

Promoting Volunteering Across Derry City & Strabane District Council Area



North West Volunteer Centre Autumn/Winter E Zine 2026

“The lead volunteer infrastructure in the North West”

To submit a volunteer opportunity that we can promote
on our platforms, please scan the QR code...
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Volunteering

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Alert****

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3 Endorsed
Volunteer
Management**

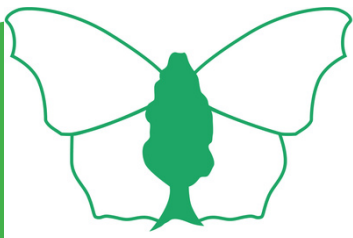
Training

Access NI

**now processing
access ni
applications for
self employed**



- Supporting organisations
- Volunteer Recognition
- Connecting people to volunteer opportunities
- Guidance on Good practice when involving volunteers
- EPIC Volunteer Recognition
- Promoting volunteering
- We provide regulated qualifications and awareness courses in safeguarding, first aid, and additional topics.
- Facilitating approximately 1,000 Access NI checks annually, we support organisations and individuals needing an Access NI check for Basic, Standard, and Enhanced applications, including both paid staff and volunteers.



**Butterfly
Conservation**

- **Organisation:** Butterfly Conservation
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Various roles available to support the work and inspire people to connect with nature
- **Minimum Age:** 18

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- **Organisation:** The Rainbow Project supported by Macmillan
- **Volunteer Role(s) Cancer Champions**
- Help raise funds to support local people and projects in need. Gain valuable experience: Develop skills in retail, customer service, and teamwork. Meet new people: Be part of a friendly, welcoming team. Flexible hours: Volunteer as much or as little as you can. Sort and price donated items, help with displays and contribute to the shop's day-to-day running. **Minimum Age 16**



- **Organisation:** Education Authority Youth Service
- **Volunteer Role available:** EA youth service is a statutory Local youth club provision in Strabane, Sion Mills and Castlederg area which caters for young people aged 9-25 years.

- Could you share a few hours and support young people in these areas? Training, support and expenses available
- Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more information
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Organisation: The RNID – National Hearing Loss Charity
Role(s): Community Volunteers – Providing a welcome to people at our hearing aid support sessions

Minimum Age: 18+

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Organisation: Bipolar UK

Role(s): Bipolar UK are on a mission to create peer support groups across NI to help those affected by bipolar in the local community

Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more



Organisation: Parkinsons UK

Role(s): Join Parkinsons UK to help support people with Parkinsons and change lives. Based at St. Columbs Park house the local Foyle branch are recruiting support volunteers

Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more

Organisation: Motor Neurone Disease Association

Role(s): There are lots of ways to get involved. Whether you have 1 hour a week, 1 hours a month, or 1 hour a year, there is a volunteering opportunity for you to create impact for people with MND.

Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more



R N I B

See differently

Organisation: RNIB

Role(s): Would you like to open up a world of opportunities for blind and partially sighted people in your local community by training them to use technology? Join RNIB's local technology team helping people with sight loss get the most out of technology.

Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more

Organisation: Northern Ireland Hospice

Role(s): Community Ambassadors & Volunteer driving roles available.

Minimum Age: 18 Click on the logo for more



CONCERN
worldwide

A brand new Concern shop has opened on Castle Street and is recruiting volunteers now! If you're 18+ looking to build new skills, build your confidence, meet great people or simply give back to your community this opportunity provides all of that and more!

If you would like to become a Group Support Volunteer, assisting with meet and greet, engaging with members and supporting facilitators please register your interest today with Dementia NI. Click on the logo for more information 18+

Dementia NI
People with Dementia Taking Action



- **Organisation:** Cancer Focus Pink Run
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Various roles available for around 30-40 volunteers to help support this event
- **Minimum Age:** 16

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PINK RUN
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
EBRINGTON SQUARE





- **Organisation:** USPCA
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Help at local events, support local fundraising events and connect with your community
- **Minimum Age:** 16

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- **Organisation:** Brightside
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Brightside is an online programme looking for volunteers to support 16-18 year olds for 10 weeks during the Autumn term
- **Into Tech Mentoring role available for anyone with a background in tech (both opportunities are remote)**



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Mary's Meals are looking for an Event & Administration Volunteer 18+ to support its brilliant volunteer network across Northern Ireland. Be part of a friendly team, while helping to bring hope to the lives of hungry children through Mary's Meals.

If you're organised, confident with digital tools and enjoy helping others Mary's Meals would love to hear from you.

- **Organisation:** The Churches Trust
- **Volunteer Role(s)** Charity Shop Volunteer



- Help raise funds to support local people and projects in need. Gain valuable experience: Develop skills in retail, customer service, and teamwork. Meet new people: Be part of a friendly, welcoming team. Flexible hours: Volunteer as much or as little as you can. Sort and price donated items, help with displays and contribute to the shop's day-to-day running. **Minimum Age 16**



- **Organisation:** Reach Across – is a cross community youth group for 14-17 year olds based in Derry-Londonderry.
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Youth Leaders – full Training provided
- **Minimum Age:** 16

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- **Organisation:** Cats Protection
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** Volunteering is and always will be at the heart of Cats Protection. Various volunteer opportunities available
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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- **Organisation:** Barnardo's
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Barnardo's stores need a good team of enthusiastic people and you could be part of it. If you would like to help generate vital funds for Barnardo's work click the link and register your interest today
- **Minimum Age:** 16 Click on the logo for more information



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



- **Organisation:** Action for Children
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** As part of an Action Squad, support the work of Action for Children and generate funds to support children and young people.
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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- **Organisation:** Strabane Community Unemployed Group]
- **Role:** Welfare rights support volunteer - This role is suitable for a retired professional. Click on the logo for more information



- **Organisation:** Hive Cancer Support
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** Could you represent HIVE cancer support and provide information to families affected by cancer.
 - **Minimum Age:** 18
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- **Organisation:** Glen Youth Club
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** Recruiting Youth Support Volunteers - Training opportunities available and a variety of roles offering support to youth club members
 - **Minimum Age:** 18+
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- **Organisation:** Repair & Share Foyle
- **Volunteer Role (s) available:** Volunteer Fixers/menders, volunteer bakers, & social media volunteers across Derry & Strabane for a few hours per month
- **Minimum Age:** 16



Strabane & District Caring Services

- **Organisation:** Strabane District Caring Services
- **Volunteer Role(s)** Day Centre Volunteer Role & Meals on Wheels support Volunteer
- **Minimum Age:** 16 Click on the SDCS logo for more information about these roles

- **Organisation:** Versus Arthritis
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Information & Support Talk Volunteer; Information Hub Volunteer, Physical Activity Volunteer, Self-Management Training Volunteer, Community Network Organisation, Community Network Support. Minimum Age 18

**VERSUS
ARTHRITIS**

 **Habitat for Humanity®**
ReStore®

Habitat ReStore (Lisnagelvin Shopping Centre) are recruiting volunteers to join it's ReStore Team. The preferred time commitment will be 4 hours once a week, Monday to Saturday, either 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm, all volunteers will receive training, mentoring, support & supervision.

Fighting Words NI are always on the look-out for people who are passionate about helping young writers to find their creative spark, and who can help deliver the programme of school and community workshops both in person and online. Recruiting volunteers to support story-making workshops



**FIGHTING
WORDS NI**

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Organisation: Altnagelvin Hospital

Volunteer Role(s): Various roles available to support the work of the hospital, Meet & Greet, Wayfinders, Outpatients meet & Greet: **Minimum Age** 16



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Organisation: A Space 2

Role: Support adults with learning disabilities in ASpace's multisensory centre

Minimum Age: 16

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Organisation: AWARE is the Depression charity for Northern Ireland. A Derry born Charity now has 23 support groups run by trained volunteers

Role(s): Support Group Volunteer
Fundraising Volunteers

Minimum Age: 18

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Organisation: The Playtrail

Role(s): Community Garden Volunteers required at the Pennyburn/Racecourse road site

Minimum Age: 16

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- **Organisation:** Deeds (Dementia Engaged & Empowered Derry & Strabane)
- **Volunteer Role(s):** Offering the opportunity to support members across the Derry City & Strabane District Council Area in our weekly social group activities
- **Minimum Age:** 18





- **Organisation:** Easilink Community Transport
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Social Car scheme opportunity available to support people with accessible transport options for people living in Strabane and Foyle areas.
 - **Minimum Age:** 18 Full support and guidance
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Organisation: The Jigsaw Project – working with children with ASD

Role(s): Volunteers to assist with our weekly youth club on Friday evenings at the WELB Youth service building on Dungiven Road. All volunteers will be given training and support to carry out their role.

Minimum Age: 16 Click on the logo for more



- **Organisation:** Life Cycles at the Transport Hub Waterside Train Station
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers to support the work of keeping bikes from landfill – painting, fixing and maintaining pre-loved bikes.
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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Organisation: The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Role(s): Become a volunteer driver supporting local people to non-emergency healthcare appointments

Minimum Age: 18

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- **Organisation:** NSPCC
 - **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteers for our School Service – delivering awareness in schools.
 - **Minimum Age:** 18
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- **Organisation:** City of Derry International Choir festival
- **Volunteer Role available:** City of Derry international choir festival relies on a dedicated team of volunteers each year, its success is powered by those willing to lend a hand
- **Minimum Age:** 18

- **Organisation:** VOID
- **Volunteer Role available:** This is the perfect opportunity for those interested in learning more about how a contemporary art gallery runs. Void Art Centre are currently recruiting Front of House volunteers.
- **Minimum Age:** 18



- **Organisation:** Parkrun at the Foyle Marina
 - **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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- **Organisation:** Parkrun at Holycross Strabane
- **Volunteer Roles available:** Marshals, Timekeepers, Token issuers, Course checkers, Photographer, Set up / take down signs, arrows etc
- **Minimum Age:** 16

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- Learmount Community Development Group are recruiting volunteers to act as part of the Good Morning Park project, where volunteers will make telephone calls to vulnerable adults in the Park area addressing social isolation and improving well being.
- The minimum age requirement for this role is 18+.





- **Organisation: Women's Aid**

- **Volunteer Role available:** Be part of a team that carries out rewarding work. Foyle Womens Aid is the lead agency offering advice and support to women and children experiencing domestic abuse

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- **Organisation: The Resource Centre Derry**
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteer Driving role available for our meals & wheels service. Serving the local community
- **Minimum Age:** 18



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- Organisation: St. Columb's Park House
- Volunteer Role: Garden Guardians – supporting the work of planting, maintaining, and growing in the park
- Minimum Age: 16

Volunteer Role available:

- Volunteers are welcome to come along and support adults with learning disabilities in different sporting areas at the Bog hall Sion Mills

**Special
Olympics**

Strabane & District



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ORGANISATION NAME: Mencap

Volunteer role: Hero Project Youth Team Volunteer

We are looking for enthusiastic, passionate and friendly volunteers, who have an interest in supporting young people, specifically those with a learning disability. Volunteers' ideal commitment is 3 to 4 hours one evening per month, for a youth night, which is based in the city centre. As a volunteer you will support young people from 14 – 24 years old. We welcome anyone who wants to improve the lives of people with a learning disability in Northern Ireland.

Olympics

- Minimum Age: 18



Volunteer with NIRDP - Together, We Make Rare Visible

At NIRDP (Northern Ireland Rare Disease Partnership), volunteers are changemakers. Whether you're a student, working professional, retired, or someone with lived experience, there is a place for you. Your time, skills, and passion can help build a better, more inclusive world for people living with rare conditions. 18+ click on the logo to register your interest

Are you a compassionate and caring person who has a few spare hours a week and would like to help others? Do you enjoy meeting new people and feeling part of a team? Deeds are recruiting volunteers in the following areas:

Training Support Volunteer: Assisting in the delivery of Dementia Friendly sessions across the council area
Support Volunteer: Engaging and participating in activities alongside service users.
The minimum age requirement is 18+.
Support the team and register your interest today.



Turn Up, Take Part in Volunteering



- Are you an organisation in need of additional support for a one-time activity or event?
- Alternatively, do you promote volunteering as part of your corporate social responsibility for your employees? If so, consider reaching out to explore volunteering opportunities in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

The North West Volunteer Centre connecting people to opportunities across the Derry City & Strabane District Council Area

Volunteers are at the heart of our communities. These awards are an opportunity to recognise the people and groups whose time, energy and commitment create lasting impact.



**UN YEAR OF
VOLUNTEERING
AWARDS
2026**
GROWING VOLUNTEERING AND
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES
ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND



Nominations open: 1 July 2026

Nominations close: 30 September 2026

Awards ceremony: 3 December 2026

Location: Stormont (Evening)

Who can be nominated?

Individuals living in Northern Ireland

Organisations delivering services within Northern Ireland

You MUST have permission from your nominee before you complete

Click on the link for more information



ACCESS NI

The North West Volunteer Centre is an umbrella body for Access NI. We support people who require a criminal record check application for both volunteer and paid roles within their organisation.

Did you know the North West Volunteer Centre processes around 1000 access NI applications each year for paid staff and volunteers ?

If NWVC enables access to applications for your organisation, please reach out to us to discuss establishing a new Service Level Agreement.

Basic Access NI Application - £28.00

Standard Access NI Application - £28.00

Enhanced Access Ni Application - £43.00

Enhanced Access NI Disclosure for Volunteers - £5.00

Explore the details regarding regulated activities involving children and adults.

CLICK HERE



**Contact Seanna for all your
access ni requirements
seanna@nwvc.co.uk**

Did you know that volunteers within your organisation can receive recognition for their time spent volunteering through our EPIC Volunteer Award Programme?



North West Volunteer Centre



#EpicAwardsNI



EPIC awards are available for anyone who has made or is making a contribution for 50 100 or 200 hours volunteering within 12 months to find out more click here



Endorsed by Derry City and Strabane District Council

#volunteerderrystrabane

#EpicAwardsNI

#volunteeringmakesadifference



Planning to Involve volunteers ?



If you plan to engage new volunteers or already have a dedicated team, don't hesitate to reach out for support. We offer information, guidance, and templates designed to help you effectively retain your current volunteers while attracting new ones. Schedule your organisational health check today!

Rooms for Rent in a Central Location

Experience a private office with a breathtaking view! Our space is available for rent by the hour, half-day, or full day.

Conveniently located with nearby pay-and-display parking

Front desk support along with access to office amenities and kitchen facilities

A training room is also available for meetings and training sessions.

- For inquiries, please contact Seanna at 02871271017 or seanna@nwvc.co.uk.



Check out some of the training courses on offer.

Introduction to Emergency First Aid



Course Details: Introduction to Emergency First Aid

Duration: **3 hours**

Participants: 12-15 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£300 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£350 Private/statutory)

Certified by NWVC delivered by an approved trainer.

L3 EFAW



Emergency First Aid
at work

Course Details: Level 3 Emergency First Aid At work

Duration: **6 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

L2 Basic life Support & Safe Use of an AED



Course Details: Level 2 Basic life support & Safe Use of an AED

Duration: **4 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

L2 Food Safety in Catering



Course Details: Level 2 Food Safety in Catering

Duration: **6 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

L1 Health & Safety in the Workplace



Course Details: Level 1 Health & Safety in the Workplace

Duration: **6 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

**Awareness in Safeguarding
Children & Young people**



Course Details: Awareness in Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Young People

Duration: **3 hours**

Participants: 12-15 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Certified by NWVC & delivered by an approved trainer

**L2 Safeguarding &
Protecting Children &
Young People**



Course Details: Level 2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Young People

Duration: **6 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£575 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£625 Private/statutory)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

**L3 Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Course Details: Level 3 Endorsed Safeguarding Lead

Duration: **3 hours**

Participants: 12-15 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£60 per person)

Accredited by SafeCert Qualifications

**Safeguarding
Adults**



Course Details: Awareness in Safeguarding Adults

Duration: **3 hours**

Participants: 12-15 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£300 Community /Voluntary Organisations) (£350 Private/statutory)

Certified by NWVC & delivered by an approved trainer

**Level 3 Endorsed
Volunteer
Management**



Course Details: Level 3 Endorsed Volunteer Management

Duration: **6 hours**

Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

Venue: Can be hosted at the NWVC or any venue of your choice.

Cost: (£60 per person minimum of 8)

Accredited for 3 years by SafeCert Qualifications

For all your training requirements contact Marirose on strabane@nwvc.co.uk

Courses can be delivered during the day or evenings to suit participants. If you would like to book a course or find out more about any of the courses listed please get in touch with Marirose Cunningham @ 02871271017 or email strabane@nwvc.co.uk text: 07706291964

**Please note a mileage rate of 0.45p will apply for trainer costs in addition to course fees. An additional fee of £20 per head will apply to the 3-hour courses for numbers over the recommended numbers of 15 people*