

GREATER NEW LODGE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



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Summer Festival Fun On The Way



Greater New Lodge Community Festival

Local community groups have been very busy in recent months putting together the Greater New Lodge Community Festival Programme which will take place this year between late July and will run until Saturday the 12th of August. Although the line up is not fully completed it is believed that this year's programme will be filled with everything from street parties and fundays to theatre productions, concerts, talks, film shows, lectures, exhibitions, sports and literary events. Some of the headlines include Brassneck Theatre's 'A Night with George' a hilarious one-woman play. A series of talks and film shows will include, to give just two examples, Dr Eamon Phoenix's historical lecture on the Craig-Collins Pacts 1922 and the 1983 Great Escape from the H Blocks of Long Kesh recounted by some of the escapers themselves. The 'Scribes at the Duncairn' returns with a formidable line up, including acclaimed local writer Paul McVeigh and Glasgow poet Victoria McNulty. A series of incredible Irish traditional music events will also take place in the Duncairn Culture and Arts Centre and in the Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain, Antrim Road. There will also be a number of events specifically for young people including plays, dance nights and a folk concert. This year's Big Street Party in Lepper Street will see the erection of a street-stage with various musical acts performing. As is always the case, a publication

listing the various programme events will be hand delivered to all homes in the area in advance.

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Make Yourself Aware

Breast and Bowel Screening Course

Tuesday 12th September 7.00pm to 9.00pm in Girdwood Hub.

Free admission - 3 part course

The Breast, Cervical and Bowel Screening Awareness training programme is now in its third year of delivery through a contract with the Public Health Agency. Programme will be delivered by experienced trainers qualified to Level 3 in Training and Development through WRDA's Community Facilitator training programme.

The sessions cover:

- Breast Awareness and Breast Screening, includes a practical demonstration on how to check your breasts and the signs and symptoms to look for.
- Cervical Screening, what happens in a smear test, the types of results and what they mean.
- Bowel Cancer Screening, including the signs and symptoms to look out for and how to take the screening test.

All resources are provided

For further information contact Katherine Robertson
by calling 028 90 230 212 or
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New Lodge 6 Families Apply for New Inquest

On Wednesday 31st May the families of six men killed by British soldiers in the New Lodge, in February 1973 gathered at the Duncairn Culture and Arts Centre to announce that they intend to press for a fresh inquest into the killings. Mike Ritchie of Relatives for Justice gave an overview about the history of the case to those in attendance as well as providing an update on the present legal status and possible options.

There to express his support for the relatives was Sinn Fein's Candidate in the Westminster Election, John Finucane. Also present were community activists from the New Lodge CEP. It was agreed at the meeting that an event to highlight the case of the New Lodge Six to the wider public would be organised as part of the upcoming Greater New Lodge Community Festival.

The following press statement was released on behalf of the families.

Press Release

The families of six men killed by British soldiers in the New Lodge, Belfast on the night of 3rd/4th February 1973 have applied, with Relatives for Justice, to the Attorney General, John Larkin for a fresh inquest into their deaths.

The killings of James McCann, James Sloan, Tony Campbell, Brendan Maguire, John Loughran and Ambrose Hardy have always been disputed by their families and by the local community.

A Community Inquiry was held in November 2002 into the killings and this collected much new evidence, including eye witness testimony, and available public information. Requests for information from the RUC, the Ministry of Defence (MoD)

and the British government were ignored. An international panel of experts assessed the information and concluded the British authorities had questions to answer.

In the interim, despite endless negotiation, a formal independent investigation mechanism has not been established which would allow for these matters to be independently investigated.

Families have now taken the difficult decision, in the absence of other forms of investigation, that the best way to have those questions answered is through a new inquest into their loved ones' deaths. The current legal framework for the coronial system will be able to force the PSNI and MoD to hand over documentation and ensure any surviving soldiers are required to attend and face cross examination on their conduct 44 years ago. It will also mean that vital testimony from eye witnesses, whose statements were not heard by the original inquest can at last be considered.

It is the Attorney General, John Larkin, who has the power (by way of s.14 of the Coroners (NI) Act 1959) to order a new inquest. A submission of all available evidence and information has been prepared for the families by Relatives for Justice and submitted to Mr Larkin's office.

The families of James McCann, James Sloan, Tony Campbell, Brendan Maguire, John Loughran and Ambrose Hardy now hope that a new inquest will provide them with the answers they have waited for so long.

For Further Information Please Contact Mike Ritchie on 028 90627171 mike@relativesforjustice.com

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FABLAB NEWS

It has been a busy few months in Fablab, with outreach, delivery of workshops and complete re-branding we have not had a minute, but as ever we keep going to provide our users with cutting edge facilities and an inclusive environment to explore the world of digital fabrication.

We have recently launched our new website and social media channels. So make sure to check out www.fablabbelfast.org, and follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and Linked in. Here you can keep up to date with the exciting activities we undertake in Fablab Belfast and see some of the innovative things that people make during their time with us.

In March we welcomed the external teaching inspectorate to Fablab Belfast, their role was to assess the quality of teaching and services that Fablab Belfast provides under the CORE programme, which delivers training to those not in education or employment. We were delighted to receive an overall rating of "very good" with elements of outstanding. This is one of the highest grades that can be achieved from ETI so it was a very satisfying result and is testament to the excellent service provision that Fablab staff gives to the members of the CORE project during the accredited training workshops.

We also welcomed on board two new members of staff. Anne Trueman is our new Business Development Manager who has a wealth of experience in this area. Hitting the ground already she is bringing some wonderful ideas to Fablab Belfast. We also welcomed Kristian Ross, our new social media intern. Kristian's role is to develop Fablab Belfast social media profiles. So make sure to give us a Like and a follow on Social Media to reward all of his hard work.

We have also advertise our newest up and coming training events that we hold in Fablab Belfast so if you are interested in 3D printing, laser cutting or electronics and programming make sure to check out the new website for details of availability and how to book your slot.

At the end of May we welcomed Westminster candidate John Finucane and Northern Sinn Fein leader Michelle O' Neill to Fablab Belfast. Both John and Michelle were given a tour of Fablab and given an insight into the innovative work that Fablab Belfast does across the North Belfast community and further afield. It was a pleasure to have them here and we wish them luck in their future endeavours

Fab Foundation Ireland a network of FabLabs on the island of Ireland has been running its Discover programme. The foundation is planning to hold networking events at Dublin Maker, Irelands largest festival of making, hacking and coding in July, the Problem Solving Festival in Dublin in August and the national Ploughing Championships in Tullamore, Co Offaly.



New Lodge Housing Forum News

Following a very successful protest in Lepper Street by the residents of the yet to be redeveloped long streets, local M.L.A. Caral Ni Chuilin had asked the Upper Long Streets Residents Committee to convene a public meeting to discuss the way forward.

The Meeting took place in the youth centre in Upper Meadow Street on 29th May and even the committee were overwhelmed by the response. What was particularly encouraging was the number of residents who have already been redeveloped and who attended in support of their former neighbours.

In the absence of a Minister it was decided that a letter would be drawn up and sent in numbers to the Housing Executive's Chief Executive. Caral would also be contacting the Department for Communities and after the election the new Minister.

The letter takes the form of a series of questions around the condition of the houses, past promises, time scales etc. but particularly of the right of residents to receive the same treatment and respect as the rest of the long streets from North Queen Street up. Part of the area has yet to be demolished and it will be well over a year before new build are on the site. The Housing Executive (H.E.) are saying this is not enough time but we know this can be fast tracked if the will is there, in fact the H.E. first said this about nine months ago and have made no effort to date to get things started, so who's wasting time, and can we get a genuine commitment that the will really is there? This really is decision time for residents, if the H.E. and the Department do not give a commitment soon then we can expect

these houses to be still here in forty or fifty years and we don't expect many of them could survive and it would be a disgrace given that the H.E. have already declared they are not fit for purpose.

A decision will be taken at the H.E.s August Board meeting as to the future of the tower blocks and in the meantime the Seven Towers residents committee are meeting H.E. regularly to seek improvement in concierge coverage and to ensure cleansing standards are met.

Newington H.A. have asked us to mention that some children as young as seven have been vandalising greenery at the new homes in North Queen Street, they stress that the children are not from the development and are asking parents to keep an eye on where their children are playing.

Liam Wiggins, New Lodge Housing Forum.



Elderly Residents Subjected to Anti-Social Behaviour

Residents living in or close to the flats at Block 62 Carlisle Road near the Westlink Walkway have been subject to an increase in anti social behaviour in recent times. For several weeks in April wood had been stored against their wooden fencing at the rear of the flats. Appeals by residents to some of those involved in storing this wood were met with foul language and threats from some young people present. In one incident an elderly woman who challenged these young people was met with abuse and she had nails thrown at her by one young person. Eventually the wood was gotten rid off but not in the manner that residents had wanted, it was set alight. In the process the wooden fencing at the back of the flats also caught fire and was destroyed. It took several weeks before the Housing Executive was able to have the damage repaired. In contrast after the fire damage was caused some other young people from the area called with residents to see if they were ok. The young people also put on a BBQ for local residents. This is the positive face of our young people that everyone appreciates. (See page13)



Destruction in Carlisle Road

New Community Site Vandalised

Works taking place at the new build at the McSweeney Centre site have been subject to damage. Vandals have been regularly entering the site and damaging and stealing materials. The construction when completed will offer important services to local people and this type of activity only holds back progress. Those involved need to realise this and should stop immediately.

Say No to Bonfires

As readers are well aware, bonfires that are unwanted by most local residents have re-emerged as a feature of life in the New Lodge in recent years. It is probably putting it mildly to say that life is made miserable for those residents that live beside sites where bonfire materials are stockpiled and eventually burned. Although the bonfires are usually lit during August young people often start collecting wood as early as April causing all sorts of

problems in the process.

This year, as in years before, community workers, volunteers and elected representatives will make strenuous efforts to address the problems associated with bonfires. For those young people involved in building the bonfires we would once again ask them to reflect on the damage and disruption they are causing and ask them to stop. For those adults that think that bonfires are a good idea and just a bit of harmless craic, then just ask yourself would you like this type of behaviour to be taking place beside your home?

Junior Showcase Aladdin



This year's Junior Showcase took place in Girdwood Community Hub on Tuesday 11th April 2017. Over 60 young people performed the much loved tale of Aladdin to over 200 family and friends. With quick witted performances from Widow Twanky, Aladdin and the Emperor, audiences enjoyed an evening of fun filled entertainment.

Little performers from Fancy Feet, Ballet, Pop Video and Drama classes have been working on the show since January. The talent on stage was fantastic and we are very proud of what the young people achieved in such a short space of time.

A big thank you to Sarah Davies and Brona Jackson who have led the classes over the last 4 years. The tutors are very committed to supporting the development of the young people and continue to work tirelessly to create fantastic showcases. We couldn't do without the support of Rebecca Service and Orla Hawkins who are the youth support workers for the classes. They were there on hand on the night managing all the action back stage.

Romania 2017-18

Following from another successful year-long programme and trip to Romania, New Lodge Youth Centre have began another programme with ten young people from the area becoming involved. The young people over the past two months have began preparing for their Romania trip by volunteering one night per week with young people who attend the 174 Trust's Disability Project. This sees the young leaders from New Lodge Youth Centre build relationships with the young people of the 174, plan and organise activities and take a lead role in the project. The young people spent a night at St. Patrick's Chapel launching a Soup Kitchen. They will go back on to the streets of the City Centre within the next number of weeks to support those sleeping rough.

The young people have also began fundraising with bag packs at Iceland and stay awakes at the youth centre to raise the funds needed for the Romania trip to happen. It has been a super first two months to the project with the young people gaining a lot of learning and will continue to do so whilst helping others throughout the next year.

Sponsored Walk For South Africa

On Saturday 19th August Paddy Doyle and some young people from New Lodge Youth Centre will be taking part in a sponsored walk from the Youth Centre to Newcastle County Down, all money raised will go towards young people going to South Africa to assist the building of a children's play park and refurbishment of a primary school. If you wish to sponsor them, speak to Paddy at the Youth Centre on 90751358.

The Star Boxing Club 80th Anniversary

The Star boxing club has always prided itself on its roots in the New Lodge. We have been a boxing club in this area since 1937 founded by the great man that was Akkie Kelly. The club has always embraced diversity and worked hard to reach out to every and any person who wishes to participate in our club. We help our young people to learn self-respect, self-discipline and to build character. We have produced Olympians and citizens, champions and community leaders.

We help adults with their fitness and break down isolation by providing somewhere where men can come to socialise, participate and volunteer. We have trained boxers and non-boxers, helped young people address issues such as bullying and created a gym named after a legend where all can feel welcome. The Star Boxing Club is more than just a boxing club - it has survived wars and through its volunteers has demonstrated a true community spirit built on history, pride and endeavour.

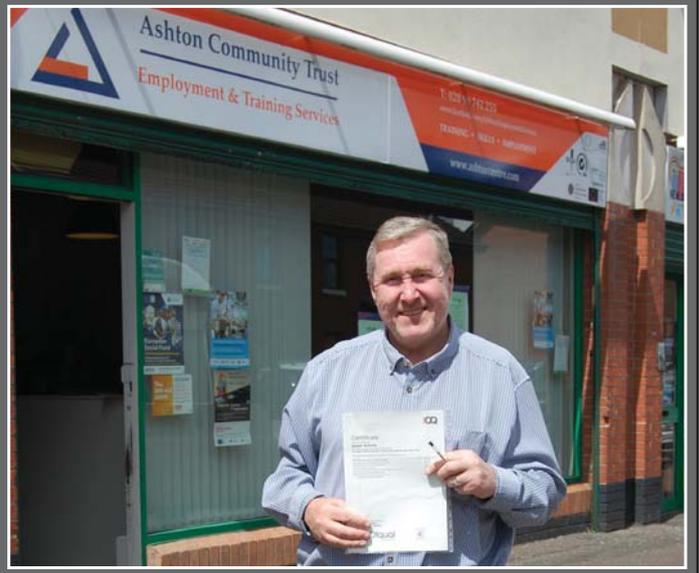
On Saturday the 3rd June 2017 the Star Boxing Club celebrated its 80th anniversary with a sold out dinner show at the Lansdowne hotel Belfast. Over 150 people past boxers, coaches members and supporters packed out the Lansdowne to support star boxing clubs current young crop of boxers who put on an excellent show on the night.



'Well Done Joe'

Well known local man Joe Doherty works with Ashton Training and Employment Department. Just recently Joe received his long awaited Advice & Guidance Level 3 Certificate. This will enhance his qualities in mentoring those long term unemployed that are looking for training and employment advice. Joe is a member of the Ashton's LEMIS+ team that has given support to members of the Greater New Lodge community and beyond. Much of the work has made a difference to many in the community. This is particularly the case for people looking for CSR and fork lift licences, computer training at every level, H&SC and Child Care Diplomas. Employment advice, CV and job interview preparation are all available to the North Belfast community at Ashton.

Anyone looking for advice and guidance just call Ashton at 028 90-742255.



Tar Isteach Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 10th of June a large number of people assembled at the Tar Isteach offices on the Antrim Road to take part in a sponsored walk from Black Mountain to Cavehill. The Tar Isteach trekkers were taken by bus from the Antrim Road to Hannastown where they started their hike from the Black Mountain to Napoleons Nose at Cavehill. The sponsored walk is one of a range of fund raising initiatives that have been undertaken by Tar Isteach in recent years in order to keep its services alive. Despite the huge demand for the services that it provides, funding shortages have been a constant challenge for the project and with the ending of the European Peace III Programme in March 2015 all Tar Isteach staff became redundant and funding for its services and programmes was lost.



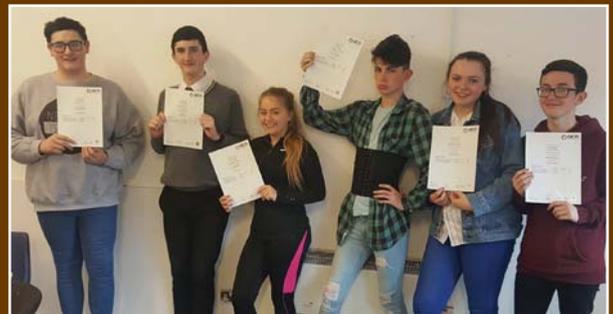
Despite this, staff members continued to work on in a voluntary capacity. The local community also rallied in support with donations, sponsorships and offers of voluntary help. In addition the project was able to access other limited funding sources and against all odds has managed to retain services to the community albeit in a reduced form compared to previous times.

As part of their fund raising strategy the organisation has been able to call on the services of none other than Christy Moore who performed a concert in March of this year in support of Tar Isteach.

Tar Isteach manager Tommy Quigley said, "Once again we must thank people for their support. This includes the many people that gave generous contributions to the sponsorship drive and those that took part in the actual walk itself. We are humbled by the support received from the community and will ensure that the resources gathered will be used efficiently and to maximum effect".

Event Management Team Achieve their OCN

A group of young people from New Lodge Art's have recently received their certificates for the Event Management OCN (level 2). The young people met weekly to take part in group work sessions and learning about the practice and theory in event management. As an outcome of this qualification the young people had to help plan and run a community event. The young people helped and planned a part of an event in Girdwood Community Hub on Saturday 25th March. This was a very successful event. Well done to all young people involved. This course will be delivered again in the future for young people aged 13-17 years old. Check out this magazine for updates.



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New Lodge Arts Artist in Residence

New Lodge Arts is pleased to welcome their new Artist in Residence, Lesley Cherry. Lesley has a wealth of experience of social engagement at community level, having delivered projects and public art programmes in North, South, East and West Belfast, as well as Dublin, Derry and Portadown. She was awarded the Arts Council of Northern Ireland ARCH Residency in Washington DC in 2012 where she worked with The National Buildings Museum delivering a series of workshops, redesigning areas of the city with local high school children and was invited to the Erno Tolvaly Residency in 2014, to work with young art and design students. She has also delivered several older peoples programmes working with the Oh Yeah Music Centre and Prime Cut Productions.



Lesley's own practice draws on issues raised through domestic settings, nostalgia, memory, language and class. She is currently developing these elements through video, installation and mixed media, exploring the tension and hypocrisy of nostalgia and memory, juxtaposed with the reality of a situation remembered. There is a humour to her work, which often masks the more serious issues being addressed, entwined with elements of performance and drama. Lesley is also an experienced socially engaged artist – work which influences and informs her practice.

She has exhibited at The Golden Thread Gallery, VOID Derry, Artslink Buncrana, Txiriboga Gallery Bilbao, Füle Arts Centre Hungary, Honfleur Gallery Washington DC and the Scope Art Fair New York. She is currently based at Creative Exchange studios in the East of the city.

Lesley will be based at the Culture Shop beside New Lodge Arts at Ashton Centre in Lepper Street and will be contacting local groups and individuals to work with her, while she is based in the New Lodge for the next year. For more information contact Anne Delaney at New Lodge Arts on 9074 2255 or have a look at some of Lesley's work at www.lesleycherry.wordpress.com.

Childcare Level 1 Class



The Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project runs a Childcare level 1 class weekly in Ardoyne Community centre with tutor Jennifer Kettle. It has recently been announced that participants in the Childcare or Health and Social Care Level one classes will be offered the opportunity to move on to Level 2 Childcare in conjunction with the Belfast Met.

One of the former students of the Childcare course said: "It's really good and I really enjoy it – I'm definitely going to go on to do the level 2 and then hopefully get a job. "I would say to people who aren't working to just go and try it - you never know."

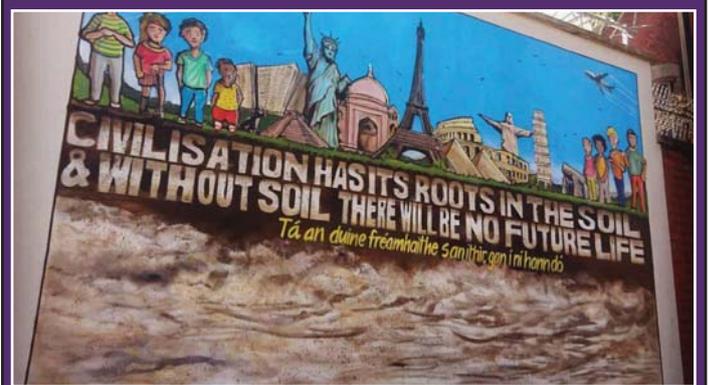
If you are interested in finding out how the Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project could help you get back into work, or to find your dream job, visit www.lemisplus.eu/contact for details of who to contact in your area.

Lancaster Street Mural

Queens University Artist in Residence Ed Reynolds completes his work with a final mural.

Ed said "This week I concluded the Soil Makes Art, Artist in Residence at Queens University, Belfast, with this final mural, painted outside the Bunscoil on Lancaster St, Belfast.

'Civilisation has its roots in the soil & without soil there will be no future life' - from Richard Bardgetts' excellent book 'Earth Matters' I would like to thank New Lodge Arts for putting me in touch with Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain. They are a great bunch and the local residents, pupils and staff made it all the more worthwhile with their valued appreciation.



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Harbourview Youth Project

New Lodge Arts and New Lodge Youth Centre in partnership with Clanmil Housing have been delivering a programme of activities from September 2016 for the young people of Harbourview.

Staff from the New Lodge Youth Centre, have been working with two groups of young people; a Junior Group aged 8 - 11 years and a Senior Group aged 12 - 14 years. Sessions take place every Tuesday evening and are open to new members from the Harbourview area joining.

New Lodge Arts has provided arts-based activities including DJ skills, how to mix music, drumming circles, cultural awareness sessions, clay modelling and painting workshops. To top it all off they have been involved in the making of their own film about life in Harbourview.

Much more is planned for the summer including Harbourview's very own contribution to the New Lodge Summer Festival scheduled for August. This will include the launch of the young people's video entitled 'Harbourview: Me and My Community', a well resourced summer play scheme, a Family Fun Day Event and a boat trip around the harbour.

Gerard Rosato from Clanmil said "There is no doubt that good things are starting to happen at Sailortown/Harbourview, so a big thank you to all our partners who are working with us to develop these projects and for making life just that little bit more interesting for our young people".

Cecilia Heron from New Lodge Arts said "We are thankful to Children In Need who provided the funding for the arts activities.



The young people have thoroughly enjoyed having a variety of weekly arts based taster sessions and are looking forward to taking part in more activities in September. I would like to thank Rebecca Service and Kerri Leigh Bright from New Lodge Youth Centre who have done a fantastic job working with the young people throughout the project and have built great relationships with them".

Both groups will shortly be taking part in a four week Belfast Activity Centre programme.

For more information about activities at Harbourview please call Gerard Rosato on 07860779030 or email gerard.rosato@clanmil.org.uk

Celebration Night for New Employees

Ashton's Training & Employment helped celebrate the progression of 30 CORE Project participants into employment with First Source Solutions Call Centre. The project was hugely successful with most of these participants now working full-time in the Sky Customer Services based in Belfast City Centre.

On Monday 27th February, one of the CORE Mentors arranged a celebration night to meet with some of these participants and say thank you to them, for all their hard work during their mentoring and training here in the CORE Project.

We invited over 20 previous CORE participants, now working within First Source Solutions. This was arranged to allow the group to meet up again and have a meal to celebrate their success! The group had their meal at a local restaurant in North Belfast. For many of them this was the first time they had spent time together since the various pre-employment groups in CORE. They all had lots to talk about in terms of how they were getting on in their new jobs etc!

The Mentor attending (Brian Wells) said that it was so interesting to hear how excited they all were in relation to their jobs and discovering the different roles they were all doing. Without exception, they have all settled into their new working life and are also enjoying a vastly increased level of income each month. Many have already started to plan their 2017 summer holidays, while others have taken up learning to drive!

This was a very successful evening and helped to reinforce the fact that moving into employment really is such a positive step! Ashton would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of them.



To find out more about jobs in Customer Services & Call Centre Roles or find out about the next planned pre-employment Training contact a CORE Mentor today on 95609 522!



Community Family Support Programme

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Eligibility

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Youth Development

Safe Social Media

Money Management

Positive Parenting

For more information call: Jeanette Burns: 028 9560 9522 or email: jeanette.burns@ashtoncentre.com




This project is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.

Event Management Team Take On Culture Night



Our Event Management Team in New Lodge Arts has recently been offered an exciting opportunity to run their own event at Culture Night Belfast this year. The group met up with Adam Turkington from Culture Night this week to start sharing and creating ideas for their event on the evening. The group had some amazing ideas, that we will start to make a reality over the next few weeks. Watch this space for more updates! If you are interested in coming along to support our team and enjoy Culture Night this year, it takes place on Friday 22nd September.

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Not in education, employment or training?

Living in North Belfast?

Looking for training or employment support?

If you are interested then please contact Betty on 9560 9522 or betty.murray@ashtoncentre.com for more information.

This project is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.




 www.facebook.com/AshtonEmploymentServices

Lower North Family Support HUB

As we reported in our previous Greater New Lodge Community Magazine Ashton Community Trust has been awarded the Lead in the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub.

The Family Support Hub provides early intervention services to families and young people requiring support. The Hub brings together organisations that deliver

service providers to deliver support to almost 350 families and hope with continued funding until March 2018 to offer support to many more families.

The Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub can help your family at many difficult times whether it is dealing with the challenging behaviour of children, debt, stress/depression, alcohol/drug misuse or social isolation. Any adult family member can refer themselves to the Hub simply by completion of a referral form or you may give your consent for another organisation with whom you are involved such as your child's school, your doctor or health visitor or a local community group to make a referral on your behalf. The Co-ordinator of the Hub will then contact you in order to help match appropriate services to your family's needs. At all times your details will be kept confidential until you agree that you would like to avail of a particular service whether it is youth support, advice and guidance or services that offer emotional and well-being support. Your information will only be shared with the organisations who you feel will be of help to your family.

There is now no need for families in our area to struggle through life's difficulties because the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub is here to help through these times and work in partnership with families to improve outcomes for all the people who live in Lower North Belfast.

Should you have any queries about the Hub or should you wish to refer your family to the Hub please contact Edith McManus, the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub Co-ordinator at the Ashton Centre 02890 749986.



services to children/young people (0-18 years) and their parents/carers and this includes community, statutory and voluntary family support services.

Since August 24th 2015, Ashton Community Trust has been co-ordinating and receiving referrals and working to connect families to the services they need at a time when they need them. The wards covered by the Hub are New Lodge, Duncairn, Fortwilliam, Castleview, Waterworks (part of), Chichester Park (part of), and Bellevue. Since the establishment of the Hub we have worked with our partner

Kinderkids Delight at Nomination

Kinderkids Daycare was established by Ashton Community Trust in 2000 as a community based social enterprise. Ever since the daycare was first established at the Ashton Centre the service has continued to expand in response to local need and Kinderkids now operates three daycare centres in North Belfast.

The key aim is: To provide high quality child care services to children, thereby supporting their development and improving parent's access to education, training, employment & family support services.

At Kinderkids we take great pride in knowing that our daycares' strive for excellence and quality in child care while promoting our community spirit.

Kinderkids accommodates over 250 childcare places per week across all three centres and employs over 70 staff.

At Kinderkids we were delighted to be nominated in the category of best Creche in Belfast Media's 'Best of the North'. The fact that Kinderkids Daycare was shortlisted for this award is testimony to the fact that we continue to work hard to fulfil Ashton's mission 'to improve the quality of life for people in the North Belfast Community'.



New Lodge Youth Centre and New Lodge Arts have an Action Packed Summer planned!

Kicking off the summer New Lodge Youth Centre and New Lodge Arts have two intervention residentials to The Hutt Hostel and Belfast Activity Centre's Ardaluin House in Newcastle for young people aged 10 – 11 years and 12 – 18 years. From the 11th to the 14th July young people will be taking part in a range of outdoor activities including mountain biking, rock climbing, Watersports and beach walks and bbqs.

The New Lodge Junior Summer Scheme kicks off on Monday 17th July. The Scheme will take place Monday to Thursday each week for children aged 5 – 7 years running until Thursday 3rd August and for young people aged 8 – 11 years running until Thursday 18th August. Activities will include cinema trips, adventure playground, Tayto Factory, W5, camping trips, trips to the zoo sports days, blowing, arts and crafts activities, beach bbqs, Bangor day trips and lots, lots more. Trips to Lisburn Swimmers and Banana Boating will also take place for children aged 8 – 11 years.

The New Lodge Youth Centre Senior Scheme runs from Monday 17th July until Sunday 27th August. The scheme includes camping trips, residentials, watersports, ice-skating, bowling, high ropes courses, go carting, beach trips, bbqs and much, much, more.

Staff from New Lodge Youth Centre and New Lodge Arts will be on the streets delivering outreach youth work over the summer period. Please stop them and say hello!

For further information on activities delivered by New Lodge Arts contact Anne Delaney on 9074 2255 or for activities delivered by New Lodge Youth Centre contact Mary Madine or Paddy Doyle on 9075 1358.



NEW LODGE ARTS

Summer Musical Theatre Camp

Buggy Malone

with Brona Jackson & Sarah Davies

7th - 11th August 2017

11am-4pm

6-11 year olds

Contact Anne Delaney on 07736389968 to book a place! No experience necessary

£10 per person

VENUE:
North Queen Street Community Centre





NEW LODGE ARTS

In partnership with **c21 theatre company**

Summer Drama Camp

Annie

24th - 28th July 2017

11am-4pm

6-8yrs

Contact Anne Delaney, New Lodge Arts on 07736389968 to book a place!

No experience necessary. **£10 per person**

VENUE:
Girdwood Community Hub, Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast





NEW LODGE ARTS

In partnership with **c21 theatre company**

Summer Drama Camp

Matilda

31st July - 4th August 2017

11am-4pm

9-12yrs

Contact Anne Delaney, New Lodge Arts on 07736389968 to book a place!

No experience necessary. **£10 per person**

VENUE:
Girdwood Community Hub, Cliftonpark Avenue, Belfast




Early Intervention Project

Six young people from New Lodge Youth Centre and twelve from Ardoyne Youth Centre have come together to take part in a project facilitated by both youth centres that is teaming up with Hydebank College for young offenders. The project is exploring young people's choices to date and the young people gaining a realisation that each choice they make in their life has a consequence which could be either positive/negative on their lives now and in the future. The young people have also had the chance to hear a story from a guest speaker on what life is like when negatively involved with the justice system and how a split decision choice can have a lasting impact on the rest of your life.



The aim of the project is for the young people to have an understanding of ensuring the choices they make are going to be a positive impact on their lives. The project will finish with the young people getting the chance to attend Hydebank College for young offenders to experience what it is like to be inside a setting like Hydebank. This being another element of the project to educate the young people on how to stay on the right track and not becoming involved with the justice system.

Outreach Youth Work

New Lodge Youth Centre and New Lodge Arts staff have been delivering outreach and detached youth work across the Greater New Lodge area. Young people spoken to on the streets are encouraged to use youth services and become involved in youth work programmes, provided with information on training and employment services and supported to access other services where required.



Barrack BBQ

On Thursday 25th May a group of senior lads from New Lodge Youth Centre organised a BBQ and event for residents and young people in New Lodge Park. The lads went as far as walking the streets giving burgers to local residents and even called into the 'Weetabix block' to chat to people living there.

The lads really enjoyed doing this and are keen to do this more throughout the summer as they wanted people to see that they can do something positive for their community.

The group are currently working with Paddy Doyle from New Lodge Youth Centre and Cecilia Heron from New Lodge Arts. They are keen to take part in the programme of activities and training that has been planned for the coming months.

We would like to thank Belfast City Council for providing the funding for us to do this and also Dixie from St Patrick's Football Club and TAMHI who came along and joined in with the games and football.

York Street Interchange Residents Group



Public community meeting October 2014

Formation of Residents Group - When the formal consultation process for the York Street Motorway/Road Interchange scheme was first announced a public meeting was held in the Recy in October 2014. At that meeting it was agreed to form a local residents group that anyone living in the area could join. A residents group was established that includes people from each section of the area most immediately affected. Local community groups also provide support to the group.

Neighbourhood Concerns - Since the establishment of the residents group a long list of concerns and issues have been identified and put to government officials and politicians. The group has written submissions to the formal consultation process and presented arguments to the Public Inquiry that took place in November 2015.

Workshop Process - At the Public Inquiry some of the points put by the residents were accepted by the Inquiry Commissioner and as a result his report recommended that the road engineers for the Department of Infrastructure must conduct a workshop process with local people. This would look at key impacts, concerns and issues, and seek to come up with solutions to reduce the impact on residents. These workshops will progress over the next 6 months or so.

Disruption - The construction of this motorway will cause significant disruption and offers few benefits to the area. It is being progressed at a regional level and has strong forces and lobbies behind it. This workshop process is merely trying at this stage to reduce impacts and improve the design as it affects local neighbourhoods.



Get Involved - Although an actual date for the construction of the Interchange has yet to be decided it is vital that residents have their say at this stage. Decisions made now by the Department of Infrastructure in relation to this scheme could have a serious impact on you, your family and your community.

The residents group intends to hold 2 public meeting during the workshop process to update local people. All residents will be notified about these public meetings through leaflet drop, social media and word of mouth.

We are calling for anyone who wants to join the residents group to do so! If you can't attend meetings but wish to raise any points we can gather these and include them in the process. If you wish to get involved or find out more information, contact any of these people;

Brenda Murphy 07871 537014 - Lily Torbitt 07717602660
Bernie Caughey 028 90 742399 - Cecilia Heron 028 90 742255

To visit the Department of Infrastructure website for York Street Interchange go to:
<http://www.yorkstreetinterchange.com>



Task Team Property Maintenance

Supporting the community through trade

TASK TEAM Ltd is a social enterprise community based organisation located in the Ashton Centre. We seek to deliver real benefits for people, communities and businesses. One of our goals is to promote positive change and improve the quality of life in deprived communities across Belfast and to not only create sustainable jobs but to create training places for job seekers of all ages and to work with them to help them find fulfilling, sustainable, rewarding employment.

We provide building maintenance, janitorial and cleaning services across a broad remit of business types, and facilitate works in the following disciplines:

- Facilities Management
- General building maintenance
- Joinery
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Painting & Decorating
- Cleaning



This is by no means an exhaustive list of our services but merely serves to give an overview of our activities.

Our team has been newly recruited on the basis of their experience and skill in the areas in which each specialises and their knowledge of the business community. Each team member has a minimum of 5 year's experience in their field and in addition to this; each new member has been inducted into every aspect of our business from processes and procedures through to Health & Safety including:

- Customer Care / Service
- Young adult & Child Protection
- CSR (Construction Skills Register) Card
- PAT (Portable Appliance Testing)
- Asbestos Awareness
- Fire Safety training including use of fire extinguishers
- First Aid first onsite training (including defibrillators)
- COSSH (Care of Substances Hazardous to Health)
- Manual handling
- Working at heights
- Assessing Risks
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Electrical Safety
- Vehicle Safety
- RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences)

TASK TEAM

Initially (year one) we will provide services in the greater Belfast Metropolitan Area which is a grouping of council areas to include commuter towns and overspill from Belfast, but will expand our cover (year two and three) to cover all of Northern Ireland.

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www.taskteampm.com

Tiny's and Junior Drama Class

New Lodge Arts' children in the Tiny's and Junior Drama Classes put on a short performance in Girdwood on Thursday 7th April for their parents. All the children stepped into the shoes of famous historical characters. We had Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth, Spartacus, Anne Frank and many more. The children were fantastic and showed how much their drama skills are improving. One parent said that since her child joined the class, she has grown in confidence and has made a positive difference in the school life. For more information about the classes, please get in touch with Anne Delaney on 07736389968.



New Lodge Arts – Drop in Nights

New Lodge Arts have recently started running a drop-in night for young people of secondary school age. Our drop-in night takes place on the last Friday of every month in New Lodge Youth Centre. These nights are simply for young people to come along and hang out with their friends and the staff from both New Lodge Arts and New Lodge Youth Centre. There is no structure or these evenings, just come along and decide what you want to do when you arrive! So far we have had two successful drop-in evenings that have been enjoyed by all involved. If you want to come along, our next drop-in evening will be held on Friday 30th June from 6.00-7.30pm (at New Lodge Youth Centre). Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Orla Hawkins on 02890 742255.



Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project

The LEMIS+ Project gives support, advice and training to help people who are not working get back into work. The project provides people of all ages and backgrounds with one to one support from skilled mentors who offer careers, education and training advice to help them get into employment.

The project has been part financed through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund (ESF) Programme, the Department for the Economy and Belfast City Council.

Belfast Works is a consortium of partners from all corners of Belfast – The Ashton Community Trust in the North, East Belfast Mission in the East, GEMS NI in the South and the Job Assist Centre Greater Shankill and Job Assist Centre West Belfast in the West. Each partner delivers the LEMIS+ project within their own area with a central team supporting them across the city.

For more information please contact Katherine Fox at the Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project: katherine.fox@ashtoncentre.com or 028 9074 2255.

Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project

Nelia's Story

The Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project aims to help people in Belfast overcome their barriers to getting employment. Nelia Goncalves moved to Belfast from Portugal in 2014 and got involved with the LEMIS+ Project at the Ashton Centre in North Belfast to help her secure a job. She tells her story:

"I lost my job as an airport security guard in Lisbon and couldn't find any other jobs that didn't feel like I was taking a step backwards. I like to keep moving forwards so I came to Belfast, where I had a friend, to find a job. At first, it was very hard. Interviews here are not like in Portugal, where they just ask you what jobs you've worked before. I was very much out of my comfort zone and this made me very nervous. I got a job quite easily in a fast food restaurant but it wasn't where I wanted to be so I was looking for other jobs all the time. The interviews were a mess and I just didn't know what to do.

"I saw Paul, a mentor from the LEMIS+ Project one day when I was signing on. He asked me to sign up for the project and I jumped at the chance for some support with my interview skills. "When I sat down with Paul, I discovered that I was giving all the wrong answers to the interview questions. When they asked me 'tell me about yourself', I was telling them my age, that I was a mum, that sort of thing. Paul had to tell me that they wanted to hear that I was friendly, personable, capable and competent. Once he told me that I could say all those things, it all made sense. I think that I needed permission to be confident, to be more myself. Paul changed my mind set."

Nelia went on to successfully interview and secure a job in Asda before going on to apply for an internship at a gym.

"At the Asda interview I was confident, because Paul had helped me to see my strengths, but inside I didn't know if it was going to work as I'd never tested it before. When I got the job, I was on top of the world.

"I had been studying to be a personal trainer and decided that the next step was to apply for an internship that would train me to be a coach. I had to do an interview for the traineeship, and I used the skills that I learned at LEMIS+. Before, interviews put me outside of my comfort zone with the result that I withdrew and became shy. But now I knew how to be me no matter what the situation and this gave me the confidence to show myself in the best light."

Nelia moved from her internship to employment as a gym instructor and got great feedback from clients, but she had always wanted to work for herself and started thinking about self employment.

"I eventually decided to start my own business doing online fitness coaching and home visits for my clients. It works really well for people who have children or who are busy and their schedules don't allow for a regular appointment with an instructor.

"I feel like I'm equipped to help people now because I've started to understand how to help myself. When I first moved here I was living with my children in one bedroom on about £20 a week. I had nothing but a belief that I could do it. I would say to people who are struggling without jobs to ask for help. Go to somewhere like LEMIS+ and make a plan. It's all tailored to you and what you need, unlike some of the other programmes which don't ask you

why you're struggling, they just move you on to the next stage if you've failed. LEMIS+ helped me to prepare for interviews and all of a sudden I was able to get jobs after months of failing.

"There are so many benefits to having a job –the main one is interacting with different people. Before working I was always interacting with the same people, or not on any meaningful level, and now I'm meeting new people, making money and freedom for myself.

"Lots of people think that especially when they have kids, that they couldn't cope with a job because they are so tired and have so much to do already that they would be overwhelmed with work on top of it all. But really I would say to them you will not be more tired or overwhelmed as meeting other people gives you energy and you feel better. When you work you have time for yourself, you get new dreams, new ideas and new goals. You are building yourself.

"The LEMIS+ Project helped me prepare for interviews and to change my mind set. I no longer think that the people on top are better or smarter than me, or just had more opportunities. Everyone has the same 24 hours in the day – it's how you use them that counts."

The LEMIS+ Project is available to people who aren't working and operates out of centres across Belfast, including the Ashton Centre in the North of the city, East Belfast Mission, GEMS NI in the south, Job Assist Centre West Belfast and Job Assist Centre Greater Shankill. More information can be found at www.lemisplus.eu or by contacting 9074 2255.

For more information please contact Katherine Fox at the Belfast Works LEMIS+ Project: kevin.donaghy@ashtoncentre.com or 028 9074 2255.



Nelia Goncalves



North Belfast Men's Shed



Visit to Ashton Centre

North Belfast Men's Shed is a place for men to learn new skills, share skills, have a cup of tea or get involved in projects throughout the local community. In December 2016 the project received 4 year Big Lottery Funding under the People and Communities project and will be overseen by Ashton Community Trust in partnership with the Shed Management Group. Members of the Men's Shed visited the Ashton Centre and got to meet some of the staff. If you would like to hear more about North Belfast Men's Shed please contact Geraldine Nelson on 07850651263 or email mensshed@ashtoncentre.com



Ashton Community Trust has 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 FACEBOOK



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:

Kinderkids Ashton Centre - Manager: Wenda McNeill
Telephone: 028 90742255 Email: wenda.mcneill@ashtoncentre.com

Kinderkids Cliftonville - Manager: Fionnuala Black
Telephone: 028 90 749146 Email: fionnuala.black@ashtoncentre.com

Kinderkids McSweeney Centre - Manager: Sharon Rooney
Telephone: 028 90 333966 Email: sharon.rooney@ashtoncentre.com

Or call into any of our 3 Daycares



New Community Bin Scheme In New Lodge

Ashton & NIHE Partnership Agreement

Ashton Centre Development Limited in partnership with New Lodge Housing Forum is pleased to announce that they have secured a Community Service Agreement from NIHE. This agreement involves the removal and re-storage of Euro Bins fortnightly at a number of properties across the New Lodge area. This will include flats at New Lodge Road, Pinkerton Walk, Carlisle Road, Carlisle Parade, Duncairn Parade and Antrim Road.

Positive Community Feedback

The work commenced late April and already we have had some positive feedback from local residents stating how efficient and helpful Ashton staff have been and an immediate difference of appearance within the bin storage areas.

We would hope that this agreement will continue further beyond the current remit and hopefully lead to employment opportunities for local people.

Fresh Start

A representative for the NIHE said, "this is a new social enterprise agreement between the Housing Executive and the Ashton Centre signalling a fresh start for refuse collection in the New Lodge area of North Belfast.

Almost £20,000 a year is being invested by the Housing Executive in the new project and Ashton Centre staff are now responsible for the management of 19 large 'Euro Bins' in the area.

One permanent job has been created already and more jobs may follow.

It is hoped this new agreement will lead to a more responsive refuse collection process, managed by people in the community." Housing Executive North Belfast Area Manager, Malachy



Ashton staff Henry Davey, Andrew O'Neill, Louise Hunter with Anthony McKenna NIHE

McKinney, explained; "We are committed to supporting social enterprises in our community and also delivering quality services. "Previously, the management of the 'Euro Bins' in this area was the responsibility of the Housing Executive but we're always looking for new, creative and better ways to do things. "We're providing the Ashton Centre with the necessary equipment and we're also in the process of locating suitable garage accommodation for secure storage for the bins."

Community Benefits

Ciara Rea from the Ashton Centre, said; "Delivering local services from a community base can help us be more responsive to the needs of the local population.

"Thanks to the Housing Executive for helping get this refuse collection service established – it will have huge benefits for this part of North Belfast."



Ashton Community Trust

Essential Skills Training & Employment Services Ashton Centre

Calling all New Lodge Residents!
Do you have the Essential Skills for everyday life and work?

English + Maths + ICT = Essential Skills
New English and Maths courses are starting in September in your area. Computers (ICT) are used in English and Maths classes.

Courses are LOCAL + FREE

If you would like to find out more:

- + phone Hilary on 90322289
- + email hilary.adair@ashtoncentre.com
- + call in person at the Ashton Centre



Need basic computer skills?
Take control

Computer classes for beginners

- From turning on a computer and learning to use a mouse, to using the internet and setting up an email account
- Set your own pace on this relaxed course for those who haven't used computers much - or at all

For more information contact a LEMIS+ mentor:

Belfast Works
LEMIS+ Project

Ashton Centre
5 Churchill Street
90742255

Led by Ashton Community Trust in partnership with East Belfast Mission, GEMS NI, Job Assist Centre Greater Shankill and Job Assist Centre West Belfast.

The LEMIS+ Project is part funded through the Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020 and the Department for the Economy.



Shared Reading in the Duncairn

"And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light."*

Drop-in Shared Reading
(sessions for adults)

Mondays, 2 - 3 pm or Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm

No advance reading - each week a short story and a poem are read aloud to the group.

You're welcome to listen or take part.

Story Time for Little Ones

An hour of fun with books for babies and toddlers

Tuesdays 10 - 11 am

The Duncairn, top of the New Lodge Rd, enter on Duncairn Ave.

For more info: 9074 7114

Open all summer, except Jul 3-14.

All welcome!

Free!

* from 'The Peace of Wild Things' by Wendell Berry

Stories @
the duncairn



Current Childcare Vacancies

Kinderkids aims to provide the highest quality childcare in an environment that is fun, exciting, nurturing and caring.

Features of the Childcare Service include

- Fully Registered with Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
- Social Economy Project
- High Quality Play and Learning environment
- Implementation of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum
- Quality Assured
- Competitive Rates

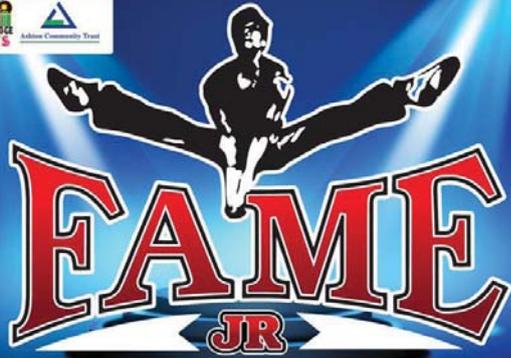
Current Full & Part-time Childcare vacancies. Telephone to arrange a visit or to register a place for your child.

For further information contact Christine McKeown at the Ashton Centre on 90742255 or via email christine@ashtoncentre.com

High quality Daycare and After school services in North Belfast




The New Lodge Arts Production of:



Auditions:
Saturday 24th June 2017, 12pm-3pm, Girdwood Community Hub
Young people aged 13-18yrs.

Boot Camp
7th, 8th & 9th August: 12pm-5pm daily New Lodge
14th August - 18th August: Residential Ballyhoman Scout Centre
18th & 19th August: 7pm Performances Waterfront Studio

Project Fee: £20, Show tickets: £4
Contact: Anne Delaney on 07736389968 for more information.

Conceived and Developed by David De Silva
Book by Jose Fernandez Lyrics by Jacques Levy Music by Steve Margoshes
Title Song "FAME" written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtishows.co.uk
Originally produced at the Coconut Grove Playhouse, Arnold Mittleman, Producing Artistic Director.



Greater New Lodge Safer Streets Committee

If you are the victim or the witness of crime, drug dealing or anti social behaviour you can contact the number below. If no one is there to answer always leave a message on the voice mail.

Remember If You Don't Report Then We Can't Help You. Do Not Suffer In Silence
Greater New Lodge Safer Streets Committee - 0756 493 8276

Another community number you can ring is, Community Restorative Justice Ireland (CRJI) - 028 90 753043

If possible provide the following details;

- Your name and contact number (If you feel comfortable doing so)
- The nature and location of the offence
- The date and time of the offence
- The name/details of the offender (If known)



McCracken Summer School

The award winning and internationally renowned Scoil Samhraidh Mhic Reachtain festival (McCracken Summer School) will take place from July 24th - 29th this year. It's a hugely popular event which attracts visitors from all over the world to North Belfast every summer. This year's programme consists of an adults' language course, a nightly concert, and an album launch. There'll be singing and dancing workshops, daily traditional music sessions, book stalls, a guided walk on Cavehill with Cormac Hamill, and events such as the International Day of food and music and the Night of the Scribes. There will be a full children's and teenagers' programme, children's day trips and much, much more - with the teaching, promotion and usage of the Irish language at its core. Here's what some of last year's participants had to say: 'As an absolute beginner, it was the perfect jumpstart into the language', 'I really enjoyed the classes and the craic during the day', 'I loved the format of having four different teachers and approaches to the language every day', 'I'd prefer if it were two weeks!'



It's easy to register for the language course and/or purchase tickets for the nightly concerts which will run from Monday to Saturday, simply. Just call into Áras Mhic Reachtain, opposite the Waterworks, or visit Eventbrite.co.uk.

Irish medium primary school Art & Drama Workshops (5-11yr-olds: £25 per workshop for the week)

Primary School Youth Club (7-11yr-olds: £30 for the week)

Teenager Summer Camp (11-16yr-olds: £30 for the week)

Irish Course for Adults (£30 concession or £40 full price for the week)

All the above will run from 10am - 4pm each day, Monday to Friday. All children's activities will take place in Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin, Cliftonville Road.

Contact Ferdia or Daithí on (028) 90 749688
 Email: eolas@mhicreachtain.com or daithi@mhicreachtain.com
 Find us on Facebook at Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain



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Move Into Construction Programme



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Move into Business Administration



- Gain Qualifications
- Improve Your Experience
- Meet Real Employers
- Discover New Opportunities

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Move Into Nails & Beauty Programme



- Gain Qualifications
- Improve Your Experience
- Meet Real Employers
- Discover New Opportunities

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Move Into Retail Programme & Customer Services



- Gain Qualifications
- Improve Your Experience
- Meet Real Employers
- Discover New Opportunities

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT SERVICES

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST AREA

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This publication can also be downloaded from www.drugsandalcoholni.info



Services for Adults

Community Drugs Programme

One to one and family support, auricular acupuncture, mentoring and onward referral service.

Open Access

Falls Community Council

Tel: 028 9020 2030

Alcohol Intervention Service

One to one support for alcohol misuse (brief/ extended interventions). Family members can also get advice and support - regardless of whether their significant other is seeking help.

Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted

ASCERT

Tel: 0800 254 5123

Low Threshold Services

Aimed at those who misuse alcohol and/or drugs at harmful levels and/or in harmful ways but who are unable to commit to formal treatment (including chronic drinkers & injecting drug users).

Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted

BHSCT Drug Outreach Team

Tel: 028 9504 1433 or 028 9504 7301

Extern Alcohol Housing Support Service

Tel: 028 9033 0433

Community Based Adult Services

One to one therapeutic treatment and support service for those aged 18+ misusing alcohol and/or drugs. Family members can also get advice and support - regardless of whether their significant other is seeking help.

Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted

Addiction NI

Tel: 028 9066 4434

Dunlewey Addiction Services

Tel: 028 9039 2547

Statutory Addiction Service

Provided by a range of specialist teams within community and hospital settings.

GP/Health Professional Referrals

BHSCT

Tel: 028 9073 7547

Residential Addiction Treatment Centre

6 week residential programme.

Addiction Service Referrals

Carlisle House

Tel: 028 9032 8303

Young People/Family

One Stop Shop

A youth friendly, holistic health and wellbeing service where young people, aged 11-25, have opportunities to socialise and to get advice and support on a range of issues.

Open Access

Extern

Tel: 028 9084 0555

Community Drugs Programme

Drug and alcohol education and awareness programmes, accredited and non-accredited, targeted at young people and/or parents.

Open Access

Falls Community Council

Tel: 028 9020 2030

Strengthening Families Programme

Parents and children participate in the 14-week SFP; both separately in teen and parent sessions, and then together in family sessions.

Targeted at At-Risk/Vulnerable Families

ASCERT

Tel: 0800 254 5123

Targeted Lifeskills Service

For young people, aged 11-25, focussed on lifeskills and harm reduction.

Targeted at At-Risk/Vulnerable Groups

LYMCA

Tel: 028 9267 0918

Steps 2 Cope

Provides one to one support and self help resources to young people, aged 11-18, affected by a parent's use of alcohol.

Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted

ASCERT & Barnardos

Tel: 0800 254 5123

www.steps2cope.co.uk

DAISY

One to one and group therapeutic treatment and support service for children and young people aged 11-25. Family members can also get advice and support - regardless of whether their significant other is seeking help.

Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted

Start 360 & ASCERT

Tel: 028 9043 5815

Pharos

Therapeutic treatment and support for families and children affected by parental alcohol and/or drug misuse.

Social Services/Addiction Services Referrals

Barnardos

Tel: 028 9066 3470

DAMHS (Drug and Alcohol Mental Health Service)

A range of therapeutic support services for young people aged under 18 with significant mental health and substance misuse difficulties.

GP/CAMHS Referrals

BHSCT

Tel: 028 9063 8000

Specific Groups

Needle and Syringe Exchange Sites

Boots

35 Donegall Place

Tel: 028 90242332

McGregors

30 Botanic Avenue

Tel: 028 9031 0045

Group Support

Call or go online to find a meeting near you:

Alcoholics Anonymous

12 Step Programme/Group Meetings

Tel: 028 9043 4848

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

AlAnon

Group Support for Family Members

Tel: 028 9068 2368

www.alanonuk.org.uk

Alateen

Group Support for Teenagers

Tel: 028 9068 2368

www.al-anon.org/for-alateen

Narcotics Anonymous

12 Step Programme/Group Meetings

Tel: 07810 172 991

www.nanorthernireland.com

Community/Stakeholder Support

Belfast Drug & Alcohol Coordination Team/Connections Service (BDACT)

The DACT Connections Service provides information, advice, signposting and awareness raising (via info sessions and by organising local, and supporting regional, events and initiatives) to a range of community and stakeholder partners.

Tel: 028 9590 1845

www.drugsandalcoholni.info

connections@bdact.info

Workforce Development Training Programmes

A range of drug and alcohol training courses for those working with adults, children and young people.

ASCERT

Tel: 0800 254 5123

Drink, Work and Me

Offers one to one and online support alongside training to enable employers to recognise the impact of alcohol related harm on the individual and the workplace.

Addiction NI

Tel: 028 9066 4434

www.drinkworkandme.com

AD:EPT2

Provides throughcare support (on release from prison) for prisoners and their families where alcohol is an issue.

Start 360

Tel: 028 9043 5810

For more detailed information on services available in your HSC area visit: www.drugsandalcoholni.info



In Crisis? Lifeline

24/7 CRISIS RESPONSE HELPLINE
0808 808 8000

ASHTON '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 health and emotional wellbeing service that works with individuals, families and communities affected by the conflict. Our services include complementary therapies, life coaching, psychological therapies including trauma counselling, personal and professional development, legacy and conflict analysis, as well as accredited VTCT training. We take a person centred approach to all of the work we do. You can easily access support by self-referring or by asking your GP or health care worker to refer you into us. Our local clinics operate from the Ashton Centre and McSweeney Centre. We also deliver services in outreach locations right across the city of Belfast.



Bridge of HOPE

If you would like to take steps to better health and wellbeing please phone and talk to the team on: 028 9022 1022 or 028 9543 8707. You can read lots more about Bridge of Hope by checking us out on Facebook or logging onto 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>

FabLab (Digital Fabrication Laboratory) is halfway between a laboratory and a workshop it's a place



FABLAB
BELFAST

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fablab.nervecentre>

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

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



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Employment & Training Services

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

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



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nlarts?fref=ts>

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

Website: <http://www.newlodgears.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>

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