



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

**Christmas Holidays**

Greenway will be closed from Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 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 5 January 2026.

***We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone  
a safe and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!***

*Coming up at Greenway...*

**Domestic Abuse Awareness: Understanding and Responding**

**Start Date: Monday 12 January 2026, 9.30am-11.30am (4 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a NEW Domestic Abuse Awareness course, delivered by Relate, which has been designed to offer participants clarity on recognising signs of abuse, safety planning strategies and pathways to support and intervention, via expert-led sessions and practical resources.

**Making Homework Work: KS2 Maths Support**

**Start Date: Tuesday 13 January, 9.30am-11.30am (4 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a free Maths Homework Support programme for parents of Key Stage 2 children. The programme will be facilitated by Alternatives Restorative Justice.

**Strength & Balance Class**

**Start Date: Wednesday 14 January, 10am-11am (8 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a NEW 8-week Strength & Balance class, facilitated by EBCDA.

**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)

**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.

\*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.

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

**T:** 028 9079 9912

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

**Universal Credit Advice Sessions: Wednesday 17 December, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 17 December, 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](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org) for the link!

**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)

**Belfast Homeless Services Christmas 2025 Shoe Box Appeal**

Greenway is a registered drop-off point for the Belfast Homeless Services Christmas Shoe Box Appeal!

Items Needed:

- Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Body Wash • Shampoo • Conditioner • Baby Wipes
- Socks • Hats • Scarves • Gloves • Sweets • Chocolates

**Items can be left at Greenway Reception before Friday 5 December.**

***Thank you for your support!***

We were delighted to be involved in the recent Journey Through Narnia Christmas Tree Festival at Willowfield Parish Church!

The Greenway decorations followed an Aslan theme of red and gold were created by participants from our Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers groups and children from Greenway Childcare.

Thank you to everyone at Willowfield for inviting us to take part and to Helen and her team of helpers who decorated the tree so well!



Congratulations to our Women Breaking Barriers participant Patricia and Training & Family Support Officer Helen who both completed SafeTALK Suicide Alertness for Everyone training!

Thank you to Our Generation Project and Action Mental Health for providing the training.

Thank you Rebecca and Claire from Victim Support NI who visited Greenway recently to talk about their services with our Women's Empowerment Project and Women Breaking Barriers groups!



**Festive Crafts at Greenway**

Our Little Bit Crafty group have been making Christmas cards and decorations and Meg from the Woolpackers has created another amazing Post Box Topper!



## **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.**

**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 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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Thank you to the anonymous donor who recently made a generous donation to Greenway! Your contribution is greatly appreciated and the money will be used to help women and their families in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and support!

## **Greenway Women's Group Christmas Raffle**

Prizes include:

- \* 50 minute Treatment Voucher for Cloud Tzen \* Sanctuary Spa Gift Set \* Lash & Brow treatment
- \* X2 Single Combo meals at Nando's \* £60 Spirit Card for the Longfellow Bar \* Subway Meals
- \* X4 Tickets for Belfast Giants \* Breakfast for two at Blethers Café \* Christmas Food Hamper
- \* X2 Tickets for *Dolly & Shania: Queens of Country* at Stormont Hotel (2/1/26)...and many more!

**Tickets are available NOW at Greenway Women's Centre. Enter for your chance to win!**  
[£5 per strip\*. Please speak to a member of Staff.]

**Draw will take place on Thursday 11 December 2025.**

***All proceeds will go towards supporting Greenway Women's Group***





**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)

**facebook**

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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