



Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, November 2025

Greenway Women's Group Update

There have been some recent changes to the Board of Directors of Greenway Women's Group. Yvonne Summerville has retired from her role after 14 years of dedicated service. We would like to thank Yvonne for her support throughout the years and wish her well for the future. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miranda Stanley and Meg Shemmeld to the Board of Greenway Women's Group. We look forward to working with them to further our goal of empowering women and their families.

Coming up at Greenway...

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.

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 in Childcare, Classroom Assistant or Afterschool Assistant roles.

Start Date: Friday 7 November, 9.30am-1.30pm (7 weeks)

*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

Women Breaking Barriers*

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

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.

To register please contact Greenway's Training & Family Support Officer, Helen Smyth.

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Exploring Social Justice

Start Date: Thursday 22 January, 10am-12pm (8 weeks)

Greenway Women's Centre is co-hosting a new Cross Community Project for women! Exploring Social Justice, in partnership with Voices Women's Group, will be starting in January 2026. Please Note: Both groups will take turns hosting sessions (alternate weeks, starting at Greenway).

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Universal Credit Advice Sessions

Wednesday 19 November, 10am-12pm

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 19 November, 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.

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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 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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Greenway Women's Centre Update

We have been busy over the past few weeks!

Training & Family Support Officer Helen Smyth and Senior Mentors Paula and Rebecca represented Greenway at the STOP Violence Against Women & Girls drop-in event hosted by Links Women's Group at Tullycarnet Community Centre!

Participants from Greenway's Recycled Teenagers, Women Breaking Barriers and Women's Empowerment Programme went to see a recent performance of Kabosh Theatre Company's play "Not On Our Watch" in the Black Box!

Greenway's Women Breaking Barriers and Women's Empowerment Programme groups were invited to Belfast City Hall for the launch of a new Belfast City Council PEACEPLUS Health & Wellbeing Project! Greenway will be participating in this project in the New Year!



PEACEPLUS Health & Wellbeing Project Launch

Greenway's craft groups have also been busy...

Our volunteer-led Little Bit Crafty group created these fantastic pumpkin flower arrangements!



and the Woolpackers have been creating amazing Post Box Toppers for Remembrance Day, including the one above which was made by Meg and Miranda!

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.

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 further information on Greenway Childcare Services, including Private Day Care fees and availability, please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie Wilson & Natalie Horrocks.

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E: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

WCCF Funded Childcare Provision at Greenway Women's Centre

At Greenway we offer free 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 Available *****

We currently have both paid Private Daycare and free WCCF 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

E: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

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

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 & Family Support 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

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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



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

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