

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – August 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 September's Newsletter is Tuesday 18 August

Council News & Events

Children and Young People's Summer Programme 2026

Over 150 programmes are being delivered at community and Council facilities across the district. Some are still available to book – look at what's [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 Ardhoven
- 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>

Visit Marble Arch Caves and National Trust Florence Court via Translink Summer Bus Service

Running to 31 August, this provides a convenient and affordable way to visit Marble Arch Caves and National Trust Florence Court from Enniskillen Bus Station.

Bus passengers can also enjoy exclusive offers, including 10% off at the Marble Arch Caves Café and 20% off admission to Florence Court when travelling by bus. The service operates Monday to Friday.

More information is available here:

<https://www.fermanaghlakelands.com/information/product-catch-all/summer-bus-service-marble-arch-caves-and-florence-court-p909861>

Free Live Music This Summer

The sounds of summer are back across Fermanagh and Omagh as the Council's Seasonal Outdoor Music Programme returns, bringing free live music to The Round O, Enniskillen and Grange Park, Omagh **every Sunday throughout July and August, 1pm – 3.30pm**.

Enjoy performances from talented local musicians, bands and choirs in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere.

Read more about the programme, upcoming performances and the return of the Live n' Local Festive Street Music Programme this winter <https://bit.ly/4pfEuaL>

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/>

Showcase Your Culture and Heritage

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is inviting eligible groups and organisations to apply for £300 sponsorship to deliver events as part of European Heritage Open Days (EHOD) and Culture Night 2026.

We particularly encourage groups representing the diverse cultures and communities across our district to get involved and help create a vibrant programme celebrating our heritage, creativity and cultural traditions.

- **European Heritage Open Days: 12–13 September 2026**

- **Culture Night: Friday 18 September 2026**

Sponsorship Available: £300 per successful event

Events must be free to attend, open to all, take place within the district, and align with the aims of the relevant programme.

Find out more and apply at <https://bit.ly/4fYRajK>

Applications close on Monday 3 August 2026 at 5pm.

Classroom Support Fast Track programme

Monday 3 to Thursday 13 August

If you are not working or in full-time education, you could be eligible for this **free** training.

Contact the REAP team to discuss your options and book a place via <https://bit.ly/44O5YKI>

or telephone Omagh 028 8224 6535 or Enniskillen 028 6632 6478

or email reap@fermanaghomagh.com

New to the area?

You are welcome to join the Community Connect Hub

Omagh Community House 10am-12 noon

Tuesdays 4 August, 6 October, 1 December

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen 10am-12 noon

Thursdays 3 September, 5 November

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.

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>

Age Friendly

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/>

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 \(fermanaghomagh.com\)](#)

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 20227
Omagh	Josephine Treanor	josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20222
West Tyrone	Billie-Jo Irwin	billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20220

Community News

Your Voice Matters

Help shape the future of health and care in Fermanagh and West Tyrone

We are developing a new Vision for how health and care services could be delivered in the future and we want to hear from you.

Your views, experiences and ideas are important in helping us plan services that meet the needs of local people and communities.

Have your say and be part of the conversation.

Find out more – visit <https://westerntrust.hscni.net/about-the-trust/fwt-future-health-and-care-services/>

Shape the Vision – Complete the questionnaire and have your voice heard in shaping future services <https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc/health-care-futures-fermanagh-west-tyrone/>

Multi Sports & Creative Activity Camp for Young People (11-16 Years)

Dromore Sports Complex – August 2026

To find out more and help shape this fantastic opportunity, we are hosting the following co-design and information events:

- 1. Online Session - Monday 3 August, 7pm**
- 2. In Person Sessions - Wednesday 6 August, 7pm in Dromore Sports Complex.**

To register for the co-design events or for any further information please email joanneh@toddsleap.com or call 028 8556 7170

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

Delivery Partners - Todds Leap, AB Coaching and Insight Solutions

Wednesday 19 August, 10am-3pm

Thursday 20 August, 10am-3pm

Friday 21 August, 9am-4pm

Dromore Sports Complex

Registration for the camp is via surveymonkey.com/r/DromorePEACEPLUSCamp

Give Blood – Save Lives

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

Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

Wednesday 5 August, 1pm-8pm

Thursday 6 August 12.30pm – 7.30pm

Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea

Monday 17 August, 12.30pm – 7.30pm

Enniskillen Jobs & Benefit's Office

August Job Clubs

Lisnaskea Library

Thursday 6 August

Enniskillen Library

Thursday 13 August

Fivemiletown Library

Thursday 20 August

Irvinestown Library

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.

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>

Healthy Active Rural Communities

Saturday 8 August

Gortin Glen Forest Park

Two walks are on offer, both designed and led by Far and Wild and will be joined by cross-border partners on the day too, Inishowen Development Partnership.

Walk 1, a challenging 10km hike up Mullaghcarn.

A challenging 10km walk will take a circular route to the summit of Mullaghcarn - ideal for people with a good level of fitness and some prior walking experience.

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1994301596761...>

Walk 2, a moderate 6km walk.

A moderate 6km walk which will explore native woodland areas in the Gortin Glens Park and include nature attunement and foraging activities as part of the experience.

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1994551412968...>

The meeting point for both walks will be the outdoor BBQ shelter opposite the playpark in the forest park, toilets and ample parking on site. Refreshments will be provided after the walk but it is advisable to bring a drink and snack with you. Please wear suitable footwear.

A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Alzheimer's Society

Young-onset Dementia Peer Support Group

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

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

Your Next Steps – Careers, Training & Support for School Leavers and Parents

Tuesday 25 August, 10am – 1pm

Enniskillen Jobs & Benefits Office

This free event will bring together a range of organisations to provide advice, guidance and practical support to young people who are considering their next steps after school. Attendees will have the opportunity to access:

- Careers advice and guidance
- CV workshops and CV health checks
- Information on training and apprenticeship opportunities
- Employment and progression pathways
- Interview skills support
- Advice from local support organisations and community services

A number of organisations will be in attendance including Careers Service NI, South West College's REAP Programme, Cedar Foundation, Bryson Pathways, Action Mental Health, Include Youth, NOW Group, Volunteer Now, Rutledge, Inspire, Community Advice Fermanagh and others.

This event provides a valuable opportunity for school leavers and their families to access a wide range of support and explore future education, training and employment options in one location.

No booking required – drop in anytime

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

Support for safer neighbourhoods and communities

Whether you're looking for advice on personal safety, dealing with local issues, or support if you've been affected by crime, there are helpful resources available. Learn more and help build safer neighbourhoods by visiting: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/community-safety>

Fermanagh Men's Shed

Men's Stories Matter

Join our storytelling project and help bring real lives, memories and experiences to light.

Do you have a memory, a life lesson, a working story, a family tale, or a moment that shaped you? The Fermanagh Men's Shed is part of a project with 3 other Sheds in Castlebar, Bray and Limerick that is inviting men of all ages and backgrounds to share their stories in a friendly, relaxed setting. You do not need to be a writer or performer — just bring your voice, your experiences and a willingness to take part.

Why take part?

- Share memories that might be lost
- Celebrate experiences and local heritage
- Connect through conversation and listening
- Help future generations understand people, places and moments that shape a community

Your story can be funny, ordinary, powerful, surprising, practical, personal — or all of these.

How it works

- Come along for an informal chat or storytelling session

- Share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.
- Support will be available if you would like help shaping or recording your story.
- Stories may be shared as part of the project with your permission.

Be heard. Be remembered. Be part of the story.

This Project is funded by Creative Ireland Shared Island Programme

For further information please email davidlowe@amh.org.uk

The Older People's Parliament is returning for 2026

Have your say and help shape the agenda!

The Older People's Parliament will take place in October 2026. This important event will give older people and those who support and advocate for them the opportunity to engage directly with decision-makers on the issues affecting their daily lives.

Here's how to have you say:

To help shape the topics discussed at the Parliament, a public survey is now live. It is open to people aged 55 and over across Northern Ireland, as well as those who work with, care for, support or advocate for older people.

Take the short survey and identify which issues you'd like the Older People's Parliament to focus on here: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/.../older.../>

For BSL or ISL-signed survey translation videos,

please visit <https://www.niassembly.gov.uk/.../older-peoples.../>

Paper copies are available by contacting OPP@niassembly.gov.uk

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](#)

[Have your say](#) about the programme – **Closes Friday 31 July 2026**

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

Newtownstewart Highland Dancers

We are currently looking for opportunities for our dancers (aged 3 years and above) to perform at community events, care homes, festivals, school events, charity fundraisers and seasonal celebrations (and much more). We are looking at dates from August 2026-August 2027.

Our performances are suitable for audiences of all ages and can be tailored to your event. We would be delighted to discuss performing at any upcoming events you may have throughout the year.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We would love the opportunity to bring some traditional Highland dancing to your community.

Emily McFarland, Teacher – Newtownstewart Highland Dancers

Phone – 07907 100789 Email: emily.ntshighlanddancers@outlook.com

That's Powerful Workshops

The Playhouse, Derry / Londonderry

That's Powerful is a community-building programme at The Playhouse. It is an exciting opportunity for groups to avail of a fully funded arts programme. Groups are supported by creative facilitators to explore topics ranging from peace and reconciliation to women's rights and education; migrants rights; classism, racism, disability, LGBTQ+ rights, and climate justice.

Working alongside groups to develop co-designed projects about their chosen topic, That's Powerful provides participants understanding of real-life lived experiences, develops civic discourse around cultural and societal issues and nurtures abilities and skills in the creative arts. That's Powerful recognises the nuanced needs of different communities, meaning each project can be tailored to suit the needs of different schools, communities and localities.

Email bethany.moore@derryplayhouse.com to find out more about this project and sign up your group.

That's Powerful works to cultivate creativity, nurture civic discourse and harness the power of the arts to amplify shared learning.

Baton of Hope Tour 2027 / NI representation

Baton of Hope, a UK charity focused on suicide prevention, mental health awareness, reducing stigma and encouraging open conversations, is currently planning its 2027 Baton of Hope Tour. The organisation is seeking representation from Northern Ireland and is looking for individuals, organisations, or community partners who may be interested in taking on a Project Lead role for the Northern Ireland element of the tour.

Could any interested parties please email their contact details to PLIG@hscni.net by Wednesday 5 August, 12 midday so that they can be shared with Baton of Hope for follow-up discussions and further information about the opportunity.

Please note: The Public Health Agency is not involved in the organisation or delivery of this event. The PHA is only facilitating the sharing of this information and expressions of interest will be passed directly to Baton of Hope

Now Group Enniskillen

Skills for Life and Work programme

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people who are leaving or have left school and want to gain skills, qualifications, work-based experience and training to help them move into work, further training or an apprenticeship.

What the programme offers:

Up to 30 hours a week of training and workplace experience

A weekly Education Maintenance Allowance of £40

On Program Bonus payments as young people progress through their training

Support with travel and childcare costs (depending on circumstances)

A framework of qualifications is delivered under SfLW, which are follows:

Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT

Vocational Qualification in chosen area

Personal Development and Employability qualifications

Vocational subjects to choose from:

Catering & Hospitality

Retail & Customer Care

Creative Media

ICT

Who can join? Young people aged 16–21

For further information contact Andrew Clyde, Referral Officer Enniskillen
Tel 028 9043 6400 or Mobile 07841 342901

A call out to Omagh community and voluntary organisations

Omagh Volunteer Centre is currently updating their records and gathering information on current volunteering opportunities so they can better support and promote organisations. They would really appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete this short form: <https://forms.gle/2tXFwAHhkx1DAk8y9>

The form includes:

- Updating your contact details
- Sharing current and volunteer opportunities
- Support needs

This will help them:

- Promote your volunteering opportunities
- Support your organisation more effectively
- Highlight the impact of volunteers

They will be in touch over the coming weeks to follow up.

Getting Weather Ready – Summer 2026 edition

This E-zine continues to highlight ongoing developments to enhance community resilience, to share experiences and spread the positive work of Community Resilience Groups across Northern Ireland.

Given that we have experienced periods of dry and hot weather conditions already this Summer and more good weather forecast, it provides important information in relation to water safety, when visiting Northern Ireland Water sites.

The PSNI provides some advice on the reporting of non-emergency incidents, by using the PSNI on-line reporting page. Please do take some time to read this and the other important articles.

The newsletter is available at: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/getting-weather-ready-regional-community-resilience-group-newsletter>

ForSight Omagh needs your Donations

We accept Ladies/Men's Clothing, Shoes, Accessories, Toys.

We also need Homeware and Furniture.

Collection can be arranged.

Any queries, please call instore 27 Market Street, Omagh or contact the shop on 028 8284 8515

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](#)

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", led 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 of 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

Erne Paddlers

Based at the Round O in Enniskillen, Erne Paddlers is running skills based paddlesports courses and activities for adults and children every week from now until the end of September. Drop by and say hello - we're there most evenings!

There are 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 camp starting on 17 August but spaces are filling up fast! Book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Plus midweek and weekend Lough Erne paddles, 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.

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.

ONSIDE 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 ONSIDE 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. 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 4 August. 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 8.15pm (both mixed) | 07923 694523 |

Erne District Chinese Families' & Friends' Association

Alternate Saturdays 12 September – 19 December, 2pm-4pm

St Michael's Community Hall, Enniskillen BT74 6AA

Fun for Everyone –
Crafts & Workshops
Cultural Activities
Chinese New Year Preparation
Family Friendly

Key Dates

Saturday 26 September	Mooncake Festival (5pm-7pm)
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Workshop (2pm-4pm)
Saturday 19 December	Christmas & Winter Solstice (3.30pm–5.30pm)

Volunteers Welcome! Join us and be part of something special

Email ernechinese@hotmail.com Telephone 07485 711652

Celebrate Culture • Community • Creativity

Training Opportunities

Inspire Wellbeing's Peace of Mind Programme

Peace of Mind is a six-week emotional wellbeing programme for young people aged 11–25. It supports participants to develop resilience, improve emotional wellbeing, and build practical coping strategies through interactive group sessions delivered in community settings across Northern Ireland and border counties.

As we are currently planning our Autumn programme delivery, we are keen to reach organisations that work with young people who may benefit from participating or hosting a programme. Further details can be found at [Free Mental Health Programme for Young People in Northern Ireland](#)

Action Mental Health

Mindset: Funded Mental Health Awareness Programme

Offered to both young people (age 14+) and adults.

The Mindset programme:

- Raises your awareness and understanding of mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- Increases your knowledge of signs and symptoms of mental ill health.
- Promotes self-help, self-care and resilience techniques.
- Explores how to maintain a safe level of positive mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- Provides information and resources on mental health support organisations available locally and regionally.

Email wellbeing@amh.org.uk to book today.

All programmes (including Mindset) continue to be offered over August.

Email mmclean@amh.org.uk or telephone 07976 639909 for further information.

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

Diploma in Community Development Practice

Now open for Applications

To be eligible you must be:

- Over 21 years of age by 1 September 2026.
- Working / Volunteering in Community / Voluntary Sector.
- Living in the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area.

To apply, please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/SBjqJ4zKC9jpr1Zv6>

For more information please contact: sonya@fermanaghtrust.org

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

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

WHSCT 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

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

Promoting Wellbeing: Mental Health Campaigns 2026 Microgrants Fund

Do you have an idea to help your community mark World Suicide Prevention Day on 10th September and/or World Mental Health Day on 10th October? Do you think this idea could be brought to life with the help of funding? If so, look no further than the Promoting Wellbeing: Mental Health Campaigns 2026 Microgrants Fund. Microgrants of £250 are available.

For full details visit <https://southerntrust.hscni.net/your-health/health-improvement/protecting-your-mental-health/>

Applications close Thursday 6 August 2026, midnight.

2027 GSK IMPACT Awards & GSK Community Health programme

The GSK IMPACT Awards are for charities with total annual income between £150,000 and £3 million. They are funded by GSK and provide core funding and free training for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. Up to 15 awards will be made, ranging from £5,000 to £50,000, plus free training and development valued at a further £13,500.

Closing date Wednesday 19 August 2026.

The GSK Community Health programme supports small charities tackling health inequalities with total annual income between £20,000 and £150,000. Up to 10 charities will receive up to £10,000 in unrestricted funding plus access to free training and development valued at £5,000.

Closing date Monday 10 August 2026.

GSK and The King's Fund encourage organisations to apply that are led by and support people from under-represented backgrounds, people from ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and people from the LGBTQ+ community. We want people to bring their unique blend of experiences, backgrounds, perspectives and knowledge as we recognise that diversity makes us stronger.

To apply and find out more go to: www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Support available from The National Lottery Community Fund

Are you working with your local community to develop a project that supports people in your area?

The National Lottery Community Fund is hosting a series of virtual information sessions for organisations across Northern Ireland, offering an opportunity to learn more about National Lottery funding available.

The sessions are aimed at voluntary and community groups, particularly those who are new to National Lottery funding or would benefit from a refresher on programme aims and application criteria for options available.

This is your chance to hear directly from the team about key programmes such as National Lottery Awards for All and Strengthening Communities. The sessions will provide practical advice on eligibility, completing your application, describing your project effectively and involving your community, helping you to strengthen your chances of success.

Find out more and book your place at <https://www.ticketsource.com/the-national-lottery-community-fund-ni>

Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme

The fourth call of the Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme is now open for applications. This follows three successful Small Grants funding calls awarding almost half a million pounds, and one Large Grants funding call awarding a further £150,000 to community-based projects across Northern Ireland.

Information on the eligibility criteria for the Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme and application documentation for Call 4 can be found on the Board's website at <https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/police-property-fund>

The closing date for this call is Monday 12 October 2026.

Electrical Safety Grant Aid

Grants of up to £5k available for groups to help promote electrical safety in the home. There has been a poor uptake in NI, so keen for applications.

More information can be found at [Grants and Funding | Electrical Safety First](#)

The National Lottery Community Fund: Small Eco Awards

Grants of between £300 and £20,000 are available for community projects that focus on areas such as energy and carbon reduction, nature and outdoor spaces, climate education and sustainable living. The programme will operate on an open rolling basis and has an indicative budget of £1m available for 2026/27.

For further information visit <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/small-eco-awards>

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