

Greenway

Women's Centre

## Monthly Newsletter

### *Welcome to the Greenway Newsletter, June 2024*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your kind messages and support following the recent passing of our dear friend, colleague and Director, Mae McQuillan MBE.



**Mae McQuillan MBE**

Mae was actively involved in the Community/Voluntary & Women's Sector for many years and was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2011 in recognition of her services to the community. Her dedication to improving opportunities and support for women and their families made her a worthy and deserving recipient of this honour. Mae will be remembered as the driving force behind our growth as an organisation and the continuing expansion of our services to help improve the lives of women in our community.

Mae's vast knowledge of the sector, her tireless campaigning, the connections she made and the work that she carried out over the years can be seen within the ethos and walls of Greenway Women's Centre every day.

Mae was one in a million and her legacy at Greenway will never be forgotten. Our love and thoughts remain with Mae's family and friends at this sad time.

*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.

The Women Breaking Barriers programme is 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

### **Paediatric First Aid**

Women Breaking Barriers are hosting a 3-week Paediatric First Aid\* course at Greenway this month.

**Sessions:** Wed 12 June, Wed 19 June & Wed 26 June, 9.30am-12.30pm

**\*Please Note: All 3 sessions must be completed**

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 any of the above,  
please contact Greenway's Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth.**

**T:** 028 9079 9912

**E:** [training@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**Small Worlds**



Thank you to Together CIC and Belfast Friendship Club who visited Greenway last month for the Small Worlds café-style workshop! This was an incredible opportunity for us to hear the stories of Table Hosts from different parts of the world and we thank each of them for sharing their personal experiences. Thanks also to Women Breaking Barriers NI for facilitating this event.

**CV & Interview Techniques**

Thank you to Colette Leeson, from Colette Leeson Interview and Career Coaching, who visited Greenway to deliver CV and Interview Techniques training to our Women Breaking Barriers groups!



**Job Fair**

Our Women Breaking Barriers attended the Phoenix Education Centre NI Job Fair at Avoniel Leisure Centre!



**EBCDA Volunteer Fair**

Greenway Senior Mentor, Lynsay Cotter and Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth attended the recent East Belfast Community Development Agency Volunteer Fair to offer information about volunteering and services at Greenway Women's Centre!



**Housing Rights NI 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Training & Education Officer, Helen Smyth, and Greenway Women's Group Director, Stephanie Waite, attended the Housing Rights NI 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Stormont!



**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: 'Highly Commended' Day Care Provider, Families First NI Awards (Spring 2024)*

Greenway Childcare Services are currently available Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 1.30pm with Private Day Care Sessions available for only £5 per hour!

Please Note:

As of Monday 3 June 2024 the hourly rate for Private Day Care sessions has increased to £5.

**Did you know...?**

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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:manager@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

Helen Smyth, Training & Education Officer: [training@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto:training@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

Greenway Childcare Team: [childcare@greenwaywomenscentre.org](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@greenwaywomenscentre.org)

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For regular Greenway updates find us at [www.facebook.com/GreenwayWomensCentre](https://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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