



**Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, February 2025**

### **Staff Team Update**

The Board of Directors are delighted to welcome Nikki Walker to the Greenway Staff Team. Nikki will be joining the Childcare Team this month in a Childcare Assistant role. Welcome to Greenway, Nikki!

*Greenway Women's Group*

### **Coming up at Greenway...**

#### **Women & Money Session**

**Wednesday 5 February, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting a free 'Women & Money' session, facilitated by Kith & Kin Financial Wellbeing, on Wednesday 5 February, covering financial topics tailored specifically for women.

*Women & Money Sessions are supported by the Public Health Agency through the Clear Project*

#### **Universal Credit Advice Sessions**

**Wednesday 19 February, 10am-12pm**

Greenway Women's Centre is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 19 February, 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*

#### **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.

*This Programme is funded through Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland*

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

**T:** 028 9079 9912

**E:** [training@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

#### **Women Breaking Barriers**

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.

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*

**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](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org) for the link!

**Training and Education at Greenway Women's Centre**

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

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**Tesco Stronger Starts Grant**

If you shop in Tesco you will probably be aware of the Tesco Stronger Starts grants which are awarded when customers use blue tokens to vote for one of the selected projects. Greenway Women's Centre/Greenway Childcare is currently one of the three projects local Tesco customers can vote for to receive a Tesco Stronger Starts grant!

This funding will enable us to purchase new resources for our Childcare Department, so if you shop in Tesco, please vote for us with your blue token every time you make a purchase in-store!

**You can vote for us in the following stores:**

- \* Tesco Knocknagonney Extra \* Tesco Ballyhackamore Express \* Tesco Rosetta Express
- \* Tesco Newtownbreda Extra \* Tesco Cairnshill Express \* Tesco Belmont Road Express
- \* Tesco Castlereaugh Superstore \*

All three nominated projects will receive a share of the funding - either £1500, £1000 or £500, depending on whether their tally puts them in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place when voting ends.

**Thank you for supporting Greenway!**



In partnership with



**Ravine Project NI**

A group of our Women's Empowerment Programme participants and Recycled Teenagers recently visited the Ravine Project Community Nature Reserve. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit to this amazing outdoor space and we would like to thank everyone at Ravine for welcoming our group and showing us around!



**Thank you to Katie Matthews-Furphy from The Mind Tribe UK who visited Greenway last month to deliver a Start Up programme session on setting up your own business!**

**Greenway's Senior Mentors attended the recent rally at Stormont to stand up for the 1 in 4 children living in poverty in Northern Ireland and call for immediate action to tackle this critical issue.**



**Invoice** 

**ACTION OVERDUE**     Date: 27 January 2025

To: The Northern Ireland Executive  
From: The Northern Ireland Public Purse

Description	Amount
Annual cost of child poverty in Northern Ireland.	<b>£1 billion</b>

**IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

DO NOT IGNORE! The cost of inaction is too high. Investing in tackling child poverty today not only leads to long-term savings - it also provides our children with better opportunities and outcomes for brighter futures.



**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.**

**T:** 028 9079 9912      **E:** [childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto:childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

**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, to register. Once registered, you will be contacted as soon spaces become available!

**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](mailto:manager@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

**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](mailto:manager@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

Helen Smyth, Training & Education Officer: [training@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

Greenway Childcare Team: [childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto: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 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](mailto:newsletter@greenwaywomenscentre.org)



For regular Greenway updates find us at [www.facebook.com/GreenwayWomensCentre](https://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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