

Greater New Lodge Community Magazine



Ashton Community Trust

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Ashton To Lead Family Support Hub

Ashton Community Trust has been awarded the lead for the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP). The Family Support Hub provides early intervention family support services to vulnerable families and children/young persons aged up to 18 years. The Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub covers the areas of New Lodge, Duncairn, Fortwilliam, Castleview, Waterworks (part of), Chichester Park (part of) and Bellvue.

All families can be vulnerable at some stage; a sudden bereavement, finding yourself in debt, not being able to manage your child's behaviour, questioning your ability as a parent or worrying that your child may have additional needs. At times like this, who do you turn to and where do you go? The development of the Lower North Belfast and associated Hubs means that there is a place you can go and be listened to and supported. You no longer need to feel alone, worrying which way to turn, there is now help available.

The Family Support Hub is a multi-agency network

of statutory, community and voluntary organizations that either provide early intervention services or work with families who require early intervention services. The Hub accepts referrals from families who need support and use their knowledge of organisations to signpost families to the services that best meet their specific needs. This collaborative way of working ensures that families get the support they require when they require it. There are a number of ways you can be referred for support: you can refer yourself (self referral), your child's Health Visitor may refer you as can your child's school, your GP, a local



Family Support Hub
Chairperson
Christine McKeown

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Community Delegation Visits Girdwood HUB

A delegation from the local community sector were invited to view progress in the construction of the new Community HUB in Girdwood. The HUB is being built by Belfast City Council, and is due to open later this year. Further works are planned including a proposed multi sports arena which could potentially contain a swimming pool. A housing development on the site is also nearing completion. Another potential development includes new business units.



Community Contact Numbers

- 174 Trust - 9074 7114
- Ashton Centre - 9074 2255
- Bridge of Hope - 9074 6737
- Bridges Sewing Group - 9074 2255
- Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain - 9032 2409
- Camberwell Fold - 9096 0552
- Cancer Lifeline 9035 1999
- Carrick Hill Community Centre - 9023 1602
- Carlisle Day Centre - 9023 1227
- Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain - 90749 688
- Employment Outreach - 9020 2440
- Glenravel Local History Project - 9032 2289
- Holy Family Primary School - 9035 1023
- Holy Family Youth Centre - 9087 5150
- Indian Community Centre - 9024 9746
- Kinder Kids Day Care - 9074 2255
- McSweeney Centre - 9032 2289
- New Lodge Safer Streets - 07564 938276
- Newington Credit Union - 9035 1773
- New Lodge Arts - 9074 2255
- New Lodge Youth Centre - 9075 1358
- New Lodge Housing Forum - 9074 2399
- North Belfast Family Centre - 9024 7580
- North Belfast Social Enterprise HUB - 95 609 521
- North Queen St. Community Centre - 9032 3945
- Smile SureStart - 9075 6654
- St. Patrick's Primary School - 028 9035 1206
- Star Neighbourhood Centre - 9074 0693
- Tar Isteach - 90746665 / 90754967

BRIDGES SEWING

Mon - Fri 1.00pm - 3.00pm
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Alterations Etc.

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Ashton To Lead Family Support HUB

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community organisation or you could be referred from many other sources. When a referral is being made to the Hub, a form is completed, either by the person referring the family or by the family themselves (in the case of a self referral). After the form is completed it will be forwarded to a nominated individual within Ashton Community Trust. The family may then be contacted so that more information can be gathered. This is to ensure that all the specific needs the family has can be documented and that the family can get all the support they need. Relevant information is then shared with the members of the Hub; each family will be given a reference number when a referral is shared with the Hub. This reference number is unique to the family and ensures that the specific family cannot be identified by the Hub members. It is only when an organisation decides that they can offer the family a service that the family's information will be shared and families will have to give consent for their information to be shared with other organisations.

If you require further information regarding the Family Support Hub, contact Christine McKeown at the Ashton Centre 90 742255

Bridge of Hope Family Support

Bridge of Hope (BOH) provide support for families and adult members of families who have been bereaved, physically injured or psychologically affected by the conflict. Bridge of Hope's family support worker communicates closely with families keeping them abreast of what additional support may be available to them through the Victims Service in regards to support for carers, support for the physically injured in managing chronic pain and support for the bereaved. The family support worker will provide guidance on how to register with the Victims Service and assist families with filling in application forms if required. The family support worker will link up with VSS on behalf of families in regards to any queries or concerns they may have around eligibility or availing of the support schemes that VSS offer. The family support worker will also provide counselling support for those who have been suffering psychologically and will arrange a seamless and timely referral for those who wish to avail of further support services through BOH. Providing accessibility to family support at local level.

Services that BOH deliver:

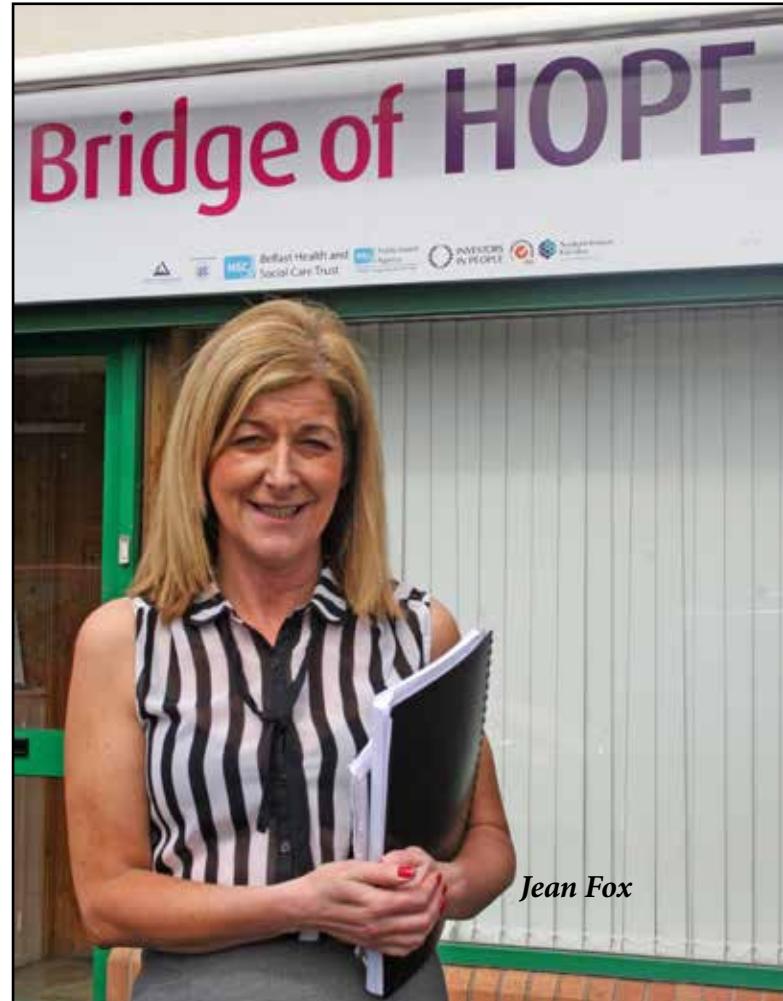
- Outreach Counselling Support
- Home visits for those who are in poor health and need guidance and support
- Counselling
- Life Coaching
- Complementary Therapies

Courses on Stress Management/ Confidence

Building/Managing Anger

Accredited courses: VTCT Level 2 & 3 in complementary therapies.

For further information contact Jean Fox on 90322289
Bridge of Hope is a project of Ashton Community Trust.



Lighthouse Family Support

Through Family Support, Lighthouse continues to provide vital support for families and individuals who have either been bereaved through suicide and/or are experiencing suicidal thoughts. This service is very much tailored to the needs of the individual and people access it at very different stages of their emotional journey. For those who have been recently bereaved, it provides the opportunity both to begin to process what has happened, and also enables them to understand the impact of trauma. Whilst the death of a loved one through suicide can never be 'normalised', the process of Family Support can help the person understand the myriad of emotions they may experience and to know that such emotions are a normal reaction.

For others who may be bereaved a longer length of time, Family Support can help them to begin to build their life again, whilst still acknowledging the death of their loved one. Our aims are to help inform families of the reactions to oneself after suffering a traumatic event, to normalise their feelings and equip them with new tools and skills to help them on their journey of grief as well as to offer hope and understanding for their future. The specialist knowledge and skills in relation to bereavement through suicide are paramount...as one client bereaved over twenty years ago stated:

"It wasn't until I came to Lighthouse that I got the help I needed and that is because the staff at Lighthouse understand. I had been to other bereavement support groups over the years, but suicide is not like a normal death and they didn't really help me. I had Family Support at Lighthouse and I attended the Hope, Heal, Help group and for the first time in twenty years I began to feel like myself again."

For those who are experiencing suicidal thoughts, Family Support can provide a safe, non-judgemental space for them to talk and explore whatever is important to them.

For some clients this may represent that first time they have felt accepted and valued for themselves for many years. Whist this one to one work with clients is integral to Family Support, progression into the group setting can also be very healing for some.

Other groups which have been facilitated this year include Healing with Colour and Living life to the Full while the Women's Group has also been ongoing with weekly meetings for much of the year. We are presently also running the new Hope, Heal, Help Group (in conjunction with West Belfast Suicide Awareness and Support Group), which commenced in March 2015.

Special family support events in the past year have included the Suicide prevention Day event, held at the Mccrory Hall which was a wonderful, uplifting and colourful event. The theme was 'A World Connected' and this was supported by a group of talented musicians from St Patrick's school & a variety of cultural dancers including representation from the Polish and Indian communities. The guest speaker Billy Dixon gave a very enlightening, thought-provoking and entertaining talk. In December we joined with the Fortwilliam and Macrory Church for a Christmas carol service when 301 balloons, representing lives lost through suicide in 2013, were released. Later in December we also hosted a family event at Lighthouse itself when family members had the opportunity to write a message to their loved ones and place it on the Christmas tree.

For the last year Lighthouse has also been in the fortunate position to be able to offer Family Therapy, with fully qualified family therapists who have years of experience in this field of work. These experts will work with several members from within the one family in examining family dynamics and resolving ongoing family issues. This unfortunately is a limited resource but at present continues to be offered.

For help or support or to obtain additional information on Lighthouse Family Support Services please contact:

Steven McMaster
Family Support Worker
02890755070
steven@lighthousecharity.com



Ashton Community Trust Family Support Programme

Jeanette Burns



Ashton Community Trust has once more been awarded funding for a Community Family Support Programme from the Department of Employment and Learning. The Community Family Support programme offers intensive support to help families reach their full potential. The programme is designed around the needs of the family and can include activities such as education courses, parenting classes, money management training, employment support and stress management.

Jeanette Burns, Co-ordinator for the Family Support Programme said "I am delighted that Ashton Community Trust has once again been funded to deliver this programme, I have seen at first hand the direct benefits to children and parents who have previously engaged in the programme. I know that it may not be easy for families to take the first step and engage with this type of programme. However, I would encourage any family who feels they would meet the criteria to make contact".

To qualify for entry into this programme, you must, live in North Belfast, have a member of your family aged 16-24 years not in employment, education or training (this could be the parent) .

For further information, contact Jeanette Burns (028) 90742255 or Jeanette.burns@ashtoncentre.com




Community Family Support Programme

The Ashton Community Trust is offering a programme of intensive support to families to help them reach their full potential in areas such as employment, education and lifestyle. The programme is designed around the needs of your family but could include activities such as

- Education Courses
- Parenting Skills
- Money Management Training
- Employment Support
- Healthy Living Training
- Stress Management

To qualify you must
Live in North Belfast?

Have a member of your family aged 16-24 not in employment, education or training (this could be the parent)

For more information please call Jeanette Burns on 02890 742255
Or jeanette.burns@ashtoncentre.com







Lower North Family Support Programme

Ashton Community Trust, through the Belfast Outcomes Group, has received funding to deliver two programmes aimed at supporting children and families living in the area. The programmes will operate and run from New Lodge Youth Centre. The criteria for participation on the programme is children aged 5 – 7 years, 8 – 11 years and young people aged 12 – 14 years and 15 – 17 years. Each programme will be child and young person focused and will include a variety of activities including sports, arts, healthy eating and digital fabrication. An additional programme will be provided for parents supporting their parenting needs. For more information contact Katrina Newell at New Lodge Youth Centre on 9075 1358.

Katrina Newell

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Star Neighbourhood Centre Celebrates 25 Years



To celebrate 25 years of community service the Star Neighbourhood Centre put on a family fun day for the local community. Large crowds attended the event where they enjoyed a range of fun activities. This included swings, fun-train, face painting, cartoonist, burgers, candy floss, pop corn and Dinky Do-Nuts , music and much more. Ashton Fablab provided a pop up laboratory where young people could learn about digital fabrication and technology. Maria Valente Manager of the Star Neighbourhood Centre said “It was a brilliant day with a fantastic turn out and a fitting way to celebrate our 25th anniversary”.

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Greater New Lodge Safer Streets Committee

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Remember If You Don't Report
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 Not Suffer In Silence

**Greater New Lodge Safer
 Streets Committee - 0756 493 8276**

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 Community Restorative Justice Ireland (CRJI) - 028
 90 753043

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- The nature and location of the offence
- The date and time of the offence
- The name/details of the offender (If known)



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Inner North Youth Platform

The Inner North Youth Platform has been running successfully from February, and will be ongoing for the next year, led by New Lodge Arts Youth Worker, Orla Hawkins. Young people from New Lodge, Mountvernon and other areas across Inner North Belfast, meet on a weekly basis to discuss issues relevant to young people, learn leadership/facilitation skills and also complete team building exercises and much more. The young people have been away on a weekend trip together to complete some of this work, the group spent the weekend at the Share Discovery Village in Co. Fermanagh. While staying there the group built relationships, took part in group activities and physical outdoor activities. The group will be organising a youth-led conference during 2015, for young people from communities across inner



North Belfast. New Lodge Arts is a project of Ashton Community Trust



**Rosary At The Grotto
Rosary taking place every
Monday evening at 7.00 pm.
All welcome!**

The Wizard of Oz

Original by L Frank Baum

Adapted for stage by Jeannette Jaqueish

23rd & 24th June 2015. 6.30pm

Venue: The MAC, Belfast

Tickets: £3

Organised by New Lodge Arts. Contact Anne Delaney on 02890742255 for more information. Tickets available from The MAC www.themaclive.com 028 9023 5053

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Public Inquiry Announced for York Street Interchange

In January 2015 the Minister for the Department of Regional Development, Danny Kennedy launched the formal consultation process for the York Street Motorway Interchange project. The work at the interchange will include a road widening phase at North Queen Street. The Transport Minister has since announced his intention to hold a Public Inquiry into the proposals for the Interchange. He stated, "In order that the issues can be considered in a fair and open manner I have decided that a Public Inquiry will be held. Everyone who has responded to the consultation will be individually informed of the timings and location of the Inquiry in due course." The Public Inquiry is likely to be scheduled for the late autumn 2015. Construction completion of the proposed project would take up to three years.



Since January there have been a number of public meetings in the New Lodge to discuss the Interchange project and a local Working Committee, made up of residents and community activists, was established. This committee has since met with officials from Transport NI on a number of occasions and has also made a written submission raising a number of community concerns. Following a request from the local Working Committee, Transport NI officials on Tuesday the 14th of April conducted a site walk of the proposed works with local residents and community workers. Paul O'Neill who is acting Chairperson of the Committee said, "The site walk was very useful as it gave residents and community workers a better opportunity to evaluate at first hand the potential impact of the new works and to discuss alternative solutions to some aspects of this. The announcement of a Public Inquiry is also a welcome development as it provides the community with a further opportunity to make its concerns known. We fully understand the long term strategic importance of the new road development. However, equally important is the principle of shared decision-making to ensure that this project will not unduly undermine the needs of our community. We therefore feel that the points raised in our verbal and written submissions should be given the fullest consideration and appropriate steps taken to diminish any potentially negative impacts for local people".

'Active Awards for Sport' Funding Success – Girls Football Training Programme

Inner North Neighbourhood Renewal, in partnership with the Star Neighbourhood Centre, is now in the process of organising a series of football training sessions across all parts of North Belfast. The purpose of the project is get more young women involved in taking regular exercise through good quality football coaching.

Community organisations that have agreed to participate in the project include; New Lodge Youth Club, the Star Neighbourhood Centre, Duncairn Community Centre, The Hub (Shore Road) and Fortwilliam Youth Club, The Belfast Community Sports Development Network will be delivering all coaching sessions.

The project is expected to run from the 7th September to 30th October. Each participating club will get 14 free training sessions during that period with a celebratory event at the end of the 8 week programme. Girls aged

between 7-10 and 11-14 will be eligible to take part in this initiative.

As well as catering for young people, a separate element of the project will be targeting older people with a view to them getting involved in exercise related activities such as hill walking, yoga and Boccia.

This initiative directly relates to addressing health inequalities in areas of high deprivation and promotes healthy aging amongst older people. Whilst the project covers all areas across Inner North, it has also been included in the New Lodge Community Sport & Wellbeing Plan for 2014 – 2017.

For more information, please call Gerard Rosato on 07702251526 or Sarah Kelly 02890740693

New Lodge Arts – Spring Awakening Festival

The Spring Awakening Festival, held in Alexandra Park on the 21st March, delivered by New Lodge Arts offered something for all ages. This included an array of street theatre, live music, food stalls, dance acts, circus performers, sports, a dog show and much more.

The Festival was a new venture for New Lodge Arts, a project of Ashton Community Trust, who deliver annual events in North Belfast such as the Lantern Parade and Winterfest Programme. The event was funded through the OFMDFM Central Good Relations Fund.

The Spring Awakening Festival was a great success with over 3500 people attending. The project included an outreach programme in the local schools and community groups. 16 groups from across North Belfast took part with 403 young people actively participating in the preparation and delivery. It is

anticipated that this festival will be included from now on in New Lodge Arts annual programme of activities.

Anne Delaney from New Lodge Arts said: "This was an exciting project for us to take the lead on. Usually there is very little happening in the local area during springtime and we actively changed that by transforming Alexandra Park into a hub of activity. There really was something on offer for everyone with some of the very best local talent Belfast has to offer."

For more information, follow the festival organisers on twitter @newlodgearts, friend them on facebook.com/newlodgearts or contact Anne Delaney at New Lodge Arts on 028 9074 2255 or email anne@newlodgearts.com.

New Lodge Arts is a project of Ashton Community Trust



Dig in Day at McSweeney Community Garden

Children from Kinderkids Daycare took part in a Dig in Day on Thursday 23rd April at the Community Garden at McSweeney Centre.

The children planted lots of vegetables from runner beans to sweetcorn, cauliflowers to cabbages. They also planted sunflower seeds which they will plant out into the garden once they have started to grow.

They also planted pumpkins so it is hoped they will be able to use these for their Halloween lanterns!



The children will tend to the garden over the summer months and this will promote an understanding of the lifecycle of vegetables and living things. They children will be encouraged to try the vegetables they have grown and will encourage healthy eating. We hope to have a good harvest of vegetables which they can share and make something tasty to eat. Kinderkids is a project of Ashton Community Trust

Multi-Sport Street Games

FREE Multi-Sport Programme aimed at bringing Sports to the Street

Starts Wednesday 3rd June, continues throughout the year.

Action Packed Fun and Games delivered between the North Queen Street Park, Carlisle Park and

New Lodge Youth Centre - delivered by Young Leaders for all young people in the community.

Sports - Netball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Handball, Basketball, Boxing, Football, GAA, Badminton,

Athletics - hopefully something for everyone.

We need people to register, we will POP UP at any time to deliver free sports for the kids.

If you would like to be involved either by participating or volunteering contact:

New Lodge Youth Centre on 90751358 or tamhi2011@outlook.com

Belfast Dockers Mural Launched



Duncairn Cross Community Partnership which focuses on interface issues launched a new mural about Belfast Docks on Friday 30th June. The mural is at the junction of Duncairn Gardens and Lepper Street. Interface Worker Kate Clarke said, "This is part of an ongoing process to improve the visual appearance and the overall quality of life for people living on the interface".

The Importance of Arts in the Community



Minister Carál Ní Chuilín with arts, youth and community activists

New Lodge Community Festival Committee and Féile An Phobail have been engaged in an ongoing process of co-operation in order to improve the organisation of festivals and the general development of community based arts processes. As part of this process an event to highlight the value and importance of the arts in community development took place at the Duncairn Culture and Arts Centre on Wednesday April the 22nd. Keynote speaker at the event was local MLA and Culture and Arts Minister Caral Ni Chuilin. The Minister praised the grassroots arts work currently undertaken by community and youth groups in areas like the New Lodge and welcomed the growing cooperation between Féile and New Lodge Festival.

Féile Outreach Officer Kevin Morrison said, "In this age of cuts and austerity the arts sector unfortunately has been singled out as an easy target and today faces an uncertain future. However, despite the bleak outlook, Féile is more committed than ever to working with our community partners in promoting and keeping the arts alive and well. As part of our Community Engagement Programme we are building greater working links and connectivity. Our evolving relationship with Ashton Community Trust which has shown great community leadership within North Belfast over the years is a great example of this commitment".

Paul O'Neill, Community Development Co-ordinator with the Ashton Community Trust said, "We in the Ashton Community Trust are committed to upholding the positive historical legacy of community based arts processes which are so rooted in and reflective of the social and cultural life of our people. We see the ongoing development of the arts in its various forms at the neighbourhood level including community festivals, as a crucial part of our work. It is within this context that we promote our developing relationship with Féile an Phobail".

Katrina Newell Head of Arts & Youth development of Ashton Community Trust also spoke at the event providing

examples of how arts based projects had helped widen the horizons and created direct routes for self improvement including career opportunities for local young people.

Bill Shaw Director of the 174 Trust which hosted the event acknowledged the work of local community arts providers. He praised the staff at Duncairn Culture and Arts Centre for bringing some of the world's finest artists, musicians and actors into North Belfast. Bill reiterated the importance of collaboration and partnership at the local level and pledged the support of his organisation to use the arts as a force for good in the community.

As part of the event, young people from New Lodge Arts performed a short play to the delight and prolonged applause of the large audience in attendance.

Greater New Lodge Festival

Plans are underway for the organisation of this year's Festival which will commence on Saturday 1st of August. When made ready a full programme of events will be produced by Ashton Community Trust and hand delivered to every home in the Greater New Lodge area.



Young people from New Lodge Arts perform at the event

Huge Turn Out AT Ashton Awards Day

The 2015 Ashton Community Trust Training and Employment Awards took place in Belfast Castle on 27 March 2015. The achievements of 180 people who took part in training and employment programmes were marked by the presentation of certificates and awards. The ceremony was compared by Leah McStravick who began the ceremony by saying that "We are here to recognise the outstanding achievements of North Belfast Residents who have invested their time, skill and energy in training so that they can better their lives and the lives of their family, friends and community."



Section of the large crowd who attended the awards

Massive level of achievement

Pat Boyle Head of Training and Employment Services gave an overview of the delivery of the service in the year 2014-15. He said that 1818 people registered with projects, 1123 qualifications were delivered and 486 people got work at the end. Across all of these areas Ashton had outperformed the targets they were set and this was a measure of the hard work of staff and participants.

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The keynote speech was delivered by Harriet Ferguson, Head of NEETS Strategy and Policy at the Department of Employment and Learning. Harriet spoke of her great respect for the work that Ashton Community Trust had carried out

in some of the most deprived communities of North Belfast. She finished by congratulating the participants on their achievements.

Community Awards

Three awards were handed out on the day. Trainee of the Year, Young Trainee of the Year and Employer of the Year. Each awardee thanked the Ashton Community Trust saying they would not have been able to achieve so much without their help.

In addition to the awards all participants received a certificate and the ceremony ended with a statement of thanks to our funders. This was followed by an excellent lunch.

Reading Rooms sees exciting growth in its second year

What is 'shared reading'?

"It's simple but it's brilliant... it gets people to come out of their shell. It's very enjoyable", says one of the regulars at the weekly Reading Room in the Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts.

Each week a trained volunteer reads aloud a short story and a poem, and participants are encouraged to share their responses and opinions. It's a comfortable and fun way of discussing literature. It's very social and very stimulating.

The Reading Rooms project recently marked its first anniversary in north Belfast. It has grown from a core of three local volunteers at the Duncairn to two members of staff and 14 volunteers.

Reading Rooms take place across Belfast in care homes and day centres, with young and older people with learning difficulties, with carers, with a father/son group at a local primary school, and with young people outside the

education system.

The main aims of the Reading Room project are to promote engagement with literature which in turn will enhance the social well-being of the city by fostering a love of reading, to encourage social interaction between people who might otherwise never meet, and to provide participants with an opportunity to participate, reflect and imagine.

A drop-in Reading Room takes place every Monday afternoon in the Duncairn (174 Trust) at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

This summer Reading Rooms will be taking to the road, literally. Keep your eye out for the arrival of the Reading Rooms Bus!

For more information about the project, phone Marnie Kennedy on 07971 568 573 or email Maeve O'Lynn at readingrooms.belfast@theverbal.co



Can you answer YES to the following?

Aged 16 - 24?

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education,
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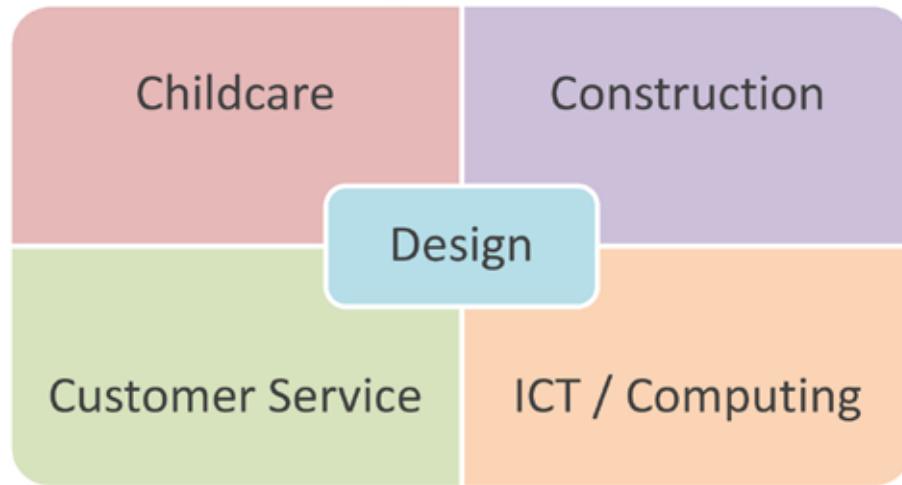
Our new **Core Project** offers support and opportunities within the following areas:

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Job Placement Opportunities

Training Available



If you are interested then please contact Laura on laura.odonnell@ashtoncentre.com or 90751394 for more information.

Also visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/AshtonEmploymentServices to keep up to date on all our latest news and courses available.

This programme is funded by:



New Mayor Visits the FabLab

The new Mayor of Belfast Arder Carson visited the Ashton Centre on Thursday the 2nd of April to witness how the FabLab is inspiring a new generation of budding designers, builders, creators, problems solvers and entrepreneurs.

Since its establishment at the Ashton Centre the FabLab is leading the way in the digital revolution. In the process it is making a really positive impact on people, communities, schools and businesses in North Belfast and beyond. It is providing unique opportunities for businesses to develop new products and prototypes. It is also helping schools and individuals to develop new skills through accredited programmes. Communities get to use the knowledge and technology that is on offer to help them problem solve, practically assist projects and build capacity.

Speaking during the visit to the FabLab Belfast's Mayor said, "I'm delighted to be invited to the New Lodge to see for myself how a community development organisation like the Ashton Community Trust is employing the power of modern



Mayor of Belfast Arder Carson with FabLab staff, volunteers and pupils from St Patrick's Primary School

cutting edge technology for the direct benefit of the local community and indeed for the city as a whole. It is genuinely mind boggling to see these processes in action and to imagine the enhanced potential for learning, skills building and innovation at the community development and business levels. I would like to congratulate the Ashton Community Trust for the crucial leadership role it is playing in this regard".

FabLab Belfast, opened in 2012, is run by Ashton Community Trust and is part of global network of over 400 labs from rural Africa to downtown Boston in the USA.

If you are interested in finding out more about FabLab or in getting involved contact Paddy O'Hare.
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New Lodge Youth Centre Summer Scheme

New Lodge Youth Centre will be running their annual Summer Scheme from the 20th of July until the 21st of August.

To kick off the summer season the Centre will be organising a four day intervention residential, which will take place from the 11th - 14th of July. There will be a second intervention residential on 8th – 10th August.

The Centre will cater for children and young people aged five (who have completed Primary One) to eighteen years of age. It will provide a range of activities within the Centre which include sports, art and crafts, pool, drop in and discos. A range of 'Out of Centre' activities will also be organised for junior and senior members which can include night activities and weekend residencies throughout the five weeks. The Youth Centre will also arrange day trips to Bangor, Portrush, Crawfordsburn, Helens Bay, Belfast Zoo, Adventure Play Ground, Tayto Factory and Dublin. They will also have BBQs on the beach with pool and fun days in the Centre. Your child can register at the Youth Centre on the 8th and 9th of July.

Contact Mary Madine at New Lodge Youth Centre for further details on 9075 1358

New Lodge Youth Centre is a project of Ashton Community Trust

Services Lost at Tar Isteach

Following the conclusion of the European Peace III Programme in March 2015 the Republican Ex-Prisoner Support Project Tar Isteach which is based on the Antrim Road has run out of funding for all of its core staff posts. This includes management, finance, administration, welfare rights, counselling, training and employment and youth development. As a result the various departments of Tar Isteach which have served the community for many years have been severely depleted.



Tar Isteach AGM 2015

City Council

However a recent decision by Belfast City Council to provide some important financial support will ensure, at least in the interim, the retention of Tar Isteach's office base on the Antrim Road. Tommy Quigley is Manager of the project, "This support from Council was critical as it provides some breathing space to allow us to try and work out an alternative way forward for the longer term survival of the project. It was also crucial in enabling us to retain for the time being, a Welfare Rights Service with part time and voluntary staff. This is putting the advice staff under incredible pressure as they try to prioritise cases and cope with increasing demands brought on by the welfare cuts and the changing needs of an aging ex-prisoner population. This is especially important at a time when austerity measures continue to cause hardship and anxiety for those most in need of support. Apart from the funding from Council there has also been massive moral and practical support from the local community and community groups. This has been very uplifting and is greatly appreciated. Furthermore despite the loss of jobs and salaries we as a staff team, have continued to contribute on a voluntary basis. However without greater, more secure, long term financial resources it will be extremely difficult to sustain things in the longer run. Nevertheless we will not give up and are continuing to explore all avenues that are open to us".

Tar Isteach Annual General Meeting

Tar Isteach held its Annual General Meeting on Friday the 29th of May in the Star Neighbourhood Centre. The Management Committee reiterated its commitment to work to the best of its ability to establish a full service for republican ex-prisoners and their families in North Belfast.

Recent Research

Guest speaker at the AGM was Professor Pete Shirlow who conducted recent research on issues affecting politically motivated ex-prisoners. The research which was published in January 2015 indicated that despite the Good Friday Agreement and power sharing, political ex-prisoners remain subject to various discriminations and exclusions that seriously undermine their ability to cope financially, emotionally and socially. He said,

"With older age within the ex-prisoner community becoming more prevalent there is naturally a growth in issues around pensions, health and well-being. It is well documented that Tar Isteach has provided an important support base for thousands of persons affected by imprisonment, and that support covers social benefits, employment, health referral, housing, homelessness, bereavement, money advice and debt and outreach. The loss of such support services within the former prisoner community will leave a constituency whose needs are unaddressed. In simple terms Tar Isteach's membership will have nowhere to locate the bespoke services required to address the trauma of conflict and an unresolved past".

Criminalisation

Chairperson Paul O'Neill made reference to the unaddressed legacies facing republican political ex-prisoners. He stated, "Despite the consistent support by the overwhelming majority of republicans for peace, the reality is that criminalisation of republican ex-prisoners and by association their families continues unabated. This is worsened by the fact that many former prisoners and their families already come from neighbourhoods where high socio-economic inequality and deprivation is the norm. Until such criminalisation processes are

ended once and for all, there will always be a need for support projects such as Tar Isteach. The difficulty however is that securing the necessary resources to provide and maintain such services is becoming an increasingly difficult task to fulfil".

Welfare Cuts

Agnes Fraser, Welfare Rights Service Manager spoke about the human costs and consequences of the Tory austerity programme and the cuts and changes to the welfare system. Agnes stated, "People with severe disabilities, disabled children, long term sick and low income families (the working poor) are being demonised and scapegoated. Sanctions in the form of the withholding of benefits are penalising and placing even more financial hardships on people for what is often administrative errors by departments. Missing an appointment, being early or late for an appointment can result in a person's benefit being stopped immediately for weeks with only a time consuming and complicated appeal process the only avenue of address".

Ex-Prisoner Bereavements

Agnes went on to say, "In the last twelve months at least 31 ex-prisoners or their spouses or children have died in the Belfast area. This is not just about filling in bereavement forms, it's about the human cost of dealing with the loss of a loved one, the emotional and humane support needed when people are at their most vulnerable. It's about trying to cope with loss, whilst trying to navigate a complex and seemingly heartless welfare system. The human cost is not seen, the trauma and the emotional and physical drain on both the client and the support worker is not even considered or taken into account".

Agnes continued, "As more and more ex-prisoners come into their sixties and seventies we are dealing with more complicated and different support needs. Whether it is pensions, or putting care packages in place or trying to secure adequate and suitable housing or placements. At a time when the needs and type of support required by an aging political ex-prisoner population is changing the radical cuts to welfare is making it incredibly hard to maintain vital support services for ex-prisoners and their families. Tar Isteach has been to the fore in providing practical and emotional support to these families on an ongoing basis. This work needs to continue and must be supported".

Tar Isteach Thanks

The management and staff of Tar Isteach would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has provided support to the group in recent times. In particular they would like to thank Newington Housing Association, Newington Credit Union and SIPTU Trade Union. Thanks also to the various individuals too numerous to mention that have provided financial and practical assistance at this difficult time for the organisation. Manager of the project Tommy Quigley said, "The tremendous level of support that we have received is a clear indication of the high esteem in which the project is held by the community. It is a great boost to our morale that people have rallied around in this way".

Sow Wild Garden Project



Young volunteers from New Lodge Youth Centre work on the garden

In our previous magazine we let you know about the introduction of the Sow Wild Garden Project focussing on a communal space in Dawson Street. The challenge to the young people and residents who volunteered to work on the project was to create a colourful communal garden which would give local people the opportunity to appreciate some of our native Irish wild plants. Progress on transforming the garden has been good. Over one weekend in April volunteers cleared away unwanted foliage and weeds and planted out plugs and bulbs. This was followed up with volunteers adding new top soil and sowing out specialised native wild seeds. Further planting out of shrubs and roses will take place later in the year and a celebratory barbecue accompanied by traditional Irish musicians will be held in August as part of the Greater New Lodge Community Festival. Gerard Rosato is Development Worker with the Inner North Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and was responsible for coordinating the project. "I would like first of all to thank the young people from New Lodge Youth Centre for their time and effort. They seemed to really enjoy the project and I think they learned a lot from it. Thanks also to the residents of Dawson Street and last but not least thank you to Sow Wild who funded the project".

Mental Health Awareness Programme



New Lodge Youth Centre is taking the lead in delivering a project to raise awareness amongst young people of the importance of mental health wellbeing. The project will bring approximately 80 young people from across Belfast together to learn more about the topic of mental health. It will bring mental health workers alongside youth workers to make as big of an impact on our communities across Belfast as we possibly can. The project involves a city wide approach that is working with around eight separate youth clubs to tackle the ongoing issues that young people are facing with their mental health.



—The New Lodge Schools' Cluster—
Promoting Partnership in the Community

You are cordially invited to come along to
celebrate the
End of year at our
Coffee Morning



Venue: Parents Mobile (Senior Site)

Date: Friday 26th June 2015

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

An opportunity to sign up for new courses coming up next year, receive certificates for completed courses and to find out more about our Parents Room. Allow me to THANK YOU for your continued support and dedication throughout the year.

Susie Hunt (Parent Support Officer)



Kinderkids Daycare: High Quality Childcare, Local & Professional

Kinderkids Daycare is a department of Ashton Community Trust that was established in 2000 as a social enterprise. Since then, Kinderkids has expanded in response to local need and now operates three childcare centres in North Belfast from Carlisle Circus to the Cliftonville Road. This long history of providing high quality childcare services means we understand that choosing the right childcare for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Kinderkids wants to support you in making this decision and invite you to visit us at any of our childcare centres.

The aim of Kinderkids Daycare is:

To provide high quality childcare services to children, thereby supporting their development and improving parent's access to education, training, employment and family support services.

Kinderkids operates 50 weeks per year from 8am - 6pm and caters for children from birth to 12 years.



Play & Early Learning

Kinderkids understands that play is paramount to a child, has a purpose and is a step towards the learning and understanding of valuable skills.

At Kinderkids Daycare we implement the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for children aged 0 to 5. The EYFS ensures that children are supported in their learning and development. The EYFS comprises of four main themes:

- **A Unique Child**
- **Positive Relationships**
- **Enabling Environments**
- **Learning & Development**

For more information, contact us at:

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Kinderkids Cliftonville - Manager: Fionnuala Black
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Kinderkids McSweeney Centre - Manager: Sharon Rooney
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Or call into any of our 3 Daycares



FabLab Update

Since the last magazine exciting things have been happening in Fablab. Thanks to investment from DCAL the lab has underwent a major overhaul. Along with this our outreach has been upgraded to keep us at the cutting edge of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) delivery.



Adam Wallace Manager of the FabLab with Gerry Kelly and the Mayor Arder Carson

The new machinery includes a large format laser cutter, that is four time the size of our original machine as well as a new industry standard 3D printer that utilises state of the art 3D printing technology.

Keep a look out for the new Fablab van !!! As part of the investment we are now the proud owners of a brand new van that will allow us to deliver more services across Belfast and the island of Ireland.

If you are interested in viewing the new equipment and would like to come to Fablab and make something or discuss your ideas (no matter what they are !!!!) , book into one of our open user slots and speak with the team and let them help you turn your ideas into reality.
To book an appointment call Paddy on 02890755412

Outreach Project

One of our ongoing STEAM projects is going from strength to strength, namely the 3D printer building in schools. Following this success, more and more schools are approaching us to take part in this new and innovative STEAM programme. We are very pleased

that one of our schools Edmund Rice High is now in the process of building their second printer with the pupils from the first build being the teachers !!!

This is great progress and as a team the Fablab staff could not be happier with how the project is going. If you think that a school near you might be interested in this please get in touch with Paddy @ Fablab

Social Enterprise School – FabLab with the North Belfast Social Enterprise Hub will be running an enterprise programme with local young people this summer who in teams will set up a mini business – design a product and sell to customers in Belfast! Each team will decide how their business will benefit a social cause, with a product that helps solve a community problem or use the profit from sales to benefit their local area.

This will be open to 16 – 22yr olds and will run for 4 weeks in July and August. No business experience needed.

facebook.com/ashtoncommunitytrust

A screenshot of a Facebook page for 'Ashton Community Trust'. The main image shows the exterior of a building with a sign that reads 'ASHTON CENTRE'. Below the main image is a smaller thumbnail image of the same building. The page title is 'Ashton Community Trust Community Center'. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Timeline', 'About', 'Photos', 'Reviews', and 'More'. To the right of the page, there is a sidebar with text about the Facebook page and a large blue 'LIKE US ON FACEBOOK' button with a thumbs-up icon.

Ashton Community Trust has created a Like Page on Facebook, where we will post information on a regular basis about all of the Trust's services, please like the page to be kept updated.

**LIKE US ON
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New Lodge Youth Centre-Youth Impact

New Lodge Youth Club would like to thank Padraig McVicker from PodsMod's (Antrim Road) who very kindly donated £300 to a young men's group who are taking part in a personal and social development program in the New Lodge Youth Centre. Through this they took part in an Irish social history project. This gave the young people the opportunity to visit Dublin and to get a better understanding of Irish history and the political environment. The young people who took part in the programme will also gain an accredited OCN qualification which will help them in their further development.



Visiting Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin



"The trip to Dublin was class, it was good for us to actually see the places that we are learning about, like the G.P.O and Kilmainham Gaol and walk in the footsteps of these political leaders like James Connolly and Michael Collins. This was a great experience and would love to do it again".

Quote from Ciaran Murray (Young Person)

"I would like to say a big thank you to Padraig Mc Vicker and the PodsMod's team as without their kind donation this visit to Dublin might not have taken place. I saw first-hand what the young people got from this trip to Dublin and the knowledge that they have gained. This was a great project to be a part off and was greatly supported by Padraig Mc Vicker".

Quote From Paddy Doyle (Youth Worker)

Outreach Project

Paddy Doyle (New Lodge Youth Centre) and Sean Corrigan (Rathbone) have been on the streets in the New Lodge Area continuing to work with and build relationships with the young people in the area. The feedback from this have been very positive with local residents, young people and other community representatives commenting on the progress that has been made and also praising the physical presence of youth workers on the streets.



Paddy Doyle on Youth Outreach duty in New Lodge

**Tel: 028 90 744211
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15 Garmoyle Street
Clarendon Dock, Belfast, BT15 1DY
Mon - Fri 7:30am - 3:00pm**

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No experience necessary. All tuition & instruments will be provided.
If you would like to know more, visit us on Facebook.
We practice every Thursday night in the Recy (North Queen Street Community Centre), New Lodge 7pm-9pm
Call in and have a chat or contact us on 079 122 746 47



ACTIVE LIVES AFTER CANCER

Support for older people affected by cancer.

The ACTIVE LIVES AFTER CANCER project aims to support isolated people (aged 60+) from North Belfast who are affected by cancer.

The project will be specifically targeted at those with a cancer diagnosis and their family/carers who are not currently accessing support services and will involve:

- Short term befriending visits
- Complementary Therapies
- Counselling
- Group health & wellbeing events
- Annual get-togethers
- Transport to and from Cancer Lifeline



For more information contact:

Help is at hand...
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Cancer Lifeline supports people who live in North Belfast, Shankill and Newtownabbey. The organisation is managed by individuals who have experience of cancer.

Dublin Youth Visit New Lodge Youth Centre

A recent project took place involving young people from the City of Dublin Education & Training Foundations Project based in Sean MacDermott Street in Dublin and young people from New Lodge Youth Centre. The purpose of the exchange was to enable the young people to do team building activities, and share stories about their communities and their life experiences. The exchange also included a bus tour of Belfast. Both groups will meet up again in Dublin during the Summer. Thanks to Joe Donnelly of TAMHI for providing footballs for all the participants.



Dublin and Belfast youth work together in New Lodge Youth Centre

**St Patricks Primary School
Summer Fete
Saturday 13th June 2015
@ Pim Street Side
11am-2pm**

Come to the Summer Fete!
Lots of fun activities for young people. Local service providers join together to raise awareness of what the New Lodge Community has to offer in relation to youth services, mental health, support services, advice services. Come along and share in what promises to be a great day for the whole community.

Newington Credit Union LTD

Newington Credit Union
239-247 Duncairn Gardens
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028 9035 1040

www.newingtoncreditunion.co.uk

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Newington Credit Union, based in the heart of North Belfast has been proudly serving the community since 1967. We offer members of our community a safe place to save and borrow at reasonable rates. We work closely with our primary and secondary schools and encourage young people to save in an effort to create a knowledge of financial management from a young age. With the North Belfast area having such a young demographic, Newington Credit Union have been offering ten Third Level Education bursary to members wishing to further their studies. This payment of £400 per year of study (max three years) is used by the student to help towards rent, transport, books and other expenses.

In April 2015, Newington Credit Union took over Loughside Credit Union – which means city

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Phil McCann, Bursary Winner*

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To join Newington Credit Union, you must live or work within our common bond. New members can join immediately by filling out the supplied application form and returning it to either branch with proof of address and photographic ID.

Please contact a member of staff for advice on eligibility





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Membership Application Form

Please complete all questions in BLOCK CAPITALS

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Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Separated in Partnership Widowed

Address _____

Post Code _____ Telephone No. _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____ years. If less than 3 years please state

Previous address _____

Occupation _____ Retired Unemployed

Name and address of Employer _____

How long have you worked there? _____ N.I. Number _____

Have you ever been a member of this or any Credit Union? Yes No

If yes, please give name of Credit Union and Membership No. _____

I hereby apply for membership of NEWINGTON CREDIT UNION LIMITED and agree to abide by the rules. I declare that the information given by me on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature _____

Proposer's Signature _____ Account No. _____

Address _____

State relationship to Applicant _____

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Membership Number _____

'serving North Belfast for over 25 years'

Ashton Community Trust is an award winning regeneration charity that has been delivering services in North Belfast for over 25 years. It employs over 160 people delivering a wide range of services.



The Trust has a number of departments who have an online presence, please visit their websites, like their pages on Facebook or follow them on Twitter to be kept up to date on activities of Ashton Community Trust. Ashton's service delivery outputs are an important element in community and social development in North Belfast. In each of our service delivery areas we are constantly working to improve and grow the services we provide. Below is a brief summary of some of our key services.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ashtoncommunitytrust>

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com/>

Main Ashton contact number: 028 90 74 22 55

Bridge of Hope is a community based victims and survivors service that works with individuals, families and communities affected by the conflict in North Belfast and beyond. Over 11,500 individuals have accessed our services since we were set up in 2001. Our goal is to tackle the legacy of the conflict through a variety of holistic approaches to trauma recovery. We do this through the delivery of complementary therapies, life coaching, counselling support, legacy and conflict analysis, as well as accredited training and personal development courses. Further information can be accessed via our Facebook page or on our website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeofhope.org>

Website: <http://www.thebridgeofhope.org/>



New Lodge Youth Centre

In 2012 the management of the Youth Centre in Upper Meadow Street, locally known as the Grey Gables, was officially handed over by the Belfast Education and Library Board to the Ashton Community Trust (ACT). The decision by ACT to take over management was based on the need to improve usage by local young people, increase programme delivery and maximise the overall potential. Some of the services provided include creative thinking skills, drama, arts and crafts, issue-based group work, cultural awareness, community relations, healthy lifestyles, positive behaviour and the 'Mind Your Mate' and 'Amazing Buddies' programmes. For further information contact 9075 1358

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NewLodgeYouthCentre>

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com/youthcentre.php>



North Belfast Social Enterprise Hub is a pilot signature project of the Northern Ireland Executive through their Delivering Social Change Fund.



This project is based at 52 York Street, opening Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Within the Hub we are offering facilities such as hot desking, information library, conference/training facilities and market research. The Hub activity will range from best practice visits, ideas generation, business clinics, peer to peer matching, mentoring support to help produce business planning, marketing, legal structures and training on topics such as finance, governance, human resources all of which are tailored to your needs.

The Hub is a great opportunity for the community sector to demonstrate the benefits of social enterprises, help to increase economic growth and provide a clear insight for government into the benefits and potential for further developing the social-enterprise sector going forward.

If you wish to contact us please call 95609521 or 95609522 or email nbsehub@ashtoncentre.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthBelfastSEHUB>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NBSEH>

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com/hub.php>

FabLab (Digital Fabrication Laboratory) is halfway between a laboratory and a workshop it's a place where you can make (almost) anything, where both small children and inventors can turn an idea into reality. We can make products out of wood, acrylic, composite moulds, silicon, cardboard, sheet aluminium, plastics, copper foil and vinyl using various technological methods. FabLab works with young people, students, community and voluntary organisations, arts groups and individuals, schools, universities and businesses helping people to develop their creativity, skills and life opportunities. For further information contact: 9075 5412



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Website: <http://www.fablabni.com/>

The **Employment & Training Service** has a 20 year track record of delivering training and employability initiatives to unemployed people in North Belfast. Unemployed clients get one to one mentoring, access to high quality training and help identifying and applying for work. The organisation has developed strong links with local community groups, schools and employers and operates from over 20 outreach centres across North Belfast to ensure that all sections of the community have access. For further information contact 9074 2255

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AshtonEmploymentServices>

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com/employment&training.php>



Employment & Training Services

New Lodge Arts provides an exciting and packed programme for young people of all ages in dance, drama, film-making, carnival arts, visual arts, volunteer development and youth leadership. We work with approximately 2000 children and young people each year. Our key aim is to make the Arts accessible to all in our communities regardless of age, gender or background. For further information contact 90742255



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Website: <http://www.newlodgearts.com/>

Kinderkids Daycare was established as a social enterprise by Ashton Community Trust in 2000.



Since then, the daycares have expanded in response to demand and now operate three daycare centres in North Belfast. Kinderkids provides childcare services to over 250 children aged from birth -12 years. Each daycare is committed to providing high quality, day care and after schools services to children, thereby supporting their development and improving parents' access to education, training, employment and support services.

Kinderkids believes that learning begins at birth and has a profound effect on lifelong development and adult wellbeing. They acknowledge that quality child care promotes healthy child development at the same time as it supports families, reduces child poverty, advances equality, and deepens social inclusion. For further information contact 9074 2255

Website: <http://www.ashtoncentre.com/kinderkids.php>

