



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, May 2026

Bank Holiday Closures

Greenway Women's Centre will be closed on Monday 4 May for the Early May Bank Holiday and again on Monday 25 May for the Spring Bank Holiday.

All Greenway services, including childcare provision, classes, group meetings, online services and family support will be unavailable on these dates.

Coming Up at Greenway...

Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive

Greenway is hosting workshops for parents of children with behaviours associated with ADHD/Autism, facilitated by Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive.

- **Social Smarts Social Skills: Friday 1 May, 10.30am-11.30am**
- **Calm & Connected Emotional Regulation & Anxiety: Friday 8 May, 10.30am-11.30am**
- **Stop, Think, Act Impulsivity & Behaviour Regulation: Friday 15 May, 10.30am-11.30am**
- **Attention HQ Attention & Memory: Friday 22 May, 10.30am-11.30am**

Please Note: These are direct registration workshops - check our Facebook page or contact Helen for Registration QR codes. Please register separately for each workshop you wish to attend.

Reclaim The Agenda Workshops: Wednesday 6 May & Wednesday 3 June, 10am-12pm
Greenway is hosting two Reclaim the Agenda workshops as part of their engagement project funded by Joseph Rowntree Community Foundation in partnership with Act Now.

With a changing population and more demands on our Women's Centres but no additional resources to cater for the needs of every woman who attends, RTA will be holding workshops with key Women's Centres to discuss the challenges faced and potential solutions, ending with a conference, in partnership with WRDA, to showcase the positive work that is taking place.

Belfast Employment Academy: Working with Children

Start Date: Friday 15 May, 9.30am-1.30pm (6 weeks)

Greenway is hosting a NEW Working with Children Employment Academy, facilitated by People 1st. This 6-week course offers tailored, intensive training for anyone interested in working in Childcare, Classroom Assistant or Afterschool Assistant roles.

Eligibility Criteria: 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.

SPACES AVAILABLE

Looking for something fun and creative? We have spaces available in the following classes:

The Woolpackers (women's knitting/crochet group)

Mondays, 10.30am-12.30pm (£1 per week)

Little Bit Crafty (volunteer-led women's craft project)

Thursdays, 10am-12pm (£2 per week)

To register for any of the above, or to get more information on classes at Greenway, please contact our Training & Family Support Officer, Helen Smyth.

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Women Breaking Barriers*

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

The Women Breaking Barriers NI project 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.

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. 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.

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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!

Universal Credit Advice Sessions: Wednesday 20 May, 10am-12pm

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 20 May, between 10am and 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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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, Focus Groups or Events at Greenway Women's Centre please contact Greenway's Training & Family Support Officer, Helen Smyth.

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●●● HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE ●●●

CHANGE TO ASSEMBLY POINT

As a result of work commencing on the removal of the Kilbroney House tower block we have updated our Emergency/Fire Evacuation Assembly Point.

NEW ASSEMBLY POINT: End of the footpath at the top of Killagan Bend.

All Centre Users are asked to familiarise themselves with this change.

Thank you

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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

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

We are delighted to welcome Kerry Summerville to the Greenway Staff Team.

Kerry will be joining the Childcare Team this month in a Practice Leader role.

Welcome to Greenway, Kerry!

We are also delighted to be welcoming Nikki Walker back following her maternity leave.

Welcome back, Nikki!

We would like to thank Childcare Support Assistant, Nicola Maguire, who stepped up into the role of Interim Childcare Practice Leader during the recent recruitment process and Bank Staff Childcare Assistant, Sommer Bambrick, who covered a temporary position.

Thank you, Nicola & Sommer!

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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 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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