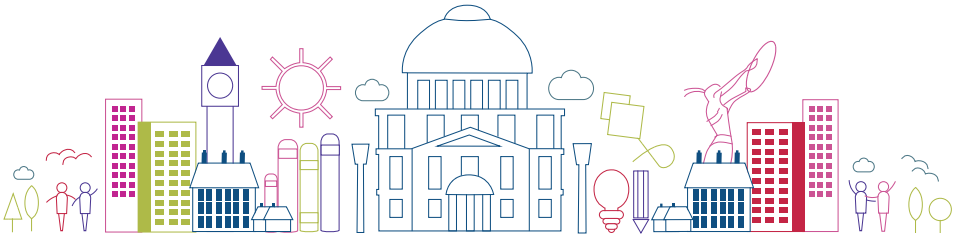




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Belfast Strategic Partnership



Belfast Festival of Learning

EVENTS GUIDE 2016

www.makinglifebettertogether.com/lifelong-learning

Welcome to the Belfast Strategic Partnership's first Belfast Festival of Learning.

The theme of the festival is 'Learning for all'. This unique festival aims to put people at the heart of learning, and inspire interest and enjoyment.

During the week of **Monday 7 March to Sunday 13 March**, organisations across Belfast will be offering a wide range of learning activities and events. There is a variety of family friendly activities that are affordable, most are free and accessible for all.

Come along and join in, learn something new or simply explore more...there's something for everyone!

MONDAY 7 MARCH

STEM Community and Schools Session

Where: Seaview Primary School, Seaview Drive, Belfast, BT15 3NB

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Details: An interactive STEM session for children and parents. Learn more about the exciting world of Science, Technology and Maths with the help of 'Robotics', 'Bob Skeleton' and 'Vacuum Bazookas'.

For more information contact Lorraine Lavery-Bowen on:
l.lavery-bowen@ulster.ac.uk

Open Learning- Community Education at Queen's University Belfast (QUB)

Where: All lectures will be based in Queen's University campus- primarily within the School of Education, 20 College Green, Belfast, BT7 1LN

Time: 10.00am-8.00pm

Details: A series of interactive lectures showcasing the Open Learning Programme. Learn more about the range of courses on offer, with lectures on topics including Centenary (1916 Rising and Battle of the Somme), History of Belfast and Personal health/development.

For more information contact Dr Cathal McManus on:
028 9097 5914
c.p.mcmanus@qub.ac.uk

All events are subject to change. Booking/registration is essential for most events.

Seahorses & Lightning Bolts- An architectural Treasure Hunt of Belfast City

Where: PLACE, 7-9 Lower Garfield Street, Belfast, BT1 1FP

Time: All day

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For more information contact Amberlea Neely on:

028 9023 2524

amberlea@placeni.org

OPAL at Ormeau

Where: Ormeau Park (Ormeau Road entrance)

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

Details: A series of fun and educational nature activities. Learn about the trees, bugs and earthworms that live in Ormeau Park.

For more information contact Gretta McCarron on:

028 9097 1496

g.mccarron@qub.ac.uk

All In

Where: The Arts & Disability Forum, 109-113 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FF

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Details: A discussion event hosted by Replay Theatre Company on children with profound and multiple learning difficulties, for parents, teachers, carers and artists.

For more information contact Karen Gallagher on:

028 9045 4562

executive@replaytheatreco.org

Belfast City Council Love Food Hate Waste cookery demonstration

Where: Divis Community Centre, Ardmoulin St, Belfast, BT12 4RT

Time: 12.00pm-1.00pm (registration from 11.45am)

Details: Learn how to shop smarter, store food better and use up leftovers, which could help you save up to £60 per month.

For more information contact Mary Brady on:

079660553240

bradym@belfastcity.gov.uk

Make More for Less (healthy cooking on a budget)

Where: Demonstration Kitchen and Linen Lounge, Titanic Quarter Campus, 7 Queens Road, Belfast, BT3 9DT

Time: 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Details: A practical cookery workshop supported by chefs from Belfast Metropolitan College. Learn how to prepare a three course meal using only five ingredients and take home recipe cards for the meals you have prepared.

Open to 16+

For more information contact Sarah Templeton on:

028 9026 5329

STEM Community and Schools Session

Where: Holy Trinity Primary School, Belfast, BT11 8EG

Time: 1.00pm-2.30pm

Details: An interactive STEM session for children and parents. Learn more about the exciting world of Science, Technology and Maths with the help of 'Robotics', 'Bob Skeleton' and 'Vacuum Bazookas'.

For more information contact Lorraine Lavery-Bowen on:

Email: l.lavery-bowen@ulster.ac.uk

Welfare Reform in Northern Ireland: How Benefits will Change

Where: Law Centre NI, Belfast Training Room, 124 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2GY

Time: 1.30pm-4.30pm

Details: A half day course aimed at increasing knowledge around Welfare Reform. The course will include information on the changes involved with the introduction of Universal Credit (UC) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP), along with other changes associated with Welfare Reform.

For more information contact Eamon Doherty on:

028 9024 4401

eamon.doherty@lawcentreni.org

Please register by Friday 4 March

Drop-in Shared Reading Group in the Duncairn

Where: Community Room, Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts, Duncairn Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6BP

Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm

Details: An informal and fun celebration of 'reading for pleasure', led by Shared Reading facilitators.

More information contact Marnie Kennedy on:

07971568573

marnie.kennedy@sky.com

The Impact of Lifelong Learning

Where: Open University, 110 Victoria Street, Belfast, BT1 3GN

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Details: This interactive seminar will be led by Professor Alan Tuckett, one of the most distinguished academics in adult learning in the UK and current Chair of Education at the University of Wolverhampton. Learn more about the work of NIACE and the Adults Learners' Week, which has spread to 55 countries worldwide and the future direction of Lifelong Learning.

The event is organised by FALNI (Forum for Adult Learning NI)

For more information contact Colin Neilands on:

colin.neilands@communitus.co.uk

Showcasing Belfast City Council's Step Up to Learn Programme

Where: Belfast City Council, Learning and Development Suite, 2nd Floor, 21 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8AB

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Details: A short presentation on Belfast City Council's 'Step Up to Learn Programme' which is delivered in partnership with Belfast Metropolitan College. Learn about the programme and hear from past participants who have completed literacy and numeracy courses.

For more information contact Emer Mackin on:

028 9027 0570 or 028 9032 0202 (ext.3228)

mackine@belfastcity.gov.uk

Fighting Words Belfast

Where: Skainos, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: Morning and afternoon workshops will be offered from 7-10 March inclusive.

Details: Free, fun creative writing workshops for school and community youth groups.

Booking required. Visit www.youngatart.co.uk

The Write Club

Where: Skainos, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Details: A fun and creative writing workshop for children aged 6-12 years and their parents that will include shared reading of poetry and fun with Rory's Story Cubes.

No booking required, all welcome.

For more information contact Geraldine Wilkins on:

028 9023 0660

Geraldine@fightingwordsbelfast.co.uk

Learn Through Play

Where: Mon-Sat (all day from 9.00am-5.00pm @ Learning SPACE)
Wed (all day from 10.00am-2.00pm @ Learning Space)
Thursday (5.00pm- 8.00pm @ Caffe Nero)

Learning Space, 11A Fountain Centre, College St, Belfast, BT1 6ET

Time: 9.00am-8.00pm

Details: An innovative and fun series of activities for children and families including an 'Around the World' treasure hunt and arts and crafts. Learn about exciting destinations and monuments from across the world and create your own travelling vehicle.

Wednesday (from 10.00am-2.00pm @ Learning Space)

Details: Balloon modeling tutorials for children. Learn how to create a fantastic balloon model.

Thursday (5.00pm- 8.00pm @ Caffe Nero)

Details: A fun games evening for all the family, including new innovative games and old classic favourites. Learn as you play and meet the local inventor of the award winning game Rory Story Cubes.

For more information contact Lorraine McAleer on:

028 9031 9360

lorraine@learningspaceuk.co.uk

Parkour

Where: Methodist College, 1 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6BY

Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm

Details: A series of fun coached games designed to develop motor skills and confidence. Learn how to jump, vault, roll and climb in a safe and supervised environment.

For more information contact Bronagh Donnelly or

Paul Allen on:

07729639856

jumpni@hotmail.com

TUESDAY 8 MARCH

Bounce Culture presents "Love, Learn and Earn."

Where: Ashfield Girls School, Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 2LY

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

Details: Bounce Culture team up with a group of creative females making it happen, "Go Girl" to present a series of interactive sessions. Using music and cutting edge technology, industry professionals will share how these three key words have allowed us to "make it happen!"

Availability: Full (Ashfield pupils only. Aged 13 - 15)

Storytime for little ones

Where: Exhibition Space, Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts, Duncairn Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6BP

Time: 10.00am-11.00am

Details: A series of fun activities for babies and toddlers, parents, grandparents and carers. Enjoy reading and craft activities.

For more information contact Marnie Kennedy on:

07971568573

marnie.kennedy@sky.com

Fun Forage by Bicycle

Where: Meeting at the lower entrance to Central Station, at 10.00am, then cycling to Titanic Abercorn basin.

Time: 10.00am-12.30pm

Details: A fun and informative walking forage along the National Cycle Network. Learn about the wildflowers, weeds, woodlands and wonders that thrive along the traffic free pathways of Belfast, including along the River Lagan (northbound).

Bring your own bike or make use of a Belfast bike from the docking station at Central Station.

For more information contact Rachael Ludlow-Williams on:

028 9043 4569

rachel.ludlow-williams@sustrans.org.uk

Belfast City Council Love Food Hate Waste cookery demonstration

Where: Morton Community Centre

Time: 12.00pm-1.00pm (registration from 11.45am)

Details: Learn how to shop smarter, store food better and use up leftovers, which could help you save up to £60 per month.

For more information contact Mary Brady on:

079660553240

bradym@belfastcity.gov.uk

STEM Community and Schools Session

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48 The Cutts, Dunmurry, Belfast, BT17 9HN

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Details: An interactive STEM session for children and parents. Learn more about the exciting world of Science, Technology and Maths with the help of 'Robotics', 'Bob Skeleton' and 'Vacuum Bazookas'.

For more information contact Lorraine Lavery-Bowen on:

l.lavery-bowen@ulster.ac.uk

Growing Edibles in Containers at Connswater Community Gardens

Where: Connswater Street Garden, Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 1FD

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: A gardening and art craft workshop. Learn how to create a planter filled with edible plants (salad leafs and herbs) to take home and enjoy. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about the Connswater Community Garden and how to get involved.

For more information contact Heather Boyd on:

028 9074 9494

heatherboyd@groundworkni.co.uk

North Belfast Men's Shed Open Day & Taster Session

Where: North Belfast Men's Shed, Unit 37, North City Business
Centre, 2 Duncairn Gardens, BT15 2GG

Time: 10.30am-2.00pm

Details: A series of practical activities offered by North Belfast Men's Shed, including copper work, pyrography and glass painting. Activities are open to anyone between the ages of 18 and 55. Learn more about the opportunities on offer through North Belfast Men's Shed and how these help older men address issues such as social isolation.

For more information contact Geraldine Nelson on:

07850651263

geraldine@nthbp.com

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028 9023 2524

amberlea@placeni.org

Art for the Slightly Terrified

Where: Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, BT9 5AB

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Details: A series of fun 'Discover Art' sessions. Learn how to draw using unusual materials, with performance artist Jayne Cherry.

To book a place

telephone 028 9044 0000 or [visit www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

Dementia Awareness

The Open University and The Alzheimer's Society

Where: Auditorium in Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 11.00am-12.30pm

Details: An informative session on dementia and supporting people living with dementia. Learn what dementia is, how to identify the signs of dementia and how best to care for a loved one living with dementia.

For more information contact The Open University on:

028 9032 3733

northernireland@open.ac.uk

Turning your Hobby into a Business?

Where: Upstairs in Studio Souk, 27 Castle Lane, Belfast, BT1 1GB

Time: 12.00pm-1.00pm

Details: Do you have a hobby you love? Would you like to turn it into a business? Join us over lunch to meet some of Belfast's successful entrepreneurs who have turned their passion into a business.

For more information contact Rhonda Lynn on:

028 9027 0229

lynnr@belfastcity.gov.uk

Active Citizenship

Where: Ulster University, Belfast Campus, Academy Restaurant, 25-51 York Street, Belfast, BT15 1ED

Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm

Details: An interactive session offering the opportunity to explore and reflect on your experiences as an 'Active Citizen'. Learn about the benefits of active citizenship and the contribution it makes to wider society.

For more information contact Deborah Sloan on:

dj.sloan@ulster.ac.uk

Children's Olympic Weightlifting Class

Where: St Gabriel's Weightlifting Club, Unit 11, 3c Blackstaff Mill, 81 Springfield Road, Belfast, BT12 7AE

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Details: A fun and practical coaching session for children. Learn how to safely complete the three main weightlifting lifts: the clean, the jerk and the snatch.

For more information contact Bronagh Donnelly or Ronnie Whiteway on:

07725738458

bronaghdfitness@outlook.com

Learning to Live Together

Where: Girdwood Hub, 10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6EG

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: A CAFE style workshop introducing four ethnic minority cultures living here in Northern Ireland. Activities will include storytelling and art, helping us to learn more about the diversity and richness of other cultures.

For more information contact Nisha Tandon on:

028 9023 1381

nisha@artsekta.org.uk

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For more information contact Amberlea Neely on:

028 9023 2524

amberlea@placeni.org

Part-Time Uni Study? You're closer than You Think!

Where: St George's Market Skills Fair, East Bridge Street, Belfast, BT1 3NQ

Time: 10.00am-2.30pm

Details: 'Social Policy? Try a 12-week module!'

Grants & Bursaries Available. You'll never know If You Don't Try!'

For more information contact Dr Wendy Saunderson on:

07703452404

w.saunderson@ulster.ac.uk

Understanding Psychological (talking) Therapies

Where: Conference Room 1, Level 1, Beech Hall Wellbeing Centre, 21 Andersonstown Road, Belfast, BT11 9AF

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: An educational course on 'Talking Therapies'. Learn about Talking Therapies, the different psychological therapies available in Belfast, how to access these services and what you can expect from them.

For more information contact Margaret Woods on:

028 9504 5171

Margaret.woods@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Information Technology Connections for Older People

Where: Frank Gillen Centre, 1A Cullingtree Road, Belfast, BT12 4JT

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm and 1.00pm-2.00pm

Details: An interactive workshop for seniors. Learn how to stay in touch with family and friends using information technology including SKYPE and social media. Refreshments and a light lunch will be available.

For more information contact Danny Power on:

028 9020 0346

dannypower1965@gmail.com

Belfast City Council Skills Fair

Where: St. George's Market

Time: 10.00am-2.30pm

Details: A series of interactive learning zones, providing information on employability support, group demonstrations and talks and careers advice. Learn about careers opportunities in:

- Leisure, wellbeing and beauty
- Creative, digital and media
- Travel, food, culture and languages
- New Horizons (including essential skills)

If you would like further information, please contact Rhonda, Leah or Janet on:

028 9027 0229

Art for the Slightly Terrified

Where: Ulster Museum

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Details: A series of fun 'Discover Art' sessions. Learn how to make a collage using recycled paper and glue, with Susan McKeever.

To book a place telephone:

028 9044 0000 or [visit www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

Lá Gaelach (Irish Culture Day)

Where: Ionad Uibh Eachach, 34a Iveagh Crescent, Falls Road

Time: 11.00am-12.30pm

Details: A fun and educational session for children and parents, with the Armagh Rhymers. Learn about the story of Fionn Mac Cumhaill, how to cook traditional Irish food and enjoy a display of Irish dancing.

For more information contact Sue Pentel on:

028 9032 9180

sue@ionad.eu

No Smoking Day Events

Where: Connswater Shopping Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Belfast, BT5 5LP & Kennedy Centre, Falls Road, Belfast, BT11 9AB

Time: 12.00pm-3.00pm

Details: The Healthy Living Centre Alliance will host events as part of the wider No Smoking Day campaign; health stands will be available in selected shopping centres where individuals can have health checks and get information on smoking cessation services in their area. There will also be an opportunity to speak to health professionals involved with smoking cessation and participants can sign up to stop smoking services on the day.

For more information contact Rachel Howe on:

028 9074 5588

rachel@communityhealthpartnership.co.uk

Family Learning Open day

Where: 174 Trust, Duncairn Arts and Heritage Centre, Antrim Road, Belfast

Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Details: This fun and informal Family Learning Open Day will promote learning opportunities offered through Ashton Community Trust and its partners. Learn about the wide range of programmes offered across North Belfast and take the opportunity to sign up to a new learning experience.

For more information contact Jeanette Burns on:

028 9560 9522

jeanette.burns@ashtoncentre.com

A Walk behind the Scenes at May Street Presbyterian Church

Where: City Hall reception and walking across to May Street Presbyterian Church, 23 May Street, Belfast, BT1 4NU

Time: 12.15pm

Details: A guided tour of May Street Presbyterian Church. Learn how this city centre church is evolving and collaborating with other community and social organisations. This tour will follow the 11.00am guided tour of Belfast City Hall.

For more information contact Arthur Acheson on:

07980276707

arthuracheson@hotmail.com

Learning Together- An Afternoon of Learning for all the Family

Where: Elmgrove Primary School, 289 Beersbridge Road, Belfast, BT5 4RS

Time: 2.00pm–4.00pm

Details: An interactive afternoon of activities for children, parents and carers, based on the six areas of the Northern Ireland Curriculum (Key Stages 1 & 2). Learn about 'The World Around Us' by making slime, 'Physical Education' with Jump, Jiggle and Jive and 'The Arts' by making masks.

For more information contact Judith Searle on:

028 9041 9069

Judith.searle@barnardos.org.uk

Explore Your Assembly

Where: Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3XX

Time: Tours will depart the Great Hall at 5.00pm, 6.00pm & 7.00pm

Details: This is your chance to be an MLA as you take your seat in the Assembly Chamber to participate in a debate, before exploring the historic Senate Chamber and Great Hall. Learn more about your Assembly and the history of Parliament Buildings.

For more information contact Lucy McClelland on:

028 9052 0346

lucy.mcclelland@niassembly.gov.uk

Looking Through a Different Lens

Where: Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 7.00pm

Details: Displays and a presentation of the Gaelic history of East Belfast. Learn who Conn O'Neill was and the location of the castle which gave its name to Castlereagh.

For more information contact Linda Ervine on:

07824348988

linda.ervine@ebm.org.uk

Fandom Comic Book Exhibition (Launch Open Night)

Where: The Hive, 15-17 Grosvenor Road, Belfast, BT12 4GN

Time: 7.00pm-10.00pm

Details: An interactive session telling the story of how Fandom, a social forum made up of young adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), created the Fandom Comic Book. Learn more about the barriers young adults with ASC face and about the process of developing a comic book, including character design, script writing and visual storytelling.

For more information or to book a place contact

Jayne McStay on:

028 9043 6400

jayne.mcstay@nowgroup.org

Healthy Living Day

Where: Lagan Village Community Centre
15 Ballarat Street, Belfast (off Ravenhill Road), BT6 8FW

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Details: Learn more about a healthy lifestyle at this free event. Learn how to stop smoking. Learn more about healthy eating and the content of food and its impact. Find out if you have a food intolerance through a test conducted by the Allergy Testing Centre. Learn how to de-stress with some de-stressing techniques and enjoy some pamper sessions.

For more information contact George Newell on:

028 9045 2748

Gnewell_bacs@hotmail.com

The Year of the Hiker

Where: Belvoir Studio Theatre, 94 Belvoir Drive, Belfast, BT8 7DJ

Time: 8.00pm

Details: A special performance of the play by John B Keane. This classic Irish play tells the story of 'The Hiker', a much hated father who deserted his wife and family only to return after 20 years. Learn how this tightly knit family group understand and come to terms with their feelings and emotions in this engrossing piece of storytelling.

For more information contact Philip McDonagh on:

philipnmcdonagh@ntlworld.com

THURSDAY 10 MARCH

The Generation Game Workshop (Supported by Age-Friendly Belfast and delivered by Purpose Consultancy)

Where: Belfast City Hall, Donegall Square South, Belfast, BT1 5GS

Time: 9.30am-12.00pm

Details: An interactive workshop for community, voluntary, public and private organisations. Learn about the benefits of multi-generational working and identify 'quick wins' to help you succeed.

For more information or to book a place contact Elma Greer on:

028 9050 2073

elma.greer@bhdu.org

Training and Employment Open Day

Where: Girdwood Community Hub, 10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6EG

Time: 10.00am-2.00pm

Details: An open day of the Ashton Community Trust Training and Employment (T&E) Department. Learn about their projects, available training and employment opportunities.

For more information contact Debbie McQuillan on:

07902148638

debbie.mcquillan@ashtoncentre.com

Spring Flower in Containers at Clandeboye Street Community Gardens

Where: Clandeboye Street Garden, Clandeboye Street, Belfast, BT5 4QT

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: A practical workshop offering opportunities to learn how to use containers for planting, including how to plant spring and summer flowers and to learn more about the community garden and how to get involved.

For more information contact Ann McCarron on:

028 9074 9494

anmccarron@groundworkni.co.uk

50+ Be Informed

Where: Falls Library Conference Suite, Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 4PD

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

Details: Information day for seniors in Belfast. Learn more about the services available for seniors and how you can access them.

For more information contact West Belfast 50+ on:

028 9023 2020 or 07521701983

Ritamurray1941@hotmail.co.uk

EPALE: Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe

Where: The MAC, 10 Exchange Street West, Belfast BT1 2NJ

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm (with light lunch after)

Details: Delegates attending this session will have the chance to hear about how to access online learning resources from EPALE, a free multilingual open membership community, funded by the European Commission. The site is aimed at trainers, researchers, academics, policy makers, volunteers and professionals from all sectors working within adult learning across Europe.

To reserve a place please email:

janett.scully@ecorys.com

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Details: A series of fun 'Discover Art' sessions. Learn the art of drawing with pencil and paper, with graphic artist John Scovell.

To book a place telephone

028 9044 0000 or **visit www.nmni.com**

Live and Learn

Where: Oasis Caring in Action, 102-108 Castlereagh Street, Belfast, BT5 4NJ

Time: 10.30am-1.00pm

Details: A drop-in event offering a range of activities, register now for a short presentation on Keeping Yourself and Your Children Safe Online. There will also be a number of local community organisations present including East Belfast Independent Advice Centre, EBCDA, BMC and others.

For more information contact Barbara Smith at Oasis on

028 9087 2277 ext 206.

barbara.smith@oasis-ni.org

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For more information contact Arthur Acheson on:

07980276707

People with Disabilities Speak Out

Where: New Life City Church, 143 Northumberland Street, Belfast, BT13 2JF

Time: 1.00pm

Details: An interactive discussion on the how the Action Belfast's Speak Out Group has developed in its role as a self-advocacy group for adults with disabilities living in West and North Belfast. Learn about how the Action Belfast's Speak Out Group promotes confidence, assertiveness and social inclusion and how through peer learning we can learn from each other.

For more information contact Sharon McDaid on:

028 9023 6677

s.mcdaid@usdt.co.uk

Secrets to a Great CV

Where: Ulster University, Belfast Campus, 25-51 York Street, Belfast, BT15 1ED

Time: 1.00pm-2.00pm

Details: Learn the secrets of writing a great CV.

For more information contact Dr Wendy Saunderson on:

07703452404

w.saunderson@ulster.ac.uk

CV Writing Workshop

Where: Ulster University, Belfast Campus, 25-51 York Street, Belfast, BT15 1ED

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

Details: A practical workshop on how to develop or improve your CV.

For more information contact Dr Wendy Saunderson on:

07703452404

w.saunderson@ulster.ac.uk

Ulster University Cyber Safe

Where: Ulster University, Belfast Campus Foyer, 25-51 York St, Belfast BT15 1ED

Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm

Details: A short course developed in partnership with the PSNI. Learn about the destructive impact of 'cybercrime' and the steps you can take to protect yourself.

For more information contact Ursula Donnelly on:

um.donnelly@ulster.ac.uk

Maths is Fun

Where: Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 3.30pm-5.30pm

Details: An interactive workshop for children and their parents. Learn more about maths through a wide range of problem solving activities and puzzles.

For more information contact Alannah McMullan on:

028 9045 8560

Alannah.mcmullan@ebm.org.uk

A special Film Screening of 'The Deer Hunter', [Rating 18]

Where: Strand Arts Centre, 152-154 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NY

Time: 8.00pm

Details: A screening of the movie 'The Deer Hunter' (1978), directed by Michael Cimino and starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, John Cazale and Meryl Streep. Following the screening there will be a closing talk by East Belfast Community Counselling. Learn more about dealing with trauma and when to seek additional support.

Cost: £3.50

For more information contact Johanna Leech on:

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FRIDAY 11 MARCH

Online Today NI

Where: RNIB NI, Victoria House, 15-17 Gloucester Street, Belfast, BT1 4LS

Time: 10.00am-11.30am

Details: An information session to give people with sight loss the information and knowledge to increase their skills, make them feel confident using technology and help them to stay safe online.

Booking is essential as places are limited to 8-10 people.

To book call:

028 9033 4113

onlinetodayni@rnib.org.uk

Fun Forage by Foot

Where: Meeting at the King's Road access to the Comber Greenway, walking along the Comber Greenway to Tullycarnet Community Centre.

Time: 10.00am-12.30pm

Details: A fun and informative walking forage along the National Cycle Network. Learn about the wildflowers, weeds, woodlands and wonders that thrive along the traffic free pathways of Belfast, including along the Comber Greenway.

For more information contact Rachael Ludlow-Williams on:

028 9043 4569

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Introduction to Reflexology and Bach Flower Remedies

Where: Conway Education Centre (2nd Floor Conway Mill), 5-7 Conway Street, Belfast, BT13 2DE

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Details: This session will provide information about reflexology and the Bach flower remedies. Reflexology is the practice of working on pressure points on the feet, hands or head using alternating pressure on specific points which relate to corresponding parts of the body. The Bach Flowers are a system of 38 flower remedies that can help to balance emotions. Come along and find out more.

For more information contact Clare Anderson on:

028 9024 8543

canderson@conwayeducation.org

Celebration of Learning and Staying Involved

Where: Footprints Women's Centre, 84A Colinmill Road, Dunmurry, Belfast, BT17 0AR

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: A celebration of the achievements of learners at the Footprints Women's Centre, with the aim of inspiring more women to take up learning activities. Learn how other women overcame barriers to learning as they share their experiences in this interactive event.

For more information contact Eileen Wilson on:

028 9092 3444

eileen@footprintswomencentre.com

Let's Explore Diversity

Where: Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, BT9 5AB

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

Details: A half day course exploring cultural diversity, with CRAICNI and members of the Chinese and Polish communities. Learn about the myths and stereotypes of diversity and how developing better cultural awareness can help to develop understanding and cultural competence.

To book a place telephone:

028 9044 0000 or visit www.nmni.com

Art for the Slightly Terrified

Where: Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, BT9 5AB

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Details: A series of fun 'Discover Art' sessions. Learn about painting with colour, with painter Keith Ayton.

To book a place telephone:

028 9044 0000 or [visit www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

Seahorses & Lightning Bolts-

An architectural Treasure Hunt of Belfast City

Where: PLACE, 7-9 Lower Garfield Street, Belfast, BT1 1FP

Time: All day long

Details: Children aged 4-11 years and their brothers, sisters, cousins, parents and grandparents have the opportunity to pick up a pocket map designed especially for them, to explore and learn about the architecture of Belfast City Centre. The map will be available for pick up between the 7-11 March from PLACE. Content will focus on the overlooked details of our built heritage - lightning bolts, elephants, heads, seahorses.

For more information, contact Amberlea Neely on:

028 9023 2524

amberlea@placeni.org

Snakes and Ladders - The Ups and Downs of Learning

Where: Ulster University, Belfast Campus Foyer, 25-51 York Street, Belfast, BT15 1ED

Time: 11.00am-12.00pm

Details: An informative session exploring the impact of our experiences of learning and education. Listen to the experiences of other learners and learn how you can re-connect with learning through community delivered short courses.

For more information contact Dr Rosemary Moreland or

Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele on:

RJ.Moreland@ulster.ac.uk

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Tachráin agus Tuistí (Parent & Toddler)

Where: Ionad Uibh Eachach, 34a Iveagh Crescent, Falls Road, Belfast

Time: 11.00am-12.30pm

Details: A cultural celebration with our Parents & Toddlers group, using arts and crafts to learn more about St. Patrick and the broader Irish culture.

For more information contact Sue Pentel on:

028 9032 9180

sue@ionad.eu

How to Support Someone Living with Dementia in your Community

Where: 174 Trust, Duncairn Centre, Duncairn Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6BP

Time: 11.00am-2.00pm

Details: An informative workshop on Dementia. Learn how to support someone living with dementia in your local community.

For more information contact James Erskine on:

028 9038 7487

James.erskine@alzheimers.org.uk

EastSide Learning Reading Fair

Where: Skainos Centre, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 1.00pm-6.00pm

Details: An engaging and fun event highlighting the benefits of reading and offering encouragement and support for parents to get more involved in supporting their children's reading in the home. Learn about the wide range of opportunities available for parents and children including: A 'Giving Library', providing free, nearly new books and a 'Book Swap'. There will be an opportunity to try online reading resources used in local schools including 'Bug Club'. Teachers and after-schools volunteers will be on hand to encourage and help throughout the day.

For more information contact Maggie Andrews on:

028 9046 7922

maggie@eastsidepartnership.com

'Inimirce' (Immigration)

Where: Ionad Uibh Eachach, 34a Iveagh Crescent, Falls Road, Belfast

Time: 2.00pm

Details: An artistic workshop and display by our After-Schools Club. Learn about the story of St. Patrick as Ireland's most famous immigrant.

For more information contact Sue Pentel on:

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Special Screening of Teenage Kicks Film

Where: Strand Arts Centre, 52-154 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NY

Time: 4.15pm

Details: A screening of the movie 'Mean Girls' (Rating 12+) starring Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams and Tina Fey. Following the screening there will be an interactive talk. Learn more about dealing with peer-pressure and bullying.

For more information contact Johanna Leech on:

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SATURDAY 12 MARCH

Fun Greenway Forage

Where: Meeting at Walkway Community Centre, Finvoy Street, Belfast, BT5 5DH at 10am (traffic free)

Time: 10.00am-12.30pm

Details: A fun and informative walk and cycling forage along the National Cycle Network. Learn about the wildflowers, weeds, woodlands and wonders that thrive along the traffic free pathways of Belfast, including along the Connswater Greenway.

For more information contact Rachael Ludlow-Williams on:

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Family Fun Day in Connswater Community Gardens

Where: Connswater Street Community Gardens, Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1FD

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Details: A gardening and art craft workshop. Learn how to sow seeds, transform plants and take part in the community drumming musical session.

For more information contact Heather Boyd on:

028 9074 9494

heatherboyd@groundworkni.co.uk

Fab Lab Fun Day

Where: Fab Lab, Ashton Centre, 5 Churchill Street, Belfast, BT15 2BP

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm

Details: The Fab Lab Family Fun Day is for parents and children to take part in fun activities together. Learn how computers and computer controlled machines create and manufacture the objects in the world around us. Take the opportunity to design and create an item using the laser cutters, 3D printers and computer packages.

For more information contact Laura O'Donnell on:

028 9560 9522

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It's a Dog's Life

Where: Cup Care, 207 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9

Time: 11.00am-3.00pm

Details: A Doodlebugs Creative Workshop for children and their parents including the opportunity to make your very own pooch with a peg as part of a craft workshop. Learn about the local childrens' picture book 'Deefir and Pat' and enjoy a reading by the book's author Rosemary Morrison.

For more information contact Tara Mullan on:

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info@doodlebugsworkshops.co.uk

Minors Club Screening

Where: Strand Arts Centre, 52-154 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NY

Time: 12.00pm

Details: A special screening of the movie 'Bugsy Malone (Rating U), directed by Alan Parker and starring Jodie Foster, Scott Baio and Florrie Dugger. Before the screening there will be an interactive talk covering the issues of social groups.

For more information contact Johanna Leech on:

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Community Fun Day at the Mid-Shankill Community Gardens

Where: Mid-Shankill Community Garden (on Shankill Road, 200 yards from the library)

Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm

Details: A series of gardening workshops offering practical opportunities to learn new skills. Learn how to decorate terracotta pots, how to use recycled tyres and pallets for growing flowers and how to sow a range of flowers and vegetables. There will also be a range of fun drumming sessions for all ages.

For more information contact David Carver on:

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davidcarver@groundworkni.co.uk

Minors Club Film Screening

Where: Strand Arts Centre, 52-154 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 1NY

Time: 2.00pm

Details: MINECRAFT workshop for children aged 4 years and over. Learn about problem solving and design with this interactive workshop now being used as a learning tool throughout schools in Northern Ireland, it covers problem solving, design and more.

Cost: £10 per child.

Children are encouraged to bring their devices to play MINECRAFT on and can share some of their best builds!

For more information contact Johanna Leech on:

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Sustrans Cycle Fun for Families

Where: Victoria Park (traffic free), signposted from Holywood Road and Connsbrook Avenue

Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm & 3.00pm-4.00pm

Details: A fun and interactive cycle skills session for families. Learn practical skills for cycling including how to carry out a safety check of your bicycle and how to cycle in a group.

For health and safety reasons each one hour session will accommodate a maximum of 12 people. There will be a minimum requirement of 1 parent/guardian per 2 children. Families will be encouraged to use their own bikes, however adult bikes can be supplied if required.

For more information contact Claire Pollock on:

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GET INVOLVED

Education works better when you get involved:

- ✓ Read with your child and have books in the house
- ✓ Find fun ways to help them count
- ✓ Talk to them about what they're learning at school
- ✓ Show an interest in their homework

BECAUSE EDUCATION WORKS

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Sing Because U Can

Where: Crescent Arts Centre, Workshop Room 3, 2-4 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH

Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Details: Discover the joy of singing with a fun and engaging workshop open to everyone, regardless of singing talent. Learn how singing can help us to better understand each other through deep listening and the celebration of diversity, while building confidence and trust in ourselves.

For more information contact Michelle Bailly on:

07518973146

michelle@michellebailly.com

Laughter Therapy

Where: Church Hall, 41 Rosemary Street, Belfast, BT1 1QB

Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm

Details: A creative, uplifting and fun workshop, aimed at bringing people together in a happy environment. Learn how Laughter Therapy techniques can help you through life's challenges.

For more information contact Pauline Dunlop on:

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Snoozle & The Lullabugs

Where: Skainos, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1AF

Time: 10.15am, 11.45am & 2.00pm

Details: A fun and interactive show for children with learning difficulties aged 5 and under. Learn about Snoozle and his band The Lullabugs, as they decide on whether they stay up and rock or go to bed and sleep.

The maximum capacity is 3 children each accompanied by a parent/carer.

For more information contact Karen Gallagher on:

028 9045 4562

executive@replaytheatreco.org

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Introduction into the Music Industry & Production

Where: Rcity Media, 165 Donegall Pass, Belfast, BT7 1BA

Time: 3.00pm -5.00pm

Details: An educational and insightful workshop exploring how the music industry works. Learn how music is produced, including the process of developing a creative concept into a final piece of music and how to build your CV for a future in the music industry.

For more information contact Robbie Bryson on:

07714900654

rob@rcitymedia.com

Lifelong Learning Key Messages

LEARNING THROUGH EDUCATION

Learning is the foundation for life. Education and training gives us opportunities to shape our future.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Learning changes our lives for the better. Everyday there is the chance to learn something new.



LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER

Learning brings us together. It develops respect and understanding about and within our communities.

LEARNING FOR AND IN WORK

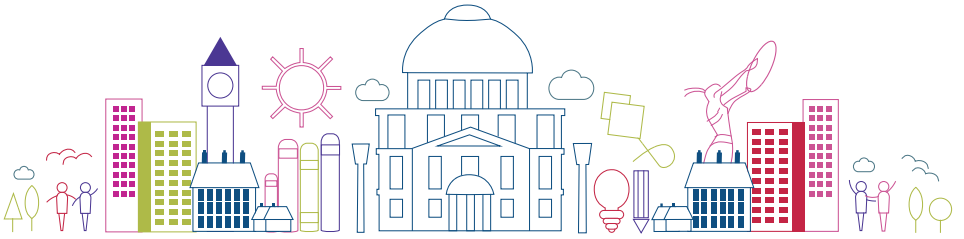
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