

## Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – September 2024

The Community Support Newsletter is published monthly. Regular updates are also issued by email. If you wish to receive these or place an article in the Newsletter, please contact Alison Gilmore on 0300 303 1777 ext 21217 / email [alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:alison.gilmore@fermanaghomagh.com)

**Please note the deadline for the next Newsletter is Tuesday 24 September**

### Council News & Events

#### Pathways out of Poverty - An Anti-Poverty Strategy for Fermanagh and Omagh

Over the last six years, an average of 23% of the Fermanagh and Omagh population have been in relative poverty. Given the extent of poverty in our district, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, along with a number of local organisations, has developed a [draft Anti-Poverty Strategy – “Pathways out of Poverty”](#). The draft strategy demonstrates the Council’s commitment, together with statutory, community and voluntary sector partners, to tackle poverty and disadvantage in Fermanagh and Omagh.

It is important for us to hear your views on the strategy, including the themes and priorities identified, and potential actions to tackle poverty in the district. The consultation page is at: <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/pathwaysoutofpoverty/>.

You are invited to review the [draft strategy](#) and complete the [consultation survey](#) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7JZCQ9> . The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and **the consultation will remain open until Monday 30 September 2024**. If you have any queries, please contact [pathwaysoutofpoverty@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:pathwaysoutofpoverty@fermanaghomagh.com)

#### Tender for Fermanagh and Omagh Poverty Support Programme

For full details visit

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/tender/fermanaghomaghpovertysupportprogramme/>

**Closing Date: Friday 13 September 2024, 12 noon**

#### FODC Capital Grant Aid

A call for Capital Grant Aid will open on Tuesday 10 September 2024 and close on Monday 21 October 2024 at 5.00pm.

Further information, including details of mandatory workshops, will be published in a supplementary newsletter.

#### Events in Fermanagh and Omagh

Visit the following websites for details of what’s on in the district:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/events-and-festivals/>

<https://www.fermanaghlakelands.com/whats-on>

<https://exploreomaghsperrins.com/whats-on/events/>

### **Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail - Essential Maintenance Works**

Essential maintenance works will be ongoing on the Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail located within Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark **to Wednesday 18 September**, subject to weather conditions. It is anticipated the Trail will remain open during the works. Please adhere to all on-site safety signage and instruction from the Contract team during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark, located in Counties Fermanagh and Cavan, contains some of the finest landscapes on the island of Ireland.

There are more than 50 sites in the Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark which are open all year round and free of charge to explore.

The Marble Arch Caves Visitor Centre also remains open.

For bookings please see <https://marblearchcaves.co.uk/>.

For further information or to plan your Geopark adventure please visit [www.cuilcaghlakelands.org](http://www.cuilcaghlakelands.org).

### **Refill Station Opportunity**

According to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, NI uses 145 million single-use plastic bottles every year, with over 400,000 bottles littering our streets at any given time. By registering your business or organisation as a water refill point, you can help reduce this waste and have your premises listed on the Refill app. It's quick, easy to register and a great way to make a positive impact on the environment! Register at: [Add a Refill Station | Refill | Join the Refill movement](#)

Refill works by connecting people with locations where they can eat, drink and shop with less waste.

If you have any queries please contact [climate@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:climate@fermanaghomagh.com)

### **Tree Planting Grant**

Grants are available across two funding streams:

- Grants for community woodland/hedging projects that range from 100 to 25,000 trees planted per year, with a maximum price equivalent to £1.95 per tree.
- Grants for community orchard projects of up to 30 trees planted per year.

Your organisation must be community-based and/or have a social benefit e.g. a school, community group, social enterprise, non-governmental organisation, parish council, etc.

For full details visit [UK Community Tree Planting Grant — International Tree Foundation](#)

Please contact [sarahjane.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:sarahjane.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com) if you require any assistance with your application.

### **Care and Conservation of Historic Graveyards**

**Wednesday 11 September, 10am-4pm**

**Healthy Living Centre, Belcoo and Templerushin Church and Graveyard**

John Tierney from [Historic Graves](#) is presenting a fascinating talk on the characteristics and importance of our local graveyard heritage.

Come and hear about aspects of ancient graveyard care and conservation regarding surveys, research, maintenance, permissions, and biodiversity. This is a **free** event

A Lough Erne Pilgrim Way Workshop

Places are limited so pick your place at this weblink: <https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/whats-on/2024/care-and-conservation-of-historic-graveyards/>

### **FODC launches Corporate Plan 2024-2028 & Annual Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025**

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has published two significant strategic documents. These documents set out a roadmap for the Council over the next four years; the **Corporate Plan, 'Our Council, Our Plan 2024-2028'** and **Annual Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025**.

Both documents are aligned to the Community Plan and will help make progress towards the shared vision and six outcomes. We have acknowledged the challenging and uncertain environment in which we are operating, and the Council remains forward and outward looking and committed to investing in the future. We have ambitious capital investment plans to improve local infrastructure and facilities for the benefit of all, and we will continue to review and improve our service delivery to ensure that the organisation is in a position to meet the challenges ahead.

For further information visit:

- [Corporate Plan 2024-2028](#)
- [Annual Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025](#)

### **Cole's Monument in Forthill Park, Enniskillen**

Now open for guided tours every Saturday and Sunday **until 29 September**.

Climb the spiral of 108 stairs to enjoy panoramic views of Enniskillen.

Book onto a tour via <https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/.../atop-cole-s.../>

### **Community Wellbeing at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

This site will provide up-to-date information in relation to Sport and Countryside Recreation programmes, events and activities across the district.

<https://www.facebook.com/SportandCountrysideRecreation/>

### **Community Centres**

Our community centres are available to hire for children's activities/parties, community events, health and sporting activities, special occasions and corporate events.

For further details or to make a booking visit

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-centres/>

### **Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)**

A partnership between the Council, statutory providers and the community. The partnership is made up of elected and independent members and representatives from the statutory sector.

Follow us on Facebook via the link below

[https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en_GB)

### **Consultations**

Consultations provide you with an opportunity to have your say. They also help us to find out what you think and to understand your priorities and concerns about our district. Further information is available at

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/>

## Charity Support

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may provide support to charities in a number of ways including the provision of grant aid; the attendance of the Council Chair or Vice Chair at photo opportunities; use of Council facilities and the illumination of Council buildings to mark specific days of significance to a chosen charity which is associated with a particular colour.

For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/>

Please note, applications for the use of Council facilities or the illuminating of Enniskillen Castle and Strule Arts Centre in a particular colour, should be submitted to the Council **at least 6 weeks** before the date requested, to allow sufficient time for the application to be considered.

To make an illumination request please complete <https://form.jotform.com/222782646405055> or for any enquiries regarding Council support to charities, email [communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:communitysupport@fermanaghomagh.com)

## Community Support

The Community Services Department offers support to individuals and organisations within the community and voluntary sector promoting community action.

Officers within the Community Services Team are available to assist community groups and voluntary organisations make as big a difference as possible to local lives and issues.

For further information, please visit [Community – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council \(fermanaghomagh.com\)](http://Community – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (fermanaghomagh.com))

The link below can help you find your local Community Support Officer - please contact us for any assistance you or your organisation may require on 0300 303 1777

<https://fermanagh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/ZoneLookup/index.html?appid=82210c413ab74bcd8da1750af0321163>

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### **Roslea Comhaltas**

#### **Wellbeing walk in Springrove Forest**

**Sunday 1 September 2024**

Trad music will be provided by musicians at designated locations on the route between 2pm and 4pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Heritage Centre. All welcome.

Information on branch activities and membership will be provided on the day.

### **Consultation on Department for Communities Budget 2024-25 Allocations**

[Have your say](#)

The Executive considered and set the NI Budget 2024-25 on 25 April 2024.

Click on the link above for further details including how decisions made will impact on the Department's ability to deliver public services.

**Closes Tuesday 3 September 2024**

### **Employability and Support Information Event**

**Wednesday 4 September, 9.30am-12.30pm**

**Enniskillen Jobs & Benefit Office**

Various employability and support providers will attend including:

JobStart50+team; Make the Call; Condition Management Programme; Community Advice

Fermanagh; Arc Healthy Living Centre Irvinestown; Volunteer Now; Bryson Maximise

Employment; Fermanagh Men's Shed.

### **Omagh Bombing Inquiry**

**Thursday 5 September 2024, 10am - 12 noon and 2pm - 4pm**

**WAVE Trauma Centre, 2 Retreat Close, Omagh BT79 0HW**

Omagh Bombing Public Inquiry Team and WAVE Trauma Centre are holding an information session regarding the Independent Omagh Bomb Inquiry. This session will focus on individual personal statements.

Attendees from the Omagh Bombing Public Inquiry Team will include:

Sam Hartley (Secretary to Inquiry)

Lynne Fleming (Deputy Secretary to Inquiry)

Adam Reid (Senior Advisor)

Members from the Omagh Bombing Inquiry legal team may be in attendance.

These sessions will provide information and guidance on submitting a personal statement for the commemorative hearings. Personal statements from those who were injured in or directly affected by the bombing will recognise the wider impact of the atrocity on the community of Omagh. You will have an opportunity to ask the Inquiry team questions about the upcoming commemorative hearings.

WAVE staff will be attending to offer support.

**Please can you contact the WAVE office on 028 8225 2522 to register your attendance and advise which time is most suitable for you to attend.**

### **Live Here Love Here Event**

**Thursday 5 September, 2pm-4pm**

#### **Enniskillen Townhall**

The Live Here Love Here Connecting Communities events are an informal occasion to meet other volunteers in your local area, learn about our upcoming opportunities and enjoy some relaxed biodiversity and food-growing workshops.

The Live Here Love Here team will be on hand for a friendly chat and for answering any questions that you might have. We will also be welcoming other local organisations along to the event to allow for wider introductions to the environmental sector in Northern Ireland.

Running alongside the launch of our Small Grants Scheme, we will be available to provide advice on applying and making the most of your grant.

Learn more about Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's Carbon Smart sessions and how to get a Green Flag for communities accreditation.

Register for your free ticket at <https://liveherelovehere.etinu.net/cgi-bin/generic?instanceID=104>

### **Dfi Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment**

The Department for Infrastructure is seeking your comments on the equality implications of its Resource and Capital Budget 2024-25 allocations, which when set against its requirements for both resource and capital fell short.

For further information visit:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/dfi-budget-2024-25-equality-impact-assessment>

**Closes Friday 6 September 2024**

### **Shopmobility Enniskillen**

We ask for everyone to please take the time to respond to <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/dfi-budget-2024-25-equality-impact-assessment> with a few words of support. Contact Claire on 028 6632 9965 if you require any further information.

**Closes Friday 6 September 2024**

### **Fermanagh Pride 2024**

#### **Fermanagh's first Pride celebrations will be on 6 and 7 September 2024**

- Our Pride celebrations will start on Friday 6 September; there will be a coffee morning and a film event in the evening time showcasing the film 'PRIDE' in collaboration with Fermanagh Film Club.
- Pride Day on Saturday 7 September will begin with a Pride Parade in Enniskillen. We are looking for participants to be involved in the Parade this year and if you would like to be involved please complete [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g0kCiytS4s-g0N\\_-jvIWVtf-1VBbwkIUqIM5JOH6ls8/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g0kCiytS4s-g0N_-jvIWVtf-1VBbwkIUqIM5JOH6ls8/edit)
- Afterwards join us at Enniskillen Castle for live music, entertainment, local business stalls/vendors, information stalls and kids entertainment. Evening entertainment will be a drag cabaret show in M Lounge; with event ending in Devenish Bar.

We are very excited to host this weekend of events which will be inclusive and welcoming for all. We want to use this opportunity to bring individuals together; to celebrate diversity, equality and support the LGBTQIA+ community.

You can keep up to date with our upcoming events and for further information please visit:

Website: [www.fermanaghpride.com](http://www.fermanaghpride.com) Facebook: Fermanagh Pride Instagram: fermanaghpride



### **Aisling Centre**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Suicide Prevention Day - Cuilcagh Dawn Trek**

**Saturday 7 September**

To register or for further information contact [info@theaislingcentre.com](mailto:info@theaislingcentre.com) / 028 6632 5811

Registration fee £25 includes T-shirt, Medal, Car-parking and refreshments. Everyone welcome. Advance registration required.

### **Home-Start Lakeland**

We are hosting an **Open Garden** at the private gardens of Lord and Lady Hamilton, Killyreagh House, 8 Ballylucas Road, Tamlaght, BT74 4HX on **Sunday 8 September, 2.00-5.00pm**.

Admission £5 Children free.

All proceeds in aid of Home-Start Lakeland to provide support to families with young children in Co Fermanagh. There will be refreshments, stalls, live music and activities for children.

Charity Number 1025854 Company Number NI626485

**Recruiting for volunteers** to support families with young children in Co Fermanagh. By offering your time, a listening ear, hands to play and practical support, you could make a huge difference to families who are feeling overwhelmed. Full training is provided and expenses paid. Please call us on 028 6634 6818 or email [info@homestartlakeland.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartlakeland.org.uk)

### **Compassionate Communities in Palliative and End of Life Care Conference**

**Monday 9 September 2024**

**Canal Court Hotel, Newry**

This free event is open to the public and those involved in community groups and civic society organisations. The conference will be of particular interest to those who are interested in becoming involved or establishing supports within their own communities for palliative, end of life and bereavement care across the island of Ireland.

For further information on the event/to register, please visit the [website](#).

### **Job Club Sessions**

**Presented by Enniskillen Jobs & Benefits Office**

<b>Enniskillen Library</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 September</b>	<b>2.00pm-4.00pm</b>
<b>Irvinestown Library</b>	<b>Wednesday 18 September</b>	<b>2.00pm-4.00pm</b>
<b>Lisnaskea Library</b>	<b>Thursday 26 September</b>	<b>2.00pm-4.00pm</b>

Come along for support and information on:

Department for the Economy's Careers Service; CV and interview skills; Job search and job opportunities available; Support to apply for jobs

### **Linking Generations NI (LGNI)**

**Monday 16 September, 10.30am-12pm**

Are you interested in developing connections between generations in the community where you live, work or go to school? LGNI's intergenerational network meetings are a great place to connect with others, hear about the latest opportunities, funding, resources and inspiring local stories.

Find out more and **register to attend** via [LGNI Network Meeting's Register Now! – Linking Generations NI](#)

## **Good Relations Week 2024**

**16 - 22 September**

Embraces 'OpportUNITY' – a call to action to create a brighter, inclusive future for all. 'OpportUNITY' is a collective moment for us all to UNITE and be architects of change in helping build a region where every voice matters.

By showcasing the dynamism, creativity and dedication of local groups, organisations and individuals we can spotlight the transformative power of working together to address challenges such as sectarianism, racism, inequality, health and well-being, poverty and education.

Get involved in Good Relations Week 2024 and help create a future where inclusivity and diversity are not just celebrated but lived.

[Register your event for Good Relations Week](#)

## **Fermanagh Gardening Society**

**Tuesday 17 September, 7.30pm**

**Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen (Lisgoole Suite)**

New season commences with Mary Forrest, Chair of the Irish Garden Plant Society (IGPS), who will speak on 'Trees and shrubs from far and near in our gardens'.

Membership for the year is £15 single or £25 for 2 of a family. New members very welcome.

Visitors for the night just £5.

## **Truth Recovery Programme - Public Consultation**

The Executive Office has agreed to set up a statutory public inquiry to investigate Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses; and their pathways and practices. It was also agreed that financial redress should be paid to victims and survivors. The Executive Office wishes to hear from a wide range of interested people and organisations including those who have been directly affected. This will inform Ministers' decision-making and help the Assembly finalise the required legislation.

Consultation questionnaire: <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/trp-public-consultation>

Easy Read questionnaire: <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/easy-read-truth-recovery-mother-and-baby-instituti>

**Consultation closes: Thursday 19 September 2024**

Health and wellbeing support is available to survivors of Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses, more information: <https://wavetraumambmlw.org/>

WAVE Trauma Centre together with the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) and Adopt NI, launched a new service dedicated to supporting the health and wellbeing of survivors of Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses (MBMLW). The service is open to anyone who was resident in a MBMLW institution in Northern Ireland at any time between 1922-1990 inclusive.

## **Omagh True Blues**

**Friday 20 September, 8pm**

**Omagh Culture Club**

Celebrating our 200th year with a concert and book release, documenting the history.

**Omagh Orange Hall will also be open to the public from 2pm - 10pm.**



### **Autism Support Cafés**

**Omagh – Thursday 19 September, 4pm – 6pm, Omagh Leisure Centre**

**Fermanagh – Thursday 27 March, 11am – 1pm, Castlepark Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea**

We are inviting adults, parents and carers of children and young people, who have:

- an autism diagnosis
- are awaiting an assessment
- are displaying early indicators (suggesting their child may be Neurodiverse),

to attend our Autism Support Cafés with local support groups, information stalls and short workshops.

These events are in partnership with statutory services and community and voluntary organisations who can support families on their autism journey.

Our aim is to bring together adults, parents, carers and organisations, to provide support and information on services available. We are hoping that those who attend will help us shape our plans for future events across the WHSCT, provide feedback, ideas and suggestions. This input will be extremely valuable in the co-design of our future Café's.

Tea & Coffee provided. Booking is not required.

Any further questions or if your organisation would like to host a stall please email

[ClaireA.Hamilton@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:ClaireA.Hamilton@westerntrust.hscni.net)

### **Stepping on Falls Prevention Programme for the Over 65s**

**Starts Thursday 26 September 2024**

**in St Columba's Hall Omagh**

If you have had a fall or have a fear of falling, we invite you to participate in Omagh Healthy Living's comprehensive 9-week falls prevention programme delivered in partnership with the Public Health Agency. This programme is designed to enhance your safety, improve your balance, and build your confidence.

Programme Highlights:

- Pre and Post Assessment: Conducted by the WHSCT Physiotherapy Department, a Pharmacist and other Health Professionals to tailor the programme to your needs and measure your progress.
- Home Safety Assessment: Ensuring your living environment is safe and free from fall hazards.
- Eye and Foot Assessments: Specialized evaluations to detect and address issues that could affect your balance and stability.
- 6 Weeks of Monitored Balance & Strengthening Exercises: Utilizing the Otago Exercise Programme, proven to reduce falls and improve strength and balance.

**To book a place or for more information, please contact our office on 028 8225 1559**

### **Oak Healthy Living Centre**

**Lisnaskea**

We are delighted to advertise our upcoming programme of activities here in the centre from September to December this year.

For more information visit <https://www.oakhealthylivingcentre.com/>

Tel: 028 67723843

Email: [Info@oakhlc.com](mailto:Info@oakhlc.com) or [admin@oakhlc.com](mailto:admin@oakhlc.com)

### RCN Cuppa Conversations invite to Rural Groups

Rural Community Network (RCN) are hosting a series of Cuppa Conversations on selected Thursdays throughout the year for those working in rural areas or with rural groups. RCN want to provide opportunities for people in rural areas to connect and network hence organising a series of informal get-togethers over the coming months.

They are designed to not only acknowledge efforts by those living and working in rural communities to improve life there, but to also hear from others about what they are doing, challenges faced and to see how groups can maybe even support one another.

In general, Cuppa Conversations, hosted at the RCN offices in Cookstown, will provide a space for groups in rural areas across Northern Ireland to come together to make time for connecting and conversation. The proposed dates are as follows (11am-1pm):

**Thursdays 26 September, 24 October, 21 November 2024**

23 January, 20 February, 20 March 2025

Anyone can register here for any of the dates <https://forms.gle/EPzb7vE45QjLvLmb7>

Any questions please contact Fergal Barr, Community Education Officer (Networking & Skills)  
Tel: 028 8676 6670 M: 07725 030295

### Rural Support

Rural Support are the 'Farm Support Charity for Northern Ireland' and it provides a range of programmes and services for farmers and farm family members in support of their farm business and personal wellbeing.

Rural Support are currently recruiting new volunteers to join their team.

By becoming a volunteer, you could help across a range of areas:

- Plough On Group Volunteer - helping to support groups of older men coming together in your local area through their Plough On Programme.
- Across The Hedgerow Volunteer - provide listening support and companionship via a regular telephone call to someone who is lonely or isolated within the farming community.
- Support Line Volunteer - helping to provide confidential listening support to individuals who contact their support line.
- Outreach Volunteer - helping to deliver their outreach activities by setting up at local shows including driving duties, supporting leaflet distribution or telling people about Rural Support.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer, please get in touch with Deborah Gavin, HR and Volunteer Co-Ordinator, on 028 8676 0040 or email [deborah@ruralsupport.org.uk](mailto:deborah@ruralsupport.org.uk)

### Could you 'Host for Hospice'?

The Foyle Hospice now provides specialist palliative care services in the Tyrone and Fermanagh areas.

October is officially Foyle Hospice 'Coffee Morning Month'. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, get your friends together and get the kettle on, it's a piece of cake!!

To request your **free host pack** or for more information, please call Caroline O'Kane Fundraising Officer on 07842 448306 or email: [carolineokane@foylehospice.com](mailto:carolineokane@foylehospice.com)

### Census 2021 Latest release

#### Alternative Populations for Northern Ireland

The [Census 2021 alternative populations for Northern Ireland](#) has now been published. Data includes Census 2021 estimates showing people counted at their daytime and workplace locations.

In case you missed it!

Visit the [NISRA website](#) to access all the Census 2021 statistics released to date.

- Build your own tables with the [build.nisra.gov.uk]Flexible Table Builder
- Explore online with the [explore.nisra.gov.uk]Census Area Explorer

If you have any queries, please contact us at [census@nisra.gov.uk](mailto:census@nisra.gov.uk).

### Calling all Karate Clubs!

As the Governing Body for karate in Northern Ireland, we are the only body recognised by Sport NI, British Karate Federation, UK Anti-doping/WADA, European Karate Federation, Commonwealth Karate Federation, World Karate Federation and IOC.

We have recently had some major changes with a new management team; the restructuring has brought about fresh enthusiasm and energy to karate in NI. We are keen to make contact with karate clubs and organisations throughout Northern Ireland who have not taken membership with us yet. We are keen to offer our services, share good governance and support all karate-ka and clubs/associations in the north of Ireland. We recognise that it is in your interest to have individuals and clubs using your facilities to be members of their sport's NGB.

Please take a look at our new website for more information <https://www.nikb.org/home>. Our aim is to foster success across all levels of the karate community whilst ensuring we are inclusive and welcoming to all sections of our community.

Applying for membership is easy! If an instructor/club is interested and would like some more information, an application pack or to discuss an application, please ask them to contact us on the following email [secretary@nikb.org](mailto:secretary@nikb.org).

### Latest Volunteering Opportunities

Fermanagh <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/volunteering-opportunities/>

Omagh <https://omaghvolunteercentre.org/opportunities>

### Children & Young People's Resource Pack - Back to School Edition

Included are resources on education, disability, mental health, activity ideas and more!

Download at: <https://cypsp.hscni.net/download/426/cyp-resource-pack/43539/cyp-resource-pack-august-2024.pdf>

(Note: Newsletter will download directly to your device. Look out for the pop-up box and click on open file when it appears).

**Resources and activities are free** and in the public domain.

For more resources and activities on disability, mental health, bereavement, education plus more, check out the previous editions of the Children and Young People's Resource Pack

### How to trace your Child Trust Fund for free

Stats from September 2023 show 430,000 unclaimed Child Trust Funds (CTF) across the UK. If you're over 18 and looking to access the money in your CTF, **there's no need to pay to trace it** if you don't know the details. Visit the below link to find out more.

[How to find lost Child Trust Funds | MoneyHelper](#)

### NI Ambulance Service - Voluntary Car Service Driver Roles

We invite volunteers to **apply today** to be a valued Voluntary Car Service Driver. Our Volunteers provide high quality transport to and from non-emergency healthcare appointments and treatments for patients that do not require an ambulance.

We encourage all those interested in the volunteer car driver role to get in touch. We can help provide support with completing forms or talk through the role in more detail. We can talk in person if you prefer or via telephone call at 028 7134 7134 Option 3. You can also reach us by Mobile/Text message on 07771 520122 or email us at [NIAS.VCS@Nias.hscni.net](mailto:NIAS.VCS@Nias.hscni.net). Posters and recruitment packs available at <https://nias.hscni.net/services/involving-our-community/voluntary-car-scheme/>

For more information please visit our website [here](#).

### Erne Paddlers

Our final outdoor skills courses of 2024 begin in September. As usual we will be based at the Broadmeadow in Enniskillen and we will have a varied programme to suit all abilities and levels of experience. Midweek and weekend Lough Erne trips, and sea kayaking adventures off the Donegal coast are also available to book.

Full details of all courses/activities and tickets are available at [www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events](http://www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events)

We are also running a programme of indoor pool sessions during September and October at Omagh Leisure Complex, **specifically for people with disabilities**. This programme is supported by The Outdoor Partnership Northern Ireland and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Please get in touch to find out more. Our indoor pool sessions in the Lakeland Forum and in the pool at Fivemiletown College will start in October.

Every year Erne Paddlers organises and facilitates the Kayak section of the popular FEARmanagh endurance race, including providing on the water safety cover. This year's event takes place on Saturday 28 September and we will coordinate volunteers to cover a range of roles and tasks. No kayaking experience is needed as there are land based volunteering opportunities such as passing out equipment, and route and time chip marshals. Our club members and their families make up the majority of volunteers but we would welcome anyone else who would like to join us on the day. It is an enjoyable, social and rewarding experience and a great way to get involved in this local community event. Just get in touch to find out more.

Erne Paddlers is a not-for-profit registered charity and an inclusive club. We try to keep prices as low as possible and there are additional discounts available depending on individual circumstances. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates too. If anyone would like to find out more, please get in touch via social media, [email@ernepaddlers.org.uk](mailto:email@ernepaddlers.org.uk) or call/WhatsApp 07468 911398.

## Training Opportunities

### **Elevate Community Development and Health Inequalities Training**

**Thursday 26 September – West End Community Centre, Enniskillen**

**Tuesday 8 October – Online via Zoom**

Elevate offers a free interactive full-day training programme focusing on community development as a way to reduce health inequalities.

Participants must be available for both the morning and afternoon sessions of the training.

For more information and to book visit <https://elevateni.org/training/training-dates/>

### **Fermanagh Young Leaders Development Programme**

**Now open for Applications!**

**Are you aged 17-25?**

Interested in making a difference, whether that be in your local community or maybe you have a passion for the environment, animal welfare, poverty, homelessness, access to sport, the arts etc? Would you like to gain a recognised qualification in Community Development?

If yes to all of the above, this programme of activities will provide you with a fantastic, unique opportunity to work with others to develop the knowledge and skills required to make a meaningful difference in your community.

Full details including a link to our online Application: <https://forms.gle/zLpYiGYMeR7BJEB68>

If you are interested and require further Information or have any questions, please get in touch by phone 028 6632 0210 or email [sonya@fermanaghtrust.org](mailto:sonya@fermanaghtrust.org)

**Closing Date: Friday 6 September 2024, 12 noon**

### **Development Awards – The Prince's Trust**

**Aged 16-30 and wanting to return to education or employment, but lacking the funds to do so?**

Development Awards are grants of up to £160 to help break down barriers and support you into education, training, or employment.

Awards can help with:

- Fees for training or courses, up to and including Level 3
- Clothing or equipment needed for a course, training, or employment offer e.g. tools, beauty kits or uniforms
- Travel cards to access employment or education

You can find out more by emailing us at [outreachni@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:outreachni@princes-trust.org.uk)

### **Action Mental Health – Mindset Programme**

Mindset is a Mental & Emotional Health & Wellbeing Awareness programme for young people, 14 – 17 years and adults.

It is funded by the Public Health Agency so there is no cost to the host organisation for delivery. The programme is 3.5 hours in length and can be delivered either in one or two sessions. We also deliver SEN versions of all our programmes. Mindset aims to:

- raise awareness and increase knowledge and understanding of Mental and Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- raise awareness of signs and symptoms of mental ill health
- promote self-help/resilience techniques and how to maintain a safe level of positive mental/emotional health and wellbeing
- promote self-care

- information and/or resources on mental health support organisations available (locally and regionally)

If you are interested in booking the programme or have any queries please feel free to contact Michael McLean, Project Worker (MensSana Team), AMH New Horizons, Enniskillen  
T: 07976 639909 E: [mmclean@amh.org.uk](mailto:mmclean@amh.org.uk) W: [www.amh.org](http://www.amh.org)

### Health Improvement Equality & Involvement Department Training Brochure September 24 – March 25

The WHSCT Health Improvement Equality & Involvement (HIEI) Department has released their latest Training Brochure which is offering **free training courses** taking place across the Trust from 1 September 2024 to 31 March 2025.

This second edition of the HIEI Training Brochure has an exciting new themed layout. Our training courses are now found under the headings of Children & Families, Community Development, Emotional Health & Wellbeing, Nutrition, Physical Activity, Sexual Health and Smoking Cessation. We are also delighted to introduce eight brand new courses and three courses that are returning to the brochure.

Our new courses are Odyssey Parenting your Teen Programme, What is Childline?, Health Literacy Awareness Session, Making our Nervous System Work for Us: Using the Polyvagal Theory, The Power of Humour: Mental Wellbeing's Secret Weapon, Understanding Bereavement with Suicide, Understanding Self Harm and Understanding Self Harm with Autism.

The courses coming back again are Introduction to Interculturalism and Traveller Cultural Awareness, Introduction to Positive Intelligence and I Can Cook it!

The courses will be delivered either via Zoom or face to face in a range of locations across the WHSCT.

To view the Training Brochure, click on this link [Training Brochure Sept 24 - Mar 25 - Tra \(pagetiger.com\)](https://www.pagetiger.com/training-brochure-sept-24-mar-25)

For course details including times and course content and to book a place, please click the 'Click Here to Register' icon below each course which takes you to the Eventbrite registration page. Click on the Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement (HIEI) logo on the Page Tiger page to be taken to the HIEI website.

Accessible view is available.

**For further information and any queries in relation to the Training Brochure, please email [health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net) or telephone 028 7186 5127.**

### Electric Vehicle Safety in Schools

Northern Ireland's fastest-growing electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure company Weev deliver UK and Ireland's first Electric Vehicle Education Programme, in partnership with Road Safe NI Charity. Weev is at the forefront of providing first-of-its-kind EV specific education, given the continuous rise of electric vehicles on our roads. Children are traditionally taught the Stop, Look and Listen methods of road safety, but as electric vehicles are significantly quieter vehicles, there is a real demand for updated education resources and literature.

With a business focus on making a sustainable impact and regional investment across communities, Weev and Road Safe NI Charity have offered the workshop **free of charge** to all schools across Northern Ireland, where all students will receive an up-to-date educational booklet as part of the interactive session.

When school starts again in September, all primary schools across NI can avail of the free workshop from Weev.

For more information, email [niamh.campbell@cavendishconsulting.com](mailto:niamh.campbell@cavendishconsulting.com) Mobile 07759 631614



## Funding Opportunities

### The National Lottery Community Fund: Sustainable Community Buildings

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to help organisations reduce their carbon footprint and save on energy bills through improvements such as solar panels. They'll be open for applications from 11 September 2024 to 23 October 2024. Those applying can complete free carbon literacy training and work with experts on an environment plan.

For further information visit

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainable-community-buildings>

#### Online Information Sessions

for groups interested in applying:

- [Tuesday, 3 September - 2pm to 3pm](#)
- [Tuesday, 10 September - 6.30pm to 7.30pm](#)
- [Thursday, 12 September - 11am to 12pm](#)

### Live Here Love Here

**Small Grants Programme now open -**

**for community groups, schools, sports clubs, churches and not-for-profit organisations**

The funding will support projects which increase civic pride and improve the quality of the local environment through the creation of quality shared spaces.

To find out more, join the Live Here Love Here Team at the Connecting Communities event on **Thursday 5 September 2024 at 2pm in Enniskillen Townhall**

For further information visit [bit.ly/4cJxWcL](https://bit.ly/4cJxWcL)

**Applications Close: Tuesday 17 September 2024**

### Musical Instruments for Individuals

The Arts Council has designed this programme to provide funding for highly-skilled, exceptional, high-profile performing musicians working only at a professional level who seek support for the purchase of high quality instruments that are central to their performing career.

This award is open to musicians working as a high-level performer in a solo capacity or as part of a small group / chamber ensemble in any musical genre. This scheme is aimed at providing instruments for rehearsal and performance.

Full details at <https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-individuals/musical-instruments-for-individuals>

**Deadline: Monday 2 September (noon).**

### National Churches Trust

#### Treasure Ireland Grant Programme

Whether it's routine maintenance or repair projects costed under £100,000 including VAT this grant could be the catalyst for transformative change.

Submit your application and be part of the church heritage movement.

Apply here: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/treasure.../grants>

**Deadline: Monday 2 September 2024**

To date, 43 treasured places of worship have received support through the Treasure Ireland Grant Programme. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your church heritage.

The Treasure Ireland project is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is also supported by the Department for Communities' Historic Environment Division. Set up in 2020 it offers specialist support through grants, tourism opportunities and resources to churches in Northern Ireland.

### **Capital Funding – Sustainable Community Buildings**

The National Lottery Community Fund gives grants to organisations in the UK to help improve their communities. The money awarded comes from the UK National Lottery.

Funding size - Up to £50,000 (capital funding only)

For full details visit <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/sustainable-community-buildings>

**Open for applications from Wednesday 11 September to Wednesday 23 October**

### **Sustrans Active Schools Travel Programme 2024-2025**

**Now Open!**

Application forms and full details on our website: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/NIschools>

**Deadline: Friday 27 September 2024.**

Please note: We reserve the right to close the recruitment early if we receive sufficient applications. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.

### **Musical Instruments for Bands**

The Arts Council has designed this programme to increase the quality of music-making in the community by helping bands to replace worn-out instruments and purchase new instruments. Particular priority will be given to applications demonstrating high quality musicianship; a commitment to training and musical education, particularly of young people; and a commitment to repertoire and technique development in relation to the band's existing repertoire and technical standards. Apply for up to £10,000.

Full details at <https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/musical-instruments-for-bands>

**Deadline: Monday 30 September (noon).**

### **Musical Instruments for Professional and non-Professional Performing Groups**

Grants of up to £30,000 are available through this scheme. This strand is open to schools and to professional and non-professional performing groups in any genre of music, including amateur / youth orchestras and ensembles, choirs, community music groups, musical societies and pop and rock ensembles. Primary and post primary schools are also encouraged to apply for funding for non-core curriculum activities.

Full details at <https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/musical-instruments-for-professional-and-non-professional-performing-groups>

**Deadline: Monday 30 September (noon).**

### **Social Enterprise Business Support**

**Are you a social enterprise with ambitions to grow?**

As part of the new Go Succeed Business Support NI service, Social Enterprises from across Northern Ireland are able to access free mentoring, workshops, and the possibility of securing a grant to help fuel their growth initiatives. As part of the support provided, social enterprises can avail of:

- Up to 21 hours of bespoke mentoring addressing to specific needs of your social enterprise
- Exclusive, hands-on group workshops to enhance your skills across a range of critical areas
- Grant to support with growth plans (\*eligibility applies)

To apply visit <https://go-succeed.com/sign-up/> and fill out the short application. The application process is straightforward, and once completed a member of the Go Succeed team will be in touch.

### **Grant Fundraising Training and Support**

#### **Virtual Conference 1 & 2 October 2024**

An invitation to all organisations to attend the [Get Grants FREE virtual Conference](#) which will include two days of expert fundraising advice, top tips, Q&As, networking, peer-support, and lots of chat.

Across [1st & 2nd October 2024](#), Get Grants **free** Virtual Conference will be full of celebration, inspiration, and practical advice and support – true Get Grants style! We will bring together Fundraisers from across the UK for a programme led by Get Grants Experts, funders, and other experts from across the sector, providing practical support and advice for fundraisers of all levels that can easily be put in to practice.

Receive up-to-date grant fundraising news and advice by signing up to our newsletter at [www.getgrants.org.uk](http://www.getgrants.org.uk).

### **Community Relations / Cultural Diversity (CR/CD) grant scheme**

#### **Currently open by Community Relations Council**

All projects in receipt of CR/CD funding must be completed within this financial year

Grants are up to £10K maximum and for project costs only

Average grant is £2K – £5K

Details at <https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/community-relations-cultural-diversity>

**Closes Friday 1 November 2024**

### **Victoria Homes Trust**

Grants are available for voluntary projects that assist the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people in Northern Ireland under 21 years of age. Examples of eligible areas include alcohol and drugs abuse; homelessness; and counselling for those in need of guidance, advice and support.

Maximum value: £2,500

For further information visit <https://www.victoriahomestrust.com/>

**Application deadline: Thursday 2 January 2025**

### **Homewards Fund**

Homewards is a UK-wide programme to end homelessness, launched in 2023 in partnership with The Royal Foundation of The Prince and Princess of Wales.

Homewards aims to demonstrate that homelessness can be ended, making it rare, brief and unrepeatable.

The Homewards Fund is a targeted fund, aimed at supporting members of the Homewards Coalitions in the six Homewards Locations, including Northern Ireland. This might include charities, community groups, housing associations and private companies.

Maximum value: Discretionary

For more information visit <https://homewards.org.uk/homewards-fund/>

**Application deadline: None specified**