

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – October 2025

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 November's Newsletter is Tuesday 28 October

Council News & Events

Community Physical Activity & Coach Education Programmes

Community Wellbeing at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council deliver a wide range of programmes and activities across the district area.

To view the September – December 2025 programme and to register for activities, please [click here](#). All activities are free!

If you have any questions or queries regarding Community Wellbeing programmes or activities, please [get in touch](#) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/SportandCountrysideRecreation/> for the most up to date information.

Positive Ageing Month

This October, communities across the District will come together to mark Positive Ageing Month 2025, embracing the theme “Building Belonging: Celebrating the Power of Our Social Connections”. A rich and diverse programme of events has been organised to promote connection, wellbeing, and enjoyment among older adults. With only a few weeks to go, people are encouraged to check out the activities on offer – there’s something to suit everyone.

For more information visit:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/article/positive-ageing-month-coming-soon/>

A copy of the Positive Ageing Month booklet can be accessed via <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/f8c531b67a.html#page/2>

Expressions of interest for the lease of lands at various council football pitches

We are inviting expressions of interest for the lease of lands at various Council football pitches.

Closing date for submissions: Friday 10 October 2025 at 12 noon

For more information and to apply visit <https://bit.ly/4poxCrh>

STRIDE

Community, voluntary, arts, sporting, educational organisations and individuals are invited to take part in STRIDE – an exciting new opportunity funded through the PEACEPLUS initiative.

What is STRIDE?

STRIDE stands for Smart Rural Innovation Driven Empowerment. It's all about working with local people in Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim, and Sligo to develop digital solutions that improve access to vital services, strengthen community connections, and help our towns and villages thrive for generations to come.

This is your opportunity to receive fully funded development support for your group or organisation and tackle the key challenges facing your community.

Expressions of Interest open 1 October 2025 – Spaces Limited!

Find out more by visiting www.stride-programme.com or you can get in touch with the Council's Community Engagement Officer, Rebecca Wilson, by email at rebecca.wilson@fermanaghmagh.com or by phone on 0300 303 1777 (Ext. 20246).

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

Spooky Swap Shop & Crafty Workshop

Omagh Library Thursday 9 October, 2–4pm

Enniskillen Library Friday 10 October, 2–4pm

Children can give their preloved costumes a new lease of life by swapping them for something different at our dedicated Swap Shop. To help make the event a success, organisers are encouraging families to drop off costumes in advance at Enniskillen or Omagh Library.

Costume drop-off deadline: Friday 3 October 2025

(Don't worry if you miss the deadline – costumes can still be brought along on the day!)

And if you don't have a costume to swap, you're still very welcome to join the fun!

Alongside the Swap Shop, families can take part in a Crafty Workshop, with plenty of creative activities to enjoy together.

This is a free event for all the family.

Organisers are also reminding participants that safety comes first – please ensure all costumes carry a CE mark on the label before donating.

Have your say on the Draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan

Upcoming public consultation -

Wednesday 1 October, 10am–2pm, Killyhevlin Hotel

Please RSVP to age.friendly@fermanaghmagh.com or phone us on 0300 303 1777

You can also feedback online at the following link <http://bit.ly/4nRZkv9>

Consultation closes Friday 10 October 2025 at 5pm.

Let's shape an age-friendly future together!

https://fodc.online/Age_Friendly_2025_1/

Calling all Social Enterprises or Businesses

With Go Succeed, your social enterprise or business can avail of between 10 and 21 hours of tailored mentoring support designed to help you grow your business.

You may also get the chance to apply for grant funding toward website development and / or capital equipment (subject to availability).

Tailored mentoring support areas include, but are not limited to:

- Strategic Business Growth – Develop a deliberate long-term approach to growth by optimising sales, operations, finance, innovation and marketing.
- Digital Marketing / Social Media – Learn to use online channels such as websites, social media, email, and search engines to raise awareness of your organisation.
- Financial Management - Ensure the stability and profitability required to develop sustainable growth.
- Sales & Marketing – Learn to effectively identify, engage, and persuade your target audience to become customers / members, driving growth and revenue.
- Access to Funding – Learn how to identify and apply for funding opportunities to help your organisation grow.

How Can I Apply?

Get started today by filling in your details on the Go Succeed website and a member of the Go Succeed team will be in touch: <https://go-succeed.com/sign-up/>

What is Go Succeed?

Go Succeed is your go-to source for expert business advice led by Northern Ireland's eleven local councils and funded by the UK Government.

Whether you're a budding entrepreneur just starting out, are looking to grow your business, or are planning to scale up, our team of industry experts will provide tailored support and guidance to help you achieve your business goals.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Launches Heritage Plan 2030

Heritage at the Heart of the Future

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has formally launched its Heritage Plan 2030, a strategic framework which sets out the Council's commitment to promoting, protecting and celebrating the District's unique heritage.

This is the Council's first integrated heritage strategy. It sets out clear priorities for the next five years, aiming to keep heritage relevant, resilient, and accessible for everyone. While the Plan does not attempt to cover every aspect of heritage, it provides a strong foundation for action and direction.

Fermanagh and Omagh District is widely recognised for its rich and diverse heritage. From its natural environment of lakes, rivers and varied landscapes to its historic buildings, traditions, music, folklore, pastimes and language, heritage is embedded in the identity of the district and continues to play an important role in everyday life.

For further information visit <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/article/fermanagh-and-omagh-district-council-launches-heritage-plan-2030/>

REAP Programme Free Courses

If you are not working or in full time education, you may be eligible. Contact the [REAP Programme](#) by any of the following methods to discuss what your options are

- Complete the enquiry form at <https://bit.ly/44O5YKI>
- Omagh - 028 8224 6535
- Enniskillen - 028 6632 6478
- Email - reap@fermanaghomagh.com

Omagh Music Festival

The 5th Annual Omagh Music Festival will take place 7-9 November 2025 in Strule Arts Centre Omagh. This year's event includes two highly anticipated concerts celebrating the career of one of Omagh's most celebrated and successful musicians, the stellar guitarist Arty McGlynn, Walking Tour and Screening. For all the details log onto:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/article/5th-annual-omagh-music-festival/>

Christmas Lights Switch on

Saturday 22 November

in Enniskillen and Omagh Town Centres

For further details visit: <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/event/christmas-lights-switch-on-2/>

Events in Fermanagh and Omagh

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

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

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

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

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/>

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://fermanaghomagh.com)

Please contact your local Community Support Officer for any assistance you or your organisation may require on 0300 303 1777

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Erne North	Leza Cleary	leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21234
Erne West	Kellie Beacom	kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 21201
Mid Tyrone	Eilish Morgan	eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20068
Omagh	Josephine Treanor	josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20222
West Tyrone	Billie-Jo Irwin	billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com	Ext 20220

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](#).

Age Friendly at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Fermanagh and Omagh District 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/>

For details of how to join an older person's group, visit

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/health-wellbeing/agefriendly/join-an-older-persons-group/>

For details of upcoming events for older people please visit

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

Community Wellbeing at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

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

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

Community Centres

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

For further details or to make a booking visit

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

Irish Language Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

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

visit <https://www.facebook.com/FODCGaeilge>

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

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

Volunteer Now

Volunteering Fair

Thursday 2 October, 12-1pm

Fermanagh House

If you're interested in finding out more about Volunteering Opportunities in the Fermanagh area, we have local groups who would love to talk to you!

Why not come along to the Volunteering Fair and explore the wonderful variety of opportunities available. There is something for everyone. Give volunteering a go and make a positive difference!

Mobile Volunteering activity

Tuesday 14 October, 11am-1pm

Enniskillen Library

in aid of Positive Aging Month.

Join us for this taster session and make an immediate impact on the day, through labelling goods for Oxfam.

For more information and to book a place email Suzanne.hunt@volunteernow.co.uk or call 07467 486638

Omagh Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Wednesday 1 October, 10am to 2pm

Omagh Library

The aim of the fair is simple but powerful: linking those who want to help with those that need help.

The event will showcase the value of volunteering and highlight the wide range of opportunities available locally. Members of the public will have the chance to chat informally with representatives from a variety of charities and community groups, find out more about what volunteering involves, and even sign up on the day. Visitors can also register with the Volunteer Centre and apply for specific roles that suit their skills, interests, and availability.

Entry to the event is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

Whether you have a few hours to spare or are looking for a regular commitment, there are opportunities to suit everyone.

For further information, please contact Martin at volunteer@omaghvolunteercentre.org or call 028 8224 0772.

Give blood - you could save 3 lives!

Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week. That's 1 in every 8 minutes!

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

PS - Want to know if you can give blood? Check out our eligibility quiz here:

<https://nibts.hscni.net/donating-blood/can-i-donate/>

Derrygonnelly Community Excavation

Call for Volunteers

You are invited to participate in an archaeological excavation in Derrygonnelly in October 2025. The excavation will be directed by Professor Eileen Murphy and members of the Centre for Community Archaeology (CCA) from Queen's University Belfast and is being conducted over the **two-week period from Monday 6 October to Friday 17 October**.

We will be excavating in the 'Church Field' at the back of the town adjacent to Derrygonnelly Old Church. This is where Sir John Dunbar, the Scottish Planter who was given 'Dirgonilly' townland and other lands in 1610, built his fortified house. We will be excavating between the site of the castle and the church in an area where he would have had his gardens and a pathway over to the church which he built in 1627.

The excavation is taking place as part of the Community Archaeology Programme Northern Ireland (CAPNI) made possible following a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. There are seven days available when volunteers can participate. We will have school groups on site in the mornings and adult volunteers can participate from 1.00pm to 3.30pm each day.

It is essential to register at cca@qub.ac.uk and further information will then be provided.

Northern Ireland Resources Network (NIRN)

This is a network organisation that connects community led organisations, charities, local authorities and social enterprises who promote the circular economy through their work in reuse and repair. Through education, collaboration, and communication, NIRN empowers individuals and communities to rethink and reframe how we value and use our finite resources. At present, NIRN's growing network includes Repair Cafes, Men's Sheds, Toy Libraries, Charity Shops, and Community Fridges.

If you would like learn more about NIRN, please feel free to reach out to Katie on katie@nirn.org or check out the NIRN website <https://www.ni-rn.com/>

Age NI

Pension Credit information

Are you entitled to more? Many older people in the Fermanagh & Omagh area are not claiming pension credits and other benefits they may be entitled to.

Make sure you're not one of those missing out!

Contact Age NI today to check you are receiving all the financial support available to you.

Call freephone 0808 808 7575. Monday - Friday 9am – 5pm.

Or use our online benefits calculator www.ageni.org/benefits/

Sleep Reset – Empowering You Towards Better Sleep, Energy & Wellbeing

Wednesday 1 October, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Strule Arts Centre Auditorium, Omagh

Struggling with sleep, stress or low energy? You're not alone – and there is a way forward.

Join us for an uplifting evening designed to help you understand the science of sleep, learn what's really getting in the way of rest, and discover practical steps to support better sleep, more energy, and improved wellbeing.

We're delighted to welcome Dr. Róna Girvan (Née Anderson) (*@the.balance.doctor*), a GP, Coach and Lifestyle Medic, who will explore:

- Sleep as a pillar of mental, physical and emotional health
- How stress and modern life disrupt our natural sleep cycles
- Common myths around sleep, caffeine and alcohol
- Simple, science-based tools to improve your sleep
- A compassionate approach to lasting lifestyle change

We're also joined by Tracy Lee Clarke (*Innate with Tracy Lee*) – a therapist and facilitator in BodyTalk, Reiki, and sound therapy, and a lecturer at South West College in holistic health and complementary therapies.

Tracy will share how mindfulness and meditation can transform sleep and overall wellbeing, before guiding you through a soothing meditation and sound therapy session. You'll leave with simple techniques to calm the mind, release tension, and support more restorative sleep.

This is a free event, but spaces are limited – booking is essential.

Phone 028 8225 1559 or email health@omaghforum.org to book. Booking essential!

<https://buytickets.at/omaghhealthyliving/1798414>

Omagh Mini Jobs Fair

Wednesday 22 October, 10.00am-1.00pm

Omagh Jobs and Benefits Office

Various employers and training providers will be present on the day offering recruitment and support

New Family Groups for Beragh/Sixmilecross, Coolnagard Area and Dromore / Trillick

Thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery Community Fund, we are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for our brand new Home-Start Omagh Outreach Project (HOOP) Family Groups.

These groups are designed to support families residing in specific target areas and will run weekly during term-time for children aged 0 - 4 and their parent/carer.

Details are as follows:

- Coolnagard Area (Omagh Leisure Centre)
Mondays 10am – 12 pm, Starting 29 September
- Beragh / Sixmilecross (Cornerstone Beragh)
Wednesdays 10am – 12 pm, Starting 1 October
- Dromore / Trillick (Dromore Sports Complex)
Thursdays, 10am – 12pm, Starting 2 October

Click on [Family Group Registration Form - Google Forms](#) to register.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Tel: 028 8224 0902 Email: info@homestartomaghdistrict.org.uk

The Repair Shop are looking for Christmas items!

If you are not familiar with the show, people bring in precious personal and community items that have fallen into disrepair, which are then fixed by our team of experts. As part of this year's Christmas Special, **we are reaching out to community groups across Northern Ireland** to find deeply cherished festive items that are in need of serious repair.

We're looking for Christmas-themed or festive items that hold strong emotional or cultural significance—either to individuals or to your community as a whole. Whether it's a treasured family heirloom, a community decoration, a much-loved nativity figure, or a broken tradition in need of revival, we want to hear its story.

The items should be directly related to Christmas and the festive season and should be in very poor condition (in need of more than just a good clean!). We would really love to find items that have amazing stories attached to them.

Our team of expert craftspeople are ready to restore these beloved items, and it really can be any item. Whether it's an item from a family member, or a group owned item from your community, we would be delighted to be able to feature a Northern Irish story on this year's Christmas Special. Essentially, this is an opportunity for someone to get a cherished item fixed for free, whilst telling their story!

Here is a link to last year's episode for inspiration:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0026dcy/the-repair-shop-at-christmas-2024>

For more information visit www.bbc.co.uk/takepart or email repair@ricochet.co.uk

Erne Paddlers

Pool kayaking sessions are back! **Starting week beginning Monday 6 October** we will run sessions for teens and adults of all levels in Fivemiletown Community Youth Annex pool and in Omagh Leisure Centre. We have also expanded the very popular Kids Fun, Games and Skills early Friday evening sessions in Fivemiletown to accommodate more children aged 7yrs+. Courses will run through the autumn and winter months. The club can also provide bespoke group sessions for any organisation. Just get in touch to find out more.

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. Full details of all courses and activities are published here: www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events

Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates too. If anyone would like to find out more, please get in touch via social media, email email@ernepaddlers.org.uk or call/WhatsApp 07468 911398.

Irvinestown Community Choir

A mixed voice cross community choir open to all

We have resumed for our 26th year, meeting in the Bawnacre Centre in Irvinestown at 8pm every Thursday. Ability to read music not necessary. Why not come along and give it a try? Singing is good for you.

New choir leader required

If you have the knowledge and experience to lead a 30 member approx choir and can commit to one hour practice per week in Irvinestown, please get in touch through the Bawnacre, the choir's Facebook page, email lcchoir25@gmail.com or any known choir member.

We'd love to hear from you.

Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN)

If you are interested in joining as a Trustee or if you have experience/background in Accountancy/Finance and would consider taking on the role of Treasurer, please complete the form <https://tinyurl.com/3e9e4c7p> and we will arrange an informal chat.

Find out more at <https://www.nirwn.org/>

For any queries email info@nirwn.org

Home-Start Lakeland

Volunteer Opportunities

We are a local family support charity who support families with young children in Co Fermanagh. Volunteers visit families in their own home once a week for 2-3 hours offering activities with children, emotional and practical support.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to meet the increasing demand for our services. If you think you could help, please call 028 6634 6818 or email info@homestartlakeland.org.uk

FarmlnMind

Stress is part of farming life but it is something that needs to be managed. When your stress level rises, so too does your risk of having an accident.

It's important that you learn to recognise the signs. When you look after yourself, you're also looking after your farm, your family and your livelihood.

So, if right now you're feeling things are getting on top of you, you may be suffering from stress and you should get some help.

For more information including a test to initially establish your levels of stress visit

<https://www.farminmind.co.uk/>

Public Health / School Nursing Involvement Opportunity

The Public Health / School Nursing Department are currently looking for Parents or carers of children that are currently of school age, that have used our school nursing / community services or are currently using our services.

Background

School nursing / public health provides a service to your children throughout all their years at school, in both primary and secondary education. Some of these services include but are not limited to:

- Vaccinations,
- Problems with Bedwetting,
- Autism support services,
- Screening review for vision, hearing and growth measurement,
- Health promotion,
- Safeguarding,
- Care plans for epilepsy and allergies.

As a Department, we would like to review our current services and ensure our parents are fully involved and informed about the services we offer and how we could improve

What to expect

Participation would be on a voluntary basis.

The first involvement meeting will be online via Teams. Date to be confirmed.

Our first involvement exercise will be reviewing Patient information Leaflets. These will be either emailed or posted prior to the first meeting, following your expression of interest in becoming involved.

How to get involved

To become involved please contact Anne Mc Monagle

email anne.mcmonagle@westerntrust.hscni.net or alternatively call 028 7186 5127 ext 217127

Please clearly state in subject line of the email: "Public Health and School nursing opportunity"

Western Health and Social Care Trust

Health Improvement Leaflets

A range of **free** leaflets and resources is available from the WHSCT Health Improvement Department. All community, voluntary and statutory organisations / groups can order from the following link [Health Improvement Leaflet Catalogue | Western Health & Social Care Trust](#)

Public Health Agency

The rise of vaping among young people has become a pressing public health concern. We want to encourage and support families to have open and engaging conversations with young people to steer them away from these products.

For help and advice on talking to your child about vaping visit www.pha.site/vaping

Don't put people around you at risk of breathing in harmful second-hand smoke.

By making the decision to quit you have already taken the first step to being smoke free.

Get help today - visit www.stopsmokingni.info to find your local free stop smoking service!

The Erne District Chinese Families' and Friends' Association Autumn Programme 2025

Join us for our Autumn Term of Cultural Activities - a series of events celebrating Chinese culture, language and traditions.

All activities will be held at St Michael's' Community Hall, 12 Belmore Street, Enniskillen BT74 6AA
Open to families, friends and all community members.

- **Term Dates** Every alternate Saturday, 2pm-4pm to 20 December.
Come along and explore Chinese culture through training sessions that will prepare participants to take part in our Chinese New Year Event in 2026.
- **Cultural Learning & Rehearsal Dates**, Saturday 25 October, Saturday 8 November, Saturday 22 November
- **Mid Autumn/Mooncake Festival Celebration** Saturday 11 October, 3.30pm-5.30pm
Enjoy traditional moon cakes, cultural performances, games and crafts for everyone.
- **Christmas Workshop** Saturday 6 December, 2pm–4pm
Creative Christmas themed activities and crafts.
- **Christmas & Winter Solstice Celebration** Saturday 20 December, 3.30pm-5.30pm
Celebrate the season with food, music and cultural events.

Calling Volunteers

We are looking for enthusiastic people to help us promote Chinese language, culture and traditions in our community. Whether you're fluent in Mandarin, love teaching or just want to be part of something meaningful — we would like to hear from you.

For more information or to volunteer contact us via email ernechinese@hotmail.com

Facebook messenger, WhatsApp/wechat, telephone 028 6632 4343 or mobile 07485 711652.

Volunteer Now

For a list of our scheduled training courses visit <https://bit.ly/VNCoursesScheduled> and for our on demand courses visit <https://www.volunteernow.co.uk/training/on-demand-courses/>

Latest Volunteering Opportunities

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

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

Oak Healthy Living Centre

Lisnaskea

For a copy of our Autumn / Winter 2025 programme of activities

visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1177544864415897&set=pcb.1177546877749029>

Tel: 028 6772 3843

Email: Info@oakhlc.com or admin@oakhlc.com

Alzheimer's Society

Dementia Café Fermanagh

A warm and welcoming space for people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

The session blocks are held on the following **Mondays**, 2–4pm:

- 3, 10, 17, 24 November, 1, 8 December 2025
- 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 2, 9 March 2026

Carers Peer Support Fermanagh

A warm and welcoming group for carers of people with dementia to meet and chat.

The session blocks are held on the following **Tuesdays**, 2-3.30pm.

- 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 2, 9 December 2025
- 3, 10, 17, 24 February, 3, 10 March 2026

Carers Information Support Programme (CrISP)

for carers, family, and friends of people with dementia

Please note you only need to attend one of the below blocks. The session blocks will be held on the following dates:

- 4 and 5 November 2025, 6-8pm
- 19 and 20 January 2026, 2-4pm

All sessions are held in Fermanagh House, 6 Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR.

Light refreshments are provided.

For more information and to book your place, contact:

Martin Bradley, Dementia Adviser: 07725 475715

Rita O'Loughlin, Dementia Adviser: 07889 148927

Alzheimer's Society

Dementia Café Omagh

A warm and welcoming space for people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

The session blocks are held on the following **Mondays**, 11am-1pm:

- 3, 10, 17, 25 November, 1, 8 December 2025
- 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 9 March 2026

Carers Peer Support Omagh

A warm and welcoming group for carers of people with dementia to meet and chat.

The session blocks are held on the following **Tuesdays**, 11am-12.30pm:

- 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 2, 9 December 2025
- 3, 10, 17, 24 February, 3, 10 March 2026

All sessions are held in Courtyard Bar, Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh BT79 7DH

Light refreshments are provided.

For more information and to book your place, contact Julie-Anne Casson, Dementia Adviser on 07889 604702

Free Dementia Clinics

Omagh - 1, 2 October

Enniskillen - 28, 29 and 30 October

If you care for someone who has [dementia](#) or live with the [diagnosis](#) yourself, you can book a **free 45-minute face-to-face appointment** with a dementia specialist [Admiral Nurse](#) for expert, tailored support, whatever your questions or concerns. Our dementia clinics are being held at selected Nationwide branches across the UK. All appointments are confidential and will take place in a private space within the branch. You do not need to be a Nationwide member to book an appointment.

A wide range of topics are covered in appointments, from people concerned about their memory (pre diagnosis), family carers wanting information/advice/support on symptom management, navigating social care/legal issues/finances right to end of life symptoms and grief. People also come along just for a chance to offload and talk about whatever is happening for them at that time, usually carers who are caring for someone living with dementia or people living with dementia themselves.

Book an appointment at the below link or text the word 'APPOINTMENT' to 07478 724000 (they will call the person to support them to make a booking)

- [Omagh, 20 High Street BT78 1BQ – 30th September and 1st and 2nd October](#)
- [Enniskillen, 19 High Street BT74 7DD – 28th, 29th and 30th October](#)

For further information, visit

[Admiral Nurse Clinics Nationwide | Free Dementia Support Appointment - Dementia UK](#)

Public Health Agency

Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations have launched this year's HSC mental health and emotional wellbeing campaign urging people to look after their mental health to help deal with life's daily challenges.

Find out more at www.pha.site/HSC2025

Skills for Life and Work

NOW Group is now delivering the Skills for Life and Work programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people who 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* *Eligibility criteria applies*

This programme helps young people build confidence, gain recognised qualifications, and get regular workplace experience – all designed to prepare them for their next step.

Drop into the NOW Group Office, any day between 10am to 4pm at 27c East Bridge Street, Enniskillen BT74 7BW or contact Marie Maguire on 07818 749712 or fill in an inquiry on our website [Discover New Skills Training Programs with NOW Group | Explore Job Paths](#)

Tara Centre

11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT79 0AH

For enquiries or to book a place, please contact reception on 028 8225 0024

Workshops, Seminars and Events this Term:

Please check taraomagh.com for our complete programme, including fundraising events and more.

“The Four Temperaments” - a two-day psychodrama workshop

Mike Chase - Friday 17 October 2-8pm and Saturday 18 October 9.30am-4.30pm

“Temper your Anger” - a two-day intensive workshop

Bernard Henry - 12 participants only. Participants must be available on all three indicated dates. Interviews with Bernard Henry on Friday 10 October will determine eligibility for workshop.

Call Reception for your slot.

Workshop on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 November, 10am-4pm

Christmas Meditation - Maura Twohig and Mary Daly

Open to all who have ever been part of the Tara Centre meditation community.

Saturday 13 December, 3.00 – 8.00pm

Chair Yoga - Teresa Sexton - Drop-ins welcome!

Mondays 11.30am - 12.30pm, Blocks: 1st Sept – 6th Oct; 13th Oct – 17th Nov

Meditating Together - Mary Daly & Maura Twohig

Open to anyone who has followed the Tara Centre Meditation Course for Beginners.

Anyone else who wishes to attend please check with Reception.

Tuesdays 11am - 12.30pm, Dates: 16th Sept – 9th Dec

Dru Yoga | Qi Gong for Self-Healing - Mandy Currans Drop-ins welcome!

Wednesdays

Dru Yoga 10am – 11.30am

Qi Gong 11.45am – 1.15pm

Blocks 3rd Sept – 9th Oct, 15th Oct - 19th Nov

Hatha Raja Yoga | Stretch & Relax - Josephine Rafferty

Thursdays

Hatha Raja Yoga 6.15pm -7:45pm

Stretch & Relax 8.00pm – 9.15pm

Blocks: 4th Sept – 9th Oct, 16th Oct – 20th Nov, 27th Nov – 18th Dec

Ongoing Services Available:

Counselling/psychotherapy, art therapy, complementary therapies

Support Groups:

PATHS Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month 8.00pm-9.30pm

Omagh Men's Support Group meets Mondays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Grants available for some of the costs associated with the provision of counselling/psychotherapy, complementary therapies and some workshops/seminars

Aisling Centre

37 Darling Street, Enniskillen BT74 7DP

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

Groups & Programmes:

- **Forget Me Not** – Bereaved by Suicide support group meets first Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Next meeting Monday 6 October.
- **Mindfulness Meditation** – Monthly drop-in sessions, last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Next meeting Wednesday 29 October. Suggested donation £3 per person.
- **Self Care Drop-in** – Monthly drop-in sessions, first Tuesday of every month at 10am. Next Meeting Tuesday 7 October. Suggested donation £3 per person.
- **Self Care Programme** – Weekly programme of 5 sessions to support care of stress and anxiety. Starts Tuesday 21 October, 10am-11.30am with a break for Tuesday 28 October. Numbers are limited – please contact info@theaislingcentre.com. Suggested donation £3 per person

Other Groups:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – 3 meetings per week at Aisling Centre.
- **Aware** – Mental Health Support Group. Meets every Tuesday at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please email sarah@aware-ni.org.
- **Baby Zen Massage** – Promoting bonding and relaxation for parents and babies. To book, please contact Emma on 07407 063266. Thursdays at 10am.
- **Escapists** – Support Group for Carers. Meets Wednesdays 10.30am-1pm.
- **Fermanagh Pride** – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 7pm. Contact 07368 503661 or email fermanaghpride@gmail.com for further information.
- **Island Artists** – Open to new members. Meets Wednesdays from 1-4pm. For more information, please contact Maura on 07968 225704.
- **Little Mess** – Let your little ones explore their curiosity and learn through messy play. To book contact Colette at fermanagh@thelittlesensory.co Fridays at 10.30am.

Yoga Timetable (please contact individual facilitators to book):

• Christine	Mondays at 6pm	07722 550040
• Leila	Mondays at 7pm	07594 026531
• Elena	Tuesdays at 7pm	07894 037450
• Leila	Tuesdays at 7pm	07594 026531
• 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

Community Research Opportunity

Exploring Community Perspectives on the Resilience of NI's Tourism Landscape

The project explores how Northern Ireland, a destination that has faced multiple crises, can improve its ability to manage future challenges in ways that prioritise residents' wellbeing and promote long-term social, environmental, and economic well-being, particularly in the context of tourism. The study focuses on understanding the barriers that make it difficult for destinations to adapt to change, particularly crisis-induced change, by examining the perspectives of local communities and various industry professionals.

It's important that residents' voices are heard. Community insights are currently being gathered through a short survey (approximately 10 minutes).

Participation is completely voluntary, and the research has been reviewed and approved by the Ulster University Business School's Research Ethics Committee.

For more information and access to the Survey visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5SXbjAXuRN>

Floating support service for adults with physical or sensory disabilities

Are you an adult living with a physical or sensory disability or acquired brain injury in the Fermanagh and Omagh council area?

Threshold Services offer a floating support service that provides housing-related support to help people maintain their independence and stay in their own homes.

Our areas of support include (but aren't limited to): managing tenancy, moving home, daily living skills, benefit management, correspondence, safety and security, health and well-being, community access, and social inclusion.

Ask us about a referral or find out more by contacting Nick
via email Nick.Campbell@threshold-services.co.uk or via phone 07742 071440

Questionnaire to Patients on Waiting Lists

'While You Are Waiting: Support for Patients on a Waiting List' Help Us Shape this Policy!

The Department of Health recognises that waiting times for treatment are too long and understands the need to support people while they wait.

In that context, the Department is currently developing a new policy to support people on waiting lists, with its aims being to:

- Help people stay as well as possible
- Support people to prepare for treatment
- Ensure people don't feel forgotten
- Connect people with advice and support when they need it

The Department of Health would like to hear directly from people on a waiting list as well as their families and carers.

Your views and experiences will help the Department of Health understand how to better support people while they wait for treatment and will assist in shaping the policy.

Please be assured that all responses will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will be read only by the Elective Care team in the Department of Health.

Link to survey: ['While You Are Waiting: Support for Patients on a Waiting List' - Help Us Shape this Policy - NI Direct - Citizen Space](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey and for being part of this important work. **Closes Friday 10 October**

Training Opportunities

Omagh Volunteer Centre

The following is taking place in Omagh Community House:

First Aid Training

Tuesday 21 October 2025, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Course Cost: £5 Limited Spaces

Safeguarding Training

Tuesday 18 November 2025, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Course Cost: £5

Food Hygiene Training

Duration: 6 hours (over 2 evenings)

Tuesday 2 & 9 December 2025, 6.30 pm - 9.30pm

Course Cost: £5

Certification/Accreditation: This course is a regulated qualification and awarding body is Safecert: Accreditation lasts for 3 years

Please email info@omaghvolunteercentre.org to book any of the above training sessions

TV Licensing Workshop

Wednesday 8 October, 11am via MS Teams

We are pleased to convene a training session tailored to frontline money advisers. This session will cover essential topics, including how to support your clients to pay for their TV Licence with manageable payments, and understanding eligibility for free licences for clients over 75, and receiving Pension Credit.

We'll also give you some insight on how TV helps people avoid loneliness, helps parents support their children's learning, and provides the most vulnerable people with routine.

Many people, understandably, have many more things to pay for. However, not paying for a TV Licence can result in a prosecution. We want to make sure people avoid this and receive help.

We'll also show you how you can access valuable resources to support your clients on TV Licensing issues. Whether you're an adviser looking for a refresh or new to the money advice sector, don't miss this chance to enhance your knowledge and better support your clients!

The training session will take place on **Microsoft Teams**, joining instructions will be sent to all those who have registered a few days prior to the event.

Registration for the next session on Wednesday 8 October at 11am is at the following link:

<https://engage360.tractivity.co.uk/352b1b40-8603-456c-ac8e-3db06cd6d50f/events/274?q=2022%7cE2vL8aYlrvFiAHPPkQDGa8btMQDnS8UgtcNUuV0GLB%2bcXzBA3aNRcPx9Zelk6g9e>

PEACE of Mind

Empowering young minds, building resilience

This is a regional personal development programme delivered across a 6 week period and is designed to enhance the emotional resilience and wellbeing of young people.

Inspire's delivery of the programme will be open to 14-25 year olds considered marginalised or at risk.

The programme is delivered over 6 sessions, each focusing on a key area of personal development:

- Getting to know you
- Building Relationships
- Coping Skills
- Social Media
- Building Resilience
- Moving Forward

For more information, please contact peaceofmind@inspirewellbeing.org

Free Digital Switchover Training Sessions

The digital switchover is coming - are you ready?

All of our landlines are going digital - do you know what this means for you and for the people in your life? For most people, it will be straightforward, but for some older or vulnerable people not familiar with the internet, it might cause some concerns.

We're working with BT to offer free, in-person information sessions to groups all over Northern Ireland so we can answer your questions and address any worries. Get in touch!

Contact Carla to arrange a session now. Email: carla@supportingcommunities.org

NI Screen's CINE Scheme

Set Ready Training

Starts 10 November

This provides an opportunity for those that might want to get a start in the Film & TV sector.

Full details and FAQs are on the link below and while this doesn't guarantee work, it offers a great starting point for anyone that wants to take a step towards the industry.

The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 17 October

and there are 36 places available.

Visit <https://northernirelandscreen.co.uk/skills/cine/cine-set-ready-training/> for further information.

Future-proof your career with GRASP – the Green Accelerator Skills Programme

Gain free access to over 40 courses in sustainable construction, energy efficiency, renewables, and low-carbon materials. Learn through expert-led online training and hands-on sessions across Ireland and the UK.

Perfect for tradespeople, site managers, industry leaders, unemployed or those looking to upskill.

Apply now at <https://lnkd.in/gcabZ9Ka>

Supported by PEACEPLUS and delivered in partnership with leading colleges and training providers including South West College (SWC)

WHSC Recovery College

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

[Autumn/Winter 2025/26 prospectus](#)

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

WHSCCT Health Improvement Equality & Involvement (HIEI) Department

Second Edition Training Brochure

Free training courses taking place across the Trust from 1 September to 31 March

Open to everyone.

Courses include mental health, physical activity, nutrition and many more

In this second edition, the training courses are found under the headings of Children & Families, Emotional Health & Wellbeing, Nutrition, Physical Activity, Sexual Health, Smoking Cessation and the Traveller Health and Wellbeing Programme.

The Department is delighted to introduce two brand new courses; 'Stay Strong, Stay Steady: A Movement Course' and 'LGBTQIA+ Awareness Training'.

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

To view the Training Brochure click on <https://westerntrust.pagetiger.com/hiei-training-brochure-september-2025-april-2026/training-brochure-sept-2025-march-2026>.

For course details, including times and course content and to book a place, please click the 'Click to Register' icon beside each course which takes you to the Eventbrite registration page.

For further information and any queries in relation to the Training Brochure or if you would like to be added to the HIEI mailing list, please contact the department on 028 7186 5127/Ext 217126

Order Leaflets via [Health Improvement Leaflet Catalogue | Western Health & Social Care Trust](#)

Funding Opportunities

Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2025/26

Grants of up to £7,500 available

50% capital assistance towards equipment to support rural business growth, sustainability & development

Open to eligible rural businesses through DAERA's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme

Important: Attendance at an online workshop is mandatory before applying.

Workshop Dates:

Thurs 2 Oct 2025 – 7.00pm

Mon 6 Oct 2025 – 5.00pm

Wed 8 Oct 2025 – 7.00pm

To register your interest and for more info, contact the Rural Development Team:

Email rural.development@fermanaghomagham.com or Tel 0300 303 1777

DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grants Scheme (RMCGS) 2025/2026

Open for applications until 12 midday on Monday 20 October 2025.

The RMCGS is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) under the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme and is being delivered in the Fermanagh and Omagh area by Fermanagh Rural Community Network (FRCN) and Omagh Forum for Rural Associations (OFRA).

FRCN and OFRA strongly advise all groups to take part in a pre-application information session so that your organisation has all the latest information on the RMCGS and the application process.

There are a number of changes to the scheme criteria and application process from previous

RMCGS tranches.

Last Pre-Application Information Session takes place on:

Tuesday 7 October @ 7pm

Join OFRA Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82113214247?pwd=QCBHIGQ72xJXRFe2OrO7AvmOJok8Mp.1>

Meeting ID: 821 1321 4247

Passcode: 082723

Online Application Form Link

Guidance Notes and the Online Application Form are available at the following link:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/services/rural-micro-capital-grants-scheme-rmcgs-20252026>

If you require any further information or advice, please contact:

Fermanagh Rural Community Network on 028 6632 7006 or by email info@fermanaghrcn.org
or

Omagh Forum for Rural Associations on 028 8225 1559 or by email grants@omaghforum.org

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Arts and Older People Programme Applications

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland, in collaboration with the Public Health Agency and the Baring Foundation, is inviting applications for its annual Arts and Older People funding programme.

This initiative offers grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 to support projects that enhance the representation of older individuals and promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing through the arts.

The programme aims to combat social isolation, poverty, and health issues affecting older people by encouraging their participation in arts-led activities. Eligible projects must align with one or more of the strategic themes, such as combating loneliness, fostering social inclusion, addressing poverty, and promoting mental health and wellbeing.

The funding is open to constituted community and voluntary groups, non-governmental organisations, local authorities, and arts organisations that work with older people in Northern Ireland. Applicants must demonstrate strong partnership working, particularly with care homes, carers, and dementia groups.

Projects that focus on isolation, loneliness and poverty are particularly encouraged. Funding can be used for a variety of costs, including venue hire, materials, equipment, artists' fees, publicity, and community consultation. Supported projects are expected to commence after 1 January and be completed by 31 December 2026.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 16 October 2025 (12 noon).

For more information, please visit <https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/arts-and-older-people-programme>

The Olympic Legacy Fund

This is a £1million pound investment programme, delivered by Sport NI in partnership with Crowdfunder UK. The fund aims to improve the quality of offering at club/community sports facilities, encouraging people to engage in sport and physical activity. Supported projects will leave a lasting community legacy from the success of Northern Ireland athletes at the Paris 2024 Olympic/Paralympic Games.

For further information visit <https://www.sportni.net/olympic-legacy-fund/>

The final date for applications will be Friday 20 February 2026.

Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership Programme

Funding Now Open

Level 2 BCPP Full Project **closes Thursday 6 November**

For more information Tel 028 3026 4606 or email bcpp@cdhn.org

BCPP's aim is to reduce [health inequalities](#) by focusing on the [social determinants of health](#), in particular social support, community connections and access to healthcare through community pharmacy, and by enabling project participants and the community and pharmacy partners to consider the social factors that impact health (e.g. poverty, housing, and social isolation). The most deprived communities and those who are most affected by health inequalities are specifically targeted for the programme to ensure those most in need are included.

For further information visit <https://www.cdhn.org/bcpp>

Cash4Clubs Grants - £2,000 grants available!

Community sport organisations across UK & Ireland could get a grant to support adults to get active thanks to Cash4Clubs.

Sported is teaming up with Flutter UKI to deliver another round of Cash4Clubs, a small grants programme specifically aimed at supporting community organisations who deliver sport and physical activity **for over 18s only***.

Through the programme, grants of £2,000 are available to help adults stay or get active.

The funding is unrestricted, so the clubs decide how best to spend it. Whether that's for facilities, equipment, coaching qualifications, activity programmes or something else, how they use the grant to make an impact on the lives in their community is up to them.

For further information visit <https://sported.org.uk/cash4clubs/>

*Cash4Clubs is funded by Flutter UK & Ireland, part of Flutter Entertainment, the global sports betting, gaming and entertainment provider. For this reason, groups must only support adult members (18+) to be eligible for funding. Organisations cannot apply if they have junior members or run any junior activities.

Deadline for applications: Monday 8 December 2025

National Garden Scheme's 2026 Community Garden Grants

Eligible community garden projects from England, Wales and Northern Ireland are welcome to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. Applicants must be a fully set up community group, registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with a functioning non-personal bank account. An application must relate to an existing or proposed community garden or similar site. Funding can be towards plants and containers, materials for flower or vegetable beds and other hard landscaping, greenhouses, polytunnels and sheds, seating, hand and power tools, refreshments, etc.

For further details visit <https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

Grants are now open until 12 noon on Monday 20 October 2025.

Henry Smith Foundation

Holiday Grants Programme prioritising children with disabilities

One-off grants for schools, youth groups and non-profit organisations to take children aged 13 and under on recreational day trips or short residential trips.

Funding guidelines

- Grant amount: £500 – £2,750 per trip
- Trip length: A day trip or residential trips of up to 7 days
- For trips from September to December, **apply up until Wednesday 19 November.**
- Age range: Children must be aged 13 or under
- Eligible organisations: Schools, youth groups and UK-based non-profits
- Trip type: Recreational only — no educational or religious aims
- Location: Trips must take place within the UK, Isle of Man or Channel Islands
- Deadline: Apply at least 5 weeks before the trip

More information available at [Holiday grants - Henry Smith](#)

New Fund to Combat Hate launched by CFNI

For further information/to apply visit <https://communityfoundationni.org/news/new-fund-to-combat-hate-launched-by-cfni/>

Deadline - ongoing

The National Lottery – Climate Action Fund

The Climate Action Fund is our commitment to help communities tackle climate change. We're supporting communities to be environmentally sustainable.

With Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future we want to involve more people in climate action. And we want to inspire bold and exciting change.

We'll only fund projects developed in a formal partnership with other organisations.

We're looking for partnership projects that reach more people by either:

- linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities. And inspiring them to take action.
- influencing communities at a regional or national level. Like linking up groups across locations. Or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.

You do not have to be a climate or environment focused organisation to apply

For full information visit [Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Application deadline: Wednesday 17 December 2025.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Strengthening Communities is our funding for community led projects. It will help us deliver our strategy, 'It starts with community.'

We know that communities have many strengths and resources. We'll fund projects that use these to help make people's lives better.

Your project must:

- involve people who experience poverty, disadvantage or discrimination
- support people early to help prevent negative experiences
- be led by your community and build on its strengths and connections.

[See what we're hoping to fund](#) for details.

For further information visit

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/strengthening-communities>

Application deadline: Ongoing