



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, February 2024

Time to Talk Day - Drop In Session

Greenway is hosting a Time to Talk Day Drop In session on Thursday 1 February, 9.30am-11am.
This event is facilitated by East Belfast Community Development Agency.

For more information please contact Helen at Greenway on 028 9079 9912.

Women, Money & Mental Health

Greenway is hosting a Women, Money & Mental Health session on Wednesday 7 February, 11am-12pm.
This event is facilitated by Kith & Kin Financial Wellbeing.

Supported by the Public Health Agency through the Clear Project

Women's Empowerment Programme

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.

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

This Programme is funded through Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland

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.

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

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.

Greenway is hosting the following courses as part of the WBB project:

Steps to Cope and Build Resilience*

Start Date: Monday 5 February, 10am-12pm (6 weeks)

Community Campaigners*

Start Date: Tuesday 5 March, 9.30am-1.30pm (4 weeks)

Women In Leadership*

Start Date: Wednesday 6 March, 9.30am-1.30pm (4 weeks)

*Please Note: Eligibility criteria apply. This project is for women based in Northern Ireland who are currently not in paid employment and not required to seek work as part of a benefits package.

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

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

T: 028 9079 9912

E: training@greenwaywomenscentre.org

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.

T: 028 9079 9912 **E:** training@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 the link!

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

JobStart Opportunity at Greenway: Childcare Assistant (25 hours per week)

Are you interested in a career in Childcare, aged between 18-24 years old and currently unemployed?

We have a Childcare Assistant position available through the JobStart scheme!

We are seeking to appoint a motivated individual to assist our Practice Leaders with the care, learning & development of children under the age of 4. The successful applicant will be required to work within a number of day care rooms, with children from birth to three years.

Please Note: This is a JobStart scheme position.

To apply you must be 18-24 years old and either unemployed and in receipt of benefits, or unemployed, not in education or training and not in receipt of benefits.

For more information, including job description, criteria and how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.jobapplyni.com/Vacancy/VacancyDetail?Id=1633457>

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

Closing Date: 1/3/24

Congratulations to our Women Breaking Barriers who successfully completed OCN Level 2 Employability Skills and Personal Development!



Thank you to Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke who visited Greenway last month to deliver a Health Awareness session as part of the Chatty Bench programme, facilitated by East Belfast Community Development Agency!

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!

You can now arrange an appointment to view the Greenway Childcare setting before deciding to enrol your children with us. This is 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!

To book, register future interest, arrange a viewing or get more information please contact Greenway's Childcare Co-Manager, Jodie Wilson.

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

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-Manager, Jodie Wilson.

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East Belfast Baby Bank

Greenway Women's Centre can act as a referrer for the East Belfast Baby Bank. The Team at East Belfast Baby Bank can provide care packages of appropriate clothing and hygiene products, such as nappies etc, for children aged from birth to 5 years. If you need to access the services of the Baby Bank please call at Greenway or contact us on 028 9079 9912 and we can help you complete the referral form and submit it on your behalf.

For more information on the East Belfast Baby Bank, please visit:

<https://www.downanddmore.org/news/2023/11/baby-bank-will-support-east-belfast-families>

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 Reception*, Drop-In Café* 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 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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