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# **WELCOME**

Welcome to Issue 154 of our fortnightly newsletter, 'FYI' (For Your Information).

3<sup>rd</sup> September saw the Baton of Hope event held across Newry, Mourne and Down and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council areas. We were fortunate to meet and chat with a lot of people and welcome them to this their first taste of 'FYI'!

Another bumper edition with amazing opportunities, resources and events, most for free too!

Please feel free to share this with anyone you work with and keep your flyers coming for the next edition!!

**Locality Development Team, Southern Area** 

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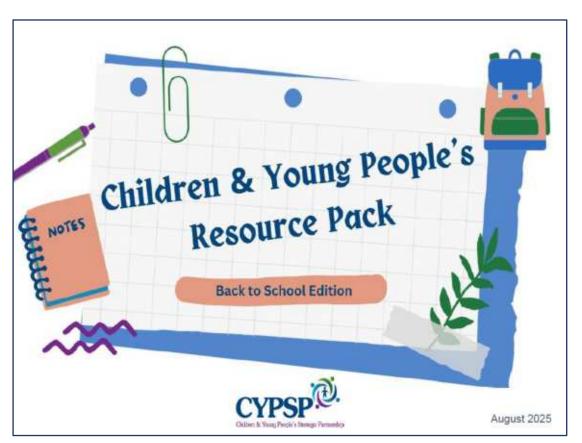
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The Children and Young People's Resource Pack - Back to School Edition is packed with fun, helpful, and supportive ideas to help you feel ready and confident for the new school year!

In this edition you will find:

Activities, Starting School, Back to School, Transitions, Lunchbox & Snack Ideas, Results Day, Wellbeing

Download <u>HERE!</u>

(Note: Newsletter will download directly to your device - Look out for the pop-up box and click on open file when it appears)

Resources and activities are free and in the public domain

Please share with contacts who you think would find it useful







The Southern Area Locality Planning Team hosted a **Self-Care Programme** for the members of our 6 Locality Planning Groups funded by the PHA though their CLEAR Project

This programme took place from November 2024 to February 2025 and included 4 facilitated sessions by Inspire Wellbeing and 12 short self-care sessions at all Locality Planning Group Meetings

Download the Scorecard Report <u>HERE</u> to find out more about the impact of the programme on its participants







On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the **Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event** was held on The Mall in Armagh This free event was organised to help all ages of the communities in Armagh to find out what support and opportunities were available on their doorstep

43 services and organisations held information stands to inform the public (and each other) of what they provide, and activities were held for children

Download the Feel Good Armagh Community Networking Event Scorecard <u>HERE</u> to find out more about what we did, how well we did it and what changed as a result





Our funding restrictions are such that funded training is only available to those who work/volunteer for a voluntary, charitable, faith or community-based organisation







www.ci-ni.org.uk/training







Training - Online

Dr Karen Treisman - Trauma-

Dr Karen Treisman - Emotional

Supporting Young People through Back-To-School Anxiety & School Avoidance - Online

8.30pm. Key themes: managing anxiety, neurodiversity, building

empathy and intergenerational

trauma.

Regulation Ideas and Tools (follow-up to 27th August)

4 -week online course 6.30-





**OUR GENERATION** 

LEARNING LAB





# **OUR GENERATION** LEARNING LAB

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9.30-12.30PM

16/09 6-8PM

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09/09 23/09



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16/09 11AM-3PM	Supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth Training by Belong To & Here NI CAVAN JOHNSTON LIBRARY		
22/09 11AM-3PM	Supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth Training by Belong To & Here NI ARMAGH BUSINESS CENTRE		







Are you working within your local community?

Why not attend a **Take 5 Ambassador Briefing Session** to enable you to promote positive wellbeing?



Take 5 is a set of simple steps to help maintain and improve wellbeing

This briefing will equip you to deliver a short Take 5 session for your local groups.

#### Aims of Take 5 Ambassador Briefing Session

- To raise awareness and understanding of the Take 5 message
- To provide the resources necessary to promote the Take 5 message in your local community
- To create a network of Take 5 Ambassadors working to promote positive wellbeing.

### Briefing Session will take Place in

The Studio

**Banbridge Leisure Centre** 

15 Downshire Place

Banbridge

BT32 3JY

On the following date:

Date: Wednesday 10th September 2025

Time: 10.30am - 12pm

Light Refreshments Provided

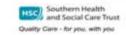
To book a place on the above session please complete and return the attached booking form to: Take.5@southerntrust.hscni.net























#### **TRAINING**





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your strengths, values and skills to move forward in life.			
Understanding & Managing Anxiety This course aims to give you the knowledge required to understand the impact of and key issues surrounding arraiety and ways in which to manage it. "Please note attendance at both sessions is required."	16 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10 am – 1 pm	Conference Room, Portadown Health Centre
Nature Connections  This course is an outdoor, guided practice, which engages all five senses – sight, sound, smell, touch and taste – to promote relaxation and overall wellbeing.	18 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Gosford Forest Park, Armagh
Understanding & Navigating Emotions The aim of this course is to increase awareness and understanding of enotions and freilings, what they are, and what they mean for us and others.  "Please note attendance at both sessions is required."	25th September and 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10 am – 1 pm	European Room, Moylinn House, Craigavon
When Our Thoughts Get in Our Way  Automatic Negative Thoughts (ANTs) can trigger unpleasant emotions that can impact on how we live our lives. Everyone experiences negative emotions, and we can't and shouldn't avoid them. It is however important to recognise our automatic negative thoughts to be aware of how they get in our way.  This course will help you to explore stratagies on how to identify, challenge and change our thoughts and promote wellbeing.	30 <sup>th</sup> September	10 am – 1 pm	Boardroom, Jethro Centre, Lurgan

To register your interest in any of the above courses please get in touch using the contact details below:

Tel: 02837561938

Email: Recovery.college@southerntrust.hscni.net

Alternatively, you can use the below link to register your interest: Recovery College Register Form I Southern Health & Social Care Trust (hecni.net)







Perinatal, child, adolescent and family work: a psychoanalytic observational approach (M7N)

Discover our flagship Master's degree in Belfast

# Draw on over a century of expertise to enhance your professional practice

Suitable for professionals from various multidisciplinary backgrounds, this course offers theoretical and experiential training to professionals working with infants, children, adolescents and their families.

Under the guidance of our expert clinician-tutors, you will:

- Explore the earliest stages of life via an infant observation, honing your skills in the clinic where the method was first pioneered.
- Expand your knowledge base with the latest child development research and a range of key psychoanalytic concepts and texts.
- · Critically examine the unconscious dynamics that can impact on your work through participating in regular group discussion.
- · Gain a postgraduate certificate after one year of study, a postgraduate diploma after two years, or a Master's degree.

Flexibly delivered in a blended, part-time format, the course will inform your current practice, while also acting as a preparation for further, clinical training. There are a number of places funded by PHA at 75%. Please contact joint course lead Gertie Doonan to discuss the course and funding availability via email at gdoonan@tavi-port.nhs.uk.

Closely observing infants with their carers is a unique learning experience and highly relevant in many work settings.

Dr Deirdre Meehan Course Lead



Learn more, join an open event and start your application





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https://actiontrauma.com/neurodiversity-conference/



















# Cultural Competence: Stories that connect us and learning together from lived experience

Thursday, 23rd October 2025 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Armagh City Hotel

Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and connection as we work together to embed Cultural Competency and Strengthen Communities.

#### What to Expect:

- Cultural Competency Framework: Explore elements of e-learning resource, tools and strategies to strengthen inclusion and understanding in our communities.
- "You Do Not Know What You Have Not Lived" Hear the lived experiences of families and
  practitioners who have journeyed together in the STEPS Linking Families & Communities Project
  since 2016.
- Human Library: Meet "Human Books" and hear real-life stories of resilience, diversity, and cultural experiences.
- Networking & Collaboration: Connect with community members, organisations, and service providers.
- . Light refreshments and lunch provided.

Please register by 3rd October by emailing:
Agnieszka. Judkiewicz@southerntrust.hscni.net







The SHSCT Mental Health Team are co-launching their annual, month long Health and Social Care mental health campaign in collaboration with Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and their Trust counterparts

The campaign will run from 10<sup>th</sup> September (World Suicide Prevention Day) until 10<sup>th</sup> October (World Mental Health Day) with the focus being "Looking after your mental health" which will support mental health promotion, early intervention and prevention through the implementation of Take 5 steps to wellbeing and signposting people to information and support

The campaign is not focusing on mental ill health or mental illness

Digital assets are available <u>HERE</u> and colleagues and community partners are being encouraged to help promote the campaign across their networks, newsletters, social media, etc.

PHA will also be sharing key messages and links to resources via social media and again partners are being encouraged to reshare across their own platforms

(The social media calendar is available on the campaign webpage linked above and contains details of the PHA channels)

Please support this campaign in helping to share the messages far and wide!









https://apps4healthcareni.hscni.net

### Organ Donation Week: 22-28 September 2025

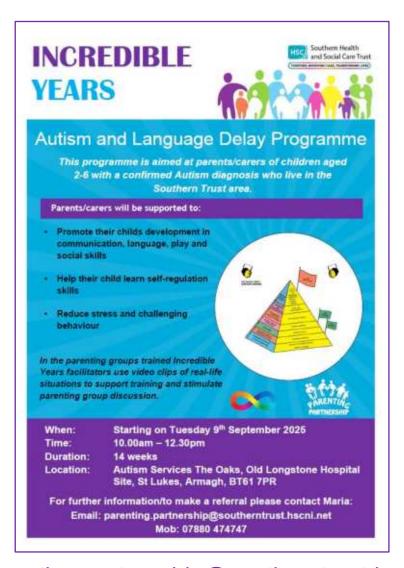


Please join us to support **Organ Donation Week**: a celebration of organ and tissue donation and transplantation which saves and transforms hundreds of lives each year

This Organ Donation Week, we are asking those who haven't yet done so, to help save lives by confirming their decision on the NHS Organ Donor

Support Organ Donation Week by confirming your decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register <u>HERE</u> or call 0300 123 23 23

Follow our channels at @OrganDonationNI for inspirational stories and to get involved in Organ Donation Week initiatives









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#### For Dads to be

A 6-week online program to support you get ready for the birth of your baby

Starting Tuesday 16th September 2025

7pm - 8.30pm

For further information please contact:

Jacqueline Masterson, Promoting Wellbeing Team,

Southern Health & Social Care Trust

02837564489/07867208352

mellow.parenting#southerntrust.hscni.net





#### PARENTS PLUS ADHD Programme - Limited places available

Parenting a child with ADHD can bring special challenges but with the right support parents can learn to overcome these challenges and help their children reach their full potential.

This 8 week evidence-based parenting programme addresses the needs of parents raising a child with an ADHD diagnosis, helping them manage behaviour and emotional problems.

Location: Ballybot House, 28 Corn Market, Newry BT35 8GB.

Start Date: Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct to Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 (with break Oct 30<sup>th</sup> for mid-term).

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm.

Criteria: For parents with a child diagnosed with ADHD/awaiting an assessment, aged 6-11 years and who are resident in the Southern Trust area.

Call Gemma at Bolster Community to register on 028 3083 5764 or email gemma@bolstercommunity.org

Delivered by:

BOLSTER

Funded by:

Southern Health and Social Care Trust











#### Teen programmes

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme

Start date: Wed 10th Sept-22nd of Oct 2025

Duration: 7 weeks (10am-12.30pm)

Location: Clanrye, 34 Armagh Business Centre,

Loughgall Road, Armagh

Attendees: Parents/carers of young people 11-18 years in the Southern Trust with a confirmed

Autism diagnosis.

Facilitators: Clanrye & Parenting Partnership

Enquires/Referrale: e Claire.converv@clannyegroup.com t: 07483 059876

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme

Start date: Tues 13th Jan-Tues 3rd of March 2028

Duration: 7 weeks (10am-12.30pm)
Location: St Pauls High School Bessbrook
Attendees: All parents/carers of young people

11-18 years with special needs within Newry

& Moume area

Facilitators: Parenting Partnership & Newry MDT Team

Enquires/Referrals: Parenting Partnership-07880474747

e parenting partnership@southerntrust.hscni.net

t: Or Newry GP MDT Team-07425630856

e Veronica.kem@southemtrust.hscni.net

Programme: Parents Plus Special Needs Programme

Start date: Thurs 19th Feb-Thurs 2nd April

Duration: 7 weeks (6pm-8.30pm)

Location: Online

Attendees: Parents/carers of young people 11-18

years in the Southern Trust with a confirmed

Autism diagnosis.

Facilitators: Clanrye

Enquireo/Referrals: e Claire.convery@clanryegroup.com

t: 07483 059876

#### **General Enquiries**

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Parenting Partnership Manager

O 07880 474747

s parenting.partnership@southerntrust.hscni.net

Or

Martina McCooey

Child Development Interventions Co-ordinator

@ 028 3756 4462 / 07795 450278

martina.mccooey@southerntrust.hscni.net

For further information on these and other programmes please visit our webpage below. Additional programme information will be added throughout the year

Parent Support - Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) (hscni.net)











2025/ 2026 Southern Trust Please visit our CYPSP webpage to access the range of evidence-based parenting programmes available to families resident in the Southern Trust Area over the coming year, September 2025 to June 2026

The programmes span the age range pre-birth to teens and are available for the families of typically developing/children and young people with special needs

Further information available HERE



Self-Esteem and
Uniqueness:
Celebrating individual
strengths and
recognising what makes
us unique

Coping Skills:
Learning practical
strategies to manage
stress and feel more in
control

Looking Forward: Setting personal goals and strategies to maintain wellbeing beyond the programme

Contact Us:

peaceofmind@cedar-foundation.org

07525898325

Building Resilience: Identifying ways to handle challenges and adapt to change

**Understanding Emotions:** 

Exploring and recognising

different emotions and

how they affect us

Support Networks: Recognising who we can turn to for help and how to build meaningful connections

PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the

Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)."

peaceofmind@cedar-foundation.org

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# YOUTH PROGRAMMES

# **IGNITE COMMUNITY**



#### **Empowering Young Voices Through Creativity and the Arts**









Delivered by Arts Care, Ignite Community is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

#### What is Ignite?

Ignite Community is an arts-based, fully funded 3-year programme designed for young people aged 9–25. Through creativity and self-expression, Ignite helps young people explore social issues that matter to them, build confidence, and create meaningful change in their communities.

#### Arts Care's Approach:

We believe in the transformative power of the arts to heal, connect, and inspire. Though co-production and co-design, our professional artists will guide young people on a creative journey where they can express their ideas, share their voices, and develop a vision for a better future.

#### How It Works:

- 8 Artist-Led Creative Sessions Delivered by a professional Arts Care artist at your premises or regular meeting place, tailored to the group's needs and abilities.
- Explore & Create Young people will explore a social issue they care about and express their ideas for change through visual and digital art, music, storytelling, or performance.
- Community Showcases A celebration event where participants share their work and their aspirations with friends, family, and the wider community.
- Reflections Session Looking back on their personal growth, achievements and the impact of their creative journey.

#### Ignite will allow Young People to:

- · Build confidence and resilience through creativity.
- · Learn to use art as a tool for self-expression and social change.
- Feel empowered by enhancing their collaboration, teamwork and communication skills.
- Experience the benefits of creative engagement reduced stress, improved wellbeing, and stronger social connections.
- Take pride in owning and realising a youth-led project that makes a real world difference.

#### What does Ignite offer your Organisation:

- A fully funded Arts programme that can complement your organisations objectives for young people.
- · Engagement for young people that is positive, empowering and inclusive.
- · Promotion of wellbeing and community connection through the arts.

#### Get Involved

Join us in creating meaningful change through the power of the arts.

Contact Rebecca on ignite@artscare.co.uk to register your interest or find out more.

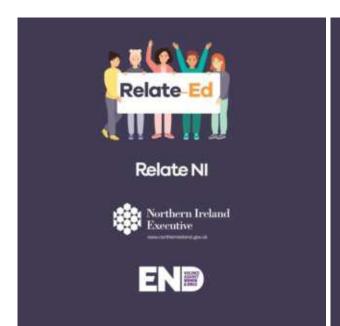
Together, we can inspire transformation, lift up young voices, and build stronger, healthier communities through art.





artscare.co.uk 028 9031 1122 ignite@artscare.co.uk





# What is Relate-Ed?

Relate-Ed is an age appropriate, inclusive and evidence based Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) far young people.

It aims to raise awareness of the root causes of violence against women and girls, what it is, where it comes from and how it manifests in relationships and society.

Relate-Ed challenges attitudes, behaviours and culture of distorted views of relationships, sexuality and power by providing young people with tools to sustain healthy relationships.

# What topics can Relate-Ed include?

Relate-Ed workshops can include:

Real Growth: Changes to body & mind in puberty.

Relatable relationships: Building strong, respectful, and loving relationships.

Real Talk: Making informed choices around healthy relationships and pornography (Aged 13+)

Relatable choices: Sexual Health (Aged 13+)

Real Respect: Mutual respect and consent in every interaction.

Really creative: Positive relationships and boundaries through ART and Play.

> Real support: Teacher tools & support Really savvy: Staying safe online



# Who can book a Relate-Ed workshop?

Relate-Ed workshops are the perfect addition to any school's RSE programme.

If you're a school principal, head of pastoral care or youth coordinator planning for the term ahead, now's the time to book your Relate-Ed session.

From understanding the changes that come with puberty to making safe choices online, our workshops bring creative, interactive content that connects with young people aged 13+.











As part of the Public Consultation of the **Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing (EHWB) Framework,** we are pleased to offer a series of in person and online seminars to provide further information which will take place as follows:

#### **Online Seminars:**

- Monday 8th September from 10am to 12pm
- Thursday 11th September from 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday 11th September from 6pm to 8pm
- Friday 12th September from 10am to 12pm
- Monday 15th September from 6pm to 8pm

The online seminars will take place on Microsoft Teams, please register your interest and a link will be shared

If you would like to attend any of these information seminars, please register your interest by emailing the Regional Emotional Health and Wellbeing (EHWB) Team at the following email address Regional.EHWB@hscni.net indicating which seminar you would like to attend

Consultation information is available HERE

You can respond to the consultation HERE



#### **Care Opinion**

Care Opinion is a place where you can share your experience of health or care services, and help make them better for everyone.

Care Opinion make it safe and simple to share your story online and see other people's stories too. You can see how stories are leading to change. If you wish to get in contact with us within Southern Health and Social Care Trust please email - care.opinion@southerntrust.hscni.net

Our children may wish to share their story - Tell your story with help from Bear



Bear needs your help!

Hi there, I'm the Care Opinion Bear with a heart as big as the mountains!

I love listening to stories, because it brings us closer together. I am here to listen to what you have to say and lend you a helping paw!

Select the link below to begin sharing your story on Care Opinion.

Tell your story with help from Bear

Or you can also tell your story without Bear

Visit the Children and young people help page for more information.





### **Values Your Opinion**

Care Opinion is an independent service where you can safely share feedback anonymously about your experience of care from:-

#### **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**

#### We want to learn:-

- · What was good?
- · What could have been better?
- · How did you feel?







Your story will be published anonymously on careopinion.org.uk. A staff member will aim to respond in a timely manner to your story.

Together we learn from your feedback to improve Health and Social Care services for everyone.







OUR Generation are delighted to share our Scoping Reports for Northern Ireland & the Border Counties of Ireland

These reports shine a light on the mental health challenges facing children & young people aged 9-25, from rural isolation to stigma, and from cultural barriers to long waiting lists

They also share recommendations to build resilience, inclusion & hope Download the full reports HERE







# Emergency food parcel distribution in Northern Ireland

April 2024 - March 2025

25 May 2025

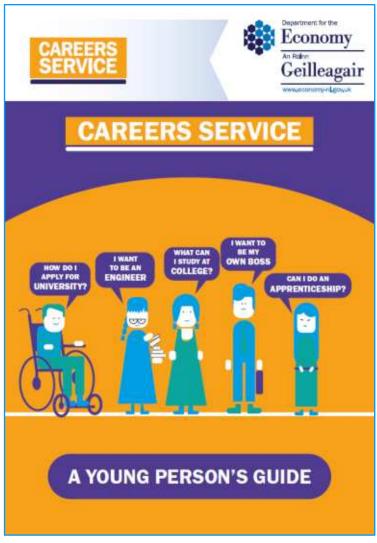


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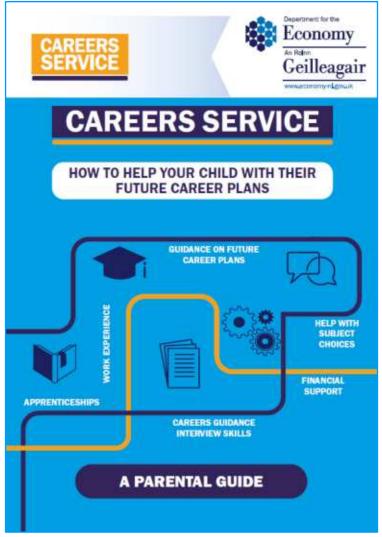








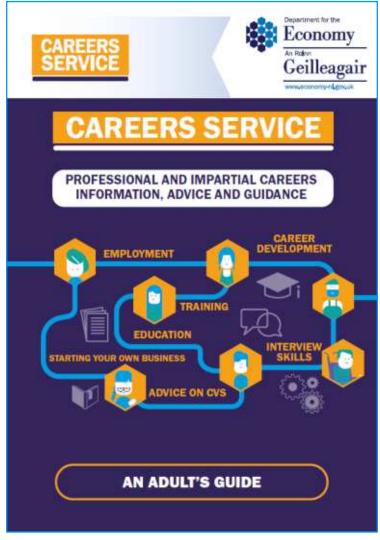














www.nidirect.gov.uk/An-Adult-Guide





Careers advisers are available to offer support whatever the circumstances, and at any stage in a person's career journey, even after they have left school:

Phone: 0300 200 7820

E-mail by completing the online form at Ask Careers

Go online and chat with an adviser

Careers advisers are available from 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Further useful information can be found, as follows:

How the Careers Service can help you

Guides to help with career planning

Skills in demand

Getting ready for university or college

Financial Support at school and college











Visit the Integrate My School website www.integratemyschool.com to find out how your school can become integrated.

The Integrate My School website gives parents the opportunity to register that they would like their child's school to transform to integrated status.

Once enough parents register that this is what they want then their school will give all parents the opportunity to vote - a school will only become integrated if that is what the majority of parents want.

#### More Information

If you have any queries or would like to know more then contact Jill Caskey on 028 90694099 or email Jill@ief.org.uk





integrate my school .com

Integrate My School is an initiative of the Integrated Education Fund



**SOUTHERN TRUST AREA** 





# September is "Back to School" month. Are you curious about your child's school becoming Integrated in the future?

The Integrate My School website <u>integratemyschool.com</u> gives parents and guardians the opportunity to register that they would like their child's school to transform to become an Integrated school

With enough parental support highlighting that this is what parents want then their school will give all parents the opportunity to vote - a school will only become integrated if that is what the majority of parents want

Ways to show your support:

- Register on integratemyschool.com
  - Sign up to our Ezine
  - Follow us on Facebook
- Invite us to talk to parents in your community groups or run activities at family fun days
- Let relevant school staff know we have Exploring Transformation Grants for nursery, primary and post primary schools

#### **More Information**

If you have any queries or would like to know more then contact Jen on 028 90694099 or email jen@ief.org.uk













# Talk to young people now about alcohol and drug risks, ahead of exam results

Monday, 11 August 2025 - Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement

With young people set to receive their exam results, the Public Health Agency (PHA) is encouraging parents and guardians to talk to them now about risks of drinking alcohol and taking drugs.

Thousands of teenagers will receive their A-level and GCSE results this week and next. Following these occasions, we can often see excessive drinking or drug taking, so it is important that everyone is aware of the risks, even those who have drunk alcohol or taken drugs previously.

Kevin Bailey, Joint Regional Lead for Substance Use at the PHA, said: "Parents and guardians can make the first move and talk openly and honestly about the dangers of binge drinking and encourage young people to have fun with friends without alcohol or drugs.

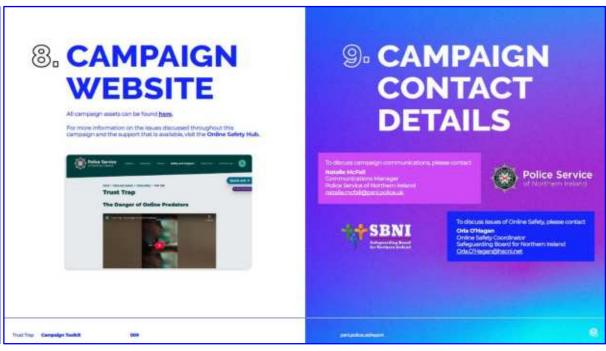
"If they are likely to be drinking, encourage them to take care if they choose to do so and warn them of the dangers of mixing alcohol and other drugs.

"In the short term, the undesirable effects of drinking too much can include symptoms such as vomiting and hangovers. However, more serious risks from drinking heavily can include damage to vital organs and falls or accidents that can result in injury.









www.psni.police.uk/safety-and-support/online-safety/trust-trap





**Deafblind UK**, a leading sight and hearing loss charity, has joined forces with Libraries NI to ensure local residents have easier access to crucial support for sight and hearing loss.

Together, they are introducing dedicated information points in libraries across Belfast Council area linking people living with sensory loss to vital resources and guidance.

These information points will allow residents to collect information about Deafblind UK's local sight and hearing loss support services, including mental health assistance, social opportunities, and technology support. The local team will also be able to advise and connect residents directly to support and services from other regional/national providers and this can be done via phone, email, SMS and BSL relay.

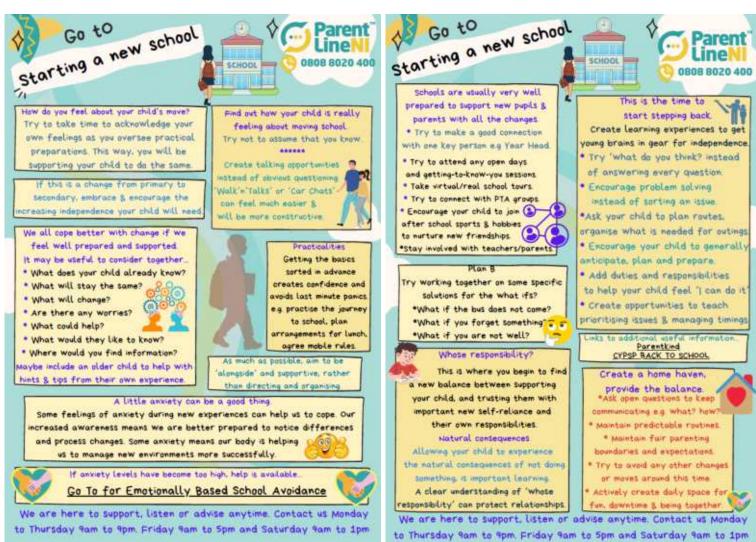
To further enhance accessibility, Deafblind UK will train library staff in best practices for accessibility and advise libraries on creating inclusive and welcoming spaces.

This initiative will ultimately span every county in Northern Ireland. It aims to empower local residents by connecting them to opportunities that can significantly enrich their lives, promoting better physical and mental well-being.





#### **RESOURCES**





www.ci-ni.org.uk/Starting-a-New-School.pdf







**Bolster Community** have lots on this coming Autumn

Visit their 'What's On' webpage <u>HERE</u>

If you would like to enquire about anything, please contact Bolster Community on 028 3083 5764 or at <a href="mailto:info@bolstercommunity.org">info@bolstercommunity.org</a>











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parentline@ci-ni.org.uk



www.ci-ni.org.uk/parentline







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The 3 **Family Support Hubs** in the Southern Area continue to operate as normal and are open for referrals

Please make any referrals by e-mail HERE

Download the **August edition** of the **Family Support Hubs newsletter** <u>HERE</u>

Click on the below thumbnail to watch the Southern Area Family Support Hub promotional video





#### What is the Family Support Hub?

- The Family Support Hub is a meeting of representatives from community, voluntary and statutory organisations who deliver services for children and families in your area.
- Each Family Support Hub has a lead body who co-ordinates the meeting and receives the referrals.
- The members of the Family Support Hub are from a range of statutory and community/voluntary agencies who offer services in your area. These agencies include; Education Welfare, Health Visiting, Womers Aid, Homestart, Social Services Surestart and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.
- Referrals will not be accepted without your consent.
   If the young person you are seeking support for is over 16, they must also sign the referral form.
- For more information follow this link https://vimeo.com/216493917

#### Your Family Support Hub Will

- Meet once a month to discuss referrals to identify and connect you and your family to the service you need at a time when you need it.
- . Work in partnership with you and your family.
- Act professionally ensuring all information is treated in a confidential manner.

#### How The Hub Works

A referral form is submitted to your local hub-coordinator.

The Hub Co-ordinator may contact you for more information prior to the Hub meeting.

Hub Co-ordinator will present all referrals received to the monthly meeting. The Hub members will then discuss your referral and aim to match your family to the best service for you.

Only core Hub Members attend the meeting, you will not need to attend.

You will receive a letter from the Hub Co-ordinator to let you know what service was identified as most appropriate to meet your needs.

The service that was identified as most appropriate will then contact you directly.

You can choose whether or not you wish to accept the support that has been offered.
You are in control.

#### What Are The Criteria For Making A Referral To The Hub?

- Your family would like support this is a voluntary process and you can withdraw your referral at any time.
- You are a family with children aged 0 -17 years.
- . No social worker currently involved with your family.

#### Some of the challenges the Hub can help with



#### Who Can Refer To The Hub?

- You can make a self-referral to the family support hub or a referral can be made by anyone working on your behalf i.e. teacher, doctor, health visitor or community group.
- You can download a referral form from http://www.cypsp.hscni.net/family-support-hubs/ or just pick up the phone and call your local family support hub co-ordinator. Details can be found on the back of this leaflet.

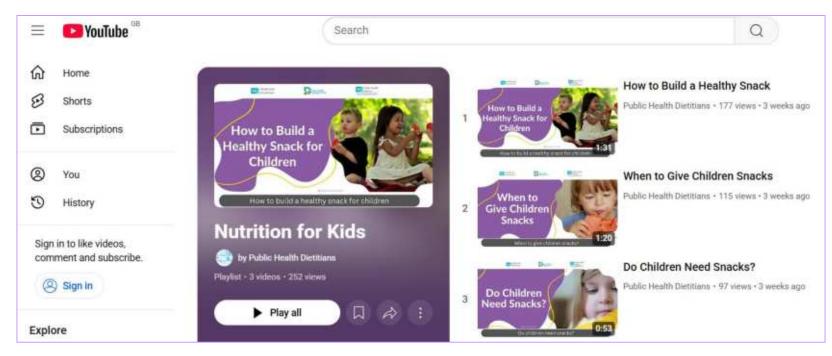












Fuel the Fun with Smart Snacks - For parents and caregivers

The **Public Health Dietitians** new video series is packed with easy, practical tips you can use straight away - perfect for busy parents, carers, and anyone keeping hungry kids happy

From what to keep stocked in the fridge or cupboard, to quick, budget-friendly snack ideas that kids will actually enjoy, these videos have you covered. You'll also find handy advice on timing, portion sizes, and planning ahead - making it easier to keep little tummies full and fuelled with the nutrition they need

The first three videos are ready to watch now on the Public Health Dietitians YouTube channel <u>HERE</u>

For even more tips, check out the full article <u>HERE</u>













The **Daily Mile™** has many benefits for children and young people including:

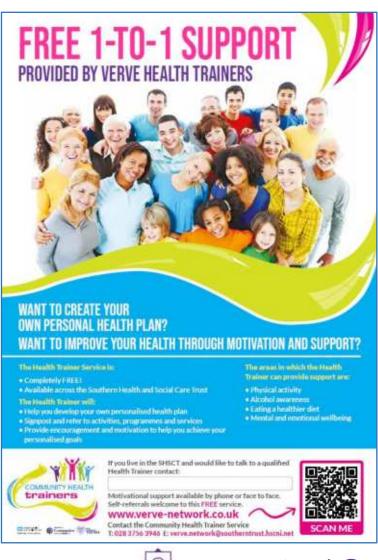
enhanced fitness levels increased self-esteem improved focus

Taking part is quick and easy, whilst also being a great way to have fun!

There are over 170 settings signed up to The Daily Mile™ in the Southern Trust, if you'd like to be part of the movement, visit Join The Movement | The Daily Mile UK

To request Daily Mile resources email: <a href="mailto:physical.activity@southerntrust.hscni.net">physical.activity@southerntrust.hscni.net</a>





## HEALTH TRAINER ONE TO ONE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING

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Supporting you to assess how much alcohol is too much



Supporting you to connect to services and activities



Supporting you to make healthier eating choices



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www.verve-network.co.uk
Contact the Community Health Trainer Service
T: 028 3756 3946







verve.network@southerntrust.hscni.net



## **ABC COUNCIL AREA**





Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council is offering financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for the period 1 December 2025 - 31 March 2026 for:

#### Call 3 Revenue Grants 2025/26

- Running Costs
  (for eligible organisations)
- Programmes
- Events

(Excludes Christmas tree switch on events under 3a Community which can start delivery from 10 November 2025)

#### 2nd Call of Small Capital Grants 2025/26

Council's 2nd call of Small Capital grants will also open on 9:00am Monday 18 August until 12noon on Friday 12 September 2025 for applications and the delivery period will be from the date of the letter of offer until 31 March 2026. This programme is being offered to fund:

- · Small-scale capital works projects
- Equipment
- Technical assistance related to a Large capital works project up to and including design stage

All applications are open 9.00am, Monday 18 August 2025 - 12 noon, Friday 12 September 2025.

To further assist groups, a number of Online Virtual Information Sessions have been arranged for Tuesday 19 August at 7.00pm and Wednesday 20 August at 3.00pm.

To register for these sessions please email: fap@armagh banbridgecraigavon.gov.uk Initial Contact: Valerie Armstrong 07515 607 480

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## **ABC COUNCIL AREA**

# **GET MOVING ABC**

Get Moving ABC is a Borough wide targeted initiative, with a collective effort by a range of local organisations and groups to motivate and support as many people as possible to work towards and achieve the recommended physical activity levels.



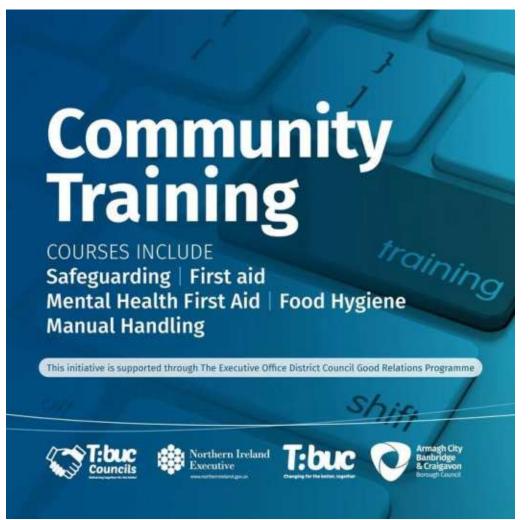




The Get Moving ABC Partnership's target is to get more of our population moving and become the most physically activity Borough in Northern Ireland. The focus will be on increasing sport and physical activity within homes, communities, workplaces and schools, with a view to motivating and encouraging as many people as possible to meet and exceed the recommended levels of physical activity in line with government guidance as well as develop more positive attitudes towards being active.







Our borough has a rich community life with dedicated organisations who work hard to deliver for individuals on a daily basis - and we are delighted to introduce a calendar of training to help encourage, protect and enhance these groups!

Courses include Safeguarding for Children and Adults, Accredited Emergency First Aid Training, Mental Health First Aid, Food Hygiene, Manual Handling and Mental Health First Aid

Courses will be held at various venues throughout the borough, as well as on online

Please note, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis

To find out more and to register for a course, visit HERE





Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) are holding a series of Community Engagement Meetings across the district to give local people the opportunity to engage with the PCSP and PSNI.

Local police will be in attendance at each meeting to give an update on policing in each of the District Electoral areas (DEAs) and to answer any questions.

Armagh & Cusher Thurs 18th Sept Armagh Palace 7:30pm

Please confirm your attendance with pscp@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk or text 07826 854728















Click **HERE** to find out more!



## **REACT Youth Survey**



### Welcome to REACT's survey - We want to hear your voice

We know that growing up isn't always easy.

This survey is a way for you to tell us what life is really like for you. We want to listen to your voice so we can understand the things that make life harder and what could help make life better.

You do not give your name, and no one will know which answers are yours. This means you can be honest and say how you really feel. You can also skip any questions you don't want to answer. You can ask someone you trust to help you fill it in, like a teacher, parent, or youth worker.



www.surveymonkey.com/r/REACTyouthsurvey2025

#### **REACT Stakeholders Independent Survey**



#### Welcome to REACT'S survey

Thank you for taking part in this important survey. We are reaching out to staff, volunteers, and trustees who work directly or indirectly with people living in poverty across County Armagh. Your insights are crucial to helping us understand the needs, challenges, and lived experiences of vulnerable individuals and families in the area and how REACT's services can improve to better support them.



www.surveymonkey.com/REACTstakeholders2025

The survey is confidential, and anonymous and should take approximately 3-5 minutes.

#### React: Independent Adult Survey



#### Welcome to the Adult Wellbeing Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will help us understand your experiences, needs, and priorities as an adult in our community. The survey covers areas such as wellbeing, access to services, safety, and social connections.

Your responses are confidential.



www.surveymonkey.com/REACTadultsurvey2025











## **BANBRIDGE LPG AREA**





## CRAIGAVON LPG AREA



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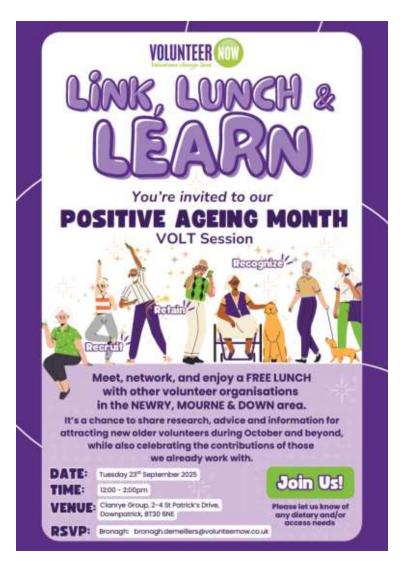




















## NEWRY & MOURNE LPG AREA



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#### **DUNGANNON LPG AREA**







## Free Education, Training & **Wellbeing Services**

#### Sept 2025 - June 2026

- · English for Beginners
- · Improve Your English
- · ESOL (English for Speakers of
- · Other Languages) various levels
- · First Aid (Standard, Mental Health, Paediatrics)
- Food Safety Level 2
- Employability Skills
- Digital Literacy/IT
- Leadership
- Business Admin
- Exploring Civic & Cultural Society
- · Women, Barriers & Breakthroughs
- Mindfulness/Meditation
- Holistic Therapies

- Confidence/Assertiveness
- · Creative Writing
- . Stretch & Tone / Pilates
- Crafts
- Dancing
- Photography
- Canva
- · Pictures of My World
- Cultural Awareness
- Counselling
- · Working with Children
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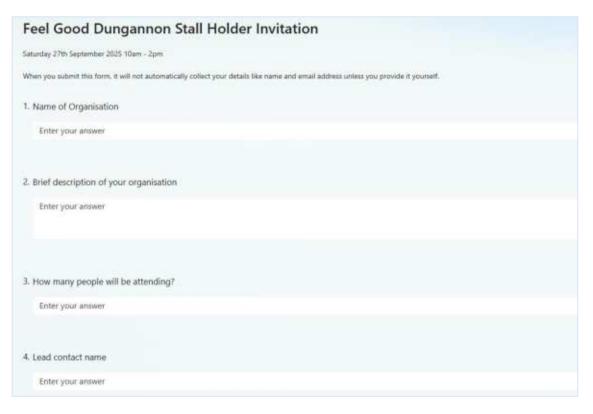








## **DUNGANNON LPG AREA**



Organisations are invited to set up an information stand at the forthcoming **Feel Good Dungannon Event** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10am-2pm in Ranfurly House, Dungannon The event will link local services with the community of all ages

in the Dungannon area, aiming to promote health and wellbeing with information stands and activities too

This will be a great chance to promote your service/organisation with both the local community and to network with other stall holders on the day

Register HERE



# SOUTHERN AREA LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS



## SUBMISSION

- Submit the information in the format you would like it to be included. We can't transform a word-heavy document into a flyer.
- Less words, bigger pictures!
- We do not advertise or endorse those events or programmes which are privately funded as a business.
- Information will usually be included for x1 edition, unless otherwise requested.

# GUIDELINES

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Time.

- 'FYI' will usually be issued
  every fortnight, on a Thursday
  afternoon. Please send your
  articles for inclusion by 5pm of
  the Tuesday prior to this.
  - We may have to decline to advertise information which is not applicable to better outcomes for children and young people.
  - Your feedback is welcome.

    (We are not perfect, but strive to be as good as we can.)
  - Please let us know if 'FYI' has helped your service, event or activity in any way.



Click on the below issue nos. to view recent editions of 'FYI':

Issue 153 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Issue 152 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025











# SOUTHERN AREA LOCALITY PLANNING GROUPS





#### **UPCOMING 2024 LPG MEETINGS**

Craigavon Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Sep South Armagh Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Sep

Banbridge Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Sep

Dungannon Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

Newry & Mourne Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct

Armagh Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

Meetings are usually scheduled to begin at 10am

Formats will alternate between face-to-face & Zoom

(Refer to the 2025 Meetings Calendar on our Linktree)





SCAN QR CODE FOR INSTANT ACCESS TO OUR INFO. HUB







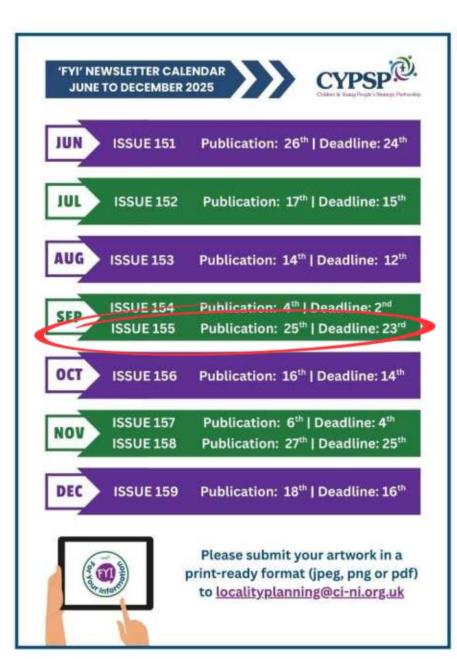
For further information on Locality Planning or 'FYI', contact:

Joanne Patterson (<a href="mailto:localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk">localityplanning@ci-ni.org.uk</a>) or Darren Curtis (07725232566)

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