



Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, February 2026

Coming up at Greenway Women's Centre...

Little Bit Crafty

Start Date: Thursday 5 February, 10am-12pm (£20 for 10 weeks)

Greenway is hosting a new 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.

Belfast Employment Academy: Health & Social Care

Start Date: Friday 6 February, 9.30am-1.30pm (5 weeks)

Greenway is hosting a new Health & Social Care Employment Academy, facilitated by People 1st, offering tailored, intensive training for anyone interested in working in Health & Social Care roles. Eligibility Criteria Apply: 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.

Healthy Relationships: Foundations for Respectful Connections

Start Date: Wednesday 18 February 9.30am-11.30am (4 weeks)

Greenway is hosting a new Healthy Relationships course, delivered by Relate, which is designed to offer participants the skills to build and maintain respectful, safe and healthy relationships via interactive activities, reflective exercises and real-world scenarios.

Women Breaking Barriers*

New Participants Welcome!

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 Participants Welcome!

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 at Greenway includes Personal Development; Essential Skills Courses; CV Training; Interview Techniques and Volunteering Opportunities.

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

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

**Universal Credit Advice Sessions
Wednesday 18 February, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 18 February, from 10am to 12pm.

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!

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

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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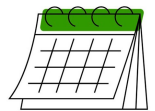
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EVAWG Health & Information Day

Greenway Women's Centre is hosting a Health & Information Day on **Tuesday 10 March** as part of our new

Ending Violence Against Women & Girls (EVAWG) programme.

More details to follow!



Northern Ireland Can't Wait

Helen Smyth and Stephanie Waite represented Greenway's Women Breaking Barriers project at Stormont on Wednesday 21 January in support of the NICVA and Economic Inactivity Coalition rally, calling on the UK Government and the NI Executive to reverse the decision to cut funding for programmes tackling economic inactivity when the UK Shared Prosperity Fund closes this March.



From April 2026 the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be replaced by the Local Growth Fund, with a cc £14 million fund reduction and a 70/30 capital-to-revenue split.

This will decimate services currently provided by the community voluntary sector - services that have not only supported people and helped them gain skills and move into employment, but which have also reduced pressure on health and other key public services.

"The decision to cut funding for programmes tackling economic inactivity by 64% will dismantle vital community services, put up to 400 jobs at risk and leave at least 11,000 people each year without the support they rely on." NICVA

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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Join the Greenway Childcare Team!

Greenway Women's Group are seeking to appoint a Childcare Practice Leader in one of our Daycare rooms, providing care, learning & development for children under the age of 4.

Childcare Practice Leader (25 hrs)

For Job Description and Application Pack please follow the link below:

<https://www.communityni.org/job/childcare-practice-leader-2>

Please Note: The successful candidates will be required to undergo the necessary Access NI and Health Declaration Checks prior to commencement of employment.

The closing date for return of completed applications is Friday 27 February at 12 noon.

For further information please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie Wilson & Natalie Horrocks

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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



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 - 1.30pm Monday - Friday



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

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