

Greater New Lodge Community Magazine

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We are delighted to present the Greater New Lodge Community Festival programme for 2024. **(SEE PAGES 11-15 FOR DETAILS)**

This year's programme will run from the 1st-11th of August and contains a wide mix of community based activities including street parties, music, theatre, arts, literature, talks, sports and a range of other interesting events.

Our annual festival is the product of the collective efforts of various local community groups and activists operating within the Greater New Lodge Community Empowerment Partnership. We hope that you find the programme both entertaining and interesting and that you, your family and your friends can come along and get involved.

The Festival Organising Committee would like to

acknowledge all of those involved in making this programme possible, including those local community groups, pubs and café's that will be organising or hosting events.

We would also like to thank Ashton Community Trust, Belfast City Council, Féile an Phobail, Newington Housing Association, Duncairn Centre for Culture and Arts and Ulster University for their practical supports including provision of funding.

All festival events will also be advertised on the Festival's Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/newlodgefestival/>

Greater New Lodge Community Festival Organising Committee

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Kinderkids Daycare



Ashton Kinderkids Daycare based in the heart of North Belfast operating over 2 sites, Cliftonville Road & Henry Place (off Clifton Street)

Kinderkids is a long standing community childcare provider with over 20 years experience serving the North Belfast community and its children.

Providing Early Years & Afterschool options from individual sessions to full week care.

Kinderkids Daycare had developed a child centre philosophy which is central to the care and learning we provide to each child and their family.



To register for a place or for more information please contact;
Charlene Foster – charlene.foster@ashtoncentre.com
Telephone: 028 9521 9830
Fionnuala Black - fionnuala.black@ashtoncentre.com
Telephone: 028 9074 2255

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COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Ashton Community Fridge is a 6 week support with food items, offered to residents in the North Belfast area. We currently work with an appointment system. We have a waiting list and the next cohort will start in July. If you or someone you know could do with some short term support please contact reception at Ashton to complete a registration form.



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Newington Credit Union.....	9035 1773
Newington Housing Association.....	9074 4055
New Lodge Arts	9074 2255
New Lodge Housing Forum.....	9074 2399
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New Lodge Youth Centre	9075 1358
North Belfast Family Centre	9024 7580
North Queen St. Community Centre	9032 3945
Smile SureStart	9075 6654
St. Patrick's Primary School.....	9035 1206
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Volunteers Needed

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Volunteer Support worker with Happy Days:

We have 4 volunteering opportunities in our Happy Days project, to support staff delivering daily activities to our service users. Volunteers will support staff with the day-to-day activities, both in house and on excursions. You will be part of a team liaising with carers/parents and family members to ensure we deliver the best service for our users.



Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Garden Grid Project
- Women's group
- Older people's group
- Community Fridge
- Pantry



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If you want to be part of the team and have great fun then email ashleen.schenning@ashtoncentre.com or call in at reception.

International Tea Day @ Happy Days

At Happy Days we love any excuse to have a slice of cake, International Tea Day was right up our street! We decided to throw a tea party for our parents and Ashton staff to thank everyone for the continued support that we have received. As a group, we got together and created a plan from making invites to whipping up the fresh cream. This was a good opportunity for the young adults to work as a team, share ideas and to encourage one another.

After creating our invites we then hand delivered them the good old-fashioned way, this was a chance to help develop our social skills, meet others and take ownership on the event. Leading up to the party the excitement was building, the young adults were perfecting their tea making skills and learning how to host.



On the day the preparation had paid off, we had enough food to feed the New Lodge and the atmosphere was warm and relaxed. We are very proud of how our young adults made everyone feel welcome, host their families and socialised with others.

It was not a celebration about Tea but rather an occasion to show the growth of the Happy Days Crew. We are privileged to witness the change in confidence and self-esteem of each participant. Well done to everyone! We look forward to hosting more events such as this; keep an eye out for your special invite.

Day Opportunities for young adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.



JOIN US!

HAPPY DAYS PROJECT

Engage in activities like games, dance, drama, arts and crafts, music, gardening, and trips.
*For ages 19-35.

For more information, contact Susie Vint

- 028 9074 2255 / 07946417238
- happydays@ashtoncentre.com
- Happy Days Project
- McSweeney Centre, Henry Place, Belfast BT15 2AY

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happy days

SUMMER SCHEME

Fun & creative activities for young adults with mixed abilities at our summer scheme.



For ages 19-35 yrs

Register your interest!

For more information, contact Susie Vint

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Activities

- ✔ Storytelling
- ✔ Outbound games
- ✔ Drawing & painting
- ✔ Swimming
- ✔ Nature field trip

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Community Fridge at Ashton Centre

The Community Fridge at Ashton is open Tuesday to Thursday mornings. The purpose of the Community Fridge is to prevent food, that is still fresh and usable from going to landfill so it can be repurposed into meals.

The Community Fridge is by appointment only and to register for a place please contact Ashton Centre on 028 9074 2255



The Pantry Programme

The Pantry is based on a social supermarket model and aims to provide support for individuals from North Belfast families experiencing food insecurity as well as other issues stemming from the cost of living crisis.

The Pantry programme allows families to come for a weekly shop for only £5 and offers a wraparound service to the families engaged within the service, ensuring they are in receipt of the correct benefits, can access a debt advisor, get housing supports, health & well-being service, as well as, employment and training supports. The Pantry is also a gateway for families and individuals to become actively involved within Ashton's other services or volunteering.

If you are a Housing Executive tenant, please contact your Patch Manager or contact Ashton Centre directly to speak to Fionnuala Black.



Do you need benefits advice?

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Ashton is delighted to have an Advice Service available at the Ashton Centre every Wednesday.

If you would like an appointment for advice or support with completing forms.

Contact: Christine McKeown
or Fionnuala Black for an appointment.

christine@ashtoncentre.com
fionnuala@ashtoncentre.com
or telephone: 02890742255



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Volunteers needed to help with Ashtons Garden Grid. The garden area on Henry street is a fantastic outdoor space, we are looking forward to welcoming volunteers to help us bring this space back to life. This space can be such an asset to our community and we would love to see it in all its splendour.

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Volunteering Opportunities with Belfast Works Connect

Belfast Works Connect, with Ashton Community Trust, is dedicated to supporting individuals on their journey towards training and employment. As part of our ongoing commitment to community empowerment, we are excited to celebrate a series of volunteering events designed to make a tangible difference in the local area.



These volunteering opportunities are a fantastic way for individuals to gain valuable experience, develop new skills, and contribute positively to the community. Whether you are seeking to enhance your CV, meet new people, or simply give back, our programme offers a diverse range of activities tailored to various interests and skill sets.



From environmental clean-ups and community gardening to assisting at local events and providing support to vulnerable groups, our volunteering events are varied and impactful. Participants will have the chance to work alongside like-minded individuals, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose.

Moreover, volunteering with Belfast Works Connect can be a stepping stone towards further training and employment. Many of our volunteers have gone on to secure jobs or enrol in training programmes, bolstered by the experience and confidence gained through their volunteering efforts.

Join us in making a difference. By volunteering with Belfast Works Connect, you are not only helping others but also investing in your own future.

Training Opportunities with Belfast Works Connect

Belfast Works Connect offers a diverse range of training opportunities designed to help individuals enhance their skills and enhance their prospects. Our latest training offerings include qualifications in Social Media and Wellbeing OCN's, alongside hundreds of other courses tailored to meet the needs of our community.

Whether you are looking to advance in your current knowledge or explore new job prospects, our training programmes provide a comprehensive pathway to success. From driving theory to CSR certification, Forklift training to SIA qualifications and beauty training, we cover a wide spectrum of fields to ensure you find the right fit for your aspirations.

All our courses are completely free and designed to fit around your schedule, making it easier for you to balance learning with other commitments. This means you can pursue your educational goals without the financial burden or time constraints that often accompany traditional training programmes.



Our training sessions are led by experienced professionals who are dedicated to providing practical, hands-on learning experiences.

By participating in Belfast Works Connect training, you will also have access to a supportive network of peers and mentors, fostering an environment of mutual growth and encouragement. Many of our participants have successfully transitioned into employment or further education, thanks to the confidence and capabilities developed through our programmes.

For more information on upcoming events and how to get involved, visit our website, www.belfastworksconnect.com or contact us directly at Ashton Community Trust. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community.

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Belfast Works⁺

CONNECT

SUPPORT | TRAINING | EMPLOYMENT

Connecting People, Changing Lives

Ashton Community Trust's brand new project has been given £££'s by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to help people within our communities



Support - Training - Wellbeing

If you are aged 16-67, not in employment and fit into any of the categories below:

- Looking after a family member/children or home
- A registered carer for a family member
- Too ill to work
- Early retired
- Student and not working
- Not working but might want to work in the future

We can offer free support and training in a range of areas:

- Personal development
- Physical health
- Mental health
- Money management/budgeting
- Health & Nutrition
- Education Support/Essential Skills
- Helping with homework
- Personal wellbeing
- Driver Theory test & training
- Forklift training
- CSR card training
- Horticulture training
- Computer training
- Overcoming personal barriers
- Employability skills
- And much more



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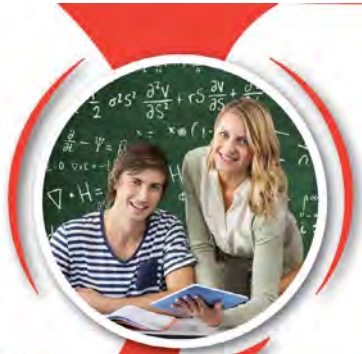
With personalised training and incentives to help you learn and develop, *what's stopping you?*

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Calling all Residents!

Do you have the Essential Skills for everyday life and work?

English + Maths + ICT = Essential Skills



**Start your
Essential Skills
journey!**

New short English, Maths and (ICT) computer courses are starting soon for anyone living in BT14 and BT15.

Courses cover:

- ✓ Improving everyday Maths
- ✓ Communication skills for Life + Work
- ✓ Using computers for English and Maths



Courses are **LOCAL + FREE** + lead to a recognised **QUALIFICATION**

If you would like to find out more phone 02890742255,
email Angela McAteer at: angela.mcateer@ashtoncentre.com or
message us on 07564711355

www.ashtoncentre.com



Participation in any of our courses is completely free and will not impact on your Benefits



www.belfastworkconnect.com



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How We Help

- Person-Centred 1-2-1 Support
- Better Off Calculations, Specialist Benefits & Welfare Advice
- Training, Skills & Qualifications
- Volunteering, Job Tasters & Employment
- Financial Support (Clothes, Childcare, Travel)

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For further information contact:

☎ 028 9074 2255

✉ belfastworks@ashtoncentre.com

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Bridges Sewing Group
Ashton Centre Tel: (028) 9074 2255

**Open:
Mon to Thur
1pm - 3pm**

**ALTERATIONS, CURTAIN MAKING AND
ALL YOUR SEWING NEEDS**

**BRIDGES SEWING GROUP
ASHTON CENTRE
TEL: (028) 9074 2255**

Have you been impacted by The Troubles?

- Have you been **physically or psychologically injured** as a result of or in consequence of a conflict related incident?
- Were you **bereaved** as a result of or in consequence of a conflict related incident?
- Do you **regularly care** for someone who has been injured as a result of a conflict related incident?
- Did you **witness** a conflict related incident or the consequences of such an incident?
- Did you provide **medical or other emergency assistance** to an individual in connection with a conflict related incident?

You are entitled to
Health & Wellbeing Support
and you may be entitled to
The Troubles Permanent Disablement Pension

Contact

Health & Wellbeing
Caseworker support:

Aoife - 07787344409

The Troubles Permanent
Disablement Pension:
Ciaran - 07826689272
Lynne - 07879923920
Ronan - 07769374807

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**School Uniform Appeal
Ashton Needs Your Help!**

Any Uniforms: Blazers, Coats, Polos, Jumpers, Skirts, Trousers, PE Kits
that you no longer need and that are in good condition.

Ashton would welcome
any donations of school
uniforms that are still in
good condition for
another child to wear.
Any donations should be
clean and laundered.

These uniforms will be donated during the summer months to families within
the North Belfast community.

Uniform Drop Off Point: Ashton Centre
For more information contact:
(028) 90 742 255

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ASHTON COMMUNITY TRUST WOMEN'S GROUP

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Open to New Members in
September 2024!

Ashtons Women's group meet on
Thursday morning from 10-12 and
will be open to new members in
September.

Activities vary depending on the
needs of the group. We have
both developmental programmes
and health and well being
activities.



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If interested in joining please email;
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Workshops



Art's & Crafts



Training Opportunities

Summer Self Care with Bridge of Hope

Bridge of Hope is excited to announce some upcoming personal development and stress management workshops. These are funded by the Victims and Survivors Service and are open to individuals impacted by the conflict.

If you are interested in these funded training opportunities, please contact mary.stanton@ashtoncentre.com as soon as possible, as places are limited.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to enhance your skills, make new friends and improve your wellbeing! Come along and join us over the summer. Learn new skills, make new friends and have some fun focused solely on you!!

Various Mondays and Fridays TBC (Ashton Centre) 10am-12pm

Candle Making and Affirmations

Join our Candle Making and Affirmations Workshop for a relaxing and uplifting experience. Learn to craft beautiful, scented candles and discover the power of positive affirmations. You'll leave with custom-made candles and a renewed sense of positivity. Perfect for anyone looking to combine creativity with self-care.



Friday 19th July (Ashton Centre) 10am-2pm

Self-Care Strategies Our Self-Care Strategies Workshop

Our Self-Care Strategies Workshop is designed to help you prioritise your wellbeing. Identify barriers to self-care and learn practical techniques for managing stress, enhancing mental health, and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Through interactive activities and guidance, you'll develop personalised self-care routines that fit your unique needs. Join us to discover effective ways to nurture your mind, body, and soul, and leave feeling refreshed and empowered to take better care of yourself every day.

Saturday 3rd August 10am-4pm (Ashton Centre)

Building Resilience

This short course equips you with the skills to handle stress and bounce back from challenges. Through interactive activities and practical exercises, you'll learn stress management, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving. By the end, you'll have stronger coping strategies and a more resilient mindset to thrive in both personal and professional life. Join us to turn obstacles into opportunities for growth.



Please contact Mary on mary.stanton@ashtoncentre.com. Places are limited. All programmes are funded by the Victims & Survivors Service.



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Building a healthy resilient you

- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Complementary Therapies
- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Health & Wellbeing Casework Support
- ✓ Life Coaching
- ✓ Pension Welfare Support for Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment

Get in touch: (028) 90 221 022

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<https://bridgeofhope.support/>

Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub

It has now been almost 9 years since Ashton Community Trust was awarded the lead for the Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub. Since August 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 throughout North Belfast.

The Family Support Hub provides early intervention services to families and young people requiring support. The Hub brings together organisations that deliver services to children/young people (0-18 years) and their parents/carers and this includes community, statutory and voluntary family support services.



The Family Support Hub can work with your family to deal with challenging behaviour of your child or young person by providing one-one family support in the home setting and can also work with your son or daughter to help manage their emotions and provide strategies to deal with low level anxiety. As well as, services available to provide young people with mentoring support especially if they are socially isolated or dealing with bullying or anxiety. There are also services available through the Hub to support families in financial stress, including debt management and budgeting.

Any adult family member can refer themselves and their family to the Hub simply by completion of a referral form. The Co-ordinator of the Hub will then contact you in order to help match appropriate services to your family's needs. 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 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.

Early Intervention Family Support Programme

The Early Intervention Family support team, provide early intervention family support to families residing in North Belfast, access to the programme is via a Family support Hub referral. The programme includes an individual plan for each family, goal setting and working through a bespoke service for each family over approximately 10 weeks.

To be referred please contact the Lower or Upper North Belfast Family Support Hubs

Lower North Belfast Family Support Hub: 028 9074 9986

Upper North Belfast Family Support Hub: 028 9035 1020





Thursday 1st August 2024

Family Fun Day and Information Event
St Patrick's PS, Churchill Street
12pm-3pm



This event is open to all families in North Belfast and will include Information points providing details on various support initiatives that are available to families. There will also be children's activities and games. Organised by Ashton Community Trust Family Service. For further information contact 028 90 742255

BCC Fun Day **Waterworks Park** **2pm to 4.30pm**

Children can enjoy free activities including: face-painting, balloon-modelling, summer crafts, lawn games, bouncy castles and walkabout entertainers.



Fame JR - Summer Musical
The MAC
£7 per ticket



This year, New Lodge Arts presents their annual musical – Fame JR!

Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts, Fame JR. is the bittersweet, but ultimately inspiring, story of a diverse group of students who commit to four years of gruelling artistic and academic work. With candour, humour and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today. Tickets available from <https://themaclive.com/whats-on/>

Friday 2nd August 2024

Candle Making & Affirmation
10am-12pm
New Lodge Arts Studio
Ashton Centre



Join our Candle Making and Affirmations Workshop for a relaxing and uplifting experience. Learn to craft beautiful, scented candles and discover the power of positive affirmations. You'll leave with custom-made candles and a renewed sense of positivity. Perfect for anyone looking to combine creativity with self-care. Booking essential – contact Mary Stanton on 028 90742255

Fame JR - Summer Musical
The MAC
2pm & 6.30pm
£7 per ticket
Junior Show Performance
The RECY
2.30pm



Join our Junior Drama Group performing their Play in a Week. Over 5 days, they have sang, danced and acted in preparation for this annual performance.

Saturday 3rd August 2024

Anthem for Dissatisfaction -
Brassneck Theatre
Ulster University Belfast, 3rd
Floor Atrium - 3pm
£11.55 per ticket



"Irish Twins" Sarah and Jamie are about to hit 30. But before they do, they're reliving their greatest hits; 'Credit crunch', 'Austerity' and 'Free School

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Meals'... Benefits Britain never sounded so good!

Jamie is the baby of the family. He has absolutely no tact, no patience and no filter. But where did that ever get anyone?

Sarah is 11 months and 4 days older which means she's smarter, she's cooler and she's right about everything.

A euphoric, working-class celebration of the power of live music, teenage angst, sibling rivalry and love in this electric and hilarious, coming-of-age anthem for anyone who ever wanted more!

Brought to you from the multi-award winning Brassneck Theatre Company ('Project Children', 'The Holy Holy Bus', 'Man in the Moon') and the writer of the award-winning hit show 'Two Fingers Up' as a part of Féile an Phobail and Brassneck's 25th World Premiere of new writing.

Tickets available from <https://eventbrite.com/anthem-for-dissatisfaction-uu>.

Saturday 3rd Continued

Waterworks Summer Fun Day
Waterworks Park
12pm-3pm



The New Lodge Arts Event Management Team are back and will be running their annual Summer Fun Day in the Waterworks Park. Bring the family along to enjoy the

fun and be entertained by walkabout performers, make your own arts and crafts and end the day searching for clues with our very own treasure hunt. Free event. Everyone welcome.

Féile Unplugged
Waterworks Park
12pm-3pm
FREE



Féile Unplugged returns to deliver a fest of live music featuring some of the best emerging young talent this city has to offer. You can enjoy this live concert whilst participating in the Summer Fun Day. Line up to be announced.

Part of Féile's Community Engagement and Youth Arts Programme

Great Place North Belfast
Ulster University Belfast,
BC Foyer
9am-5pm All Week



An exhibition showcasing some of the landmark buildings of North Belfast and their history.

Monday 5th August 2024

Adult Art Class - Prehistoric Skills – Today
New Lodge Arts Studio,
Ashton Centre
10am-12pm



Join local archaeology enthusiast, Liam Magill on his project - 'Prehistoric Skills - Today'. This taster project will introduce participants to some ancient skills such as Flintknapping, Basket Weaving etc.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Candle Making & Affirmation
New Lodge Arts Studio
1pm-3pm
FREE



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Shared Reading Taster Session
Duncairn Arts Centre
3.00pm



Shared Reading groups bring people together through great literature to talk, laugh and share.

Just drop in and enjoy listening to a story or poem – no pressure to talk or read, a lovely, relaxing way to spend an hour.

Adult Craft Class
New Lodge Arts Studio, Ashton Centre
2pm -4pm



Join our Craft Artist Anna O'Kane in this class to make your own mini Lantern. Places are limited.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Walk & Talk – Youth Hike
Cavehill – Belfast Castle
1pm-4pm
FREE



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Led by New Heights, this hike will take you through the picturesque hills of Cavehill.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Tuesday 6th August 2024

Seniors Away Day
Bus leaves Ashton Centre
10am-3pm
Cost £10



Meet at Ashton Centre, Churchill Street for a 'surprise location Bus run'

Lunch will be provided.
Booking essential – please contact Ashleen Shennings on 02890742255.

North Belfast Youth Conference
University of Ulster
Room BC-00-307
11am
FREE – by invitation only



A facilitated youth conference in partnership with local youth organisations to explore the 'Priorities For Youth' policy.

For more information, contact Sean McMullan on 02890751358

Adult Art Class – Printmaking
New Lodge Arts Studio,
Ashton Centre
10am-12pm
FREE



Join our artist Anne Marie Taggart on this Printmaking workshop using lino. Participants will learn the techniques of carving. The images will be printed on paper and participants can take these home and frame them.
Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Flash Fiction creative writing workshop with writer, Paul McVeigh
Duncairn Arts Centre
2.00 - 4.00pm



Novel: 'The Good Son' Winner of Polari First Novel Prize
'A work of genius from a splendid writer' Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Olen Butler
Radio: BBC Radio 4 'The Circus' Ten Episodes On BBC Sounds
Stage: 'Big Man' Winner of Irish Times Irish Theatre Award 2023 - Nominated for 6 Broadway World Ireland Awards 2023
Editor: Belfast Stories, Queer Love, The 32: An Anthology of Irish Working Class Voices
Website: paulmcveighwriter.com/ Contact: Marnie Kennedy marnie.kennedy@sky.com

Wed 7th August 2024

Felt Landscapes - Adult Art Class
New Lodge Arts Studio,
Ashton Centre
10.30am-12.30pm



Come and join local artist Sally Young to create your own Felt Landscapes.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Family Away Day – Rose Park Farm, Ballymoney
Bus leaves Ashton Centre
Cost - £10 per family of 5 or £3 per person
10am-5pm



A family day to Northern Ireland's leading Family Fun Farm, spread over 70 acres of beautiful natural farm land, not forgetting our stunning Lagoon Beach all situated in Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Bring your own picnic.

Limited places - booking essential – please contact Ashleen Shennings on 02890742255. Priority will be given to people from the Greater New Lodge area.

Seed to Plate – Youth Gardening Event
New Lodge Youth Centre
1pm-3pm
FREE



Join our 'Seed to Plate' Youth Group for a relaxed afternoon of gardening @ New Lodge Youth Centre garden. Everyone will plant some flowers to take home and a Cook Book.
For age 10+

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Thursday 8th August 2024

North Belfast Youth Health & Well Being Event
Girdwood -2pm - 4pm
(Organised by BOH)



Join us for an epic youth event! Enjoy free barbers for fresh cuts, vibrant coloured braids, curls, dazzling festival makeup, face paints, stylish gel nails, perfect eyebrow waxing, glowing skin facials, a free BBQ, and so much more. Dance to the hottest festival anthems and check out advice stalls and complementary therapy. Plus, level up your fun with our retro arcade corner and giant inflatables for older kids! Grab your glow sticks, bring your friends, and let's make memories! For more info, contact mary@ashtoncentre.com

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Thursday 8th Continued

Outdoor Cinema
New Lodge / Bruslee Way
11am – 10pm - FREE



Belfast Film Festival (BFF) in association with CRJI and the Greater New Lodge festival committee, are delighted to announce the use of BFFs large outdoor led screen for a series of screenings throughout the day on Thursday 8th August 2024. Come along and watch a family friendly film/cartoon, in an atmosphere of an open-air family fun day, in the heart of the New Lodge area.

Everyone welcome

Bike Rave
Departs Ashton Centre
FREE



Grab your glow sticks and whistles and join us on this epic Bike Rave through the streets of North Belfast listening to some funky disco beats and 90's dance classics. Fancy dress/ neon accessories preferred! Bicycles/Helmets can be provided if needed. Organised by New Lodge Arts.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

Colour Run
Gridwood
5.30pm



Organised by the North Belfast Harriers and Ashton Community Trust. Grab your running shoes, get messy and have fun with your friends!!!

Football for all Finals
Girdwood
6pm



Bingo Night
New Lodge Youth Centre
6.30pm-8pm



FREE

Will it be lucky seven or legs eleven? Come along and enjoy the craic. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Sean McMullan or Neve Robinson 028 90 751358

Friday 9th August 2024

Adult Art Class
Painting on Canvas

NLA Studio, Ashton Centre
10am-12pm - FREE



Join our Artist Fionnuala on this relaxed, fun class where you will produce a canvas to bring home.

Booking essential – to book text New Lodge Arts on 07736389968.

All Ability Olympics
11am-1pm - FREE



Join us for the All Ability Sports Day, a celebration of inclusivity, community, and the joy of sports! This event is designed for participants of all ages and abilities, offering a variety of adaptive sports and activities to ensure everyone can join in the fun. Enjoy a day filled with team games, individual challenges, and plenty of opportunities to make new friends and share in the spirit of competition and camaraderie. Don't miss out on this fantastic day of athletic excitement and positive energy - come and be part of the All Ability Sports Day!

Contact Susie Vint, Happy Days on 07946417238 to book and for more information.

Candle Making & Affirmation
NLA Studio, Ashton Centre
12.30pm-2.30pm
FREE



Join our Candle Making and Affirmations Workshop for a relaxing and uplifting experience. Learn to craft beautiful, scented candles and discover the power of positive affirmations. You'll leave with custom-made candles and a renewed sense of positivity. Perfect for anyone looking to combine creativity with self-care.

Booking essential – contact Mary Stanton on 028 90742255

Scribes at the Duncairn
Duncairn Art Centre
6.30pm
FREE

Celebrating the Irish Short Story Featuring Jan Carson, Bernie McGill & Paul McVeigh 7.00pm Duncairn Arts Centre

Jan Carson's critically acclaimed writings explore themes related to identity, place and belonging, but also to angst and alienation, in such works as *The Fire Starters* (winner EU Prize for Literature, 2019) and *The Raptures*. She is also very funny! About her latest collection of short stories, *Quickly, While They Still Have Horses*, the Irish Times said: 'Long after the reader has closed the book, these tales linger in the mind: vivid, original and moving.'



Bernie McGill is the 2023 winner of the Edge Hill Short Story Prize for her collection *This Train is For*



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(No Alibis Press). She is the author of two novels: The Watch House (nominated for the Ireland European Union Prize for Literature in 2019) and The Butterfly Cabinet (2010) and of one further short story collection, Sleepwalkers (2013). Her work has appeared in a number of anthologies and has been broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4. Bernie works as a Mentor for the Irish Writers' Centre and is an Associate Fellow with the Royal Literary Fund.

Paul McVeigh's short stories have been in numerous anthologies including 'Being Various', 'The Art of the Glimpse' and 'Common People'. They have also been printed in 'The London Magazine', 'The Stinging Fly' and 'The Irish Times', on radio at BBC 3, 4, 5; RTE 1, and Sky TV. His ten-part short story series, 'The Circus', appeared on BBC Radio 4 in 2023. Paul co-founded the London Short Story Festival and is associate director of Word Factory, 'the UK's national organisation for excellence in the short story' The Guardian. Paul's debut novel, 'The Good Son', won The McCrea Literary Award and The Polari First Novel Prize. His writing has been translated into seven languages.



Chaired by Marnie Kennedy, Shared Reading facilitator. This event is hosted by Stories@theDuncairn, a volunteer-led, community literary project, in partnership with the Greater New Lodge Community Festival and Féile an Phobail. Doors open 6.30 pm Café at the Duncairn open for tea, coffee and refreshments. 028 9074 7114 Wine Reception. All welcome! Admission Free

Saturday 10th August 2024

Clifton Cemetery Tour with Joe Baker Clifton Cemetery - 11am



Learn about such notables from our past such as Henry Joy McCracken, his sister Mary Anne, William Drennan and James Murray. Also visit the massive mass graves used during the cholera outbreak of the 1830s and the period of the Great Hunger which saw thousands buried here and learn about the activities of the Belfast Bodysnatchers and the incident which occurred in here which changed medical history throughout the world. Maximum 20 people.

To book, please contact Joe Baker – joe@ashtoncentre.com

Sunday 11th August 2024

The Crucible Duncairn Art Centre - 6pm £7 per ticket



Come and see our Senior Drama Group perform Arthur Millar's 'The Crucible' Set in Salem, Massachusetts, 1692, a community stands accused of witchcraft, and in the mood of fear and recriminations that develops, men denounce

their neighbours and truth is perverted by superstition. As the small Salem community is stirred into madness and the play reaches it's violent climax, the events it describes, become a timeless vision of the evils of mindless persecution.

Recommended for 14+
Tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-lodge-arts

All festival events will be published on the Festival's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/newlodgefestival/>

Any changes to times or venues will be notified on the Festival's Facebook page.



Féile an Phobail
IRELAND'S BIGGEST COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL
2024

DANCE NIGHT

PRESENTS (A-Z)

**BOB
BRYAN KEARNEY
DAVID RUST
JODIE V vs KAD
NEW ERA
WILL ATKINSON
WILL SPARKS**

**8TH AUG 2024
FALLS PARK - BELFAST**

TICKETS VIA TICKETMASTER.IE

CONTACT LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS FOR TICKETS

Celebrating 40 years of Volunteers Week with Ashton

Ashton Centre took great pride in presenting some of their volunteers with EPIC awards for their contribution to volunteering in the community over the last year. We were delighted to take time out to recognise the priceless work carried out by the volunteers supporting projects such as: The Pantry, The Community Fridge, Happy Days, among others. A special thank you to Volunteer Centres NI for registering our volunteers and presenting their certificates with over 3750 hours of volunteering celebrated. Thank you to the Lansdown Hotel for providing the delicious meal, a day enjoyed by all. For anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Ashleen on 02890742255 or ashleen.schenning@ashtoncentre.com





FESTIVAL FAMILY TRIP

Families are invited to register for our family trip to Rose Park Farm, Ballymoney on:

**WEDNESDAY
7TH AUGUST
10AM-5PM**

Activities on site include:

- Blue lagoon beach (bring a change of clothes)
- Petting farm
- Enchanted Forest
- Indoor Play area
- Tractor track
- Quad Train (£2 pp)
- Rose walk ways
- several indoor and outdoor play spaces.

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Places are limited to 60, the cost is £10 per family and places will be given out on a first come first served basis.
Call into reception at Ashton to book your place and pay for your family place.

Alcoholics Anonymous Antrim Road Group, Belfast

Address: Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street,
Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2BP



Meetings and times:

Sunday: 12:30	Closed Meetings
Sunday Night: 8:30	Closed Meetings
Monday: 8:30	Closed Meetings
Tuesday: 8:30	Open Meetings
Wednesday: 8.30	Closed Meetings
Thursday: 8.30	Closed Meetings
Friday: 8.30	Step Meetings
Saturday: 8.30	Discussion Meetings

Zoom Meetings: Tuesday and Saturday 8:30pm



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)

<https://www.facebook.com/newlodgesaferstreets>

Newington Housing Association

Website:
<http://newingtonha.co.uk/>

Facebook & Twitter:
[@NewingtonHA](#)

300 Limestone Road,
Belfast , BT15 3AR

Phone: 02890 744 055

Email: admin@newingtonha.co.uk

New Lodge Housing Forum

UPDATE RE HOUSING ISSUES IN THE GREATER NEW LODGE AREA



It has been a busy time here at the Housing Forum for both the committee and the housing worker as they deal with an increasing number of issues which are impacting on residents regarding housing issues.

Upper Long Streets Redevelopment Area

There has been an increase in the number of residents living in this part of the area seeking our advice and practical assistance as they deal with recent reality of vesting. The letters explaining the vesting issue were delivered in late June and each household should have received a copy. Anyone who has not received a copy please contact us at our office. The Housing Executive have set a cut of date for July the ninth for any objections which may arise. The main queries we are receiving range from the sale of houses, moving grants and residents wishing to remain in their local area. We are appealing to anyone living in the redevelopment area who hold the status of Single Let to please contact us as an issue has arisen which will impact on these residents. We believe that there are fourteen families and individuals who hold this status. We are working with the H.E. to insure that as residents are leaving their properties that the gas, electric and water supplies are terminated. There has been a small number of incidents where some of the empty properties have been used for negative purposes. Kate



Clarke and Liam Wiggins and the Housing worker have been meeting with the H.E. and public reps to further the progress of the design and planning of the area. Newington Housing Association are planning for a consultation re taking on board views of how the new area should look. The clinic which is organised to assist residents living in the redevelopment area are taking place every Tuesday morning here in our office between 11am and 1pm. Declan Hughes from the H.E. will be in attendance alongside the Housing worker.

7 Towers



Our Forum working in partnership the H E have decided to organise a clinic every second Wednesday of the month to assist tenants who are living in the tower blocks. These clinics will operate between 11am and 1pm in our office at 23 New Lodge Road. Residents have already called with issues such as the front gates and doors not operating properly. Tenants have also called with issues relating to plumbing, electrical problems as well as the ongoing serious issue of leaking roofs in Maeve and Grainne. The H.E. are tendering for a contractor to carry out these major pieces of work. There are ongoing issues relating to anti social behaviour. These range from loud noise, loud music, ongoing parties right through to the criminal

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sale of drugs. Our Forum are working with all the statutory organisations based in the area to combat these growing problems. The Safer Streets group and CRJI meet on a fortnightly basis and tenants are invited to report any problems. These meetings take place in the Reccy. We are also highlighting the issues of staff shortages regarding the concierge system of providing security for the tenants. Although there is a long term plan to ultimately demolish the Tower Blocks, this will not be happening anytime soon as we have a critical issue of rehousing residents.

Duncairn Parade

There continues to be a regular tie in with the Patch manager Tomas Fleming as there are issues coming to the fore .These include rubbish and furniture being dumped in the stairwells, dampness in the ceilings and walls of the maisonettes and problems with the sewage system. There needs to be a major investment in this part of the area and it comes down a decision being made to either refurbish the maisonettes or to demolish. Again we face the problem of rehousing people as there is simply not enough space to do so.



Housing Solutions

We have also witness the increase in the number of people who find themselves homeless. This is a stressful situation which people find themselves in and Housing Solutions who are part of the H E meet with us on the first Wednesday of each month in the Reccy between 10 am and midday. Those people impacted by this issue are offered the opportunity to speak with the reps in an effort to receive feedback regarding their cases. The housing worker based in the Forum is dealing with a substantial number of cases regarding homelessness and has been successful in finding a number of residents a place to live.

Anti Social behaviour. We are finding that the numbers of incidents are increasing. We are working with residents and have prepared a number of impact statements which will be used to by the statutory bodies when dealing with residents who are involved with this negative activity .We are appealing to parents to be aware of where their children are as we have dealt with vandalism and using empty houses for the wrong reasons and we have worked with Kate Clarke re recent incidents on the Duncairn Gardens were youths are involved with confrontation with young people who were gathering bonfire wood at Edlingham. We hope that by mentioning these incidents that parents and guardians can go some way in understanding the possible dangerous situations young people may find themselves in.

We have had a number of complaints re the green areas in the area which are under the control of the H.E. The grass was excessively long and there is are problems with weeds etc on walkways. We have contacted the H E and listed the areas which are reported to us .

If you have any issues relating to housing then why not call with us at 23 New Lodge Road. Housing workers mobile 07804506903



New Lodge Housing Forum

Who we are:

A committee of volunteers and one community housing worker based in the New Lodge to support the improvement of the quality lives of the tenants living in the Greater New Lodge.

Assist Tenants On Issues Relating To:

- Repairs
- ECM Schemes
- Environmental Issues
- Sign Posting
- Service Suppliers
- Housing Campaigns/ Redevelopment
- Computers for Residents Use

How you can get in touch: Drop in to our housing office between the hours of:
9am - 2pm Mon to Thurs
9am - 1pm Friday

New Lodge Housing Forum

23 New Lodge Road, BT15 2BU

Phone: (028) 90 742 399

Email: thenewlodgehousingforum@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/newlodgehousingforum/>

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

Reach Out

One to one support for alcohol and/or drug misuse (and other associated issues).

[Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted](#)

Extern

Tel: 074 4253 3165

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](#)

BHSC Drug Outreach Team

Tel: 028 9504 1433

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](#)

Inspire Wellbeing Addiction Services

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](#)

BHSC

Tel: 028 9504 2900

Residential treatment is accessible through the statutory addiction service.

Residential Addiction Treatment Centre

6 week residential programme.

[Addiction Service Referrals](#)

Carlisle House

Tel: 028 9032 8308

For more detailed information on services available in your HSCT area visit:

www.drugsandalcoholni.info



"Addressing drugs and alcohol together"

Young People/Family

Belfast Youth Engagement Service (YES)

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 9032 5786

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

Reach Out

One to one support for alcohol and/or drug misuse (and other associated issues).

[Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted](#)

Extern

Tel: 074 4253 3165

Targeted Lifeskills Service

Groupwork programmes for young people, aged 11-25, focussed on lifeskills and harm reduction.

[Targeted at At-Risk/Vulnerable Groups](#)

LYMCA

Tel: 028 9267 0918

Steps to Cope/ Hidden Harm

For young people aged 11-25 who have been impacted by parental substance use and mental health problems.

[Open Access/Self Referrals Accepted](#)

ASCERT

Tel: 0800 2545123

www.stepstocope.co.uk

stc@ascert.biz

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

www.start360.org

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](#)

BHSC

Tel: 028 9504 0365

Specific Groups

Needle and Syringe Exchange Sites

Maguire Pharmacy

3 Beechmount Avenue
Tel: 028 9032 0590

Chemist Connect

59 High Street
Tel: 028 9023 1002

Street Injecting Support Service (SISS) (inc. needle exchange)

Extern

Tel: 080 0085 8426

Removal of Drug Related Litter (Needle Finds)

Belfast City Council

Tel: 028 9027 0469

BHSC Drug Outreach Team (inc. needle exchange)

Tel: 028 9504 1433

Group Support

Call or go online to find a meeting near you:

Alcoholics Anonymous

12 Step Programme/Group Meetings

Tel: 028 9035 1222

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

AlAnon

Group Support for Family Members

Tel: 028 9068 2368

www.al-anonuk.org.uk

Alateen

Group Support for Teenagers

Tel: 028 9068 2368

www.al-anonuk.org.uk/alateen

Narcotics Anonymous

12 Step Programme/Group Meetings

Tel: 0300 365 1010

www.na-northernireland.org

Community/Stakeholder Support

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

The DACT Connections Service provides information, advice, signposting and awareness raising initiatives to a range of community and stakeholder partners.

Tel: 028 9084 0555 (Extern)

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

In Crisis? Call **Lifeline**

FREE 24/7 HELPLINE
0808 808 8000