

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – December 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 January's Newsletter is Tuesday 16 December



Seasons greetings from the Community Services Team,
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
wishing you a prosperous and peaceful 2026



Council News & Events

A Magical Festive Season

The festive spirit continues with a **Seasonal Outdoor Music Programme** running every Saturday from 29 November to 20 December, featuring live performances of Christmas favourites in Enniskillen and Omagh town centres from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

A wide range of seasonal entertainment will also be available across Council venues. The Ardhowen Theatre will host family-friendly Christmas shows, Enniskillen Castle will present Santa Sundays, and Strule Arts Centre will feature Christmas Country with the Stars. At Marble Arch Caves, families can enjoy the Elf Escape Sensory Space and Mrs Claus's Cottage, while Omagh Leisure Complex will offer indoor fun including family swim time and sensory sessions.

New for 2025, families can experience Wandering Stick's Festive Adventure, a magical forest trail at Gortin Glen Forest Park on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December, perfect for outdoor festive fun. The full Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Christmas programme, including sensory-friendly events, is available at www.fermanaghomagh.com/events-and-festivals/

Let's Light Up Our Community – Join the “Lights for Change” Campaign This Christmas

This Christmas, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites our communities to come together for Lights for Change – A Christmas Tree for a Safer Future, a campaign to raise awareness and inspire action to end violence against women and girls.

We're asking community groups and partners, local businesses, and residents to show their support by displaying a large #BeTheChange bauble or window sticker in a prominent place. These symbols of hope and unity are free of charge and available now at our Connect Centres in Enniskillen and Omagh (while supplies last).

How you can get involved:

- Collect your bauble or sticker from a Connect Centre
- Display it proudly in your window or premises
- Share your support on social media – post a photo or short video of your display or your team getting involved
- Use the hashtag #BeTheChange and tag Fermanagh and Omagh District Council so we can share your post

All photos and videos submitted by 19 December will be featured in a special community artwork, celebrating solidarity and our shared commitment to ending violence against women and girls. The campaign runs until 6 January 2026.

This initiative supports the Executive Office's Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) Framework, launched in 2024, which focuses on prevention and long-term change.

Let's light up our towns with a message of hope, unity, and action this festive season.

For more information, please visit: www.fermanaghomagh.com/BeTheChange

Thank you for being part of the change.

Save the Date!

We're excited to announce our **Funding Fair** happening in **The Bawnacre**, Irvinestown on **Monday 19 January 2026** from **4.00-7.00pm** (Drop-in)

Join us to explore funding opportunities, connect with partners, and discover resources to support your projects and community initiatives.

More details coming soon – mark your calendar!

Age and Access Friendly Charter

This new initiative supports local businesses, venues and organisations to make positive changes that help older people and people with disabilities access services with ease and confidence.

By signing up, you'll be recognised as an Age and Access Friendly venue - showing your commitment to inclusion, independence and community wellbeing.

Small changes can make a big difference.

Download the Charter and checklist today at <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/.../become-age-and-access.../>

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/>

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 <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/> or 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

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.

If you have any questions or queries regarding Community Wellbeing programmes or activities, please [get in touch](#) or visit [Community Wellbeing at Fermanagh and Omagh District Council | Facebook](#) for the most up to date information.

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 Centres

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

For further details or to make a booking visit

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

Irish Language Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

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

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

Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

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

Follow us on Facebook via the link below

https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en_GB

Community News

PEACEPLUS 'Community Youth Programme'

This is being delivered by Todds Leap in partnership with AB Coaching and Insight Solutions. Working together, the programme aims to engage over 350 young people aged 11–16 across all seven District Electoral Areas through inclusive, sport-based and wellbeing-focused activities. Delivery will include teambuilding events, cross-community camps, creative workshops, and intergenerational health and wellbeing fairs, all designed to strengthen local networks and foster lasting connections.

The team is currently in the co-design phase and would value your input to help shape the programme around local needs, avoiding duplication, and maximising impact. These events are open to community groups, youth clubs, schools, and others that work with or support young people. It is an opportunity to find out more, share your insights, and explore how we can work together.

You can choose either or both of the following options:

In-Person Session Monday 1 December, 2pm in Omagh Enterprise Centre

Online Session Wednesday 3 December, 7pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87856390877?pwd=803hwVJl3a2nr0Ob3DSAGLDet3bCS.1>

Meeting ID: 878 5639 0877

Passcode: 446277

To find out more information on this programme or to register for an event please contact Fergal O'Donnell by email on fergal@insight-solutions.org or by phone on 07713 623264.

Enniskillen Sarcoidosis Support Group

Monday 1 December, 7.30pm

Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

Meeting with Guest Speaker: Dr Martin Kelly, Consultant Respiratory Physician, Western Trust
Everyone Welcome

Enquiries to: enniskillensarcgroup@yahoo.com

facebook/ Enniskillen Sarcoidosis Support Group

Festive Fun Arrives at Fermanagh Fun Farm:

Lights Switch-On, Santa's Arrival, New Christmas Pop-Up Shop & More

Fermanagh Fun Farm is set to kick off the festive season in magical style with its official Christmas Lights Switch-On event, featuring the arrival of Santa, coverage from BBC Radio, and the grand opening of a brand-new Christmas Pop-Up Shop showcasing local makers and crafters.

The celebration takes place on **Tuesday 2 December**, with the Christmas lights switched on at **7pm** by the Farm's Chairperson. The event marks the beginning of a season filled with family-friendly festive fun—and this year, the farm is proud to offer **free entry** to ensure Christmas remains affordable for more families during the ongoing cost of living challenges.

Visitors will also be among the first to explore the new **Christmas Pop-Up Shop**, stocking a range of unique, handcrafted gifts produced locally—a perfect opportunity to support small businesses and pick up something special for loved ones.

Fermanagh Fun Farm continues to be one of the region's most inclusive, family-focused attractions, and this festive season is no exception. The entire experience is **dog-friendly**, and even four-legged family members can visit Santa, enjoy a photo opportunity, and receive their very own present.

From **Saturday 6 December**, the Farm's Christmas Experience will run every weekend, offering:

- Feeding the animals their "Christmas dinner"
- Visits to Santa's Grotto (ticketed for children)

- Festive treats from the on-site café
- Indoor and outdoor play areas for all-weather fun
- Visits to our Pop Up Christmas Shop.

Children can purchase Grotto tickets if they wish to meet Santa, and animal feed baskets will be available for those wanting to join in the seasonal feeding activities.

Fermanagh Fun Farm is also delighted to renew its Christmas partnership with **Killadeas Day Care**, presenting their original show, **“A Not So Silent Night.”** Written and performed by service users, the production combines play, comedy, and festive entertainment. Showtimes are:

- **Tuesday 9 December at 1.30pm**
- **Wednesday 10 December at 7pm**

The Wednesday evening performance will feature festive music from the **Lisbellaw Schools Choir** and **St Mary’s Silver Band**, adding even more seasonal sparkle to the occasion.

All proceeds from the Christmas events will support the Farm’s **Animal Care and Welfare Fund and its ongoing partnership with Killadeas Day Care**. Through this partnership, service users attend the farm three days a week to complete accredited courses in animal care and hospitality—an initiative that creates meaningful opportunities within the community.

For more information on all Christmas events and activities, visit: www.fermanaghfunfarm.com/events-1

This Christmas, shop local, support local, and help Fermanagh Fun Farm continue making a difference as a dedicated social enterprise serving the community.

Fermanagh Fun Farm is a social enterprise, not for profit making organisation. The farm is run by a committee of volunteers known as "Friends of the Farm". The farm rescues / adopts animals, giving them a home for life. All profits from the farm go towards the care and welfare of the animals, maintenance on the farm and investing in new projects for the farm

Erne Flower Arrangement Society

Wednesday 3 December, 7.30pm

Main Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

Christmas Flower Demonstration - ‘Christmas Celebrations’ by Mr Alan Beatty

Admission £10 with Festive Supper.

Charity Donation to Air Ambulance NI and Fermanagh Women’s Aid.

Everyone Welcome.

Exploration of our cultural roots through music

Public Consultation

This programme focuses on the musical traditions associated with our district to explore, promote and celebrate the commonality of our cultural roots. This programme will include cross border partnership working including Monaghan, Leitrim and Cavan County Councils and include a range of cross border workshops, festivals and events to celebrate the vast range of cultures that exist in society today. The project is delivered by Dun Uladh Heritage Centre & Fermanagh and Omagh District Council through the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan. The project aims to **preserve heritage, strengthen cultural and social identity, transmit historical narratives and values across generations, and foster mutual understanding and respect among diverse communities**. Music serves as a powerful, universal medium for understanding the human experience in its rich diversity.

The **‘Exploration of our cultural roots through music’** team are currently hosting community consultation events to hear what activities local people would most like to see delivered in their area:

- **Enniskillen** – Wednesday 3 December 2025, Fermanagh House, 7pm-9pm
- **Erne North** – Monday 8 December 2025, Belleek Hub, 6pm-8pm
- **Erne East** – Wednesday 10 December 2025, Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea 7pm-9pm
- **Mid Tyrone** - Monday 15 December 2025, Gortin Community Centre, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- **Erne West** – Wednesday 7 January 2026, Lakeland Community Care Ltd, Belcoo 11am-1pm
- **West Tyrone** – Thursday 8 January 2026, Dromore Sports Complex, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Omagh** – Wednesday 14 January 2026, MACCA Resource Centre, Omagh 7pm-9pm

Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.

For more information on the 'Exploration of our cultural roots through music' programme and upcoming events please contact peaceplus@dunuladh.ie or by telephone on 028 8224 2777.

Public Health Agency 'Talking Really Helps' Suicide Prevention mass media campaign

The campaign is running to March 2026 and you can support it and raise awareness of Lifeline by using and sharing the digital resources across your organisation's social media platforms, AND by ordering **free resource pack(s)** containing campaign promotional items for distribution to your service users.

Digital resources are available from:

[Talking really helps suicide prevention campaign resources | HSC Public Health Agency](#)

Complete the following form to order resource pack(s):

[Talking Really Helps Campaign - Order form](#)

Please note that the deadline for ordering resource packs is 5pm on Friday 5 December.

Following the conclusion of the campaign, we will also share a short feedback form. Your insights will help us evaluate the campaign's impact and inform future campaign development.

If you have any questions about ordering campaign resource packs, contact Richard.Bucklee@hscni.net

Omagh Independent Advice Services Financial Well Being Clinics

**Trillick Leisure Centre
The Village Table, Dromore**

**Monday 8 December, 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 10 December, 10am to 12pm**

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

Volunteer Now

Festive Mobile Volunteering Event

Friday 12 December, 10am-1pm, Enniskillen Library

Have your Christmas jumpers at the ready for a joy-filled morning!

Together with volunteering to label items for Oxfam Ireland you can also make someone's Christmas by writing Christmas cards for the Kindness Postbox.

For more details contact: Suzanne.hunt@volunteernow.co.uk

Wonderful Winter Bird Walk

With British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) NI

Saturday 14 December, 10am–12pm

Lough Head Park, Lisnaskea

Free event – booking essential!

Book your place: <https://bit.ly/3Xj6220>

Winter is a fantastic time to explore local nature, with many bird species migrating to Northern Ireland for the colder months. Lough Head Park in Co Fermanagh is a beautiful spot, home to a rich variety of woodland and wetland birds seeking a winter refuge.

Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning of watching, listening, and enjoying our wonderful winter birds together. Whether you're completely new to birdwatching or already experienced, you're very welcome! Come along to pick up ID tips, learn from others, and share your own knowledge.

Wrap up warm and we'll see you there!

Erne Paddlers

Love to Paddle Trip

Sunday 14 December, 10am, Round O, Enniskillen.

Book your ticket online in advance here: <https://bit.ly/LoTP14Dec>

Early booking discounts available.

Everyone is welcome on this inclusive paddle - children, adults, families, groups of friends, members and non-members and paddlers of all abilities. We'll use kayaks and open canoes and our experienced coaches will be on hand to help and guide everyone. All paddling and safety equipment will be provided.

Our winter pool courses will continue in the new year with something to suit everyone and sessions for younger children, teens and adults of all levels in Fivemiletown Community Youth Annex pool and in Omagh Leisure Centre. Look out for our early booking discounts and our special offer 'TRY FOR £5' tickets which are available on some beginners courses. Erne Paddlers can also provide bespoke group kayaking sessions and courses in the pool. If you would like to book a paddle session or series of sessions, for example for your community or charity group or staff members/volunteers, 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 on our events page 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@ernepaddlers.org.uk or call/WhatsApp 07468 911398.

Good Relations Awards 2026

Now open for nominations

The Good Relations Awards 2026 are now open for nominations, inviting the public to shine a light on the dedicated individuals, groups, and projects working tirelessly to build lasting peace throughout the region. For further information visit <https://goodrelationsawards.com/>

Nominate by Friday 19 December

Belleek CCE

Sunday 21 December - Session & Christmas Party.

Comhaltas branch membership - year runs from 1 November.

Family membership is £18, Adults £11 and children £5.50 - new members most welcome to join our branch.

All adult and family members receive copies of the Treoir magazine throughout the year.

All queries to branch secretary Bernie Mc Nulty on 028 6865 9081 or via Belleek CCE Facebook page.

Give blood - you could save 3 lives!

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

- **Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea** Monday 15 December 12.30-7.30pm
- **St Ninnidh's Hall, Derrylin** Wednesday 17 December, 12.30pm-7.30pm

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/>

Strule Shared Education Campus, Omagh

Have Your Say!

This survey has been developed by the Department of Education so that people have an opportunity to have their say on the Strule Shared Education Campus.

The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete and your views will help inform the community engagement activities and information campaigns that will be developed during the construction of the Strule Shared Education Campus.

[Strule Shared Education Campus - Have Your Say Survey](#)

Visit [Home - Strule](#) for latest news on the project

ForSight Market Street Omagh need your Donations!!

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

We also need Homeware and Furniture.

Collection can be arranged.

Any queries please contact the shop on 028 828 4815

Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Need financial first aid? We will help get you trusted support to tackle money issues and get back in control. Explore your options today. www.consumercouncil.org.uk/fitter-finances

Get a financial check up - Just like your health, your finances need care too.

The Consumer Council has brought together tools and advice to help you strengthen your budget, maximise your income, and make your finances fitter. Explore your options today.

www.consumercouncil.org.uk/fitter-finances

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

New 99p Fitness pilot launches for Northern Ireland Parkinson's community

This new project is a collaboration between Parkinson's UK and BrandInc Fitness to offer **free online resources** which are an accessible and adaptable on-demand way for people to get active with the condition. The free pilot will run until March 2026.

The link below provides more information about the new project and how to register:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dj5f7UViEpNHT1hg1P1ERPb-qWTMyAox0pdZv6fxRjE/edit?slide=id.g2a50d6fc6b0_0_715#slide=id.g2a50d6fc6b0_0_715

If you would like any other information please email plindley@parkinsons.org.uk

Volunteer Now

Calling all Volunteers!

2026 Fleadh Cheoil

Working with Belfast City Council, Volunteer Now are seeking 1,000 plus Volunteers to help with the smooth running of Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann in Belfast from the 2 - 9 August 2026.

Join the Volunteer Now Events Team where there is a range of volunteer roles together with full training provided.

Email: events@volunteernow.co.uk Phone: 028 9023 2020

Right Support Right Time

Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops

Right Support Right Time is a new cross-border mental and wellbeing service designed to help people find the support that works for them, at the right time, in the right way.

We know that life can be overwhelming at times. Things like money worries, housing problems, health issues, grief, loneliness, or family stress can all affect our wellbeing.

That's where Right Support Right Time comes in.

We focus on the everyday issues that can lead to poor mental health and help people take positive steps forward. We know that everyone's experience is different, and so is the type of support that works best. That's why Right Support Right Time offers a range of support programmes, so you can find the approach that feels right for you.

Some people benefit most from a listening ear and some space to talk things through. Others may want help to take practical steps, learn new skills, or understand their rights. Whatever the need, we'll work together to figure out what support will make the most difference.

We are offering **free** 2 hour, in-person workshops aim to promote wellbeing, help build resilience and raise awareness of support through the RSRT programme. Here are some options below:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Food & Mood
- The Importance of Sleep
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- An Introduction to Self-Care
- Managing Stress & Anxiety
- Mental Health in Older Age
- Peer Support
- Mental Health & Menopause

Who is Right Support Right Time for?

The service is open to anyone aged 16 years and over, living in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, as well as families.

We're especially focused on supporting people who are most likely to experience poor mental health and least likely to access support, including:

- People living in areas of deprivation
- People with intellectual and/or physical disabilities affecting their mental health
- People experiencing homelessness
- Newcomer families and people seeking international protection

If you are interested in booking a workshop, please do get in touch.

Email j.groves@inspirewellbeing.org Phone 07834 181303

Assembly Workshops

The Northern Ireland Assembly will be hosting Assembly Explained workshops in constituencies throughout Northern Ireland over the coming months.

Assembly Explained workshops are available **free to community groups and organisations** and explain how the Assembly works, how to get involved and raise issues and the workshops can offer interactive sessions on how to navigate the website and, where possible, MLAs are encouraged to drop in during the workshops.

Assembly Explained workshops usually last between one to two hours and can be delivered online or in person to organisations in your constituency.

If you are interested in hosting an Assembly Explained workshop, please get in touch with the Engagement team info@engagement.niassembly.gov.uk

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.
- **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/weechat, 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:

- 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.

- 3, 10, 17, 24 February, 3, 10 March 2026

Carers Information Support Programme (CrISP)

for carers, family, and friends of people with dementia

It focuses on developing knowledge about dementia, legal and financial future planning and services available for you and the person you care for. Booking essential.

- Wednesday 21 and 28 January 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm online via zoom
- Wednesday 18 and 25 February 2026, 6.30pm-8.30pm online via zoom
- Thursday 19 and 26 March 2026, 11am-1pm in person

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

Carers Information Support Programme (CrISP) Omagh

for carers, family, and friends

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

- 8 and 9 December, 3-5pm
- 9 and 10 February 2026, 6-8pm

Dementia Café Omagh

and

Omagh Carer's Group

Tuesday 2 and 9 December, 11am-12.30pm

Tuesday 13, 20 and 27 January, 11am-12.30pm

All sessions are held in 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

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.

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

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

Hatha Raja Yoga | Stretch & Relax - Josephine Rafferty

Thursdays

Hatha Raja Yoga 6.15pm -7:45pm

Stretch & Relax 8.00pm – 9.15pm

Blocks: 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).

Aisling Centre 2025 Christmas Cards now on sale – beautiful cards with artwork by the Island Artists. 100% of proceeds to Aisling Centre, available from reception.

Groups & Programmes:

- **Hope, Healing, Growth 2026** – Saturday 10 January from 9.30am. Tickets for our annual day of inspiration now on sale, priced £30 for in person or free/voluntary donation for online.
- **Mindfulness Meditation** – Monthly drop-in sessions, last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Next meeting Wednesday 10 December – please note early date due to Christmas.
- **Self Care Drop-in** – Monthly drop-in sessions, first Tuesday of every month at 10am. Next Meeting Tuesday 2 December. 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. For further information, please contact info@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.
- **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.
- **Eclipse Fitness** – Styku 3D body scanning, last Friday of the month 4.30-6pm. For further information please contact Niall on 028 6634 0475.
- **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.
- **ZEST: Healing the Hurt** – Counselling for people who self-harm. Contact 028 7126 6999.

Yoga Timetable (please contact individual facilitators to book):

• Christine	Mondays at 6pm	07722 550040
• Leila	Mondays at 7.30pm	07594 026531
• Elena	Tuesdays at 6pm	07894 037450
• Leila	Tuesdays at 7.15pm	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

Ballyconnell Community Centre

We have recently launched a new Social Club designed to bring people together, strengthen connections, and create opportunities for friendship, creativity, and community development. The Social Club is open to everyone in the wider region, and we would be delighted to welcome participants from across the border in Fermanagh. Our vision is to create a space where people of all ages and backgrounds can meet, share ideas, and get involved in activities ranging from sports and arts to social events and volunteering.

By working together, we can build stronger cross-border connections and offer more opportunities for people to come together in positive, inclusive spaces.

For further information email laura@ballyconnellcommunitycentre.ie

Health Literacy Baseline Survey

The survey aims to gather responses from 1,000 people across the Western Trust area to understand patient, service user & carer confidence in accessing, understanding, and using health information. Findings will help inform service improvements, reduce barriers to care, and promote more effective health communication.

We would appreciate your support in completing the survey, visit

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8DtzjS5ESUS3R6dl6jWf-FHVC-gYL4pEvTiZ1MGwmNVUN1EyUjY4WkZPVFdJM0VOOFVZWjIXSkvZVS4u>

For more information or if you would like us to forward you a paper version of the survey please contact patti.thornton@westerntrust.hscni.net or The HIEI Department on 028 7186 5127 or email health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net

Northern Ireland Census User Needs Consultation

NISRA is seeking your views to help shape the content of Census 2031. This [consultation](#) is your opportunity to tell us what information you need from the census and how it can best support planning, policy, research, and services across Northern Ireland.

Your feedback will help ensure the census remains relevant, efficient, and valuable to users.

[Read the full consultation document](#)

Ways to respond

- Respond online at <https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dof/nisra-census-user-needs-consultation/>
- [download and return the questionnaire](#) (PDF or Word version) by email or post.

Email: census2031.consultations@nisra.gov.uk

Post: Census Office, NISRA, Colby House, Stranmillis Court, Belfast, BT9 5RR

The consultation closes on 4 February 2026.

If you have any queries, please contact us at census2031.consultations@nisra.gov.uk

Customer Care Registers

If you rely on electricity for healthcare needs or require additional support with your water supply, you can register for the Customer Care Registers offered by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIE) and Northern Ireland Water (NIW).

NIE Customer Care Register

Customers who use medical equipment at home — such as specialised mattresses, feeding systems, or lifting equipment — can receive updates by phone during power cuts or planned supply interruptions.

Call 03457 643 643 or visit: <https://bit.ly/3ITSyWT>

NIW Customer Care Register

If you're an older consumer, have a serious medical condition, or need extra help for any reason, NI Water offers tailored support through its Customer Care Register.

Call 03457 440088 or visit: <https://bit.ly/48E65MH>

Training Opportunities

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Food Hygiene Training in Omagh Community House

Duration: 6 hours (over 2 evenings)

Tuesday 2 & 9 December 2025, 6.30pm - 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.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December, 9am – 5pm both days

Omagh Enterprise Centre, Omagh

ASIST is suitable for anyone over the age of 16. It is strongly recommended that you should have already completed SafeTALK before attending ASIST.

This course is not suitable for anyone recently bereaved by suicide.

You must attend the two full days of training.

Register here - [Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training \(ASIST\) Tickets, Wed, Dec 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

National Energy Action NI Training

Energy Awareness 6281-01 (Level 3 Award) – Fermanagh

Monday 8, Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 December

Exam Date: Wednesday 17 December

Location: Enniskillen

For more information or to enquire about course fees, please contact:

Nichola MacDougall, Training Officer (NI), National Energy Action NI

Tel: 028 9023 9909 Email: Nichola.MacDougall@nea.org.uk

<https://www.nea.org.uk/training/training-in-northern-ireland/>

'You and me NI Vape' Free Training

Tuesday 9 December, 10am-11.30am

In conjunction with NI Chest Heart and Stroke, "You and me NI Vape" is an online training session that aims to teach Key youth workers or youth facing volunteers the skills to properly broach the topic of vaping with young people.

As vaping is an increasingly prevalent phenomenon amongst young people particularly, this session explores the marketing strategies the industry uses to advertise their products and highlights key tactics to be aware of. Furthermore, the session introduces the You and Me NI Vape Free resource, that raises awareness about the risks of vaping and presents strategies to deal with overuse.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/you-and-me-ni-vape-free-training-tickets-1964186811628?aff=oddtcreator>

The Fermanagh Trust

Sign Up for Free Workshops –

Investing in Community Volunteers Programme

We're delighted to share our programme of activities for the new Investing in Community Volunteers (ICV) Programme, part of the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

This initiative offers free training and development opportunities for volunteers, committee members, and staff working in the community and voluntary sector.

Our first series of workshops, starting January 2026 includes:

1. Forming and Strengthening Committees
2. Safeguarding
3. Facilities and Venue Management
4. Income Generation and Funding Applications
5. AI Tools for Community Organisations
6. Succession Planning
7. Delivering Services in Diverse and Multicultural Environments
8. Volunteer Recruitment and Retention

Each workshop will be delivered in seven locations across Fermanagh and Omagh from January 2026 to June 2026. Morning, evening and online sessions available too, ensuring accessibility for all.

View the full programme and register here: <https://www.fermanaghtrust.org/investing-in-community-volunteers-programme/>

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

Fermanagh Trust are excited to announce that, we can continue to offer access to over 250 **free** online courses through our new Peace Plus 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**

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

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

Omagh: ILM (Level 3) Leadership & Management

Are you a Volunteer in a Community / Voluntary setting in the Omagh area?

We are now inviting Applications for this **free course** via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/4bJnQhMa4epgK1GG6>

This programme includes a blend of in-person and online sessions, designed to support your personal and professional development. Full details can be found on the Application Form via the link above.

Please note, full attendance at all in person and online sessions will be required to achieve your certificate should you be allocated a place.

Course Schedule:

All training will take place in Omagh Enterprise Centre, Great Northern Road, Omagh BT78 5LU

- Induction – Flexible access via pre-recording
- Understanding & Developing Leadership
- 24th February (In Person 9.30am - 3.00pm)
- 3rd March (Zoom 9.30am - 1.00pm)
- Problem Solving & Decision Making – 10th March (In Person 9.30am - 3.00pm)
- Conflict Management & Team Development – 24th March (Zoom 9.30am - 1.00pm)
- Effective Teams – 31st March (In Person 9.30am - 3.00pm)
- ****Easter Break****
- Final Presentations – 14th April (In Person 9.30am - 3.00pm)

Priority will be given to:

- 1st Individuals volunteering in the community or voluntary sector.
- 2nd Individuals working in the community or voluntary sector.

Please complete and submit your application by 12 noon on Friday 9 January 2026.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, feel free to get in touch on 028 6632 0210

NI Together

Free Training Opportunities

Thanks to Awards for All funding from the National Lottery we are able to offer the following half-day training sessions **free of charge to community/voluntary groups**. These are facilitated by Denise Wright, former Race Relations Coordinator of South Belfast Roundtable.

- Refugee and Asylum Awareness
- Migration Awareness
- Introduction to Cultural Awareness
- Introduction to Governance for New Community Groups
- Tackling Prejudice and Bias – Preventing Hate Crime

If you are interested and can provide a venue, data projectors and refreshments for your group, please contact denisewright63@hotmail.com

Free Community Sighted Guide Training

Make Your Organisation More Inclusive and Accessible

Guide Dogs UK is offering **free** Community Sighted Guide Training to local organisations in your area. This practical, hands-on training teaches people how to confidently and safely guide someone with sight loss.

Who is it for?

Community groups

Volunteers

Staff members

Anyone who wants to make their space more welcoming

Benefits of the Training

Learn simple, effective guiding techniques

Build confidence in supporting people with sight loss

Gain insight into the experiences of blind and partially sighted individuals

Help create a more inclusive and connected community

Why It Matters

This training helps break down barriers and ensures that people with sight loss can participate fully in community life. It supports individuals in your local area by reducing isolation and improving access to everyday environments.

Increase Understanding of Sight Loss Challenges

Participants will also gain a deeper understanding of the everyday challenges faced by people living with sight loss — from navigating unfamiliar spaces to accessing services and social opportunities. This awareness helps foster empathy and teaches practical sighted guiding skills that improve accessibility for all.

Sessions for Your Organisation

The training is free and can be delivered virtually or face to face. The virtual session lasts for 1 hour and is delivered via Teams; the face-to-face session can be delivered over 2 or 3 hours depending on the specific needs of your organisation. The 3 hour face-to-face session includes an opportunity for the participants to practise guiding skills. We'll work with you to deliver training at a time and location that suits your group.

Interested? Contact Paula McLarnon, Sighted Guide Training Officer:

Email: Paula.mclarnon@guidedogs.org.uk

Phone: 07766526873

The King's Trust

Start Your Own Business

Online – Available all year round

For young people 18-30 interested in starting their own business.

Enterprise includes:

Expert-led workshops

Access to grant opportunities of up to £5000

One-to-one support to create a business plan and launch a business

[Sign up here](#)

[Get in touch](#)

Energy Awareness (Level 3 Award)

This 3 day course is aimed at workers who deliver energy advice to households, either face to face or over the phone. It covers energy-saving methods and other knowledge and skills required to deliver useful advice and it is our most popular course, running for over 30 years with more than 26,000 learners to date.

Previous candidates who have successfully achieved this qualification have come from the voluntary/community sector, industry, health and housing, government departments, local council and consumer bodies. Candidates will go on to sit the exam with an NEA registered examiner.

For further information and course fees, please contact: Nichola MacDougall, Training Officer (NI), National Energy Action NI Tel: 028 9023 9909 | E-mail: Nichola.MacDougall@nea.org.uk

Action Mental Health SAFETALK Training

SafeTALK is a practical workshop that equips participants to:

- Talk about suicide safely
- Recognise signs of suicidal thoughts
- Practice supportive conversations
- Connect individuals with life-saving intervention resources

This training is open to anyone aged 18+ who works or volunteers with children, young people or young adults in community or school settings.

Please note: This training is not recommended for individuals who have lost someone to suicide in the past 18 months, or for those who are currently experiencing active suicidal thoughts.

By the end of the session, participants will feel more confident in supporting others and playing an active role in suicide prevention.

Contact the Action Mental Health OUR Generation team at ogteam@amh.org.uk for more information.

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 **11-25 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

WHSCT 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

WHSCT 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 WHSCT.

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

BBC Children in Need launch Communities for Children

BBC Children in Need have announced the launch of Communities for Children – a £15 million funding programme dedicated to tackling child poverty in the UK

For further information visit <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/communities-for-children/>

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.

Cash for Kids

Mission Christmas offer gifts or gift vouchers for children living in poverty at Christmas.

Applications can be made on behalf of children from a recognised referral source such as professionals within a governing body (e.g., social services, GP, teacher etc.), from a registered charity or community organisation with a formal constitution / governance document and safe-guarding policy, and CICs. The supported children (aged 0 up to and including 18 years old) will be at risk of waking up to no presents on Christmas morning

For further information/to apply visit [Cash for Kids: Mission Christmas](#)

'Engage Her' programme / funding opportunity

The Engage Her Programme will strengthen your club's understanding and skills around how to engage more women & girls in sport.

Groups complete a training programme of four workshops/sessions designed to increase grassroots understanding and knowledge on how to engage women and girls from their local area.

Groups receive support from Sported to develop a Women & Girls Engagement Plan.

They can then apply for up to £2,000 grant funding to put this plan into action.

The Engage Her programme is funded by Sport NI through the [Be Seen, Be Heard, Belong](#) campaign and made possible thanks to National Lottery players. This funding is for Northern Ireland only. As there are limited places, we will prioritise applicants to ensure a geographical spread and range of sports.

For further information visit <https://sported.org.uk/engage-her/>

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

DAERA Small Woodland Grant Scheme

The Small Woodland Grant Scheme will support woodland creation on agricultural land and non-agricultural land. Grants are available for landowners, including all farmers, landowners and estate owners, charitable organisations, and local Councils (Establishment Grant Only).

For further information visit <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/daera-forestry-grants>

Scheme closes on Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 6pm.

The Inclusion Fermanagh Fund

This Fund will continue the legacy of the Fermanagh Voluntary Association of the Disabled (FVAD), which served the local community for 58 years. Founded in 1966, FVAD provided vital social, recreational, and educational opportunities for people with disabilities across Fermanagh, driven entirely by volunteers and community generosity. Now, through this new fund, that same spirit of inclusion and support will live on. The Inclusion Fermanagh Fund provides grants to support social and recreational activities for grassroots groups that support people with disabilities in Fermanagh, helping to foster connection, independence and wellbeing.

The fund is open for applications until Monday 12 January 2026 and more information can be found at <https://www.fermanaghtrust.org/our-grants/inclusion-fermanagh-fund/>

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

PEACEPLUS Change Maker Funding Programme

The call for applications valued between €40,001 and €60,000 is now open.

For further information visit [Change Maker Funding Programme | SEUPB](#)

Closes Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 5pm.

Free Laptops, Computers, Software & Grants for UK Charities

including IT support and equipment, as well as technology grant funding.

There are 4 sections - free laptops, computers and IT support, free software for charities, IT technology grant funding, and sources of digital tools & online learning.

A range of IT technology support for UK charities and providers of free and discounted laptops, computers and support to use these for UK charities and non-profits.

For further information visit <https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/free-laptops-for-charities/>

Sport NI Creating Opportunities with Crowdfunder UK

Eligible Organisations

To be eligible to apply you must be one of the following organisations:

- A **constituted sports club** affiliated to a governing body of sport which is recognised by Sport NI or Sport Ireland. Sport NI recognised NGBs. Sport Ireland recognised NGBs
- A **community/voluntary sector organisation** that delivers or enables sport and/or physical activity as your primary activity.
- A **charitable trust** that delivers or enables sport and/or physical activity as your primary activity.
- A **constituted Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** that delivers or enables new/additional extracurricular sport

Overview

Delivered in partnership with Crowdfunder UK - Creating Opportunities is a programme designed to enable investment in new and additional projects to connect communities, enabling more people to take part in sport and physical activity throughout Northern Ireland.

A focus of the project is to create opportunities to 'level the playing field', so that accessibility and inclusion is felt and experienced by those who have been traditionally excluded from not only participating in sport but playing an active role in coaching, officiating, and leading as part of a board. The programme offers up to 50% match-funding support to a maximum of £5,000 from Sport NI through the Crowdfunder platform.

Applicants will be required to set up a Crowdfunding campaign page to apply for funding and if the participation project matches the 'Creating Opportunities' outcomes, they can apply for "Extra funding" (through their Crowdfunder dashboard) for Sport NI to match-fund their campaign up to 50% to a maximum of £5,000.

More information on this can be found through guidance notes, as well as other important documents found on <https://www.sportni.net/funding/creating-opportunities/>

Micro Community Investment Fund

Grant Size: Up to £2,000

The fund will provide valuable investment for community initiatives making a difference in towns and villages across Northern Ireland.

It will enable those organisations who are making the lives of others in their communities better, by improving their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing.

Applications are sought to support both new and existing activities and projects that enhance the financial, physical and/or mental wellbeing of people in communities.

We will support new or existing community initiatives that have a particular focus on addressing the challenges people are facing around the rising cost of living.

You do not have to have a constitution to apply to this fund.

If you have any other queries then please contact the Grants Team on 028 9024 5927 or via e-mail: applications@communityfoundationni.org

For further information visit <https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/micro-community-investment-fund/>

Closing Date: Ongoing

Ulster Garden Villages

If you would like to arrange a 30 minute meeting with us, please select a time at [Book time with Caroline Armstrong: 30 minutes meeting • This link will expire on: January 29, 2026](#)

Dormant Assets NI

This funding is for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VSCE) organisations in Northern Ireland. We want to help these organisations to be stronger and able to deal with future challenges.

The work we fund must make your organisation more resilient and prepared for the future. You should do this by increasing the skills and capacity in your organisation.

You should focus on what will strengthen your organisation the most. For example, you could improve:

- confidence and skills in using digital technology
- how you track and measure your impact
- financial skills and management
- governance and leadership skills
- volunteer recruitment and management.

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

We'll only fund projects that will make your organisation stronger. We will not fund the delivery of an activity in your community. For example, to expand the activity into new areas.

We offer funding from £300 to £20,000. And can support your project for up to 2 years.

We distribute this money as part of the Dormant Assets Scheme.

The money does not come from The National Lottery. It comes from financial accounts that people have not used in over 15 years.

Application deadline: We expect to take applications until 2027.

For more information visit <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/dormant-assets-for-all>