

Promoting Volunteering Across Derry City & Strabane District Council Area



North West Volunteer Centre Spring/Summer 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... or click here

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Volunteering

****New Course Alert****

SafeCert Level 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.



- **Organisation:** Cancer Focus Charity shop
 - **Volunteer Role(s):** Various roles available to support the work and raise funds for Cancer Focus in a retail environment.
 - **Minimum Age:** 16
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- **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: Creggan Country Park**
- **Volunteer Role(s) :** Volunteering on our beautiful 100 acre site is wonderful for clearing your mind. Share some time helping out with litter picks and tree planting

Click on the logo for more information Minimum Age: All ages welcome under 18's must be supervised by an adult

- **Organisation: Eglinton Community**
 - **Volunteer Role(s): Support our morning baby and toddler group Monday mornings at 10am**
 - **Minimum Age: 16**
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Eglinton Community



- **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



RNID

- 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:** St. Augustine's Church
- **Volunteer Role:** Receive and welcome tourists/visitors to historic church of St Augustine's
- **Minimum Age:** 18



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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**

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:** 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:** 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: Foyle Parents & Friends Association**
- **Volunteer Role available:** Supporting Children and young people with learning disabilities on a summer scheme over 3 weeks: based at Ardnashee school in Pennyburn
- **Minimum Age: 16**

- **Organisation: The Rainbow project**
- **Role(s) 2 roles available**
 - **Cancer Champions Rural Outreach Volunteer**
 - **Cancer Champions Health Promotion Volunteer**
- **Minimum Age: 16**



- **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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- **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

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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

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Special Olympics

Strabane & District



- **Organisation:** Strabane Special Olympics
- **Minimum Age:** 18



- **Organisation:** UV arts
- **Volunteer Role available:** Volunteering with UV Arts will help you gain experience in gallery administration, exhibition installation and visitor services, as well as helping out with events, artist workshops and other events
- **Minimum Age:** 18 Click on the logo for more information



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.

- 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+.



Youth Service

Strabane

- **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

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



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



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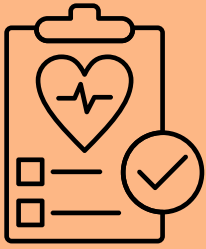
#volunteerderrystrabane

#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@nwuc.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**

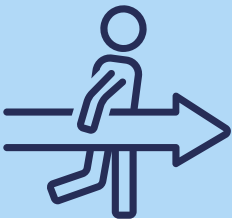
Participants: Maximum of 12 participants

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*