

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – July 2026

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

Please note the deadline for August's Newsletter is Tuesday 21 July

Council News & Events

Children and Young People's Summer Programme 2026

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's highly anticipated Summer Programme for Children and Young People is now available to book.

The Summer Programme will run throughout July and August, with over 150 programmes delivered at community and Council facilities across the district.

Summer Programme 2026 booking is [available here](#).

All places are on a first come first served basis.

Enjoy more for less this summer

Visitors to a number of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council venues can enjoy reduced admission prices on selected activities up to 1 September as part of the UK Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme.

Eligible activities include:

- Family and child tickets at selected live shows in Strule Arts Centre and The Ardhowen
- Daily guided tours at Marble Arch Caves
- Entry to Enniskillen Castle Museums
- Entry to soft play, sensory rooms, bouncy sessions and family fun sessions at Council leisure centres, where available

Find out more at <https://tinyurl.com/5d5u8cdz>

Marble Arch Caves

A seasonal Translink bus service linking Enniskillen Bus Station and Marble Arch Caves will return from 1 July to 31 August 2026, operating Monday to Friday.

The service departs Enniskillen at 11.45am and returns from Marble Arch Caves at 4.30pm, providing visitors with time to enjoy a Guided Cave Tour and explore the surrounding landscape. Guided Cave Tours operate daily throughout July and August from 10am to 5pm.

Read the full details here: <https://bit.ly/4vJR7Nn>

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/>

New to the area?

You are welcome to join the Community Connect Hub

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen 10am-12 noon

Thursdays 2 July, 3 September, 5 November

Omagh Community House 10am-12 noon

Tuesdays 4 August, 6 October, 1 December

You can:

- Have a chat
- Meet other people
- Get help and information

People will be there to help with:

- Housing
- Jobs and benefits
- Health
- Community advice

Just drop in. No booking needed.

Everyone is welcome.

Expressions of Interest are now open for FODC Seasonal Outdoor Music Programme

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is inviting expressions of interest from local musicians to participate in its Seasonal Outdoor Music Programme.

The programme offers opportunities for both established and emerging artists to showcase their talent while providing live musical entertainment for residents and visitors throughout the summer, autumn and winter months.

Musicians can express an interest to perform as part of the Council's Summer Bandstand Programme and the Live 'n' Local Festive Street Music Programme.

- The Summer Bandstand Programme will take place every Sunday throughout July and August, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, at The Round 'O' in Enniskillen and The Grange Park in Omagh.
- The Live 'n' Local Festive Street Music Programme will feature performances at The Diamond in Enniskillen and Market Street in Omagh on Saturdays, including 31 October, 28 November, and 5, 12 and 19 December, from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Musicians interested in participating are invited to complete the online [Expression of Interest form](#). For further information, email events@fermanaghomagham.com or telephone 0300 303 1777 and ask to speak to a member of the Events team.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday 2 July 2026.

Applications are now open for European Heritage Open Days and Culture Night Sponsorship

European Heritage Open Days 2026

European Heritage Open Days (EHOD) is an annual celebration of local architecture, history, culture and heritage. EHOD 2026 will take place from **7–13 September 2026** under the theme "Heritage at Risk – Revive, Resist, Reimagine".

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is offering grants of up to £300 to events that celebrate and share the district's rich and diverse heritage. Applications must be submitted online via www.fermanaghomagham.com before the closing time and date.

Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir 2026

Culture Night / Oíche Chultúir is a national moment celebrating all that makes up the richness and diversity of our Cultures today, connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally and aims to open up pathways to ongoing engagement.

This annual, public event will take place on **Friday 18 September** celebrating culture, creativity and the arts and seeks to actively promote the belief that this rich and varied culture is alive, treasured and nurtured in people's lives, today and every day. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is offering grants of up to £300 to events that celebrate and share the district's rich and diverse Culture. Applications must be submitted online via www.fermanaghomagh.com before the closing time and date.

Please read the Guidance at <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/sponsorship-grants-bursaries/sponsorship/events-sponsorship/> for more information.

Applications close at 5pm on Thursday 2 July 2026

Delivery of Omagh Music Festival 2026

Expressions of Interest now open!

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is inviting constituted groups and commercial organisations to submit an Expression of Interest to deliver the fifth Omagh Music Festival, taking place on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October 2026.

We're looking for an engaging, high-quality weekend programme that celebrates Omagh's rich musical heritage, makes use of Strule Arts Centre and venues across Omagh Town Centre, and creates a vibrant festival experience for audiences of all ages.

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/4oAuwAt>

Closing date: Wednesday 8 July 2026, 5pm

Late submissions will not be accepted

Working together to improve our district

Our new Performance Improvement Plan 2026/27 outlines how we will continue to make a positive difference across Fermanagh and Omagh.

Shaped by your feedback, the Plan focuses on:

- Creating opportunity
- Supporting our most vulnerable residents
- Protecting our environment
- Delivering high-quality, efficient council services

Read more at <https://bit.ly/3QdSF2V>

FODC Bumblebee Surveys around Gortin Lakes

This year, as part of our Shared Bogs, Shared Futures peatland project — funded by the Peatland Challenge Fund — we've begun carrying out Bumblebee Surveys around Gortin Lakes.

The surveys form part of the All-Ireland Bumblebee Monitoring Scheme, established by the National Biodiversity Data Centre in 2012 and one of the first initiatives of its kind in the world. The scheme helps track Ireland's common bumblebee species and provides valuable insight into the health of our pollinator populations.

Bumblebees are an important indicator species, helping us better understand how the peatland habitats around Gortin Lakes are changing, and how conservation and management work is improving these vital environments.

Interested in learning more about the scheme? Visit <https://bit.ly/4tFvWue>

If you'd like to get involved in the surveys, contact climate@fermanaghomagh.com

New Age Friendly Strategy to support older people

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has launched its new Age Friendly Strategy 2026–2030, setting out how the district will support older people to live healthy, active and connected lives. The Strategy aims to make the district a more inclusive, accessible and supportive place for older residents. It has been shaped by the views of local people and is based on the World Health Organisation's eight Age Friendly themes.

For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/article/fermanagh-and-omagh-launch-new-age-friendly-strategy-to-support-older-people/>

The Council is committed to providing an Age Friendly District and seeks to ensure that older people lead more independent, engaged and socially connected lives.

For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/health-wellbeing/agefriendly/>

How to join an older person's group, visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/health-wellbeing/agefriendly/join-an-older-persons-group/>

Upcoming events for older people, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/swapnetwork/>

Digital Switch Over

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is sharing information from BT regarding the UK's traditional landlines, which are switching off by January 2027.

BT advises that most people can switch at no extra cost and keep the same number and phones. Some older and vulnerable people may need extra support to get ready.

BT's campaign urges everyone to act when contacted. Ignoring the switch could mean disruption to vital services.

Please check in with older friends, family, or neighbours and make sure they know what to expect and feel confident about switching.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/49hv4F9> or phone 0330 1234 150

Financial Wellbeing Project

Are you struggling with your personal finances?

Would your staff like a Debt Awareness Session?

Would your group users benefit from a Financial Well Being Clinic?

Omagh Independent Advice Service and Community Advice Fermanagh are delighted to offer One to One Advice, Financial Well Being Clinics and Information Sessions to the general public and to all interested local voluntary and statutory groups.

Our project will provide advice and representation on the following:

- Benefit Entitlement Checks
- Better off Calculations
- Budgeting Advice
- Free, confidential Debt Advice

If you would like to avail of our services or help us arrange a Financial Well Being Clinic in your area please contact us on:

Omagh Independent Advice Services

Phone No. 028 8224 3252 or Email info@oias.co.uk

Community Advice Fermanagh

Phone No. 028 6632 4334 or Email website@communityadvicefermanagh.com

Cost of Living Help

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-help-support/cost-of-living-help/>

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/>

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

FODC Physical Activity Referral Scheme (PARS)

Delivered in partnership with the Public Health Agency (PHA), PARS is a **free 12-week exercise** referral programme facilitated by fully qualified staff for individuals with specific health conditions who have no absolute contraindications to exercise.

PARS includes online delivery with sessions also facilitated at Council leisure centres.

For further information visit [Physical Activity Referral Scheme](#)

FODC Move More Programme

A physical activity initiative delivered in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support available to anyone who has had a cancer diagnosis, at any stage of their life.

Move More supports the lives of people with cancer through physical activity. Physical activity before, during and after cancer treatment can help prevent and manage the effects of treatment, such as fatigue, depression and risks to heart health.

Sessions are facilitated at Council leisure centres.

For further information visit [Macmillan Move More](#).

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

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://www.fermanaghomagh.com)

Please contact your local Community Support Officer for any assistance you or your organisation may require:

Area	Officer	Email	Telephone 0300 303 1777
Enniskillen	Ruthanne Fawcett	ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21649
Erne East	Joanne Cunningham	joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21405
Erne North	Leza Cleary	leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21234
Erne West	Kellie Beacom	kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21201
Mid Tyrone	Lee Hamilton	lee.hamilton@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20225
Omagh	Josephine Treanor	josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20222
West Tyrone	Billie-Jo Irwin	billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20220

Irish Language Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

For up to date information and details of activities across the district

visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/irish-language/>

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

Community News

This is our health

A public conversation about how we can work together to help people in Northern Ireland live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives.

Most of what shapes our health happens in everyday life, at home, with family and in our communities. It's not just when we come into contact with health and social care services.

At the same time, there are moments when services matter hugely, and when they need to work well, quickly and reliably.

This work is about understanding both and exploring where each of us is best placed to make a difference. [Find out more](#)

Meet us at Omagh Show 3-4 July 2026 - Come along and learn more about the initiative.

[Have your say](#) about the programme

[Get in touch if you have questions](#)

Alzheimer's Society

Do you help care for a family member or friend who has dementia and live in the Fermanagh area? This **free** course can provide you with a range of helpful information and advice to support you and the person you care for.

Wednesdays 1 and 8 July, 11am-1pm

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

****Attendance at both sessions is required****

CrISP focuses on themes following a diagnosis of dementia, including: understanding dementia, providing care and support, legal and financial guidance and coping day to day, as well as the different types of support that are available.

Booking essential – contact:

Martina Bradley 07725 475715

Rita O'Loughlin 07889 148927

Enniskillen Jobs & Benefit's Office

July & August Job Clubs

Lisnaskea Library	Thursday 2 July	Thursday 6 August
Enniskillen Library	Thursday 9 July	Thursday 13 August
Fivemiletown Library	Thursday 16 July	Thursday 20 August
Irvinestown Library	Tuesday 21 July	Tuesday 25 August

Come along to our Job Club for:

- Careers advice and guidance from the Department for the Economy Careers Service
- CV support and interview preparation
- Local job opportunities and job searching
- Help to apply for jobs on the day
- Support to build confidence and improve employability

No appointment required – everyone welcome.

Nugent 100 – Cavan and the Great War

Saturday 4 July, 10am to 5pm

Cavan County Museum, Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan, A82 YP70

Leader, Soldier, Husband, Father - Major-General Oliver Nugent is best known for his command of the 36th (Ulster) Division during the First World War and particularly at the Battle of the Somme. During World War 1 men were cut down in their thousands while widows were left to look after the children back home. Cavan, with the rest of Ulster, paid a terrible price. Farrenconnell in Mountnugent, Co Cavan was Nugent's refuge from the horrors of trench warfare.

2026 marks the centenary of the death of General Oliver Nugent. To commemorate this and the 110th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, the Nugent 100 committee along with Cavan County Museum have organised a high-level panel of speakers who will discuss Nugent and The Somme as well as Cavan in World War One and how the war affected women in Ireland.

Tickets: €15, €10 concession, includes entry into the museum and lunch.

For further information contact Cavan County Museum on 00 353 49 85 44070 or

email info@cavanmuseum.ie. Online booking is available at www.cavanmuseum.ie/events

Belleek CCE

**Traditional Music Seisiun at Sea
onboard the Donegal Bay Waterbus**

Sunday 5 July

Boarding at 6pm from the pier in Donegal Town – light buffet served plus full bar facilities. Raffle on the day.

Tickets 20stg each available from Bernie Mc Nulty on 028 6865 9081

or message the Belleek CCE Facebook page

PEACEPLUS Community Youth Programme – Summer Camps 2026

The Community Youth Programme is being delivered as part of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan.

Delivery Partners – Todds Leap, AB Coaching, and Insight Solutions – are delighted to offer young people aged 11–16 the opportunity to take part in a **free** Multi-Sports and Creative Activity Camp. Todds Leap is particularly keen to reach young people living within the Mid Tyrone and Omagh DEAs, especially those who may be at greater risk of isolation, poverty, or disadvantage.

Two camp options are available in July 2026:

- **Camp 1**
Youth Sport, Omagh 8, 9 and 10 July 2026 10.00am – 3.00pm daily
- **Camp 2**
Omagh Leisure Complex 22, 23 and 24 July 2026 10.00am – 3.00pm daily

Click on the following link to register <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEACEPLUScamps>

Free seeds to help out nature

Eden Project are distributing free seeds to individuals and community groups who are willing to grow flowers to encourage pollinators - this can be in gardens, window boxes and community spaces. Apply via [Help Out Nature - free seeds](#)

Email gmccloskey@edenproject.com to say you joined up on the map and give your postal address

NB - Note if you already have some seeds get planting!

Deadline for Applications: Friday 10 July 2026

Plant a Legacy: Nominate Your Community for a Heritage Fruit Orchard

Glenisk, in partnership with Irish Seed Savers, is inviting communities to help plant 100 Heritage Community Fruit Orchards for future generations to enjoy.

These orchards are about much more than fruit. They are living spaces where communities come together, biodiversity flourishes, and local heritage is preserved. They represent an investment in our children, our environment, and our shared future.

Glenisk are looking for communities that have a suitable shared public space, such as:

- Schools
- Sports grounds
- Church lands
- Community greens
- Other publicly accessible community spaces

You don't need to have all the answers or a detailed plan. All it takes is one person who believes this could make a difference.

Nominate Your Community - Link for more information: [Heritage Orchards - Glenisk](#)

Alzheimer's Society

Young-onset Dementia Peer Support Group

Thursdays 6pm - 7.30pm (third Thursday of each month)

16 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October, 19 November, 17 December

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

A new group for people living with young-onset dementia (diagnosed under age 65), their family members and carers.

The group will provide a safe, facilitated environment to share experiences, build social networks and maintain independence through activities.

Booking is essential. For more information and to book please contact:

Martin Bradley, Dementia Adviser	07725 475715
Rita O'Loughlin, Dementia Adviser	07889 148927
Rachael Dorrian, WHSCT Dementia Navigator	07585 998890

Free School Meals Applications now open

Groups working in schools or with young people should be aware that the applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Grants for the next school year are open until 31 July. [Read more...](#)

Give Blood – Save Lives

Book an appointment at <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

Could you help improve support for women in rural communities?

A research study is exploring how living in Fermanagh and Omagh can shape women's experiences of domestic abuse.

Women aged 18+ who live, or have lived, in the district and have experienced domestic abuse are invited to take part in a confidential interview.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and all information shared will be treated in confidence.

Interviews can take place in person or online, and a £20 payment is provided as a thank you for your time.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/4es8RWo>

Fermanagh Young Leaders Forum

Applications now open

Fermanagh Trust is delighted to invite applications for our Fermanagh Young Leaders Forum, a unique opportunity for young people aged 17–25 to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and make a real difference in their local community.

This seven-month programme, commencing September 2026, offers participants the chance to take part in weekly sessions where they will work together to identify key issues affecting young people, learn about community development, and play a direct role in awarding grant funding to local projects.

Participants will:

- Develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- Gain a recognised OCN qualification in Community Development
- Gain valuable experience for CVs, further education, and employment
- Contribute to meaningful change in their community

We would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity with young people you know who may have an interest. Full details and application information are available via this link: <https://www.fermanaghtrust.org/fermanagh-young-leaders-forum/>

This programme is completely free. Fermanagh Young Leaders Programme is administered by Fermanagh Trust through our Investing in Community Volunteers programme. The Investing in Community Volunteers Programme is one of 13 programmes as detailed in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, a project supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch - Email sonya@fermanaghtrust.org or Tel 028 6632 0210

Volunteer Now

Our **Family Volunteering Days** have been a great success so far and we will be running more from September onwards. Any local groups and charities interested in hosting a family volunteering day email suzanne.hunt@volunteernow.co.uk or call 07467 486638.

This is part of "The Investing in Community Volunteers Programme", lead by Fermanagh Trust, and is one of 13 programmes as detailed in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, a project supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Reuse and Repair Pilot Scheme

Northern Ireland Resources Network is currently inviting community organisations to take part in a pilot programme designed to support local groups in developing practical reuse and repair activities within their communities, to help communities build skills, share resources, strengthen local connections, and encourage more sustainable everyday practices through positive, hands-on activities.

Participating groups will receive training on circular economy principles and community-led reuse and repair, along with mentoring, peer support, and knowledge-sharing from NIRN members. They will also get help to develop locally relevant activities and access to tools, templates, and examples of successful projects.

If this is of interest to you or your group, please contact catherinemullin@ni-rn.org

Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland

***New* online safety mini webinars to support families**

A new series of short online safety mini webinars is now available on the Online Safety Hub for families, and can also be used by staff and volunteers working with children and young people.

Commissioned by the SBNI and developed by online safety experts at Childnet, the webinars were shaped by partner input through the Online Safety Committee, align with the NI Executive's Online Safety Strategy, and reflect the real-life concerns and experiences of local families.

The series includes six webinars (15-20 minutes each), offering practical tips, conversation starters and signposting to further support. Topics include:

- Privacy settings and parental controls
- Group chats and peer pressure
- Online bullying behaviour and online sexual harassment
- Nude image sharing
- Online pornography and misogyny
- Grooming, catfishing and sextortion

Partners are encouraged to watch, use and share these resources across teams, networks and settings such as schools and clubs, and family and friends. Ready-to-use text is available to support sharing via newsletters, intranets, websites and social media.

Find out more and access the webinars via the [Online Safety Hub](#) or through [Childnet's YouTube](#) channel.

Dogs Trust Community Support

Dogs Trust have launched a range of support services for owners and their dogs. To raise awareness and increase accessibility of these services, we aim to run events within your community space, for dog owners to come and chat with a member our Community Engagement Team.

These events are **free** and include info on:

- Training and Behaviour support
- Information surrounding Dog welfare
- Low-cost training and behaviour services
- Interactive sessions on how to make a dog toy for your dog

We have attended many venues in your area already with great success so don't miss out! If this sounds like something that would be of interest at your venue or community group please email NI.Communityengagement@dogstrust.org.uk

New support programme for adults waiting on NHS waiting lists for any treatment in the Derry/L'Derry area

Action Mental Health through funding received from the Department of Health are providing support for adults (18yrs +) who are waiting for any NHS treatment/counselling etc.

We are providing 12 weeks practical, emotional and wellbeing focused support to help take back control, build resilience, improve physical & mental health, and reduce isolation.

Some of the activities we offer include relaxation techniques, movement and exercise, arts and crafts, one to one support.

For more information/to register contact 028 7137 3502 or email foyle@amh.org.uk

Pathways to Employability

Bryson Pathways is managed and operated by Bryson Energy delivered across local communities in Fermanagh and Omagh.

About the Programme

A short-term, focused programme supporting individuals to move into work, increase their hours, or take the next step in their employment journey. Delivered as part of a wider Bryson approach, combining employability support with the services people need to progress.

Who this is for

The programme works best for individuals who:

- Are considering their next step into work or progression
- Are ready to move forward with the right support in place
- May be experiencing barriers but are open to engaging

What we do

We work alongside individuals to:

- Build a clear plan towards employment
- Provide support with CVs, applications & interviews
- Identify skills, strengths & opportunities
- Connect into training where it will make a difference

Supporting people to move forward

- Entry into Employment
- Improved job readiness and confidence
- Increased hours or improved roles
- Engagement in training or further support

Contact Employment Coach Ciara on 07425 589666

or email ciara.balfour@brysonpathways.org

Omagh Volunteer Centre

For a copy of our Spring 2026 Newsletter visit <https://omaghvolunteercentre.org/opportunities>

Social Value

Social Value is a mandatory part of the public procurement landscape in Northern Ireland.

Are you an organisation in the third sector which has the skills, expertise and drive to work with suppliers to support them deliver their Social Value requirements? These organisations are known as Brokers.

You can register for the [Broker database](#) by [completing this form](#). If you are a Social Enterprise, you can also register with Social Enterprise NI's Buy Social Directory [here](#).

Visit <https://socialvalueni.org/brokers/> to connect with suppliers delivering public contracts in Northern Ireland, where you think there may be an opportunity to work together to deliver Social Value.

Your organisation may also wish to search the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) map [here](#) to identify construction projects that have Social Value targets.

Erne Paddlers

Our action-packed summer paddlesports programme is well underway! Based at the Round O in Enniskillen, Erne Paddlers is running skills based paddlesports courses and activities for adults and children from now until the end of September.

There are evening sessions for everyone, including beginners, families and kids (7yrs+), inclusive paddling for anyone who needs extra support plus midweek multi craft sessions.

Tickets are also available for our fun kids summer camps but spaces are filling up fast! Book now for week beginning 20 July or week beginning 27 July.

Midweek and weekend Lough Erne paddles, ECO trips and sea kayaking coastal paddles and the Lough Erne Challenge for those who want to paddle the length of Lough Erne. Get in touch for more or go to www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events for full details and to book tickets online.

Erne Paddlers is a not-for-profit registered charity and an inclusive club and we want as many people as possible to experience the health and wellbeing benefits that paddlesports can bring. We have a flexible pricing structure with a range of discounts available, including assistance rates. Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates. If anyone would like to find out more, please get in touch via social media, email@ernepaddlers.org.uk or call/WhatsApp 07468 911398.

Summer Art Space

Thursdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Tara Centre, Omagh

For 15-17 year olds - facilitated by the Tara Centre Art Therapists

Cost: £35 for 4 weeks

Minimum 6 participants, maximum 12 participants

For further information or to book call 028 8225 0024

JustUs Annual Summer BBQ Party

Saturday 8 August, 6pm-11pm

At Enniskillen Rugby Club, Mullaghmeen Road BT94 2HE

Drink Food Music

We'd love if you could let us know whether you plan to come along, as we're trying to get an idea of numbers for catering and preparations. Email justus.events@yahoo.com

Take on the Cuilcagh Camino 2026!

Saturday 8 August

Looking for your next outdoor challenge? Join the Cuilcagh Camino, a truly unforgettable hiking experience in the heart of Cavan/Fermanagh.

Choose your route:

- Long Route (30km)
- Medium Route (25km)
- Short Route (16km)

Start & Finish: Swanlinbar

This walk will take you across beautiful trails, bogland, and mountain terrain – perfect for walkers seeking a rewarding challenge.

The Cuilcagh Camino is organised by members of Cuilcagh Ramblers and other local volunteers with proceeds of the event being donated to local causes/charities.

Participants must have a good level of fitness and have previously hiked over a long distance comfortably.

For more information and to book your place, visit <https://eventmaster.ie/event/q0wzcP7SQq>

European Heritage Open Days

12–13 September 2026

This year's theme, "Heritage at Risk – Revive, Resist, Reimagine", invites organisers to open sites, share stories, and showcase local architecture and culture.

For further information click [here](#)

Breast Cancer Now Support for you!

Thursday 17 September & Thursday 24 September, 10am to 1.30pm

Macmillan Health and Wellbeing Campus at Altnagelvin Hospital

You don't always feel 'back to normal' when you finish your hospital treatment for primary breast cancer. That's why Moving Forward is here – A small group (5–15 people), supported by an expert facilitator and friendly volunteers. Meet other people who've finished treatment for primary breast cancer. You'll get the tools to help you move forward with your life.

If you'd like to come along you can register online: [Booking Platform](#)

Should you need any support with travel, you may be applicable for financial support through our access fund. Contact accessfund@breastcancernow.org or 0345 077 1893.

Home Fire Safety Checks for People at Risk

People living alone or in rural areas have a higher risk of fire in their home. During a Home Fire Safety Check, firefighters can call to your home and provide fire safety advice.

If you have friends, family or neighbours living alone make them aware of these fire safety measures. Should a fire break out in the property, get out if safe to do so, stay out and dial 999 and ask for Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service.

For further information phone NIFRS HQ 028 9266 4221 or visit www.nifrs.org

Help us improve access to NISRA statistics and research

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) invite you to take part in a short user feedback survey.

We want to better understand:

- how people find and access our statistics and research, and
- what we can do to make this information easier to find, understand and use for everyone.

Your feedback will help shape improvements to how we present and share evidence that supports public understanding, decision-making and policy development across Northern Ireland.

The survey takes only a few minutes to complete and is completely confidential

Take part here: [NISRA user survey – Fill in form](#)

For further information email: census@nisra.gov.uk or telephone 028 9025 5156

ONSD Evolution

A new PEACEPLUS-funded programme led by Disability Action in partnership with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI), and Supporting Communities.

The programme supports disabled people and carers across Northern Ireland and the border counties to reduce social isolation, improve digital confidence, strengthen community connections, and increase opportunities for participation and active citizenship.

Through ONSD Evolution, participants can access:

- One-to-one support and personalised action planning
- Digital skills training and confidence-building opportunities
- Access to technology and digital inclusion support

- Active Citizenship training
- Opportunities to connect with others through local networks and community activities
- Support to increase confidence, independence, and community participation
- Dedicated support for carers

The programme is designed to be person-centred, supporting individuals to identify and achieve goals that are important to them while building meaningful connections within their communities. We are keen to work alongside community and voluntary organisations to ensure disabled people and carers who may benefit from this opportunity are aware of the support available.

For further information, email TraceyMcGoldrick@Disabilityaction.org

Aisling Centre

37 Darling Street, Enniskillen BT74 7DP

For further information on any programmes, please email Aisling Centre on info@theaislingcentre.com or telephone 028 6632 5811 (unless stated otherwise).

Groups & Programmes:

- **Aisling's Charity Shop** – Open Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am-4pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. Please note we are currently not accepting donations of books or any items with safety requirements.
- **Charity Shop Volunteers Needed** – For information, contact Reception. At Aisling's you will be joining a great team of people and supporting mental health services.
- **Self Care Drop-In** – Monthly drop-in sessions, first Tuesday of every month at 10am. Next Meeting Tuesday 7 July. Suggested donation £3 per person.
- **Forget Me Not** – Support group for those bereaved by suicide. First Monday of the month 7.30-9pm. Currently on summer break. Next meeting Monday 7 September.
- **Mindfulness Meditation** – Monthly drop-in sessions, last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Currently on summer break. Next meeting Wednesday 30 September. Suggested donation £3 per person.

Other Groups & Events:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – 3 meetings per week at Aisling Centre.
- **Aware** – Mental Health Support Group. Meets every Tuesday at 7pm. For further information, please contact info@aware-ni.org
- **Big Breakfast Fundraiser** – In aid of Aisling Centre and St Macartin's Outreach Fund. Saturday 26 September, 9am-12.30pm. Full cooked breakfast or pancakes, porridge and fruit available. Come along, bring family and friends and get your breakfast made for you! All are welcome. At St Macartin's Hall, Enniskillen. Adults £10 and Children (under 12) £5.
- **Cherish Sure Start** – Creche facility from Monday-Friday as well as various programmes for both children and parents. For further information call 028 6862 1970.
- **Escapists** – Support Group for Carers. Meets Wednesdays 10.30am-1pm.
- **Island Artists** – Open to new members. Meets Wednesdays from 1pm-4pm. For more information, please contact Maura on 07968 225704.

Yoga Timetable (please contact individual facilitators to book):

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| • Christine | Mondays at 6pm | 07722 550040 |
| • Alasdair | Wednesdays at 6.30pm | 07776 290903 |
| • Genny | Thursdays at 12pm | 028 8754 1994 |
| • Theresa | Thursdays at 6pm (men only) | 07923 694523 |
| | 7pm and 8pm (both mixed) | 07923 694523 |

Training Opportunities

Fermanagh Trust

Expand Your Skills – 250+ free Online Courses Available Now!

We can offer access to over 250 **free** online courses through our new PEACEPLUS Funding. You can register and start learning immediately!

Our courses cover a wide range of topics to support both personal development and professional training needs. From GDPR, Cyber security, Dementia awareness, Neurodiversity awareness to Food Hygiene and manual handling, to Microsoft Excel and Setting Goals there is something to suit everyone!

- **Accredited qualifications**
- **Personal development programmes**
- **Available anytime, anywhere, on any device**
- **Offered in 40+ languages**
- **Save time and money for you and your organisation**

For further information/to register visit www.fermanaghtrust.org
or email sonya@fermanaghtrust.org Tel 028 6632 0210

The King's Trust

We have so many **free courses for young people aged 16-30** and give them the tools to build their confidence, find a job or start their own business.

We reimburse travel costs for all our courses and can also support with childcare costs.

- Download our [July Flyer](#) for an overview of upcoming programmes.
- Check out our [Quick Guide](#) for details of how we help young people.

WHSC Recovery College

Free courses on mental health and emotional wellbeing that run in Derry/Londonderry, Enniskillen, Limavady, Omagh and Strabane.

Our workshops are **free** and open to absolutely everyone – carers and supporters, people with or without a mental health diagnosis, staff, students – anyone who wants to improve or maintain their mental health and emotional wellbeing. We keep things informal and relaxed, and all workshops have been written and are delivered by people who have lived experience alongside mental health professionals so students get the lived and learned experience of the topics.

For further information or if you would like hard copies of the prospectus
T: 028 8225 2079 or E: recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net

Western Trust Health Improvement, Equality and Involvement

A copy of our training brochure can be obtained at

<https://westerntrust.pagetiger.com/HIEITB2026/hiei-training-brochure-april-september-2026>

Any questions? email health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net or call 028 7186 5127

HIV/STIs and Contraception OCN L2 Training course

**Tuesday 11, Thursday 13, Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 August, 10am-11.30am each day
Delivered entirely online via 4 live Zoom sessions.**

This course is suitable for anyone working or volunteering with either young people or adults in Northern Ireland who would like to improve their understanding of sexual health. The course is accredited with OCNNI at Level 2. Places are limited to 15 per course, and allocated on a first-come-first served basis. Facilitators –ACET. **No course fees**, places funded by PHA

Apply here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1992557618475?aff=oddtcreator>

Funding Opportunities

Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2026/2027

Capital grants are offered at 50% of eligible expenditure up to a maximum of £7,500. This Scheme is open to micro rural businesses within the district.

Find out more at <https://tinyurl.com/rv7yjf5> which includes details of **mandatory workshops**.

Provided through the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

Scheme closes Thursday 30 July 2026, 12 noon.

Friends of Little Woods

Environmental Ranger Programme

We offer 12 groups of young people aged 10 yrs to 18 yrs the opportunity to gain skills in environmental stewardship and an understanding of the value and significance of conservation in the Fermanagh and Omagh District council area.

The groups of young people will be offered the chance to gain skills in the following:

- Building bird boxes
- Building bird feeders
- Plant and invertebrate identification
- Animal track identification
- Plant and tree cultivation

This programme will make use of our resources at Evan's Wood, Catherine's wood and our polytunnel at Gortin community garden.

The project will also connect the environmental ranger programme with a wider public through a biodiversity week. The biodiversity week will link the wider population with wild spaces and wild life in Fermanagh and Omagh District council area. The 'Fermanagh and Omagh Biodiversity group', created as part of this project will promote events that other conservation groups hold within the 3rd week of May in 2027. As part of the Biodiversity Week, the 12 ranger groups would showcase their work to the public.

The project is funded by [#TheNationalLotteryCommunityFund](#)

Friends of Little Woods welcome expressions of interest in participation from Scout groups, Guide groups, Boys' Brigade group and Girls' Brigade groups. The sessions may also suit youth clubs and church groups for young people.

Expressions of interest can go to Chris@friendsoflittlewoods.com. No payment is required.

All the sessions will be free. Transportation will not be provided and we will ask participating groups to provide chaperones from your group.

To express your groups interest, please complete <https://forms.gle/1mXhkm4j1cHXXU389>

Deadline for Applications Wednesday 30 September 2026

Sport Northern Ireland

Small Grants Programme-Creating Opportunities

Made possible thanks to National Lottery funding; delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder UK.

It is designed to enable eligible organisations to launch new and additional projects that make sport and physical activity more inclusive and accessible across Northern Ireland.

For full information visit <https://www.sportni.net/funding/creating-opportunities/>

Phase 3 applications will close at the end of January 2027 (unless funds are exhausted before then).

The Honourable The Irish Society

Reopening with a new mission focused around three programmes:

- Growing Together supports community-based early years provision,
- Living River, Living Communities supports environmental improvement and stewardship, and
- Living Heritage, Shared Futures supports participatory cultural and heritage activity.

The majority of their grants are small (maximum £2,000) and are designed to support local organisations and community-based activity. In some cases, they make a smaller number of larger grants (£10,000-£20,000) where there is a strong case for wider or longer-term impact.

For further information visit [The Honourable The Irish Society launches three new funding programmes](#)

Cash for Kids: Impact Grant and Holiday Hunger Grants

Impact Grants Scheme available to registered charities with an annual turnover less than £1 million. Schools, community organisations and other grassroots groups are eligible to apply. Funds will support children and young people (up to and including 18 years old) living in their community affected by poverty, abuse, neglect or those with additional support needs.

Holiday Hunger Grants available to organisations and service providers who support children and young people (up to and including 18 years old) that have a genuine need for support, are disadvantaged due to poverty, the increase in the cost of living and face food insecurity.

A Cash for Kids grant is typically from £1,000 to £3,000.

Visit [Cash for Kids: Impact Grants and Holiday Hunger Grants accepting applications](#)

No time period/deadline published

Safefood: Community Food Initiatives (CFI) Innovate Funding

CFI Innovate will fund organisations to deliver one-off projects where participants are supported over a period of time or other innovative initiatives using food as a vehicle to address key health and social concerns. Interested organisations can apply for funding up to a maximum of €1,500 or the sterling equivalent to deliver a project in their local area.

Visit [Safefood: Community Food Initiatives \(CFI\) Innovate Funding](#)

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis