



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the October 2023 edition of the Greenway Newsletter

Coming up at Greenway...

Employment Academies

Greenway Women's Centre is hosting Belfast Employment Academies starting this month! Employment Academies are open to anyone living in the Belfast City Council area and currently unemployed or working fewer than 16 hours per week.

Health and Social Care Employment Academy

Start Date: Thursday 5 October, 9.30am-1.30pm (min 5 weeks)

Childcare Employment Academy

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

Employment Academies are provided by Belfast City Council

Essential Skills: Numeracy [Maths]

Start Date: Wednesday 4 October 9.30am-12.30pm

17 or 30 weeks depending on Level Registration fee: £10

Essential Skills courses provided by Belfast Met

(Please Note: The Essential Skills: Literacy [English] Course has been postponed until the new year.)

Women Breaking Barriers

Greenway is part of the Women Breaking Barriers NI project, delivering programmes to support women who are economically inactive and not currently seeking employment.

Women Breaking Barriers* is a new programme 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: This project is for women who are currently not in paid employment and not required to seek work as part of a benefits package.

Weekly Sessions: Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays/ Thursdays/ Fridays, 11.30am-1.30pm

Spaces currently available in Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday groups!

This Project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Women's Empowerment Programme

The Women's Empowerment Programme at Greenway is a free, women-only project providing practical and positive work-based opportunities for women on their way to employment or training.

The programme includes Personal Development; Essential Skills Courses;

CV Training; Interview Techniques and Volunteering Opportunities.

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

Spaces currently available in Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday groups!

This Programme is funded through Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland

To register for any of the above courses or to get more information please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

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 & Education Officer: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Greenway Childcare Team: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Greenway Women's Centre Family Support Services

Greenway 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

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 a link!

Focus Groups/ One-off Workshops

If you would like to receive information on Focus Groups and One-off Workshops at Greenway Women's Centre please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.

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Job Opportunity at Greenway...

Childcare Practice Leader 25 hours per week (Monday to Friday)

Greenway Women's Group are seeking to appoint a motivated individual to join our award-winning Childcare Team, providing care, learning & development for children under the age of 4.

Essential Criteria:

- Recognised Childcare qualification to QCF Level 3 or equivalent, plus 1 year's experience in working with children under 4 years of age or working towards a QCF Level 3 qualification.
- Experience of providing and planning and implementing a structured play environment.
 - Excellent communication skills, with children and adults.
 - Ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Good organisational skills and a willingness to work flexible hours.

For more details, including job description, please follow the link below:

<https://www.communityni.org/job/childcare-practice-leader-0>

To apply, please contact Greenway on 028 9079 9912 to request an application pack or download from the link above. Completed applications should be returned to: Natalie Horrocks/ Jodie Wilson, 19-23 Greenway, Belfast BT6 0DT or emailed to: childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

Closing Date for return of completed applications: Friday 20 October 2023 at 12 noon.

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

Thank you to Emma from Parenting NI who visited Greenway last month to discuss the Big Parenting Survey 2023 with our Women Breaking Barriers groups!



Mas Project Book Launch

Congratulations to all the women involved in the Women's Resource and Development Agency Mas Project Shared Experiences book, 'The Impact of the Mas Project: Women's Experiences'. The book, which was launched last month, creates a collection of experiences told by women across the Mas project.

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 professional & highly qualified 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 with Private Day Care Sessions available for only £4.50 per hour!

To book, register future interest or get more information please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Managers, Jodie Wilson & Natalie Horrocks.

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WCCF Funded Childcare Provision at Greenway Women's Centre

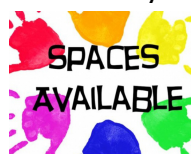
At Greenway we offer WCCF Funded Childcare for children from birth until their fourth birthday.

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



We currently have WCCF spaces available in our Toddler Room, for children aged 2-3 years!

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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We are now offering parents/carers the opportunity to book a viewing of our setting!

This will give you an opportunity to meet the Childcare Team and view the Childcare rooms and facilities before deciding if you want to enrol your children with us.

To arrange a viewing please email the Childcare Team at

childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org

with a viewing request and we will be happy to show you around to ensure we are the best fit for you and your family!

Greenway Staff Team Update

We would like to welcome Nicola Maguire to the Greenway Staff Team! Nicola has joined the Childcare Team as a part-time Childcare Support Assistant.

Volunteering Opportunities at Greenway

The Volunteer Programme 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 Childcare, Reception* and the Drop-In Café*.**

*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 Fundraising

Greenway Women's Group has partnered with fundraising platform Enthuse to enable us to raise much needed funds to support the work we do at Greenway Women's Centre.

We have added a DONATE button to the homepage of our website for anyone who would like to make a donation to support Greenway, or you can access the donation page directly at:

<https://greenwaywomenscentre.enthuse.com/donate>

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

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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: 9am - 3.30pm Monday - Friday



'Providing local, accessible services to women and their families in Cregagh and the broader community since 1985'

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