

## Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Support News – March 2026

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

**Please note the deadline for March's Newsletter is Tuesday 24 March**

### Council News & Events

#### Strategic Capital Projects Grant Programme 2026/2027 £1million in funding is available

##### 2026/2027 Mandatory Information Sessions

Attendance at a 2026/2027 information session is required to apply.  
Applicants can attend any of the following sessions:

<b>Monday 2 March, 7pm</b>	Cleenish Community Millennium Hall, Arney
<b>Wednesday 4 March, 7pm</b>	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea
<b>Monday 9 March, 7pm</b>	Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown
<b>Wednesday 11 March, 7pm</b>	Trillick Leisure Centre, Trillick
<b>Thursday 19 March, 7pm</b>	Owenkillew Community Centre, Gortin
<b>Tuesday 24 March, 7pm</b>	Enniskillen Castle, Enniskillen
<b>Wednesday 25 March, 7pm</b>	Strule Arts Centre, Omagh

This funding supports local community and voluntary organisations working on projects to enhance existing facilities or meet unmet local needs in both rural and urban areas.

Join us to hear more!

**Opens on Monday 13 April 2026 and closes on Friday 15 May 2026 at 5pm**

#### St Patrick's Day 2026 celebrations

##### Enniskillen – Shamrocks & Shared Stories

**Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March 2026**

Two days of live music, an illuminated flotilla on Lough Erne, Family Fun Day activities, and the "Castle to Castle" St Patrick's Day Parade.

##### Omagh – Music & Mythology

**Tuesday 17 March 2026**

A full programme of traditional music, dance, family entertainment, themed workshops, and a vibrant Carnival Parade through the town centre.

Thousands of visitors are expected across both towns, with events supporting local businesses, community participation, and shared celebration.

For full programme details visit <https://bit.ly/3ZMW6Po>

### Upcoming Training Courses

#### Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport

Monday 2 March, 7pm-9.30pm      Online Virtual Workshop

#### Designated Safeguarding Children's Officer Training

Monday 23 March, 7pm-10pm      Online Virtual Workshop

#### Emergency Response First Aid Training

Tuesday 31 March, 6.30pm-9.30pm      Strathroy Community Centre, Omagh

Register for all the above at [Upcoming Training Courses](#)

### Event Invitation: Nature Makes Sense

- **The Grange Park, Omagh    Thursday 19 March 2026**
- **Smith's Strand, Lisnaskea    Thursday 26 March 2026**

We are delighted to invite your school or group to Nature Makes Sense, an inclusive outdoor event delivered by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. The event is supported by NIEA Shared Island Fund and The Executive Office District Councils' Good Relations Programme.

Nature Makes Sense is designed for children, young people and adults with special educational needs, neurodiversity and disabilities to enjoy the outdoors in a safe, accessible, and supportive environment. The event offers relaxed, sensory nature activities and opportunities to explore at your own pace, while those supporting participants can take part, learn, and gather ideas to use again in everyday settings.

**The day will be divided into two parts.** One part will include a guided trail session to visit a number of activity providers including Oakwood Bushcraft, Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark and The Loughs Agency. Another section of the event is called 'Earth Explorers' which involves exploring other sensory based activities with organisations such as The Butterfly Conservation and Sperrin Soul at your own pace.

When completing the registration form, you will be asked to indicate whether your group fits into the morning (10am to 12.30pm) or afternoon (1pm to 3.30pm) slot category. The morning slot will only be for children and young people under 16 years old and the afternoon slot will be for adults and young people 16 years old and over. Please note that both age categories will not be mixed.

Once registration has closed, each group will be assigned a time for a guided trail session and a time for the 'Earth Explorers' section.

Please note: Schools and organised groups must be accompanied by their group leaders throughout the activities.

To register your interest, please complete <https://form.jotform.com/252993748341367>

**Registrations must be completed by 12 noon on Friday 6 March 2026.**

If you would like to discuss further, please contact [climate@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:climate@fermanaghomagh.com)

We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

## **Performance Improvement Plan 2026-2027**

### **Have Your Say!**

FODC is consulting on the Performance Improvement Plan 2026-2027 for the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area, and want to hear from you! Improvement is about focusing on what matters most to our communities — helping to enhance wellbeing, strengthen our local economy, support environmental sustainability, and deliver high-quality services.

This is your chance to help shape the future of local services and improvements.

Complete the survey online: <https://bit.ly/4t1YaWb>

Alternatively, questionnaires can be downloaded and returned via Council Connect Centres.

Email [strategicplanning@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:strategicplanning@fermanaghomagh.com) or telephone 0300 303 1777

Your voice matters. Have your say.

**Consultation closes: Wednesday 15 April 2026**

## **Fermanagh and Omagh Community Plan - Statement of Progress 2023–2025**

### **A decade of partnership delivering improved outcomes for people and places**

The Fermanagh and Omagh Community Planning Partnership recently launched its fourth Statement of Progress, covering the period June 2023 to June 2025. The report marks a significant milestone as the Partnership approaches its 10-year anniversary, highlighting major achievements, strengthened collaboration, and the continued commitment to improving the lives of people across the district.

You can download a copy of the Statement [here](#).

## **Do you have a dog?**

If so, you must make sure it is microchipped and you have a valid dog licence.

Every dog must have a microchip implanted before a licence can be issued.

Apply to your local council for a dog licence.

More info: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/.../dog-licensing-and...>

## **Play Parks Consultation**

We are inviting residents in various Ward areas of the District to have their say on the future of play provision in the areas as part of our Play Park Strategy.

### **Owenkillew Ward**

Complete online at <https://bit.ly/4rvdrbr>

This survey will close on Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 5pm.

### **Florencecourt and Kinawley Ward**

Complete online at <https://bit.ly/4q8k1Dv>

This survey will close on Thursday 5 March 2026 at 5pm.

## **Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark**

For a copy of our Winter Newsletter 2025/26, please click on

<https://cuilcaghlakelands.org/newsletter/>

## Upcoming Heritage Events at Strule Arts Centre

- **Ask the Archaeologists – Drop-in Session**

Wednesday 18 March, 2pm

A relaxed and informal opportunity to speak directly with heritage professional, Dr Vicky Ginn. Ideal for anyone with questions about local heritage, archaeology projects, or sites of interest. No appointment required.

- **Omagh Railway Station: A Journey Through Time – Part Two**

Thursday 23 April, 7pm

Local collector and author Tony McGarland continues this popular series, delving deeper into the story of Omagh's railway and its role in shaping the town. The talk will be accompanied by a special pop-up exhibition on Level 3, featuring photographs and artefacts celebrating Omagh's railway heritage.

For further information and to book any of the events detailed, visit [www.struleartscentre.co.uk](http://www.struleartscentre.co.uk) or contact box office on 028 8224 7831.

## Community Physical Activity Programmes

### January – March 2026

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

To view the full programme and to register for activities, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions or queries regarding Community Wellbeing programmes or activities, please [get in touch](#)

Keep up to date by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityWellbeingFODC>

## The Memory Circle of Song

**Every Friday to 20 March, 11am -12.30pm**

**Strule Arts Centre, Omagh**

Relaxed Singing & Music Workshops for People Living with Dementia and their carer.

Join us for warm, welcoming sessions featuring:

- Familiar songs that spark memories
- Group singing for joy and connection
- Gentle rhythm activities & creative sound-making
- Live acoustic music in a dementia-friendly setting

8-week pilot programme led by professional artists experienced in supporting people with dementia and their carers.

Come share songs that are special to you — and enjoy music that brings memories to life.

Email [bernie.kirrane@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:bernie.kirrane@fermanaghomagh.com) to reserve a space

## Changing Places facilities make a real difference

Standard accessible toilets don't meet everyone's needs. Changing Places provide vital equipment such as height-adjustable changing benches, hoists and space for carers, helping people with profound and multiple disabilities to access places with reassurance that there is a suitable, dignified and hygienic space to use the toilet or change continence pads.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has four venues with Changing Places facilities:

- Omagh Leisure Complex
- Enniskillen Castle
- Gortin Glen Forest Park (non-accredited)
- Strule Arts Centre, Omagh

By raising awareness, we hope more businesses and venues will invest in Changing Places - creating communities that are truly accessible for all.  
Find out more about what Changing Places are and why they matter – visit <https://bit.ly/3WwMW5z>

### **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](mailto:info@oias.co.uk)

**Community Advice Fermanagh**

Phone No. 028 6632 4334 or Email [website@communityadvicefermanagh.com](mailto:website@communityadvicefermanagh.com)

### **Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Programme**

For a copy of our latest Newsletter please visit [Spring 2026 PEACEPLUS Newsletter](#) which provides an update on the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan.

Please feel free to contact a member of the team if you would like to find out more information on a specific programme and how to get involved.

Also additional information can be view on the Council's website by clicking on link below:

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/the-peaceplus-programme/>

### **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/>

### 1. Department of Education Consultation on a new "Attendance Matters" Strategy. Closing date for responses Friday 6 March 2026

This consultation relates to issues associated with ensuring that children and young people attend school every day. The pandemic together with the financial crisis has resulted in different routines for families and at times, a different way of learning which means regular attendance at school has been adversely affected.

Link to Consultation: [Consultation on a pupil attendance strategy - Attendance Matters | Department of Education](#)

### 2. Department for Communities Consultation on a Draft Disability Strategy. Closing date for responses Friday 20 March 2026

This consultation aims to improve the lives of people who are Deaf and disabled, their families and carers so that they can play a full and active role in all aspects of our society.

Link to Consultation: [Draft Disability Strategy Public Consultation - NI Direct - Citizen Space](#)

## 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/>

### Charity Support

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

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

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

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

### Community Support

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

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

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

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

Area	Officer	Email	Telephone 0300 303 1777
Enniskillen	Ruthanne Fawcett	<a href="mailto:ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com">ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 21649
Erne East	Joanne Cunningham	<a href="mailto:joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com">joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 21405
Erne North	Leza Cleary	<a href="mailto:leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com">leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 21234
Erne West	Kellie Beacom	<a href="mailto:kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com">kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 21201
Mid Tyrone	Gary Mortland	<a href="mailto:gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com">gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 20225
Omagh	Josephine Treanor	<a href="mailto:josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com">josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 20222
West Tyrone	Billie-Jo Irwin	<a href="mailto:billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com">billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com</a>	Ext 20220

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en_GB)

## Community News

### **Sported – Building local connections; enhancing community sport**

**Monday 2 March, 7pm-8.30pm**

**Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown**

Join us at this short **free event** to meet the Sported team, connect with other local clubs and explore new opportunities - funding and otherwise!

We'll be joined by a number of local partners / organisations on the night, so a great chance to access support. And we'll be celebrating some local Young Influencers who have recently completed an OCN in sports leadership, so come and show them your support!

Refreshments will be provided so please register to attend via <https://SportedWest.eventbrite.co.uk>

For further information please contact [s.erskine@sported.org.uk](mailto:s.erskine@sported.org.uk) or telephone 07350 398114

Website: [www.sported.org.uk](http://www.sported.org.uk)

### **Volunteer Opportunity - Omagh Half Marathon**

**Sunday 29 March, 8.30am – 1.00pm**

**Meet at Omagh Leisure Complex**

Action for Children is delighted to be the chosen charity partner for the Spar Omagh Half Marathon 2026, and we're calling on supporters to get involved and volunteer at this fantastic event.

We are currently recruiting 45 volunteers to play a vital role on race day, handing out water to runners, cheering from our support stations, and helping create an incredible atmosphere for the local community. It's always a fun, energetic and rewarding day for everyone involved.

#### **Additional Volunteer Opportunities**

We also need support in the lead-up to race day:

Envelope Packing                      **Monday 2 March**      Killyclogher Parish Hall 5pm – 8pm

Goody Bag Packing                    **Friday 27 March**      Omagh Leisure Centre 4pm – 8pm

If you can help please email [Noreen.kennedy@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:Noreen.kennedy@actionforchildren.org.uk)

or register online [Volunteer at the Omagh Half Marathon 2026](#)

### **Health and Wellbeing Fair**

**Wednesday 4 March, 2pm-4pm**

**Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen BT74 7HR**

An afternoon of free advice and signposting from WHSCT professionals in relation to maximising your health and social wellbeing. Light refreshments provided

Register on Eventbrite <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../health-and-wellbeing-fair...>

or contact 028 7186 5127

Please note that no physical health assessments will take place, and staff cannot access or discuss individual waiting list information.

### **Belleek Seachtain na Gaeilge Event**

**Wednesday 4 March, 7pm-9pm**

#### **Belleek Hub**

A one-off beginner level Irish class hosted by Chloe from Gaeilge Gang (@gaeilgegang on Instagram)

Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international Irish language festival which takes place at the beginning of March each year - Whether you're a complete beginner or have cúpla focal from school, tá fáilte romhat!

Tickets are £2pp to help cover costs of materials and venue.

They can be purchased here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gaeilge-gang/t-ldnyjdp>

### **Road Safety Roadshow**

**Saturday 7 March, 1pm**

**Cleenish Millennium Hall, Arney** For learner and young drivers (ages 17-24)

One Decision can change everything –

Hear hard-hitting real-life stories from the emergency services, Road Victim Support followed by a live crash rescue demonstration from the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service showing the devastating consequences of dangerous driving.

### **Upcoming events at Fermanagh Fun Farm**

We are reopening for the season with our grand opening weekend Saturday 7 March, followed by 'Hop into Easter at Fermanagh Fun Farm' during the Easter holidays 3 – 12 April. Easter activities will include: cuddling chicks, pet handling sessions with bunnies, solving puzzles with the Easter bunny along the Easter trail, Easter egg hunts, grooming ponies and putting on their Easter bonnets, a ponies Easter parade and feeding all of our animals with Easter treats.

We will be open every weekend from March onwards.

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

### **British DanceSport Association (BDSA)**

#### **The governing body for Ballroom and Latin American Dance in the UK**

The BDSA has launched its first ever Youth Advisory Group, and applications are now open. This inspiring initiative brings together young people aged 16–24 to work directly with us, ensuring that the voices of young dancers and those involved in dance at a local level help shape the future of dance sport across the country.

We wish to connect with:

- Dance schools, studios and community groups
- Independent and grassroots dance organisations
- Colleges, sixth forms and alternative provision
- Young people who may not usually feel represented or confident to step forward

The role is voluntary, with expenses covered, and is designed to fit around education, employment and caring responsibilities.

For further information, please visit <https://www.bdsassociation.com/youth-advisor-group>

**Closing date for applications: Sunday 8 March 2026**

### **Alzheimer's Society**

**Thursday 19 and 26 March, 11am-1pm**

**Fermanagh House, 6 Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen, BT74 7HR.**

#### **Carers Information Support Programme (CrISP)**

**for carers, family, and friends of people with dementia**

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

**Booking essential.** 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

### **Omagh Volunteer Centre**

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

### **Vintage Coffee Morning**

**Sunday 22 March, 11am-2pm**

Hosted by Enniskillen Golf Club for Friends of The Cancer Centre and club fundraising event.

Cakes, bakes, jams and more!

Everyone welcome

### **Consumer Council for Northern Ireland**

#### **Draft 2026-2032 Corporate Plan**

**Consultation Event: Wednesday 25 March, Enniskillen**

Our draft 2026-2032 Corporate Plan is ambitious, shaped by what consumers tell us they need, and resolute in raising their lived experiences through: represented lives, affordable lives, inclusive lives, sustainable lives, and empowered lives.

We will launch our public consultation on Monday 2 March 2026, for four weeks. Your contribution is important to us, and it gives you the opportunity to shape our future priorities and how we support consumers.

Please [RSVP here](#)

### **Grow Your Own Food**

#### **4-Part Workshop Series & Field Trips**

**Workshop 1 - Wednesday 25 March, 2pm-4pm**

#### **Preparing the growing space & sowing seeds**

Join us for a practical, hands-on growing programme designed to support you from seed to harvest using a square foot gardening approach. Taking place at the demonstration growing space in Daisy Hill House & Gardens, Ballyconnell, Cavan participants will work directly in established raised beds, building skills and confidence across the full growing season.

This opportunity is open to everyone - Whether you're completely new to growing or have years of experience, there is always something new to learn, share, and explore together. It's also a great opportunity to build connections with others interested in local food and sustainable living.

For further information visit [Grow Your Own Initiative](#)

### **Fantastic environmental programme opportunity for young people (ages 15–16)**

Do you have young people in your life aged 15–16 who would love a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on environmental conservation skills?

We're delighted to offer a fully certified programme that includes the John Muir Award and Leave No Trace Certificate, facilitated by home-grown talent Tony Smith of Oakwood Bushcraft. The programme offers equal measures of fun, skill-building, and meaningful connection with nature and peers.

Across 8 sessions, participants will explore a range of idyllic locations across Fermanagh and Cavan, taking part in team-building activities, making lasting friendships, and developing practical conservation skills. Highlights include:

- Learning about and observing local wildlife, including bats in their natural habitat at Crom Estate
- Exploring native woodlands
- Conducting habitat surveys and practical water testing on our shared waterway system at Castle Saunderson
- Taking local conservation action in Cladagh Glen

The programme will culminate in a celebratory finale at Cavan Adventure Centre, where participants will showcase their efforts and achievements, and make a splash while doing so! It is also worth noting, transportation to each venue is included in the programme.

If you know a young person who would thrive in this kind of outdoor, skills-based, and confidence-building experience, we'd love to hear from you.

[Click here for info & registration](#)

**Deadline to apply: Wednesday 15 April 2026**

### **Awareness to action - an Understanding sight loss session FOC**

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)'s Social Action Team offers a FOC 'Awareness to Action – an Understanding Sight Loss session' for staff and volunteers of organisations who have blind or partially sighted people as part of their clientele or have the potential to do so, we also target friends and family of someone blind or partially sighted.

**Delivery:** This relaxed but structured session has been designed by and is delivered by blind or partially sighted people (at least one of the 2 facilitators will have sight loss)

The session can be delivered online and is no longer than 90 mins long – max 25 people – it can also be delivered face to face, which can be up to, but no longer than 2 hours – max 20 people

**Objectives:**

- It will help individuals and teams understand what it is like to live life with vision loss
- To recognise someone who is blind or partially sighted
- To understand the different levels of sight loss
- It will give tools to communicate and assist blind and partially sighted people
- Ask you to actively consider how you might modify your own practise in one small way to make life easier for people with vision loss
- And give 5 top tips to keep good eye health

**Participants:** we like between 7 and 20 participants for face to face and we will take up to 25 online

If you would be interested in availing of one of these sessions, please email [Una.Mulgrew@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Una.Mulgrew@rnib.org.uk) Mobile: 07702 140761

### Winter 2025 edition of the 'Getting Weather Ready' Newsletter

The newsletter includes articles on top tips for staying safe this winter, community resilience initiatives, road safety for winter travel and insurance advice for those affected by flooding.

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

### Western Health and Social Care Trust

For a copy of our latest service directory, visit <https://drugsandalcoholni.info/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/PHA-Directories-Poster-A3-Web-Western.pdf>

### Erne District Chinese Families' and Friends' Association

AGM & Qing Ming Festival	-	Saturday 4 April
Dragon Boat Festival (Outdoor)	-	Saturday 20 June
Regular Activities	-	Alternative Saturdays 2pm-4pm

### Cruse Bereavement Support

#### Volunteers Needed!

Could you help to support bereaved children and young people in the Western Trust area? Our Volunteers provide support to children and young people affected by the death of someone close to them. We provide group and 1-1 support to children aged 7 – 17.

If you have the skills listed below, want to make a difference to bereaved children and young people and meet new people, we want to hear from you.

What we're looking for:

- Passionate about supporting children and young people
- Kind and inclusive
- Great communication skills with children, young people and families
- Able to work in a team
- Able to use a computer/IT skills
- Willing to take part in training and learn new skills
- Volunteer for 6-8 hours per month for at least 2 years

There is an **online training course** running later this year –

Saturday, 18 April 2026    Saturday, 25 April 2026    Saturday, 2 May 2026  
Saturday, 9 May 2026    Saturday, 16 May 2026    Saturday, 23 May 2026

**Applicants must be able to attend all training sessions.**

If you would like to apply for a place on this course, please fill in the following application form <https://www.cruse.org.uk/volunteer-application-form/>

For further information about this volunteering role, please contact [eleanor.ellerslie@cruse.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.ellerslie@cruse.org.uk)

Disclaimer: Cruse is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people. Volunteers must apply for a relevant disclosure check and attend regular Cruse safeguarding training.

## **Tara Centre**

**11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0AH**

**Tel: 028 8225 0024 Email: [info@taraomagh.com](mailto:info@taraomagh.com) Website: [www.taraomagh.com](http://www.taraomagh.com)**

Ongoing Counselling, Psychotherapy, Art Therapy, Complementary Therapies

Booking via reception essential for all events! Please check our website for further updates!

### **Friday/Saturday 27-28 March**

Friday 7pm - 9.30pm (registration 6.15-6.55pm)

Saturday 10am - 4.15pm

Healing of Personal and Generational Trauma – a Gift for Future Generations

Jim Cogley

### **Meditating Together - Mary Daly & Maura Twohig**

Tuesdays 11am - 12.30pm

Step into a space of stillness and presence.

### **Dru Yoga & Qi Gong for Self-Healing – Mandy Currans**

Wednesdays Dru Yoga 10 – 11.30am Qi Gong 11.45am – 1.15pm

18 February – 25 March (6 weeks)

Drop-ins welcome!

### **Hatha Raja Yoga – Josephine Rafferty**

Thursdays, 6.15pm – 7.45pm

26 February – 2 April (6 weeks)

PATHS Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month 8.00pm-9.30pm

Omagh Men's Support Group

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

## **Marie Curie Companions at Home service (Volunteer befriending)**

This is a face-to-face support for those over the age of 18 living with any terminal illness and their families and deemed to be in their last 12 months of life.

Our trained volunteers are matched to one/two families normally within 10 miles of their own homes and provide:

- Companionship
- Respite (for a family member)
- Practical support
- Signposting
- Bereavement support

They can visit once a week/fortnight for up to 3 hours depending on the demand for the service.

Volunteers are not required/able to provide medical advice or personal care but can work around the current package of care to ensure that family members can avail of some time to refresh and recharge their batteries during a break from caring.

The volunteers will be asked to complete training (some online, the rest face to face)

Find out about becoming a Companion Volunteer by telephoning Joy Spreadborough, the

volunteer services officer, on 07740 456750 or email [Joy.Spreadborough@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:Joy.Spreadborough@mariecurie.org.uk)

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/services/companion>

## Aisling Centre

37 Darling Street, Enniskillen BT74 7DP

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

### Groups & Programmes:

- **Forget Me Not** – Support group for those bereaved by suicide. First Monday of the month 7.30-9pm. Next meeting will be Monday 2 March.
- **Southwest College Salon Fundraiser** – Wednesday 11 March, 10am-2.30pm. 30 minute treatment for £10. All proceeds towards Aisling Centre. Please call 028 6634 2229 to book.
- **Mindfulness Meditation** – Monthly drop-in sessions, last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Next meeting Wednesday 25 March. Suggested donation £3 per person.
- **Table Quiz** – Friday 27 March in Charlie's Bar, Enniskillen. All proceeds to Aisling Centre.
- **Self Care Drop-In** – Monthly drop-in sessions, first Tuesday of every month at 10am. Next Meeting Tuesday 7 April. Suggested donation £3 per person.
- **Charity Yoga Sessions** – Donate what you can upon entry to help support the Aisling Centre. Wednesdays in May, 8-9pm.

### Other Groups & Events:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – 3 meetings per week at Aisling Centre.
- **Aware** – Mental Health Support Group. Meets every Tuesday at 7pm. For further information, please contact [info@aware-ni.org](mailto: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.
- **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](mailto:fermanagh@thelittlesensory.co) Fridays at 10.30am.
- **Neuro Bloom** – Sensory sessions for neurodiverse children. Mondays 11.30am-4.15pm. Booking essential; contact Stacey on [neurobloomni@outlook.com](mailto:neurobloomni@outlook.com)
- **ZEST: Healing the Hurt** – Counselling for people who self-harm. Contact 028 7126 6999.

### Yoga Timetable (please contact individual facilitators to book):

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|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| • Christine | Mondays at 6pm              | 07722 550040  |
| • Elena     | Tuesdays at 6pm             | 07894 037450  |
| • 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  |

## Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea

For a copy of our latest programme of activities

Visit <https://www.oakhealthylivingcentre.com/events/>

Tel: 028 6772 3843

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

### **Fermanagh Fleadh Fundraiser like no other!**

**Saturday 11 April (all day)**

**The Old Oak Bar, Enniskillen**

Newtownbutler CCE branch are looking forward to hosting the Fermanagh Fleadh for the third consecutive year (31st May – 7th June). To help with the ever increasing costs of running the 55th County Fleadh, this marathon trad session starts at 11am with Newtownbutler CCE musicians. The majority of the seven CCE branches in Fermanagh will be there to play their tunes plus many more well known and loved trad musicians from the county – Aishling Mc Philips, Chris Maguire, Dinie Leonard, Gary Curley to name but a few.

On the hour every hour, will be a new group of musicians - the last slot at 10pm is with Aisling Mc Phillips and her husband Donal. This event is free of charge, but its success depends on voluntary donations on the day from the general public. Raffle tickets will be on sale via Comhaltas branches in Fermanagh and throughout the day.

All are invited to pop in and stay for an hour or the whole day; whether you are a musician, singer or listener– what better way to spend a Saturday!

For further details check out the Fermanagh Fleadh Facebook page or contact Fleadh Chairperson Sinead Mc Cabe on 07796 297143

### **Erne Paddlers**

Our final winter pool courses are underway. We still have some late availability on a few sessions so please get in touch if you would like to try kayaking in the pool. Erne Paddlers can also provide bespoke group kayaking sessions for community or charity groups or staff members/volunteers, just get in touch to find out more.

Our outdoor programme begins in April and all courses will be based at the Round O in Enniskillen. Booking is open now with discounts available for anyone booking early. We will run evening sessions for beginners and more experienced paddlers, families and kids (7yrs+), inclusive paddling for anyone who needs extra support plus midweek multicraft sessions. Tickets are also available for our Wednesday morning Lough Erne paddles and our weekend Love to Paddle Trips, which take place on various dates and from various locations between March and September.

Go to [www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events](http://www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events) for full details and to book tickets online.

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

Saturday 25 April - Paddlesports Taster Day

Saturday 30th May - Firewalk and Family Fun Day. More details to follow.

Erne Paddlers is a not-for-profit registered charity and an inclusive club and we want as many people as possible to experience the health and wellbeing benefits that paddlesports can bring. We have a flexible pricing structure with a range of discounts available, including assistance rates. Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and X for regular updates too.

If anyone would like to find out more, please get in touch via social media,

[email@ernepaddlers.org.uk](mailto:email@ernepaddlers.org.uk) or call/WhatsApp 07468911398.

### **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/>

## NISRA Census User Needs Consultation

### Deadline for submissions extended to Wednesday 18 March 2026

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.

Census 2031 will build on the success of Census 2021 and aims to reflect the changing needs of society. We want to understand:

- how you used Census 2021 data
- what topics you need included in Census 2031
- your views on using alternative data sources to support the census.

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

[Read the full consultation document.](#)

### Ways to respond

Respond online by selecting the respond button below; or

[download and return the questionnaire](#) (PDF or Word version) by email or post.

Email: [census2031.consultations@nisra.gov.uk](mailto:census2031.consultations@nisra.gov.uk)

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

Respond now via <https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dof/nisra-census-user-needs-consultation/>

## America250 Experience Development Programme

### A fully funded training and mentoring programme to develop experiences.

The focus of the programme will be to create/enhance **experiences linked to the Declaration of Independence (1776), and life in America during the period immediately before and after it**, recognising the central figures and the cultural influence of those with Northern Ireland heritage. The programme should encourage the development of tourism experiences that are community-led and culturally rooted and reflect diverse cultural narratives, including Ulster-Scots, Scotch-Irish, and Irish contributions to American history during the late 18th Century.

Visit <https://www.tourismni.com/america250-experience-development-programme/> for further information.

## 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>

## Training Opportunities

### Go Succeed: Get Started in Business Programme

#### Workshops still available in March!

Over the next six weeks, **we are delivering 30 free workshops across six council areas**, designed to support people who are economically inactive and considering self employment as a pathway to income, confidence and independence.

The programme is suitable for people at a very early stage, including those who may not yet see themselves as entrepreneurs.

Sessions are practical, jargon free and supportive, and are led by experienced facilitator Tina Calder of Excalibur Press, who has extensive experience working with individuals facing barriers to employment.

#### Who the programme is suitable for:

- People with a business idea who do not know where to start
- Individuals taking time out of employment due to caring responsibilities, health, redundancy or life transitions
- Students, parents, carers and retirees seeking flexible income options
- People exploring self employment as an alternative or complement to traditional employment
- Individuals who want to build confidence, skills and direction, even if they are not ready to start a business immediately

Participants are welcome to attend individual sessions or multiple workshops depending on their needs and interests.

#### Across the programme, workshops cover topics such as:

- **Turn Your Passion Into Income: Launching Your Side Hustle**  
Discover how to transform a hobby or skill into a rewarding micro business.
- **Discover Self Employment: Here's What You Need To Know**  
Learn what being self employed really means and decide whether it is right for you.
- **First Steps In Business: Getting Started With Confidence**  
Build confidence and clarity to take the first steps towards self employment.
- **Idea To First Sale: A Beginner's Guide To Starting A Business**  
Learn how to turn an idea into a first paying customer.
- **Using AI To Develop Your Idea & Get Started In Business**  
Explore accessible AI tools to support idea development and planning.
- **Simple Business Planning: Your Pre Start Checklist**  
Use a one page business model canvas to map ideas to reality.
- **Find Your Why: Discover Your Purpose & Turn It Into A Business**  
Connect personal motivation and lived experience to a viable business idea.
- **Who's Gonna Buy It? Identifying & Reaching Your First Customers**  
Learn how to identify, reach and speak to potential customers.
- **Design Your Business: Developing Products & Services People Love**  
Develop offers that solve real problems and meet customer needs.
- **Get Started In Business: Planning Your Roadmap To Success**  
Create a clear and realistic plan to move forward.
- **Developing An Entrepreneurial Mindset To Get Started In Business**  
Build confidence, resilience and an entrepreneurial way of thinking.

**Sessions are delivered online and in person, with flexible daytime, evening and weekend options to improve accessibility.**

**Places are free but booking is essential.**

Visit <https://bit.ly/EPEmails> to book

If you've any questions in advance of the session, please don't hesitate to contact [projects@excaliburpress.co.uk](mailto:projects@excaliburpress.co.uk) or project leads Tina Calder ([tina@excaliburpress.co.uk](mailto:tina@excaliburpress.co.uk)) and Alex Feher ([alexandra@excaliburpress.co.uk](mailto:alexandra@excaliburpress.co.uk)).

### **Mental Health First Aid Training**

**Mondays 16 and 23 March, 9.30am-4.30pm (both days must be attended in full)**

#### **Omagh Enterprise Centre**

For anyone over the age of 18 who wants to increase their knowledge and skills in providing initial support for someone with a mental health issue.

This course teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and distress. The training gives participants the skills needed to reach out and provide initial help and support. Participants will also receive information on services available to guide a person towards appropriate professional help.

First Aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Mental Health First Aid does **not** teach people to be therapists.

**Not suitable for anyone recently bereaved by suicide.**

If you would like to register for this training, please click the link here - [Mental Health First Aid \(2 Day Course\) Tickets, Mon, Mar 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Free Training in Omagh with ASCERT**

#### **Vaping Awareness**

**Thursday 19 March, 10am**

Available to those living and working in the Omagh Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. Those with a special interest may include counsellors, social workers, teachers, parents, nurses, anyone working with young people etc.

Participants can get a CPD certificate after the training if they reach out to [training@ascert.biz](mailto:training@ascert.biz)

**Direct Link to training:** [Vaping Awareness Tickets, Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Labour Market Partnerships Childminding Academy**

**Are you interested in becoming a registered childminder or approved home Childcarer?**

- Free training, guidance & support – get the skills you need to succeed
- Gain qualifications & hands-on experience
- Flexible hours – work around your family's schedule
- Make a difference – support children's growth and development

#### **Eligibility criteria**

- Must be over 18
- Have the right to work in the UK
- Willing to commit and fully participate in all aspects of the academy

#### **For more information or to apply**

Email [enquiries@nicma.org](mailto:enquiries@nicma.org) or Tel 028 9181 1015

Limited places available – act now to secure your spot!

[Registered Childminding/Approved home Childcare enquiry form](#)

## Halls & Venues, How to Manage your Building and Maximise its use

### Do you help run a community hall or venue?

Develop your knowledge of how to manage & promote your space effectively -  
Increase usage and turn your building into a thriving community hub

- **Drumquin, Community Youth Centre**      **Wednesday 22 April, 10am - 1pm**
- **Garrison, Melvin Recreation  
& Resource Centre**      **Wednesday 6 May, 6pm - 9pm**
- **Enniskillen, Fermanagh House**      **Wednesday 13 May, 10am-1pm**
- **Online**      **Wednesday 13 May, 10am -1pm**
- **Omagh, Tara Centre**      **Monday 15 June, 6pm-9pm**

Particularly useful to any organisations that may be interested in finding out about free tools that are available to help them manage their Health & Safety requirements and to look at how they could generate more income from their building.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/GuYgqhwvvaodmwPQA>

Health, Safety & Wellbeing Courses including Food Hygiene are accessible through the online learning platform.

Gain useful tips and find out about free tools and practical resources that will help you in your role.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Sonya Johnston, The Fermanagh Trust  
Tel 028 6632 0210 [www.fermanaghtrust.org](http://www.fermanaghtrust.org)

## Fermanagh Trust

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

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

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

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

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](http://www.fermanaghtrust.org)

or email [sonya@fermanaghtrust.org](mailto:sonya@fermanaghtrust.org) Tel 028 6632 0210

**Sign Up for Free, Fully Funded Workshops  
for individuals volunteering or working in the Community/voluntary/charity sector!  
Coming to a town or village near you across Omagh & Fermanagh!**

Our first series of workshops, includes:

1. **Committees: Roles, Functions and Responsibilities**
2. **Fundraising: Generating Income for your group /organisation**
3. **Safeguarding - 3 Hour Certified Course**
4. **Safeguarding, Designated Officer, Full Day Course**
5. **Halls & Venues, How to Manage your Building and Maximise its use**
6. **Introduction to Social Media, AI Tools & Canva**
7. **Volunteers: How to get them & how to keep them**
8. **Inclusion: Delivering Activities and Events that are Welcoming to Everyone**

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

We're delighted to share this 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). Each workshop will be delivered in seven locations across Fermanagh and Omagh up 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/>

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Sonya Johnston, The Fermanagh Trust  
Tel 028 6632 0210 [www.fermanaghtrust.org](http://www.fermanaghtrust.org)

**WHSCCT 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](mailto:recoverycollege@westerntrust.hscni.net)

## Health Improvement Equality & Involvement Department Update Training Brochure January to March 2026

The WHSCT Health Improvement Equality & Involvement (HIEI) Department has released the Update Training Brochure which is offering **free training courses** taking place across the Trust to 31 March.

The training courses, in this Update edition, 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 a brand new Children & Families event; Our Neuro Network – Professional Networking Event and a new Emotional Health & Wellbeing session – ‘Sexual Abuse, Sextortion and Sexual Exploitation in a Digital World’. Returning for this edition is Digital Safeguarding Core Awareness also found in the Emotional Health & Wellbeing section. The courses in the brochure will be delivered either via Zoom or face to face in a range of locations across the WHSCT.

To view the Training Brochure click on this link – ... [Training Brochure January - March 2026 - HIEIE Training Brochure January to 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 028 7186 5127/Ext 217126

## Accessible Digital Skills Training for Deaf and Hearing Loss Residents

**Thursdays 26 February, 5 March and 12 March, 2-4pm**

### **Omagh Library**

Delivered by AdaptNI, the **free** programme consists of three visual, Deaf-aware sessions focused on practical everyday digital skills.

Participants will learn how to use their own devices, access online services, communicate digitally and stay safe online.

Participants are encouraged to bring the device they use regularly.

For further information, please contact [info@adaptni.co.uk](mailto:info@adaptni.co.uk)

## Funding Opportunities

### Department of Foreign Affairs

#### Trade Reconciliation Fund Outreach Workshops

If you intend to submit an application in this year's round, we strongly recommend you attend one of these outreach workshops.

Please note that registration is limited to a maximum of two persons per organisation. You only need to attend one of the sessions.

**Enniskillen, Friday 13 March**, 11am to 1pm - Register your attendance using the Eventbrite link [Reconciliation Fund Outreach Workshops-2026 - Enniskillen](#)

Further sessions are being held in Derry, Belfast, Armagh, Monaghan please visit our [website](#) for details.

These sessions will outline the application process for each of the Reconciliation Fund rounds (Annual & Strategic Partnership) step-by-step, and answer any questions that you may have. The sessions will also brief attendees on our new Reconciliation Fund Strategy 2026-2029.

Please Note: The exact opening date will be communicated in due course, however we expect it to be around St Patrick's Day. Strategic Partnership Applications will be by invitation only to eligible groups, with further details being made available at the workshops.

If you have any questions regarding these outreach workshops, please contact the Reconciliation Fund team at [reconciliation@dfa.ie](mailto:reconciliation@dfa.ie)

### National Lottery Awards for All

#### Tuesday 24 March, 12.30pm Online

Are you working with your local community to develop a project in Northern Ireland to support people in your local area? If so, this session may be of interest to you.

The National Lottery Community Fund in Northern Ireland are hosting a lunch time information session to tell you more about their ever-popular small grants programme, National Lottery Awards for All.

For more information and to book, visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-national-lottery-community-fund-ni/national-lottery-awards-for-all-northern-ireland-briefing-session/e-jopjor>