



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, December 2024

Little Bit Crafty

Greenway is hosting a NEW 10-week session of our women's craft project 'Little Bit Crafty'.

Start Date: Thurs 5 December, 10am-12.30pm **Cost:** £20 (£2 per week)

There will be a seasonal focus running through the sessions, with a variety of creative arts & crafts designed around the themes of Christmas, New Year (vision boards), Valentine's and Easter.

This project is developed and led by Greenway's Senior Mentors.

Women's Empowerment Programme

The Women's Empowerment Programme at Greenway is a free, women-only project offering practical and positive work-based opportunities for women on their way to employment or training. The Women's Empowerment Programme includes Personal Development; Essential Skills Courses; CV Training; Interview Techniques and Volunteering Opportunities.

Weekly Sessions: Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays, 9.30am-1.30pm

This Programme is funded through Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland

Women Breaking Barriers*

Greenway Women's Centre is part of the Women Breaking Barriers Project for women based in Northern Ireland who are not in paid work and not currently seeking employment.

If you would like to get involved with the Women Breaking Barriers project you can check your eligibility/ register interest at <https://www.womenbreakingbarriersni.com/>

This Project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

To register for any of the above, or to get more information on courses at Greenway, please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Greenway Staff Team Update

As some of you may already be aware, Elisha is leaving us at the end of this month and moving to a new job. Elisha has been a valued member of the Childcare Team for a number of years and we would like to thank her for her time at Greenway and wish her all the best for the future!

Greenway Women's Group

We're Hiring - Join the Greenway Childcare Team!

Childcare Assistant: 20 hours per week (Monday-Friday, 9.30am-1.30pm)

Full details, job description and application packs are available online at:

<https://www.communityni.org/job/childcare-assistant-50>

For more information please contact our Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie & Natalie on 028 9079 9912 or email childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Closing Date for return of completed applications: Friday 6 December 2024, 12 noon.

Please Note: The successful candidate will be required to undergo the necessary Access NI and Health Declaration Checks prior to commencement of employment.

Christmas Holidays

Greenway will be closed from Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025 (inclusive) for the Christmas Break. All Greenway services, including childcare provision, classes, group meetings, online services and family support will be unavailable during this time. The Centre will reopen on Monday 6 January 2025.

Support from Greenway Women's Centre is available Monday to Friday

You can reach Greenway staff by telephone on 028 9079 9912 or by email:
Lindsay Cooper, Centre Manager: manager@greenwaywomenscentre.org
Helen Smyth, Training & Education Officer: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org
Greenway Childcare Team: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

A Natter Matters

On Thursday evenings Helen hosts a live 'A Natter Matters' Zoom Session, so if you need a chat or just fancy a catch up please email training@greenwaywomenscentre.org for the link!

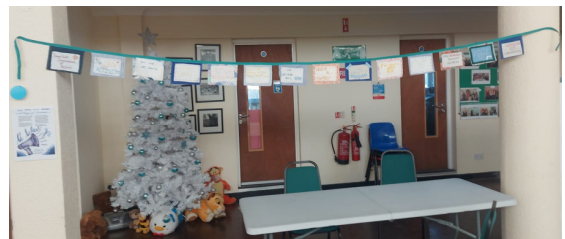
Training and Education at Greenway Women's Centre

If you would like more about information on Groups, Classes, One-off Workshops or Focus Groups at Greenway Women's Centre please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.
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Greenway Women's Centre Family Support Services

Greenway's Family Support Services are available each weekday between 10am and 1.30pm.
To access our Family Support Services or to get more information please contact Greenway's Centre Manager, Lindsay Cooper.
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We have our bunting banner on display at Greenway!
The mini fabric banners were created during a workshop with Soroptimist Belfast and the Greenway bunting banner is just one of many that will be displayed in community spaces throughout this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.
Thanks again to everyone involved!



Training & Education Officer Helen Smyth and Greenway Directors Stephanie Waite and Karen McCullough attended the recent Community Development and Health Network 30th Anniversary AGM event at Crumlin Road Gaol.

Thank you to NSPCC Northern Ireland for visiting Greenway last month to deliver their informative Domestic Abuse Awareness session 'Let's Talk About Domestic Abuse'.



Autism NI visited Greenway last month to deliver an Autism Awareness session, as part of the Women Breaking Barriers project.
Thank you to everyone involved!

Greenway Childcare Services

At Greenway we offer high quality, affordable Childcare services for pre-school children, from birth until their fourth birthday, alongside WCCF Funded Day Care and Sponsored Day Care. We also offer Childcare provision for students and volunteers attending Greenway Women's Centre and intervention services by way of respite care and parent/carer support sessions.

Greenway's professional & highly qualified Childcare Team promote fun and creative ways of engaging children to learn & develop in an inclusive, non-judgmental, safe environment.



Greenway Childcare: 'Highly Commended' Day Care Provider, Families First NI Awards (Spring 2024)

Greenway Childcare Services are currently available Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 1.30pm with Private Day Care Sessions available for only £5 per hour!

You can arrange an appointment to view the Greenway Childcare setting before deciding to enrol your children with us. This offers an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to meet the Greenway Childcare Team and view our Childcare facilities to ensure we are the best fit for you and your family!

For more information on Greenway Childcare Services please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie Wilson & Natalie Horrocks.

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WCCF Funded Childcare Provision at Greenway Women's Centre

At Greenway we offer WCCF Funded Childcare for children from birth until their fourth birthday.

Criteria for WCCF Funded Childcare:

If you have pre-school aged children and you have either returned to work within the last 12 months following a period of unemployment* or are currently in training or education and in receipt of Income Support, Universal Credit, Jobseekers Allowance (income based) or ESA we may be able to meet your childcare needs by offering you FREE** Childcare Monday to Friday from 9.30am, for up to 4 hours per day!

*This does not apply when returning to work following Maternity Leave

**WCCF Childcare Provision funded by Department for Communities

For more information on WCCF Funded Childcare at Greenway Women's Centre please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie Wilson & Natalie Horrocks.

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Please Note:

Greenway Childcare Services are currently operating a WAITING LIST ONLY.

Please contact Jodie & Natalie to register.

Once registered, you will be contacted as soon spaces become available!

New Year Dates for your Diary...

- ▶ Strength & Balance Class: Wednesday 15 January, 10am-11am (6 weeks)
- ▶ Universal Credit Advice Session: Wednesday 22 January, 10am-1pm

For more information please contact Helen Smyth.

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Volunteering Opportunities at Greenway

Volunteering at Greenway Women's Centre is an excellent way to meet new people and develop new skills, while building confidence and self esteem and gaining role-based experience!

Roles are currently available in Reception*, Coffee Bar* and Childcare**

**All volunteers must be successfully vetted through Access NI before they can commence their role.*

***All volunteers in the Childcare Department must also be successfully vetted through Health & Social Services before they can commence their role.*

Full training is provided prior to commencing any volunteering role.

If you are interested in volunteering at Greenway Women's Centre, please contact Lindsay Cooper on 028 9079 9912.

Greenway Women's Centre is part of the Red Box Project

The Red Box Project aims to ensure that every woman has access to free menstrual products. In a bid to tackle period poverty we have a fully stocked Red Box at Greenway Women's Centre containing a range of sanitary pads and tampons which you are free to take as and when required.



The Red Box Project

A simple scheme, made with love for the young women in our community

The Red Box Project is coordinated by East Belfast Community Development Agency

If you would like to join the Greenway Women's Centre Mailing List to receive regular Greenway updates directly to your Inbox, please email newsletter@greenwaywomenscentre.org

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For regular Greenway updates find us at www.facebook.com/GreenwayWomensCentre



Greenway Women's Centre is a recognised Safe Place for anyone affected by Domestic Violence



At Greenway Women's Centre we offer:

- Top Quality Childcare Services • Family Support Services • Education & Training Programmes •
- Essential Skills Support • Health & Wellbeing Courses • Volunteering Opportunities •
- Free Classes • Workshops • Special Events •

Opening Hours: 8.30am - 3.30pm Monday - Friday



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