Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the November 2026 Greenway Newsletter!

Coming up at Greenway…

Stronger Together Cross Community Project

Greenway Women's Group is co-hosting 'Stronger Together', a FREE 10-week Cross Community Project for women, in partnership with Voices Women's Group!

Sessions 1-5: Thursday 5 November 2026, 10am-12pm (5 weeks)

Sessions 6-10: Thursday 7 January 2027, 10am-12pm (5 weeks)

Please Note: Both groups will take turns hosting sessions (alternate weeks, beginning at Greenway)

Working With Children: Belfast Employment Academy

Start Date: Friday 6 November, 9.30am-1.30pm (8 weeks)

Greenway is hosting a NEW Working with Children Employment Academy, facilitated by People 1st. This FREE 8-week course offers tailored, intensive training for anyone interested in working in Childcare, Classroom Assistant or Afterschool Assistant roles.

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.

Women's Empowerment Programme

Weekly Sessions: Tuesdays/ Wednesdays/ Fridays, 9.30am-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.

This Programme is funded through Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland

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

T: 028 9079 9912 **E:** training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Health & Information Day: Wednesday 4 November, 10am-2pm

Greenway Women's Centre is hosting a free Health & Information Day on Wednesday 4 November.

• Barnardo's Family Support • Carers NI • Choice Housing • Greenway EVAWG Subgroup •
• In This together • NI Housing Executive • PSNI • Rape Crisis NI • The King's Trust •
• Women's Resource & Development Agency •

Advice & Support *Refreshments provided* *Everyone welcome!*

For more information please contact Helen Smyth:

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Coffee Morning Fundraiser - Tuesday 10 November, 10am-12pm

Meg & Miranda are hosting a Coffee Morning at Greenway to raise funds for Greenway Women's Group!

* Tea or Coffee & Traybake £2 * Prize Draw Tickets £1 *

Join us between 10am and 12pm on Tuesday 10 November to raise much-needed funds to help keep the doors at Greenway Women's Centre open to women & their families!!

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Universal Credit Advice Sessions: Wednesday 18 November, 10am-12pm

Greenway is hosting free confidential Universal Credit Advice Sessions on Wednesday 18 November. 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!

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 taking place at Greenway Women's Centre, please contact Helen Smyth.

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Greenway Women's Group Fundraising Initiative

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the two anonymous individuals who recently made donations to Greenway Women's Group via our JustGiving account! As a charity, every penny we receive goes towards our work helping women and their families and these donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your kindness and support!!

If you would like to donate to Greenway Women's Group via our JustGiving page, please visit https://checkout.justgiving.com/931a16v567 or scan the QR code:

Thank you!



Representatives from Greenway were at Stormont on 6 October in support of the Ladies with Letters campaign, calling on the Health Minister to launch a Full Statutory Public Inquiry into the Cervical Screening scandal. If you would like to support the campaign, Ladies with Letters have set up an online tool to help you contact your local MLA and ask them to back calls for a Public Inquiry. For more information please visit: https://ladieswithletters.co.uk/

Thank you to Northern Ireland Women's Budget Group who delivered an information session on Tax with our Women's Empowerment Programme participants!





The Recycled Teenagers welcomed Ruth Power from Belfast Stories back to Greenway for a follow-up session to create artwork to accompany the stories they wrote last time! Thank you to Engage with Age and to Ruth for delivering another great session!

The Little Bit Crafty ladies have been making spooky sweet treats with lolly pops and pipe cleaners, as well as creating fantastic Halloween pictures and decorative pumpkins! Great work, ladies!










Thank you to Helen and the EVAWG Subgroup for representing Greenway at the recent Cregagh Primary School Community Information Fayre!

Belfast Brief

Wondering what's on in Belfast right now? Belfast Brief might have the answer! Belfast Brief is a free independent weekly email that goes out every Tuesday morning, packed full of information on what's on, what's new and what's worth knowing in Belfast! Check it out & subscribe for free to receive your weekly Belfast Brief: https://www.belfastbrief.com/

Greenway Childcare Services

At Greenway we offer high quality, affordable Childcare services for pre-school children, aged from six weeks to three years & three months, 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 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 aged from six weeks to three years & three months.

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 changes to the Greenway Staff Team as we said farewell to two valued members of the Childcare Team - Childcare Assistant Caroline Stratton and Childcare Support Assistant Nicola Maguire. We would like to say thank you to Caroline & Nicola and wish them both all the very best for the future!

***Board of Directors*, Greenway Women's Group**

⁂ **We have childcare spaces available in the Greenway Childcare Toddler Room!** ⁂
Please contact Jodie or Natalie to register.

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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

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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/Kitchen Assistant* 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

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 ● Room Hire ● Special Events ●

Opening Hours: 8.30am - 1.30pm, Monday to Friday

Greenway Women's Centre is a recognised Safe Place for anyone affected by Domestic Violence

Greenway Women's Centre

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

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