



## Monthly Newsletter

**Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, January 2026**

### **New Year Courses at Greenway Women's Centre**

#### **The Woolpackers**

**Start Date: Monday 5 January, 10.30am-12.30pm (£10 for 10 weeks)**

Greenway is hosting a new session of 'The Woolpackers', our women's knitting/crochet group!

#### **Domestic Abuse Awareness: Understanding and Responding**

**Start Date: Monday 12 January, 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.

#### **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.

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

**Start Date: Wednesday 21 January, 10.30am-12.30pm (9 weeks)**

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

#### **Exploring Social Justice**

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

Greenway is co-hosting a new Cross Community Project for women, Exploring Social Justice, in partnership with Voices Women's Group. Please Note: Both groups will take turns hosting sessions.

#### **Little Bit Crafty**

**Start Date: Thursday 5 February, 9.30am-11.30am (£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 Women's Centre is hosting a new Healthy Relationships course, delivered by Relate. Healthy Relationships: Foundations for Respectful Connections 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.

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

**T:** 028 9079 9912

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

### **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.

***New Participants Welcome!***

\*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*

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

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### **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.

***New Participants Welcome!***

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

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### **Universal Credit Advice Sessions: Wednesday 21 January, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 21 January, 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)

### **Greenway Women's Group 2025 Christmas Raffle**

We would like to say **THANK YOU** all the businesses and individuals who generously donated tickets, vouchers, services and gifts for the Greenway Women's Group 2025 Christmas Raffle!!!



- Active Clo ● Belfast Giants ● Blethers Coffee House ● Cloud Tzen ●
- Cooper Family butchers ● Dundonald Ice Bowl ● Fusco's Woodstock Road ●
- Gordons Chemist ● Hastings Hotels ● Nando's ● Punjana Tea ●
- Shimla Woodstock Road ● Subway Woodstock Road ● The Longfellow Bar ●
- Victoria Smyth (Brows & Beauty NI) ● Waka Express Carryduff ● Ziggicig ●
- Greenway Staff ● Greenway Women's Group ●

***Congratulations to all the lucky winners...***

Stephanie Waite; Tanya Beynom; Aira Young; Alex Snodden; Charmaine Robinson; Claire Flynn; Linda Dickson; Christine Ramsey; Sarah Kidd; Simon Kidd; Hannah Quirey; Laura McCart; Aoife Bradley; Lesley Kerr; Milly Waite; Corrine Whiteley; Jodie Wilson; and Pat Young!

**and THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets!!!**

**We raised an AMAZING £610 for Greenway Women's Group!**

## **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

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## **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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## **Greenway Staff Team Update**

There have been some recent changes to the Childcare Team, as we said a fond farewell to Jean Ho just before the Christmas break.

Jean was a valued member of the Greenway Staff Team since taking up the role of Childcare Practice Leader in January 2024 and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for her time at Greenway and send her our best wishes for the future.

Childcare Support Assistant, Nicola Maguire, has stepped up to act as Interim Childcare Practice Leader in the Toddler Room and we wish her well in her new role!

***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 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 - 1.30pm Monday - Friday**



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

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