



## Monthly Newsletter

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

### **Coming Up at Greenway...**

**Reclaim The Agenda Workshop:** 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, these RTA workshops will discuss the challenges faced and potential solutions.

The project will end with a conference, held in partnership with WRDA, to showcase the positive work that is taking place.

### **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.

### **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 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](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

### **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!

### **Universal Credit Advice Sessions**

**Wednesday 17 June, 10am-12pm**

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 17 June, 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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**E:** [training@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto:training@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

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Volunteers' Week is the perfect opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to our Greenway volunteers!!! Our amazing volunteers commit their time and talents to support the Greenway Staff Team in delivering Greenway's services to women and their families - and we truly appreciate all that they do!!!

### **Greenway Women's Group**

The Greenway Women's Group Board of Directors, affectionately known as the BODs, are women from the local community and surrounding areas who volunteer their time, energy and skills to ensure we can deliver vital services to women and their families. As well as providing support to Greenway's staff members and volunteers, our Board members represent Greenway on various committees and external boards and work in partnership with many Women's Groups and organisations throughout Northern Ireland to develop and improve services for women. Their unwavering dedication has made a real and lasting difference, not only at Greenway, but also within our local community!

### **Core Volunteers**

Core volunteers assist the Greenway Staff Team in day-to-day operations at Greenway Women's Centre:

- Our Reception volunteers are the first point of contact for our Service Users as they welcome visitors to Greenway and direct them through the building. They also handle all calls on the main phone line!
  - Our Coffee Bar volunteers help to set up, prepare and serve tea, coffee and snacks during class breaks, as well as catering events held within the Centre!
  - Our Senior Mentors are former and current course participants who offer classroom support to staff and students within the Centre and also represent Greenway at meetings/events!
- Our Social Media volunteer collates and advertises Greenway's services in our monthly Newsletter and maintains the Greenway Website and Facebook page, keeping everyone up to date!
- Childcare Students on voluntary placement assist the Greenway Childcare Team in delivering our award-winning Childcare services, as they work towards attaining their qualifications!
  - Our team of Gardening volunteers help with the seasonal upkeep and maintenance of the Greenway Childcare Garden, "The Giggle Patch"!

### **Volunteer-led Groups**

As they assist the Greenway Staff Team each day our volunteers are often best placed to recognise gaps in our service! This has resulted in the establishment of several volunteer-led groups:

- Recycled Teenagers - a group for women over 50 who meet at Greenway every week for chat, activities and outings, led by 2 volunteers!
- The Woolpackers - a women's knitting/crochet group that meets at Greenway every week for all things "yarn-related", led by 2 volunteers!
  - Little Bit Crafty - a women's craft group that meets at Greenway every week to sample different forms of crafting activities, led by 3 volunteers!
- End Violence Against Women & Girls Subgroup - women developing EVAWG strategies within our services and who organised our recent EVAWG Health & Information Day, led by 11 volunteers!

The support of our volunteers is pivotal to our ability to deliver our services to women and their families.

At present, we have 48 volunteer roles being carried out within the various Greenway departments. Some volunteers undertake one specific role and others more than one; some volunteers are available for an hour or two each week and others many more; some volunteers are new to Greenway and others have been with us for many years - but the one thing they all have in common is their dedication and commitment to Greenway and its ethos - and we are truly grateful to each and every one of them!

**Thank you for everything that you do!**

### 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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Spaces Available  
from  
**September**  
2026

**Greenway Childcare will have spaces available from September 2026 within our Toddler room, for children aged 2-3 years!**

**Please contact Jodie or Natalie to register!**

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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](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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