



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

**Coming up at Greenway...**

**Speakeasy**

**Start Date: Wednesday 1 October, 9.30am-11.30am (3 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a new 3-week Speakeasy course, facilitated by Informing Choices NI.  
*Speakeasy is a community education project for parents and grandparents living within the Belfast/South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust areas.*

**Little Bit Crafty**

**Start Date: Thursday 2 October, 9.30am-11.30am (10 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a new 10-week session of our volunteer-led women's craft project, 'Little Bit Crafty'. The sessions involve a wide variety of fun and creative arts & crafts, with a different theme each week!  
Cost: £20 (£2 per week)

**Cross Community Project: Women, Peace and Security (OCN)**

**Start Date: Friday 3 October, 10am-12pm (9 weeks)**

Greenway Women's Centre is taking part in a new OCN accredited Cross Community Project, Women, Peace and Security, in partnership with Falls Women's Centre.

**Women Breaking Barriers**

**NEW Weekly Sessions: Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays, 9.30am-11.30am**

Greenway is part of the Women Breaking Barriers NI project which 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.

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.

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

**Women's Empowerment Programme**

**NEW Weekly Sessions: Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays, 11.30am-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.

**Basic Introduction to IT**

**Thursday 6 November, 9.30am-11.30am**

Greenway is hosting a 'Basic Introduction to IT' information session on Thursday 6 November. This session is free and provided by Belfast Met.

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

**T: 028 9079 9912**

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

**Belfast Employment Academy: Working With Children**

Greenway is hosting a free\* 7-week Belfast Employment Academy, facilitated by People 1st, offering tailored, intensive training for anyone interested in working with children.

**Start Date: Friday 7 November, 9.30am-1.30pm**

\*Belfast Employment Academies are open to people living in the Belfast City Council area who are currently unemployed or working fewer than 16 hours per week.

*Belfast Employment Academies are funded through Belfast City Council*

**To register, or to get more information, please contact  
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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.**

**T:** 028 9079 9912

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

**Universal Credit Advice Sessions: Wednesday 22 October, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 22 October, from 10am to 12pm, so if you need advice or help with benefits please come along and chat to a representative from Knockbreda Jobs & Benefits Office. No appointment necessary.

**For more information please contact Helen Smyth at Greenway.**

**T:** 028 9079 9912

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

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

If you are interested in finding out more about Groups, Classes, One-off Workshops or Focus Groups at Greenway please contact Greenway's Training & Family Support Officer, Helen Smyth.

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Thank you to Belfast Met who recently provided an AI for Work/ AI for Daily Life information session at Greenway.  
Thank you to everyone who took part.

Thank you to Raise Your Voice who visited Greenway to deliver Sexual Harassment and Consent & Victim Blaming workshops.  
Thank you to all the women who took part.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26 September and special thanks to Greenway student and volunteer, Meg Shemmeld, who organised the event! It was fantastic to see so many of you and an amazing £250 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support!!!



## **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 award winning Childcare Team promote fun and creative ways of engaging children to learn & develop in an inclusive, non-judgmental, safe environment*

Greenway Childcare Services are currently available Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 1.30pm.

### Private Day Care Rates:

5-hour session (8.30am-1.30pm): £30

4-hour session (9.30am-1.30pm): £24

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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### **\*\*\* Childcare Spaces \*\*\***

We currently have Private Daycare spaces available in our Toddler rooms, for children aged 2-3 years (up to fourth birthday).

**Please contact Jodie or Natalie to register!**

**T:** 028 9079 9912

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## **Childcare Team Update**

We are delighted to welcome Sommer Banbrick to the Greenway Childcare Team! Sommer joined us in August to cover Nikki's maternity leave and we hope she enjoys her time at Greenway!!!



**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 & Family Support 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**

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](mailto:newsletter@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

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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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