



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, March 2024

Move to UC Info Session: Monday 4 March, 10am

Employers for Childcare will be visiting Greenway on Monday 4 March to hold a 'Move to Universal Credit' Information Session. This will be of particular relevance to anyone who is currently receiving ESA along with Child Tax Credits, as the transition period for this group has been brought forward.

There will be a general information session from 10am -11am, followed by the opportunity for one-to-one sessions with a Family Benefits Advisor.

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:

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

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

**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

Greenway Women's Centre will be closed on Monday 18 March for St. Patrick's Day.

**All Greenway services, including childcare provision, classes,
group meetings and family support will be unavailable on this date.**

The Centre will reopen on Tuesday 19 March 2024.

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!

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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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.

We're Hiring!

Join the award-winning Greenway Childcare Team!!!

Childcare Practice Leader

25 Hours per week (8.30am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday)

Greenway Women's Group are seeking to appoint a motivated individual to take lead responsibility in the role of Practice Leader within our Childcare setting, providing care, learning & development for children under the age of 4.

For more details including job description, essential criteria and application packs please follow this link: <https://www.communityni.org/job/childcare-practice-leader-1>

The Closing Date for return of completed applications is Friday 15 March 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.

International Women's Day

We are working on our new posters for the International Women's Day Rally which will take place on Saturday 9 May, meeting at Writers Square at 11am.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Greenway Women's Centre Update

February was another busy month at Greenway!

East Belfast Community Development Agency facilitated our Time to Talk Day event at the start of the month, providing us with information on signposting to organisations that can help with Mental Health and Tools For Solidarity showed us how to recycle old clothes into keepsakes on their visit to the Centre. Volunteer Now and East Belfast Community Development Agency delivered Keeping Children Safe and Keeping Adults Safe training to our Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers groups. Raise Your Voice visited Greenway to deliver Sexual Harassment Awareness and Bystander Interventions training and Renters' Voice NI came out to discuss renting in the private rental sector. We finished the month perfectly with a visit from DU Dance NI who showcased their new dance performance and got everyone involved learning dance moves and listening to their amazing stories!!!

Thank you to all the organisations involved!

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 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!

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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New Sensory Room at Greenway

We were delighted to open a Sensory Room within our Childcare building last month and all our children will have the opportunity to explore and benefit from this new space!



Families First Awards



We have some amazing news! Greenway Childcare Services is a finalist for Day Care provider of the year in the Families First Awards Spring 2024!

Parents (past & present) can leave a comment on how Greenway Childcare Services have helped or made a difference to you and your children and why you think we should win, by visiting <https://www.familiesfirstfinalists.com/springawards> and clicking on the Greenway Childcare logo.

Thank you in advance for your comments - we really appreciate your support!

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

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*, 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 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

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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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