networking Event** was organised by the Feel Good Armagh Planning Group.

The event was not open to the public in 2026. Rather, it provided an opportunity for organisations supporting all ages across the Armagh Area to come together, increase awareness of available services, strengthen relationships, share information and explore opportunities for future partnership working.

The event was held at **Armagh City Hotel** on **Thursday 14th May 2026** and brought together representatives from a wide range of statutory, community and voluntary organisations working across the local area.

Feel Good ARMAGH **SAVE THE DATE**

14 05 26  **Armagh City Hotel**
 **9.30am to 11.30am**

Joining The Dots Networking Event
An opportunity to find out about **LOCAL SERVICES** providing support for **ALL AGES** in the **ARMAGH AREA**

[Click HERE to register](#)

Feel Good Armagh is a local multi-agency initiative aimed at increasing awareness of support services and opportunities for all ages of communities in the Armagh Area and is kindly supported by:

Ark CYPSP Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Southern Health and Social Care Trust Promoting Wellbeing DIVISION
ea Education Authority YouthAction VOLUNTEER NOW HSC Public Health Agency
Northern Ireland Executive T:buc Housing for all Housing Executive

HOW MUCH DID WE DO?



Meetings

3 Meetings of the Planning Group from February to May 2026



Networking Event

1 Services Networking Event in Armagh City Hotel on Thursday 14th May, 9.30am - 11.30am



Evaluation

taken from Information Stand Holders at end of event to obtain feedback



Resource

produced with info. on all services attending on the day, to be made freely available online



HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



Feel Good Armagh is a local multi-agency initiative aimed at increasing awareness of support services and opportunities for all ages of communities in the Armagh Area.

Planning Group consisted of **9** members representing **7** different services/agencies/organisations:

The Feel Good Armagh Services Networking Event was kindly funded by **Ark Housing** and **Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council**.

Health Checks were carried out, on the day, by **Verve Community Health Trainers**.





HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

Attendees in total

70

Services represented

43

Evaluations completed

34

Health Checks carried out

20

HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



How would you rate the **value** of today's event to connect local organisations with services and activities for all ages in Armagh?

100% of respondents rated the event as either 'Extremely Useful' or 'Useful'
74% rated the event as 'Extremely Useful'
(**25** of **34** respondents)



How **effective** was today's event for your organisation in connecting with other support services and activities in Armagh?

100% of respondents rated the event as either 'Extremely Effective' or 'Effective'
76% rated the event as 'Extremely Effective'
(**26** of **34** respondents)

HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



How would you rate the **value** of today's event to connect local organisations with services and activities for all ages in Armagh?

Feedback highlighted:

- **Reconnecting** with existing partners
- Building new **relationships**
- Increased **awareness** of local services
- Opportunities for **partnership** working
- Face-to-face **networking** opportunities
- Improved **knowledge** of referral pathways
- **Sharing** information and resources





HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



Met organisations I hadn't seen before and learnt new info. on service provision.

It was extremely useful to meet people working in similar areas and explore collaboration.

Today was a unique opportunity for practitioners to come together and have meaningful conversations about better joining the dots!

Brilliant, as there aren't many opportunities for support services to network amongst themselves.

Linking in with organisations to give people more support is invaluable.

Great opportunity to put faces to e-mails and the opportunity to sit down and explore opportunities.

HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



How **effective** was today's event for your organisation in connecting with other support services and activities in Armagh?

Participants reported:

- New referral pathways **identified**
- New **partnerships** explored
- Increased **awareness** of services
- Opportunities for **collaborative** projects
- Strengthened **relationships** with existing partners





HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



Reminds us about who is there and who we can refer to for support for service users.

Very effective relationships forged and new partnerships investigated.

I met new organisations I wasn't aware of operating in the area. I am also going forward with groups to work on projects.

Were able to put action plans in place with other organisations.

Made new connections and will hopefully establish new referral sources.

The connection of organisations is vital in the overall impact of all support for the public.

WHAT HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT?



Number of Networking Conversations

Participants were asked to estimate how many **people they spoke with** during the event.



538

Total Conversations

Across **34** completed evaluations, attendees estimated speaking with a total of **538** people

16

Average No. of Conversations

Based on the above total, attendees, on average, spoke to **16** people during the event

681

Networking Interactions

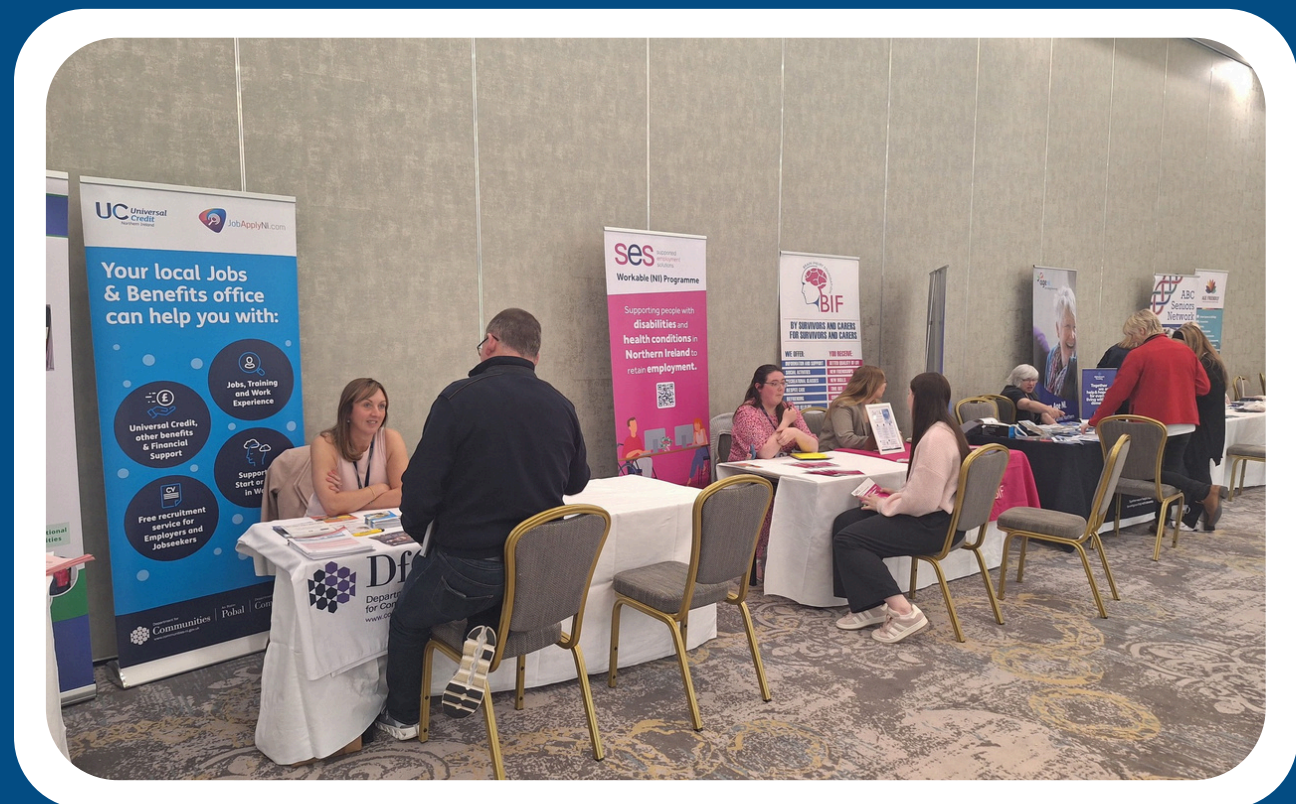
When applied across all **43** represented services, it is estimated that approx. **681** networking interactions took place during the event

WHAT HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT?



Information Shared

Participants were asked to estimate how many **pieces of information they shared** during the event.



775

Total Pieces of Info. Shared

Across **34** completed evaluations, attendees estimated sharing a total of **775** pieces of information

23

Average Pieces of Info. Shared

Based on the above total, attendees shared an average of **23** pieces of info. during the event

981

Pieces of Info. Shared

When applied across all **43** represented services, it is estimated that approx. **981** pieces of information were shared during the event

WHAT HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT?



Have you any **comments** on today's event? (What worked well? What could be improved? Impact on your organisation/service?)

Attendee feedback was **overwhelmingly positive** and highlighted:

NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Valuable opportunity to build new partnerships

Chance to reconnect with established contacts

Improved awareness of local services

Opportunities to discuss collaborative projects

PRESENT & FUTURE IMPACT

Increased awareness of available supports

New contacts and referral pathways established

Greater confidence in signposting individuals to appropriate services

Potential future partnership opportunities identified

EVENT ORGANISATION & VENUE

Well organised event

Excellent venue and facilities

Positive layout and atmosphere

Good attendance and mix of organisations





WHAT HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT?



Brilliant event - So refreshing to have one focused on network building. Thank you for organising it.

Thank you for including me this morning, and a big well-done to the whole team on such a welcoming atmosphere. I've made so many "good" connections that will inevitably benefit the young people within our organisation. Connections like this only happen in-person and further reiterate the importance of events like today!

Amazing morning. Maybe if done again chances for services to host presentation to present their services to the whole room.

The event was well ran, very beneficial and should be provided frequently in different areas.



WHAT HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT?



Thank you. This was a great way to make new contacts and raise awareness of the work we do.

Very impactful.
Very beneficial.
Excellent venue, very well organised.
Appreciate the opportunity, thank you!

It was great learning about so many new programmes happening in the area to share with our programme participants!

The Health Checks were a great idea! There was a great buzz in the room.

Brilliant event, full of like-minded people with a shared goal of supporting people in need across the region.



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