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

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

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

## Council News & Events

### Introducing Community inFO

We're delighted to introduce Community inFO, our new twice-yearly community magazine, sharing inspiring stories, useful information, practical support and opportunities from across Fermanagh and Omagh.

The first edition will be available online from Wednesday 4 November. So make a brew, have a read, discover what's happening across our communities and be inspired!

A limited number of printed copies will also be available to collect from the Townhall, The Grange and Community Connect Centres in Enniskillen and Omagh, with reference copies available for browsing at GP surgeries and other locations throughout the district.

Read Community inFO **from Wednesday 4 November**:
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-info-magazine/

### Save the Date!

We're excited to announce our **Funding Fair** happening in **Omagh Leisure Complex** on **Thursday 14 January 2027 from 4.00-7.00pm (Drop-in)**
Join us to explore funding opportunities, connect with partners, and discover resources to support your community groups, projects and initiatives.
More details coming soon – mark your calendar!
Please share with any of your community contacts.

### Supporting our Communities

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Annual Report 2025-2026 is officially live! Every milestone achieved this year means more people in our district are improving their health, accessing life-changing opportunities, and feeling truly connected.
Here is a quick look at how we supported you this year:

- **Hardship Support**: Delivered increased financial assistance to local households experiencing financial hardship.
- **Age Friendly Strategy**: Formally launched the Fermanagh and Omagh Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2030 to ensure our older residents stay independent, active, and valued.
- **Health & Wellbeing**: Reached over 4,000 participants through targeted health programmes, and taught 300+ children to swim every single week!

- **PEACEPLUS & Safety**: Successfully rolled out new community safety frameworks, cross-border initiatives, and vital PEACEPLUS community development programmes.
- **Arts & Heritage**: Continued investing in our district's rich cultural programmes and historic heritage preservation.

See how we are shaping our district together. Read the full report today:
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/.../Annual-Performance...

**New to the area?**
**You are welcome to join the Community Connect Hub**
**Fermanagh House, Enniskillen Thursday 5 November**
**Omagh Community House Tuesday 1 December**
Come along on any of the above days, **10am-12 noon.**
You can:

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

People will be there to help with:

- Housing
- Jobs and benefits
- Health
- Community advice

**Just drop in. No booking needed.**
**Everyone is welcome.**

**Know Your Place: Exploring Our Local Heritage**
Know Your Place, delivered through the PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, is an exciting opportunity to explore the rich and diverse heritage of Fermanagh and Omagh, connect with others and help shape the stories we share for future generations.
**Your Heritage, Our Stories**
Heritage is all around us. It is the buildings, landscapes and landmarks that shape our places, alongside the stories, traditions and memories passed down through generations. It connects us to our past, helps us understand one another and gives our communities a shared sense of identity and belonging.
**Discover, Share and Celebrate Your Heritage**
The Know Your Place programme offers **free workshops, talks, events and creative activities**. Whether you are interested in local history, family stories, folklore, industrial heritage or the evolution of our towns, villages and landscapes, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.
Through hands-on workshops, you can develop new skills in oral history, or storytelling, creative writing, photography, filmmaking and exhibition design, while discovering, documenting and sharing the stories that matter to you and your community.
**Get involved!** Meet others, share memories and celebrate our diverse cultural roots. Discover upcoming free workshops, with tea and coffee, **no need to book**
**November Venue Schedule**
Everyone over the age of 18 is welcome.
This is the first of six workshops in an area near you, the remaining five will take place in 2027. Dates may change please check dates and times on the PEACEPLUS Events website https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/the-peaceplus-programme/events-and-workshops/. This also contains details of the theme for each workshop.

- Wednesday 11 November Enniskillen Workhouse, Enniskillen at 7pm
- Thursday 12 November Dromore Sports Complex, Dromore at 7pm

- Thursday 12 November — The Patrician Hall, Carrickmore at 7pm
- Tuesday 17 November — Murphy's on Main Street, Ederney at 7pm
- Thursday 19 November — Strule Arts Centre, Omagh at 7pm
- Tuesday 24 November — Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea at 7pm
- Wednesday 25 November — Larganess Centre, Mill Road, Florencecourt at 7pm

Together, we can cherish our heritage, strengthen community connections and pass our stories on to future generations. For more information contact the PEACEPLUS team on 0300 303 1777 or email peace@fermanaghomagh.com

## Calling All Creatives! Join the Next Creative Café in Omagh

**Thursday 19 November, 7pm-8.30pm**
**Omagh Community House**

Are you an artist, musician, writer, storyteller, poet, dancer, actor or involved in the creative sector?
The next Creative Café takes place in Omagh this November, offering a welcoming and informal space for creative people to meet, share ideas, exchange experiences and make new connections.
Creative Cafés are a Fermanagh and Omagh District Council initiative, delivered by Daisy Chain, aimed at bringing together and supporting the local creative community.
The event will feature Gemma Reid from Daisy Chain, who will open the evening with a short, thought-provoking introduction to get the conversations flowing.
Designed by creative people, for creative people, Creative Cafés provide an opportunity to connect with others working across the arts and creative community.
Whether you're an established creative practitioner or just starting out, everyone is welcome.
**Interested in attending? Please email info@daisychaininc.co**

## Christmas Switch-on Events

**Saturday 21 November**
**in Enniskillen and Omagh**

Save the date for these switch on events with festive entertainment.

The Street Music Programme in Enniskillen and Omagh with also start on 21 November.
Keep an eye out for further information.

## Nominate your Community Climate Champion!

Do you know an individual or group that is doing good work in your local community to help protect and improve the environment? They could be doing litter picks, growing their own fruit and vegetables, looking after planting in their town or village or being innovative with reuse and recycling.
If you would like to see them recognised, nominate them to be a Community Climate Champion!
For further information visit https://bit.ly/3TRvZno

## Explore the Marble Arch Caves this autumn and save 15%!

Discover the underground world of the Marble Arch Caves with our Autumn Explorer Offer.
Enjoy 15% off Adult, Senior and Student tickets for the Guided Cave Tour, available Monday to Friday until Wednesday 23 December 2026.
Click here for more information and to book

**Take a look at the latest construction update from the Fermanagh Lakeland Forum redevelopment**

Significant progress is now visible across the site, with the concrete base of the new swimming pools, structural walls, supports and stairwell structures all taking shape.

Specialist insulation, along with gas and water membranes, has also been installed to support the development of Ireland's first Passivhaus-certified leisure centre, delivering exceptional energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact.

Watch the video below to see the latest milestone in this landmark project

Fermanagh Lakeland Forum Redevelopment - Pool foundations

**Competition Time**

For your chance to win an Android Tablet

- Download the free Bin-Ovation Recycling App
- Terms and conditions
- Take the quiz and score 10/10
- Take a screenshot of your score and send to enquiries@bin-ovation.com

Winner will be drawn at random by Bin-Ovation.

**Competition closes Sunday 15 November 2026**

**DfC Public Libraries Policy Consultation**

This consultation is a key stage in developing a new Public Libraries Policy to set a strategic vision and direction for the public library service over the next 10 years.

Public libraries are among Northern Ireland's most valued and accessible public services. They provide welcoming community spaces where people can access information, books and resources, develop literacy and digital skills, support learning, health and wellbeing, explore local heritage, and participate in a wide range of cultural and community activities.

We are inviting views on the proposed vision, strategic priorities and a number of emerging issues facing the public library sector.

For further information visit Consultation on a Public Libraries Policy for Northern Ireland | Department for Communities

**Closes Wednesday 25 November 2026**

**EVAWG - Research participation: women's experiences of domestic abuse in rural areas**

**Have Your Voice Heard**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is inviting women from across the district to take part in the second phase of an important research project exploring how living in a rural area can shape experiences of domestic abuse and access to support services.

This phase of the research will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams, allowing participants to take part from the privacy and comfort of their own home at a time that suits them.

If you are:

- A woman aged 18+
- Living in, or previously living in, the Fermanagh and Omagh district when you experienced domestic abuse
- Willing to share your experiences confidentially

we would like to hear from you.

As a thank you for your time, participants will receive a £20 payment for taking part in the interview.

Your experiences can help shape future services, inform policy development, and support women across our rural communities.

For more information, visit **https://bit.ly/4es8RWo**

## Irish Language Classes

Reáchtálfar ranganna pobail Chomhairle Cheantar Fhear Manach & na hÓmaí in athuair in Inis Ceithleann agus an Ómaigh go luath déanta i gcomhpháirtíocht le CLG Fhear Manach.
Beidh ranganna ar fáil ag Bunleibheál, Meánleibheál (Íoctarach / Uachtárach) agus Ardleibheál ar feadh 10 seachtaine.
Beidh fáilte roimh fhoghlaimeoirí úra agus roimh dhaoine ag teacht ar ais chuig na ranganna.
Le tuilleadh eolais nó d'áit a chur in áirithe téigh chuig: **https://bit.ly/4xELws6**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Community Irish Language Classes will return to Enniskillen and Omagh for 2026/27, delivered in partnership with **Fermanagh GAA**.
Classes are available at Beginner, Intermediate (Lower and Upper) and Advanced levels and will run for 10 weeks.
New and returning learners are welcome
For more information or to book your place please click here: **https://bit.ly/4xELws6**

## Free Home Safety Checks

The Council offer these for all residents who are over 65, families with children under 5, and vulnerable adults, living within our council area.
The checks offer tips on all aspects of home safety, as well as specialist advice on topics like heating and energy saving. A room-by-room inspection usually takes around 30 minutes, and our Home Safety Officers can:

- Show you the potential risk areas in your home, for example slips and trips hazards, blind cords or poisoning risks
- Issue home safety equipment (subject to the eligibility criteria detailed below, and stock availability)
- Provide tailored advice on how to make your home safer
- Refer you for a free smoke alarm installation.

Apply for an Under 5 five visit here: Under 5 Home Safety Check Referral Form
Apply for an Over 65 visit here: Over 65/ Vulnerable Adults Home Safety Check Referral Form

## Looking for free activities to support your health and wellbeing this autumn?

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Community Wellbeing Programme is back with a wide range of **free** activities running from September to December 2026.
Whether you're interested in keeping active, meeting new people, learning new skills or improving your overall wellbeing, there's something for everyone.
View the full programme schedule: https://canva.link/autumn-2026-schedule
Find out more about the Community Wellbeing Programme and upcoming activities:
https://www.facebook.com/CommunityWellbeingFODC

## Age Friendly

The Council is committed to providing an Age Friendly District and seeks to ensure that older people lead more independent, engaged and socially connected lives.
For further information and details of how to **join an older person's group** visit
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/health-wellbeing/agefriendly/

**Details of upcoming events for older people can be found at**
https://www.facebook.com/swapnetwork/

## 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/

## PEACEPLUS Update

Please see the link below to view our latest Newsletter, which provides an update on the progress made across the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan.
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2026/07/Final-FODC-PEACEPLUS-Newsletter-Summer-July-2026.pdf
We have also updated our News webpages to include PEACEPLUS in Pictures, showcasing the people, projects and activities that make up the Fermanagh and Omagh PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan. By sharing the stories behind the programme and celebrating participant achievements, we hope to raise awareness of PEACEPLUS opportunities and demonstrate how the programme is supporting positive change throughout the district.
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/the-peaceplus-programme/peaceplus-newsletters-and-press-releases/
Our Events and Workshops page continues to provide updates on current opportunities, so please keep an eye on it to find out what is happening and how you can get involved:
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/the-peaceplus-programme/events-and-workshops/

## Homeowner Flood Protection Grant Scheme

Has your house flooded internally before or do you live in a known flood prone area?
The Department for Infrastructure's Homeowner Grant Protection Scheme will cover 90% of the cost of making adjustments to your home to make it more resistant to flooding.
Find out more at https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/.../homeowner-flood...

## Help with your electricity bill

There is a new scheme to reduce people's electricity bills in Northern Ireland. Households will automatically get a discount to their electricity bill this year, in 2027 and 2028. **You do not need to apply and it is not means-tested.**
The Household Electricity Discount Scheme is funded by government. Under the scheme, households will either receive a yearly deduction from their electricity bill, or credit to their pre-pay/ keypad meter.
The scheme will run for three years from 2026 to 2028.
Discount or credit will be automatic – you do not need to apply.
The amount is not based on how much electricity you use or how much you top up.
This year's discount is £63.00 and it will be made from 6 October 2026.
You will be told the amounts for 2027 and 2028 before any discount is applied to your bill or credit added to your pre-pay/ keypad meter.
Full information is available at NI Direct : https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/help-your-electricity-bill or you can watch this video on YouTube: https://youtu.be/m-gdx3oTeVE?si=2WsGB255HGSYIIx8

## Department for Communities' £100 Home Heating Oil Support Scheme

**Now open for applications**

Eligible households are encouraged to apply through NI Direct for the Department for Communities' £100 Home Heating Oil Support Scheme.

The £100 digital pre-paid card scheme will support households who use oil as their main source of heating.

One digital card per household will be payable where applicants use oil as their main source of heating and receive a qualifying income-related benefit, or a disability benefit, or have an annual income for single people or couples (including pensioners) of less than £30,000 after allowable deductions.

The scheme is now open for applications through NI Direct and will close for new applications on 31 March 2027.

**You must make an application, as awards for the home heating oil support scheme will not be made automatically**.

For further information or to make an application, visit https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/apply-online-home-heating-oil-support

## Financial Wellbeing Project

**Are you struggling with your personal finances?**
**Would your staff like a Debt Awareness Session?**
**Would your group users benefit from a Financial Well Being Clinic?**

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

Our project will provide advice and representation on the following:

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

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

**Omagh Independent Advice Services**
Phone No. 028 8224 3252 or Email info@oias.co.uk
**Community Advice Fermanagh**
Phone No. 028 6632 4334 or Email website@communityadvicefermanagh.com

## Cost of Living Help

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

## Consultations

Consultations provide you with an opportunity to have your say. They also help us to find out what you think and to understand your priorities and concerns about our district. Further information is available at https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/

## Community Centres

Our community centres are available to hire for children's activities/parties, community events, health and sporting activities, special occasions and corporate events.
For further details visit https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/community/community-centres/

## FODC Physical Activity Referral Scheme (PARS)

Delivered in partnership with the Public Health Agency (PHA), PARS is a **free 12-week exercise** referral programme facilitated by fully qualified staff for individuals with specific health conditions who have no absolute contraindications to exercise.
PARS includes online delivery with sessions also facilitated at Council leisure centres.
For further information visit Physical Activity Referral Scheme

## FODC Move More Programme

A physical activity initiative delivered in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support available to anyone who has had a cancer diagnosis, at any stage of their life.
Move More supports the lives of people with cancer through physical activity. Physical activity before, during and after cancer treatment can help prevent and manage the effects of treatment, such as fatigue, depression and risks to heart health.
Sessions are facilitated at Council leisure centres.
For further information visit Macmillan Move More.

## 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

## 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 News

## Community Support

The Community Services Department offers support to individuals and organisations within the community and voluntary sector promoting community action.
Officers within the Community Services Team are available to assist community groups and voluntary organisations make as big a difference as possible to local lives and issues.
For further information, please visit Community – Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (fermanaghomagh.com)
Please contact your local Community Support Officer for any assistance you or your organisation may require:

| Area | Officer | Email | Telephone 0300 303 1777 |
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| Enniskillen | Roisin McManus | roisin.mcmanus@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 21178 |
| Erne East | Joanne Cunningham | joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 21405 |
| Erne North | Leza Cleary | leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 21234 |
| Erne West | Kellie Beacom | kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 21201 |
| Mid Tyrone | Lee Hamilton | lee.hamilton@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 20227 |
| Omagh | Josephine Treanor | josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 20222 |
| West Tyrone | Billie-Jo Irwin | billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com | Ext 20220 |

## Give Blood – Save Lives

**Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen** **Monday 2 November, 12.30pm-7.30pm**
**Tuesday 3 November, 12.30pm-7.30pm**
Book an appointment at https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/

## Talk Money Week 2026

**Monday 2 – Friday 6 November**
Feeling the pressure of rising living costs? You're not alone. This Talk Money Week take a positive step towards improving your financial wellbeing with practical advice, support and information that could help your money go further.
Join the **free** online event, "It All Counts," on **Tuesday 3 November** (10am-4pm) and hear from experts on:

- Budgeting and managing household costs
- Energy-saving tips
- Benefits and financial support
- Debt advice
- Scam awareness
- Planning for the future

As a show of support and to help raise awareness of the importance of financial wellbeing, Council buildings will be illuminated in blue on 2 November.
Register here: https://bit.ly/4xYEBKD
More information available at: https://bit.ly/4yWHugj

## Who Gets to be Healthy?

**Monday 2 November**
**ARC Healthy Living Centre, Irvinestown**
Community Development and Health Network are delighted to be offering this **free** one day workshop which will explore how health inequalities impact individuals and communities. It will be relevant for anyone working or volunteering in communities, from the voluntary and community

sector, local government or statutory services.
Further information and booking is available at https://cdhn.org/upcoming-training-and-events

## Youth Networking Event

**Tuesday 3 November, 7pm-9pm** **EA Youth Centre, Omagh**
**Wednesday 4 November, 7pm-9pm** **Lakeland Youth Centre, Enniskillen**

We welcome youth workers, practitioners, community projects and groups including music groups, arts and drama, sports clubs, community and voluntary organisations, community projects, youth work services and youth practitioners.
Come and meet professionals, volunteers and organisations working with young people across the area and share ideas and information to create new opportunities for young people.
For more information email priscilla.magee@westerntrust.hscni.net Tel 07880 723076

## Enniskillen Jobs & Benefit's Office

**November Job Clubs**

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| **Lisnaskea Library** | **Thursday 5 November** |
| **Enniskillen Jobs & Benefit's Office** | **Thursday 12 November** |
| **Fivemiletown Library** | **Thursday 19 November** |
| **Irvinestown Library** | **Tuesday 24 November** |

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

**No appointment required** – everyone welcome.

## Big Charity Breakfast

**Saturday 7 November, 9am-12pm**
**Trory Parish Hall, Killadeas Road, Ballycassidy**

Adults-£10, Children Under 12-£5.

Proceeds to Trory Parish Church. Everyone welcome

## Finding our Funny: Stand up to Wellbeing

**Monday 9 November, from 6.30pm**
**Pat's Bar, Enniskillen**
Join us for a unique and uplifting evening of laughter, storytelling and creativity as Inspire presents Finding Our Funny: Stand Up For Wellbeing.
Book your tickets at https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/FindingOurFunnyLIVETour

## Join us for a Community Retrofit Event in Ballyconnell!

**Tuesday 10 November, 6pm-8pm**
**Market House, Ballyconnell**
In collaboration with KORE Retrofit, we invite you to our Community Retrofit Event in Ballyconnell! Join us to meet local retrofit experts, discover available grants, get expert advice, and explore practical energy solutions to make your home or business more energy efficient.
Registration is free, but please register your intended attendance using the link below:

Community Retrofit Event | Ballyconnell Tickets, Tuesday, November 10 • 6 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite
We encourage all community members to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about making your home or business warmer, more energy efficient, and more sustainable. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Safefood's 'Appetite for Change' Food Environment exhibition**
**Tuesday 10 – Tuesday 17 November**
**Omagh Library**
Come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.

**NICVA (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action)**
**Tuesday 17 November, 9.30am-3.45pm**
**Fermanagh House**
At NICVA, we know that some of the most important conversations happen when people come together locally. That's why we're bringing NICVA On the Road to the South West this autumn. Join us to meet the NICVA team to discuss the issues affecting your communities and explore opportunities for support and collaboration.
Use the following link to book a one-to-one session with our team of directors and staff in Enniskillen

**Leitrim PPN Plenary**
**Beyond Borders, Building Communities**
**Thursday 19 November, 7-9pm**
**The Rainbow Ballroom of Romance, Glenfarne, Co Leitrim F91 RK54**
This special evening will celebrate the strength of our communities, explore the connections we share across the border, and provide an opportunity to hear stories, exchange ideas and learn from one another.
**What can you look forward to?**
- Connecting with other community groups and stakeholders from across Leitrim and the wider border region.
- Information stands and PPN updates
- Networking and conversation with people who share your commitment to making communities better places to live, work and visit.
- And of course, food and a cuppa!

Our communities are stronger when we come together, learn from one another and build connections that go beyond geographical boundaries.
We will begin the evening with refreshments at 7pm and an opportunity to meet fellow community representatives before moving into the speakers.
We look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable and inspiring evening.
**Register here**

**Alzheimer's Society**
**Young-onset Dementia Peer Support Group**
**Thursdays 19 November, 17 December, 6pm - 7.30pm**
**(third Thursday of each month)**
**Fermanagh House, Enniskillen**
A new group for people living with young-onset dementia (diagnosed under age 65), their family members and carers.
The group will provide a safe, facilitated environment to share experiences, build social networks and maintain independence through activities.

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

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

## Young Carers Webinar

**Friday 20 November, 2.00-3.30pm**

In partnership with the **Carers Trust**, the Co-operation Ireland OUR Generation Team is delighted to announce a new webinar, this time on the topic of **"Young Carers"**.

A Young Carer is anyone under the age of 18 who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support. Due to their obligations, they can often become isolated and fall behind in school or employment.

This webinar is ideal for anyone in a youth facing role who would like to learn more about young carers, how to identify them and how best to support them in their roles.

Register via https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/young-carers-webinar-tickets-2003653137471?aff=oddtdtcreator&keep_tld=true

## Bryson Care

**An invitation to Healing Together Fermanagh**
**Wednesday 25 November, 2pm-3.30pm**
**The Workhouse, Enniskillen**

The Healing Together Initiative – developed with international trauma expert Dr Eugen Koh offers an insight into the effects of post conflict community trauma, and a model of understanding and community healing, which facilitates community transformation.
RSVP: lorraine.montague@brysongroup.org
Telephone 07894 397542

## Free health and wellbeing support for adults aged 55 and over

The Western Trust's **Early Frailty Intervention Project (EFIP**) is a **free community-based** programme that aims to help people stay active, independent and well as they get older.
The project focuses on offering support early, helping people look after their health and wellbeing and prevent or delay frailty before it begins to affect everyday life.
The main focus is on adults aged 55–70, although people over 70 can also take part. You don't need to have a particular health concern or feel that you are experiencing frailty to participate.
The programme begins with an informal information session, followed by an opportunity for individual assessments with a specialist nurse, physiotherapist and occupational therapist. These assessments give people the chance to ask questions and receive advice relevant to their own health, mobility and everyday activities.
We would love to hear from individuals, community associations, social groups and other organisations interested in finding out more or hosting a session in their local area.
For further information, please contact the EFIP team
**Telephone:** 028 8283 3100, ext. 235268
**Email:** efip.ss@westerntrust.hscni.net

## Hope Cafe - a community cafe by Enniskillen Presbyterian Church

**Fridays 11am - 2pm. Everybody Welcome!**

Come meet new friends in a warm space that offers affordable homemade soup, scones, pizza and other treats.
https://www.facebook.com/T4UCommunityCafe?locale=en_GB

## Northern Ireland Piping & Drumming School (NIPDS)

**Saturdays, 10.00am–12.30pm**
**Devenish College, Enniskillen**

We are currently promoting our 2026/27 programme of community piping and drumming classes, with classes running in Lisburn, Enniskillen and Dungannon. Our aim is to make high-quality, accessible tuition available locally and encourage new participants of all ages to get involved in traditional music.

Our programme includes tuition in piping and drumming, with Drum Majoring also available in Dungannon and Lisburn.

Our current classes are:

- Lisburn – Saturdays, 10.00am–12.30pm
- Enniskillen – Saturdays, 10.00am–12.30pm
- Dungannon – Wednesdays, 7.00pm–9.00pm

Heritage music has continued to enjoy strong visibility and support across Northern Ireland and Scotland this year, highlighting the enduring cultural value of piping, drumming and associated traditions. We believe it is important to build on that momentum by creating accessible opportunities for new learners, younger generations and returning musicians to take part. Through local tuition and community-based activity, NIPDS aims to help sustain the skills, knowledge and traditions that sit behind this important part of our shared musical heritage, ensuring they continue to be passed on and enjoyed by future generations.

For further information/to enrol email sharon-canavan@nipds.network Tel 07745 169327

## Narcotics Anonymous

**Mondays and Thursdays 7pm, Saturday mornings 11am**
**Fermanagh House, Enniskillen**

Drug problem? Maybe we can help.

Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit fellowship of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.

For more information visit www.na-northernireland.org or telephone 0300 365 1010

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Drink problem? We get it….. You're not alone.

Meet us online or in person.

For more information visit www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie or telephone 028 9035 1222

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

## Sport NI Digital Learning Hub

Explore the Sport NI Digital Learning Hub https://www.sportlearningni.com to access the latest free online e-learning opportunities available to our sporting community.

As we continue to grow the Hub, we'd appreciate your support in helping spread the word across your club network.

Contact digitallearning@sportni.net if any queries.

## Weekend Crisis Hopeline
## PIPS Suicide Prevention Ireland

PIPS Charity is a regional Northern Ireland charity dedicated to suicide prevention, supporting mental health and emotional wellbeing. With offices in Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, and **Enniskillen**, we provide a range of free support services, such as crisis intervention, counselling, and befriending, to individuals and families affected by suicidal thoughts, emotional distress, mental health difficulties, and bereavement.

We would particularly like to bring your attention to our **Weekend Crisis Hopeline**, a regional overnight telephone service available Friday and Sunday nights, to anyone across Northern Ireland experiencing emotional distress, suicidal thoughts, or a mental health crisis.

The operational hours for the Weekend Crisis Hopeline are as follows.
**Friday 9pm - 10am Saturday**
**Sunday 9pm - 9am Monday**
**028 9080 5850 | Freephone 0800 088 6042**

We know that crisis doesn't wait for working hours. The Weekend Crisis Hopeline provides a confidential, non-judgemental space to talk with a trained crisis practitioner when someone is in distress, needs support or simply wants someone to talk to during a difficult time outside of usual working hours. There is no referral process for the Hopeline, and individuals can contact us directly whenever they feel in need of support.

For more information, please feel free to refer to our website where the information on the Weekend Crisis Hopeline is posted: Weekend Crisis Hopeline - PIPS Suicide Prevention Ireland

If someone is in immediate danger or there is an emergency, call **999** immediately or attend your nearest Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department.

## Erne Paddlers

Erne Paddlers is running kayaking skills sessions over the winter months in the pools at Omagh Leisure Centre and at Fivemiletown College Community Annex. With activities for children from 7yrs up to adults, we have something to suit everyone and all levels of experience, but space is limited. Thanks to additional funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Sport NI we are able to offer 50% off for our Omagh courses. This is part of a wider effort to encourage more people to take up sport, particularly women and girls. Email us for more information. River Kayaking sessions have also returned with four planned kayaking days coming up before the end of the year. Keep a look out on our social media pages or visit www.ernepaddlers.org.uk/events for full details and to book tickets online.

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

## Home-Start Lakeland

**Volunteer Recruitment**

We are a local family support charity who support families with young children in Co Fermanagh. Volunteers visit families in their own home once a week for 2-3 hours offering activities with children, emotional and practical support. We are currently recruiting volunteers to meet the increasing demand for our services. If you think you could help, please call 028 6634 6818 or email info@homestartlakeland.org.uk

## Erne District Chinese Families' & Friends' Association

**Alternate Saturdays to 19 December, 2pm-4pm**
**St Michael's Community Hall, Enniskillen BT74 6AA**

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

**Key Dates**

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| Saturday 5 December | Christmas Workshop (2pm-4pm) |
| Saturday 19 December | Christmas & Winter Solstice (3.30pm–5.30pm) |

**Volunteers Welcome**! Join us and be part of something special

Email ernechinese@hotmail.com Telephone 07485 711652

**Celebrate Culture • Community • Creativity**

## Community Energy Saver Project

**Keep Warm and Well Workshops**

Worried about high energy bills and keeping your home warm this winter? In the Fermanagh and Omagh district, National Energy Action (NEA NI) is running Keep Warm and Well workshops, supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Ulster Garden Villages, to help you take control of your household energy bills.
Simple changes to your daily routine can make a massive difference!
We can offer these sessions online or face-to-face for community groups, clubs and organisations across the district.

What you will learn:

- Top Tips: Easy low-cost or no-cost ways to save energy.
- Heating Controls: How to understand and manage your heating system.
- Stop Heat Loss: Practical ways to keep the heat where it is needed.
- Damp & Condensation: How to spot the causes and fix them.
- Switching Suppliers: How to compare energy deals and save money.
- Advice and support: information and details of relevant organisations.

Book a session for your group today!
Email: Nichola.MacDougall@nea.org.uk Phone: 028 9023 9909

## Support While You Wait – 12-week programme

This programme is funded by the Department of Health and delivered by Action Mental Health Foyle (13b Pump Street Derry/Londonderry).
The programme is for adults awaiting any NHS treatment.
We are providing practical, emotional, and wellbeing focused support to help take back control, build resilience, improve physical & mental health and reduce social isolation.
If you would like further information or to make a referral, please call AMH Foyle on 028 7137 3502 or email foyle@amh.org.uk

## BT Switch to Digital Voice

**Act Now!**

We're urging anyone who is yet to switch to engage with us promptly to avoid the risk of service disruption.

**Three things customers should do:**

- Read the information we send you by post or email, or respond to our calls
- Contact us if we have asked you to get in touch, or if you have any questions. This is especially important for customers who have telecare, a health pendant, personal alarm or another device attached to their landline
- Confirm any appointments to help complete your switch

Please take a look at our press release, linked here: **BT urges customers not to ignore the switch to digital landlines**

## Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea

We are delighted to share with you our programme of activities for September – December 2026
https://www.oakhealthylivingcentre.com/current-programmes/
Call us on 028 6772 3843 for more information.

## Tara Centre, Omagh

Ongoing Services: Counselling/Psychotherapy/Art Therapy/Complementary Therapies

**Autumn/Winter Programme**

- **Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November**, Fr. Jim Cogley - two-day retreat exploring loss, healing, spirituality and the deeper questions of our lives. Cost £60.00, VSS subsidises the cost for those who meet the criteria
- **Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm** - Meditating Together - Mary Daly & Maura Twohig, Free

For full details visit https://taraomagh.com/programmes-workshops/

**To book any of the above events call reception on 028 8225 0024.**

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

- **Omagh Men's Support Group** - Mondays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Contact Gerry 07799 472968.
- **PATHS Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday of month 8.00pm-9.30pm. Contact Jimmy 07879 414385.
- **Clann Cheoil Na hÓmaí Singing Group**, Thursdays 7-9pm. This cross-community group dives into Irish Traditional songs in the Irish language – which is just as fun as it is challenging! Everyone welcome! Contact Seán 07979 530616 for more information

## Aisling Centre

**37 Darling Street, Enniskillen BT74 7DP**

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

**Groups & Programmes:**

- **Aisling's New, Pre-loved and Vintage Charity Shop** – Open Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am-4pm.
- **Charity Shop Volunteers Needed** – For information, contact Reception. At Aisling's you will be joining a great team of people and help support mental health services in your community.
- **Self Care Drop-In** – Monthly drop-in sessions. First Tuesday of every month. Next session is on Tuesday 3 November. Suggested donation £3 per person.

- **Forget Me Not** – Support group for those bereaved by suicide. First Monday of the month, 7.30-9pm. Next meeting is on Monday 2 November.

**Other Groups & Events:**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – 3 meetings per week at Aisling Centre. Telephone for details.
- **Aware** – Mental Health Support Group. Every Tuesday from 7pm-9pm. For further information, please contact info@aware-ni.org
- **Cherish Sure Start** – Creche facility from Monday-Friday as well as various programmes for both children and parents. For further information call Maeve on 028 6862 1970 or email cherish@archlc.com
- **Escapists** – Support Group for Carers. Meets every Wednesday, 10.30am-1pm. Contact Catriona on 028 6634 2759.
- **Island Artists** – Each Wednesday, 1pm-4pm. For more information, please contact Maura on 07968 225704.
- **ZEST**: **Healing the Hurt** – Counselling and support for people who self-harm. Contact your GP or ZEST on 028 7126 6999.

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

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| • Christine | Mondays at 6pm | 07722 550040 |
| • Catherine | Mondays at 7.30pm | 07730 797775 |
| • Alasdair | Wednesdays at 6.30pm | 07776 290903 |
| • Genny | Thursdays at 12pm | 028 8954 1994 |
| • Theresa | Thursdays at 6pm (men only) | 07923 694523 |
| | 7pm and 8pm (both mixed) | 07923 694523 |

**The Patrician, Carrickmore**

**Monday 2 November**

3:30pm Patrician Youth Drama
6:30pm Strength & Conditioning Fitness with Paula
7:30pm Stretch & Release

**Tuesday 3 November**

12:30pm Chair Exercise Class

**Wednesday 4 November**

6:10am Early Bird Bootcamp Fitness
9:30am Patrician Tots
5:30pm Jim McKee painting
5:45pm O'Kane Irish Dancing

**Thursday 5 November**

12:30pm Chair Exercise Class
2:00pm Afternoon club
4:30pm Termon Trad

**Friday 6 November**

6:10am Early Bird Fitness Bootcamp
8:00pm The BIG NIGHT Out show

**Saturday 7 November**

8:00pm The BIG NIGHT Out!

**Next Social Dance: Saturday 21 November** – Sprig of Heather
Contact Eilish 07769 266002 with any queries.

## Training Opportunities

### AWARE NI

**Support your wellbeing and learn practical mental health skills with free Mindfulness and CBT Courses**

Whether you want to better understand your mental health, improve your emotional wellbeing or learn practical tools to support yourself and others, AWARE NI has a programme for you.

This November, they are offering a range of mental health and wellbeing programmes delivered online, for individuals, parents, teachers and classroom assistants. Read more…

### Fully Funded SEN Training

**Starts Thursday 5 November for 6 weeks**
**Online via Zoom**

Would you like to build your knowledge and confidence in supporting children and young people with special educational needs?
People 1st, in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, is offering the **Level 3 Award in Working with Children and Young People with Special Needs.**
This tutor-led course will provide you with valuable knowledge and practical skills to help you support children and young people with additional needs effectively.

**Updated eligibility**

Applications are now welcome from anyone living within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.
The course is particularly relevant to classroom assistants and those currently working in childcare. While applications are open to everyone, priority may be given to applicants working in these sectors if the programme is oversubscribed.
Understand how to support the learning of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. This is a fantastic, fully funded opportunity to gain a recognised Level 3 qualification and develop skills that can make a real difference in the lives of children and young people.
**To register your interest**, complete https://bit.ly/4saBeyK
For further information, email c.mcgarvey@people-1st.co.uk
Places are limited, so apply as soon as possible!

### Free accredited OCN NI Level 2 Award in Community Development

**Thursday 5, 12, 19 & 26 November, 10.30am–2.30pm**
**in Omagh**
**Accredited qualification. Fully funded**

Are you a volunteer, committee member, community leader or staff member working in the community and voluntary sector?

Applications are now open for a free, accredited **OCN NI Level 2 Award in Community Development**, delivered through the Investing in Community Volunteers Programme and funded through PEACEPLUS.

The qualification will help you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to support and strengthen communities, with practical learning around:

- Community development principles, values and practice
- Good governance and organisational structures

• Facilitation skills and techniques
• Working with funders and shifting the power.

The course is also an opportunity to learn alongside others involved in community action across the Fermanagh and Omagh area, share experiences and build valuable connections.

Places are limited. Register here: https://forms.gle/F1W9hnSs28Zwk69w5

The Investing in Community Volunteers Programme provides training and development opportunities for volunteers, committee members and staff working across the community and voluntary sector in Fermanagh and Omagh.

The programme is one of 13 programmes within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by the Special EU Programmes Body - SEUPB Facebook Link for Sharing

**Futureproof Youth Programme**

**Build confidence. Discover identity. Make lasting friendships.**

Futureproof is a **free youth programme** for young people aged 16–21 from **Newtownbutler, Clones and Belturbet.** It is part of the RESTART project, which is working to bring these three border communities together.

Over five Saturday workshops and one residential weekend, participants will take on new challenges, build resilience and meet people from across the border. Activities include archery, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, caving, wild camping and bushcraft, alongside music, art and drama sessions led by creative therapists and counsellors. Outdoor activities are delivered by qualified instructors.

Each young person will also create their own piece of the **Jigsaw of Us**, a collective artwork that explores identity and belonging. The pieces will be joined together and shown at a public showcase.

**Details**

· Who: young people aged 16–21 from Newtownbutler, Clones and Belturbet
· Cost: free, including transport from a local pick-up point in each town
· Venue: Gortatole Outdoor Learning Centre, Co Fermanagh

**Programme dates**

· Saturday 21 November 2026
· Saturday 12 December 2026
· Saturday 9 January 2027
· Saturday 6 February 2027
· Saturday 6 March 2027
· Residential weekend: Friday 2 – Sunday 4 July 2027

**How to apply**

Find out more and apply at www.makeamelody.co.uk/futureproof, or contact Stuart Watson at Make A Melody Ltd on 07522 550275 or info@makeamelody.co.uk

Applicants under 18 will need a parent or guardian to complete a consent form.

**National Energy Action NI**

**Level 3 Award in Energy Awareness**

**Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 November**

**Venue: TBC in Enniskillen**

**Boost your skills to provide expert domestic energy efficiency advice**

Energy Awareness 6281-01 is designed for frontline workers who provide energy advice to households, either face-to-face, over the phone or online.

This well-established course covers the key principles of domestic energy use, fuel poverty, and energy efficiency, equipping learners with the practical knowledge and skills needed to deliver clear, accurate, and impactful advice.

Typical participants join us from:
- Local Councils & Public Sector teams
- Voluntary Organisations & Community groups
- Housing Associations & Housing Officers
- Energy Companies & Utility providers

**Funding and Discounts Available**
Under the Community Energy Saver Project, supported by Ulster Garden Villages and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, we can provide a limited number of fully funded or discounted places. These are typically open to staff and volunteers from charities, voluntary groups, and frontline community workers in the Fermanagh and Omagh districts.

**Places are limited and criteria apply. Book your place today.**
To check your eligibility for a funded place or to book a place, email Nichola.MacDougall@nea.org.uk or Telephone 028 9023 9909

**Fermanagh Trust**
**Expand Your Skills – 250+ free Online Courses Available Now!**
We can offer access to over 250 **free** online courses through our new PEACEPLUS Funding. You can register and start learning immediately!
Our courses cover a wide range of topics to support both personal development and professional training needs. From GDPR, Cyber security, Dementia awareness, Neurodiversity awareness to Food Hygiene and manual handling, to Microsoft Excel and Setting Goals there is something to suit everyone!
- **Accredited qualifications**
- **Personal development programmes**
- **Available anytime, anywhere, on any device**
- **Offered in 40+ languages**
- **Save time and money for you and your organisation**

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

**WHSCT Recovery College**
**Free courses on mental health and emotional wellbeing**
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

**Health Improvement Equality & Involvement Department**
Training Brochure September 2026 to March 2027
In this 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 courses will be delivered either online or face to face in a range of locations across the WHSCT.**

For further information, please email health.improvement@westerntrust.hscni.net
or telephone 028 7186 5127

Join our mailing list to hear about future training opportunities - please fill out the registration form.

## Funding Opportunities

**Legends of the Lough**
**Grants of £500 Available - St Patrick's Day**
We're thrilled to reveal the County Fermanagh St Patrick's Day theme for 2027:

**Legends of the Lough** (and other Watery Wonderlands)

We've themed the day to help inspire your outfits, floats, and performances in '27! Whether it's through music, movement, or costume, we want to see your nautical, aquatic or simply 'local-legend' themes come to life on the streets of our county town.

With the help of our small grants we're giving clubs, organisations and voluntary groups a head start to get planning how you'll showcase your creativity at Enniskillen's biggest cross-community celebration of the year. These are limited however so please do email info@projectstpatrick.com ASAP to secure. Our continued appreciation to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, supported by DfC for their generous sponsorship.

Behind the scenes, we're already working hard to make this year's festival bigger and better than ever - but we can't do it without you! We'd love to hear your ideas or feedback or even if you want to join the team to share your skills or to learn new ones.

Want to be part of the action? We're also looking for volunteer marshals to help keep the day running smoothly. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, and be part of something special. If you're interested, please get in touch via info@projectstpatrick.com

And remember, while 17 March 2027 falls on a Wednesday, we've our Flotilla and Live Music Events on St Patrick's Eve so it's the perfect excuse to extend the celebrations and gather friends and family for all your favourite traditions - plus a few new plans in the pipeline - so get booking!

Check out galleries from previous years at www.projectstpatrick.com for inspiration!

**Ulster Garden Villages**
We will open for Expressions of Interest (EOI) on Monday 2 November. For all information relating to this application round, please visit Ulster Garden Villages: Northern Ireland Charity Grants

Here you can find out what our current priorities are and the process to apply. The first step will be to take the eligibility quiz at How to Apply for a UGV Charitable Grant in NI.

Before submitting an EOI, it is now mandatory to meet with the UGV team. You can book a 30 minute meeting with us here: https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eXX16Yle

**Barclays Female Coaches for Girls Grant**
Small grants to get more women qualified as coaches for girls – available to all clubs and groups that run football, cricket or tennis activities for women and/or girls.
For more information visit https://sported.org.uk/barclays-female-coaches-for-girls/
**Deadline for Applications: Wednesday 4 November 2026**

**Department of Health: Support While Waiting Grant Scheme 2026/2027**
The Department is inviting applications to the Support While Waiting Grant Scheme 2026/27. The purpose of the scheme is to provide meaningful, community-based support to individuals while they await treatment on Health and Social Care waiting lists.

Voluntary and community sector organisations can apply for grants between £5,000 and £30,000 to deliver programmes that support individuals on HSC waiting lists.
For further information visit Department of Health: Support While Waiting Grant Scheme 2026/2027

**Application deadline: Friday 6 November 2026 at 12 noon.**

**Funding opportunity: £1,000 unrestricted grants**
The easyfundraising Impact Fund **is back for a second round,** with 15 unrestricted grants of £1,000 available to organisations in our network to apply for **– that's double the amount awarded in the spring.**
If you applied previously, **you can apply again**, whether you were successful or not.
The fund is open to UK-based charities, sports clubs, schools, CICs, social enterprises, youth groups, churches and other not-for-profit organisations.
The application is quick and simple, with grants awarded to organisations that best explain how they would use the funding. As the grants are unrestricted, the £1,000 can be spent wherever it's needed most.
**Apply now:** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/impact-fund
**About easyfundraising:** Raise unrestricted funding every time your supporters shop online. When they shop with 8,000+ retailers via easyfundraising, retailers donate to your organisation at no extra cost to them. Find out more: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community/
**Applications close Sunday 8 November 2026**

**Community Relations Council Core Funding**
The CRC Core Funding Scheme supports organisations considered strategically important in promoting community relations across Northern Ireland. Awards generally range from £25,000 to £85,000 per year towards salaries and organisational running costs. For full information visit https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/core-funding-scheme
**Deadline: Thursday 12 November 2026, 4pm**

## Great British Energy Community Fund

Open to eligible community organisations in Northern Ireland
The fund can support community-led renewable energy projects, including **solar PV, battery storage and other local energy initiatives**, with funding available for:

- **Feasibility studies – up to £40,000**
- **Project development – up to £100,000**
- **Capital projects – up to £3 million**, subject to funding limits

For community organisations, this could provide an opportunity to **reduce energy costs, generate income, improve the long-term sustainability of community facilities and retain more of the benefits of renewable energy within the local area**.
Eligible organisations can include incorporated charities, community interest companies, community benefit societies, co-operatives and development trusts.
**The current application window closes Thursday 12 November 2026.**
Further information and eligibility details are available at:
https://www.gbe.gov.uk/funding/gbe-community-fund

## FREE Equipment and Training for Sports Clubs

The Public Health Agency, in partnership with Developing Healthy Communities through the Clear Project, is offering constituted voluntary sports clubs across all five Trust areas the opportunity to access training to better support their members, along with up to £500 worth of sports equipment for their club. Submit your grant application and register 3-5 club members for training.
For further information visit https://dhcni.submit.com/show/40
**Closing date for Applications: Friday 13 November at 3pm**

## NTR 2026 Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

NTR Funds included in the 2026 call are as follows: − Altaveedan Wind Farm, Co Antrim TBC (Guideline value £8,500) − **Castlecraig Wind Farm, Co Tyrone** TBC (Guideline value £60,000) − **Ora More Wind Farm, Co Fermanagh** TBC (Guideline value £8,500) − **Murley Wind Farm, Co Tyrone** TBC (Guideline value £17,000)

The total fund value available to allocate between all successful applicants will be approximately £35,000.
Notification of outcome: By end January 2027

The NTR Wind and Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds provides an excellent opportunity for local community groups to develop projects in proximity to NTR wind farms. If you are unsure about a possible project, please get in touch with us and we will do our best to advise.
With regards to large community infrastructure projects, it is possible to submit an application requesting funding on a multi annual basis. If your group decides to submit a project of this nature, please ensure you give a clear explanation of the proposed funding model, and of project impact. It would be hugely beneficial to discuss potential multi annual projects with SECAD in advance, so we can help guide your application.
Please find linked Guidance Notes for the NTR Wind & Solar Farm Community Benefit Funds, which may help you in developing your application. The funds are now open, and you can access the application form at https://www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/ntr/
Please don't hesitate to contact SECAD if you need any help or assistance with your application.
If you have any queries, please contact Elaine Barrett, Community Benefit Fund Coordinator
Phone +353 (0)87 294 3206 or Email ebarrett@secad.ie
**Closes Friday 13 November 2026**

**Arts Council NI: Small Capital Programme**

This Arts Council programme enables organisations to purchase equipment and/or carry out minor works to their premises, providing opportunities to upgrade equipment and undertake necessary improvements to maintain their presence in the arts sector.

Open to the widest possible range of organisations, with particular encouragement for projects benefiting individuals categorised under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, grants of up to £25,000 are available.
Further information available at https://artscouncil-ni.org/funding-for-organisations/small-capital-grants-programme

**Deadline: Monday 16 November 2026, 12 noon**

**Assets Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS)**

**Applications invited for 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30**

Applications are now open for the new three-year scheme, which will cover the financial years 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30.

Projects will be invited to apply for funding in each or any of the three financial years, with a limit of between £5,000 and £25,000 per project, per year.

More information, including the guidance document and application form, can be found at the below link.
Applications invited for funding to improve community safety | Department of Justice
**The closing date for applications is Monday 16 November 2026 at 5pm.**

**Funding opportunity for schools:**
**Royal Society Partnership Grants**

The Partnership Grants scheme funds schools and colleges up to £3,000 to work in partnership with STEM professionals from academia or industry to run an investigative STEM project. The grants are open to all levels of education supporting students aged from 5-18.
With the deadline for the 2026 round approaching, now is an excellent time to start planning a project and identifying a STEM partner. We encourage schools and colleges to submit an application and make the most of this funding opportunity.
Find out more through the Partnership Grants website and/or watch this 10-minute overview video.
**Applications close Monday 30 November 2026**

**Music for All Awards**

For individuals and schools/community groups, including but not limited to areas of deprivation. Grants of up to £1,500 are available for early-years music-making projects, with separate 'instrument awards' also available for eligible schools and community groups.
For further information visit Schools and Community Groups Award | Music For All
**Closes Monday 30 November 2026**

## International Tree Foundation

**UK Community Tree Planting Programme**

Grants are available for community-based organisations to deliver tree-planting projects that protect and restore indigenous trees and woodlands, support community engagement in tree planting, and increase awareness of the importance of trees and forests to environmental and human well-being.

For further information visit https://www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-grants

**Deadline for Applications: Friday 11 December 2026**

## Cash4Clubs

Cash4Clubs and Flutter UK have donated almost £7 million to grassroots and community sports clubs across the UK and Ireland. In 2026, a further £500,000 is available through the scheme. Cash4Clubs provides small grants to community sports clubs and organisations to purchase equipment, gain coaching qualifications, or invest in long-term sustainability. Not-for-profit organisations, including charities, community groups and traditional sports clubs across the UK and Ireland, can apply for grants of £2,000 each (€2,000 in Ireland).

For more information visit Cash4Clubs Sports Grants

**Application deadline: Friday 1 January 2027**

## Community Relations Council (CRC) funding

Community groups can now apply for grants of up to £10,000 to deliver projects that help address sectarianism, racism and cultural diversity.

Eligible activities include workshops, discussions, cultural events, storytelling and creative projects. The scheme is open to constituted community, voluntary, cultural, faith, youth and rural organisations across Northern Ireland.

Average grant is £2-5K and the project must be completed by 31 March 2027. For further information visit:
https://www.community-relations.org.uk/funding-scheme/community-relations-cultural-diversity

**Open until Friday 15 January 2027**

## Support available from The National Lottery Community Fund

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

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

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

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

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

**Children in Need**

Support for not for profits who put the wellbeing of children at the centre of their work. Available grants range from £1,000 to £40,000 per year and can be awarded for up to three years.

Core Funding

The Core Costs funding stream supports essential organisational and administrative spending. These are the key expenses required to keep your organisation running. These could include the cost of management and administration, HR and payroll, general office expenses, comms and outreach, and governance and compliance costs.

Project Funding

Project Costs support the aims and delivery of a specific piece of work. This work will usually be time-limited and based on a defined set of activities. Applicants to this programme can apply for grants for up to three years. They aim to give quicker decisions for grants of £15,000 or less per year.

**Eligibility:** Open to not-for-profit organisations working with children

Check out their comprehensive Eligibility A-Z to ensure your organisation is a good fit for this funding stream.

**No deadline! This is a rolling scheme.**

For further information visit https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/

**Dormant Assets for All**

The Dormant Assets Scheme is for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Northern Ireland. The aim of the fund is to help organisations to:

- build skills and capacity
- be more resilient
- prepare for future challenges

Because the fund is all about strengthening your organisation, it can be used for confidence and skills in digital technology, how you track and measure your impact, financial management, governance and leadership, or volunteer recruitment and support.

You can apply for between £300 and £20,000 to run projects that last up to 2 years.

**Eligibility**: Open to constituted voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations that have been operating for at least 2 years. This includes unregistered community/voluntary organisations, charities and CICs.

For full details visit https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/funding-programmes/dormant-assets-for-all