



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, April 2025

Easter Holidays

Greenway will be closed from Monday 21 April to Friday 25 April (inclusive) for the Easter break. All Greenway services, including childcare provision, classes, group meetings and family support will be unavailable during this time. The Centre will reopen on Monday 28 April 2025.

Coming up at Greenway...

SPEAK (Suicide Prevention: Explore, Ask, Keep-Safe)

Friday 4 April, 9.30am-1pm

Greenway is hosting Suicide Awareness training on Friday 4 April, 9.30am-1pm. SPEAK is facilitated by PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide and is being hosted in partnership with East Belfast Community Development Agency.

Women's Empowerment Programme

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

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.

Women Breaking Barriers

New Weekly Sessions Starting Soon!

Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays, 9.30am-11.30am

Greenway is part of the Women Breaking Barriers NI project, delivering programmes to support women who are economically inactive and not currently seeking employment. The Women Breaking Barriers programme is designed to equip women with the skills necessary to overcome personal barriers to employment and education, by engaging economically inactive women in an employment support programme with specialised training and intensive wrap-around support.

Please note eligibility criteria apply: *To take part in the Women Breaking Barriers programme you must be based in Northern Ireland, not in paid work and not currently seeking employment.

<https://www.womenbreakingbarriersni.com/>

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

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

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Universal Credit Advice Sessions

Wednesday 16 April, 10am-12pm

Greenway Women's Centre is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 16 April, from 10am to 12pm. If you need advice or help with your benefits please come along and chat to a representative from Knockbreda Jobs & Benefits Office.

No appointment necessary

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.

T: 028 9079 9912

E: manager@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

If you are interested in finding out more about any aspect of Training and Education at Greenway Women's Centre, including information on Groups, Classes, One-off Workshops or Focus Groups, please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.

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Community Health & Information Day

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Community Health & Information Day at Greenway!

The event was a great success and were delighted to see such a large turnout.

Thank you to everyone who came along and thanks again to all the amazing organisations who were on hand to offer their advice, support and expertise!

- Alzheimer's Society NI • Aware NI • Belfast City Council • Better Gyms • EBCDA •
- Housing Rights NI • NIFRS • NSPCC NI • Public Health Agency • Phoenix Education Centre NI •
- PSNI • Raise Your Voice • Women'sTec • WRDA •



Some of the amazing Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers participants who helped organise the Community Health & Information Day at Greenway!

Thank you and well done, ladies!!!

You can view more photos of this event on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/GreenwayWomensCentre

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG)

A representative from Falls Women's Centre visited Greenway last month to deliver an introduction to the NI Executive's strategy on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls.

This focus group was very well attended and the women involved were able to discuss three questions around the EVAWG strategy, with their responses being collated into a report.

Makaton Training

Congratulations to our amazing Women Breaking Barriers who successfully completed Level 1 Makaton training!

Well done, ladies!



Training & Education Officer Helen Smyth and Greenway Senior Mentor Annie attended the RAISE information event at East Belfast Network Centre. RAISE is a new initiative which aims to reduce educational disadvantage and raise aspirations and achievement through a whole community approach to education.

For more information on RAISE visit:

<https://Education-ni.gov.uk/articles/raise-programme>

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!

To book, register future interest, arrange a viewing or get more information 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 our Childcare Managers, Jodie & Natalie, on 028 9079 9912, to register. Once registered, you will be contacted as soon spaces become available.

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

Thank you to everyone who voted for Greenway in the Tesco Stronger Starts Grant vote! All the projects involved will receive a share of the grant and we hope to hear what our share is soon. We are extremely grateful to have been included in the vote and the funding we receive will enable us to purchase new resources for our Childcare Department!

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

You can reach Greenway staff by telephone on 028 9079 9912.

Or you can contact Greenway staff by email:

Lindsay Cooper, Centre Manager: manager@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Helen Smyth, Training & Education Officer: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Greenway Childcare Team: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

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



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



Providing local, accessible services to women and their families since 1985

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