



Greenway

Women's Centre

Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, April 2024

Easter Holiday

Greenway Women's Centre will be closed from Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April for the Easter break. All Greenway services, including childcare provision, classes, group meetings and family support will be unavailable during this time. The Centre will reopen on Monday 8 April 2024.

Greenway Staff Team Update

There are some staffing changes at Greenway this month! As some of you may already be aware, Trudi is moving on to a new job and we would like to thank her for her time at Greenway and wish her all the best for the future. Sarah Robinson will be taking over the role of Childcare Practice Leader and we congratulate her on her promotion and wish her well in her new role. We are also delighted to welcome Asha Caldwell to the Greenway Staff Team. Asha joins the Childcare Team this month in a Childcare Assistant role and we hope she enjoys working at Greenway!

Greenway Women's Group

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.

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

**To register or get more information on these projects,
please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.**

T: 028 9079 9912

E: 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 for the link!

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

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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Employers For Childcare

Thank you to Employers for Childcare who visited Greenway last month to deliver a Move to Universal Credit Information Session. This was very constructive and informative, particularly for those currently going through the process of benefit migration. Due to high numbers attending we weren't able to schedule all the one-to-one sessions on the day so we hope to host another Employers for Childcare Benefits Advisor session soon!
For more information please contact Helen at Greenway on 028 9079 9912.



Career or Care Report

Representatives from our Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers groups visited Stormont last month for the launch of the Women's Regional Consortium & Carers NI research report 'Career or Care: Women, unpaid caring and employment in Northern Ireland'.

You can download the Career or Care Report here:

<https://www.womensregionalconsortiumni.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Career-or-care-Women-unpaid-caring-and-employment-in-Northern-Ireland.pdf>

Our Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers groups attended Belfast PCSP's Spring Safety Event at City Hall last month and they received lots of helpful, practical advice on home safety and crime prevention from many different organisations, including NI Fire & Rescue Service!



Thank you to East Belfast Community Development Agency for inviting representatives from our Women's Empowerment Programme and Women Breaking Barriers groups to a Wellbeing Brunch at the Titanic Hotel!



Our Women Breaking Barriers attended the WBB NI 'Connecting to the Film World' event at The Pixel Mill, Ormeau Baths. This was an amazing opportunity to hear directly from women in the film industry!

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.

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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Families First NI Spring 2024 Awards

The Greenway Childcare Team attended the Families First NI Awards on Saturday 2 March at Titanic Belfast, where they received a Highly Commended Day Care Provider award!

We are delighted for them on this well deserved recognition of the services they provide for the Greenway children and their families.

Thank you to everyone who voted and left supporting comments!!!

We would also like to thank Families First NI for a lovely evening and pass on our congratulations to the other finalists and the overall winners in each category.



*'Highly Commended'
Greenway Childcare Team*

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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