







Youth Service Provision

for young people with additional needs/ specific needs/disability

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Forewords

"No man is an island, entire of itself." Whilst these words by John Donne have been often quoted they fit perfectly with the work that has been carried out by public bodies and other stakeholders in this case. Living on an actual island with a relatively small population means that collaboration and partnership working are essential in maximising the life chances of young people with disabilities. These children and young people are some of the most marginalised within our society and require initiatives like this to provide realistic opportunities within the community. The Transition Planning Team and Community Access Team within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust are immersed in a community development model. Despite this approach the real life experience of families trying to find and access appropriate opportunities and services can be very different. A myriad of providers, postcode lotteries, a lack of clear pathways and the sheer difficulty in finding what is available all conspire to further exclude those who need this information the most. The Our Journey through Disability group have highlighted many of these realities and are now gaining regional traction demonstrating the benefits of parents/carers and public bodies working together in harmony. Gaps in service and issues in equality of access continue but there are also many examples of excellent schemes available. This resource is therefore invaluable in helping families navigate their way around the minefield of existing provision and signpost them to the most appropriate service.

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The Department of Education's (DE) Priorities for Youth Policy (2013) provides the overarching framework for the delivery of DE-funded youth services, setting out how the non-formal education sector contributes to the DE vision of "Every young person achieving to his or her full potential at each stage of his or her development." Within the Newry, Mourne and Down area, the delivery of youth services continues to be shaped to support the personal and social development of young people at each stage of their journey. These services are delivered through a strong network of statutory, community and voluntary sector partners. The Local Assessment of Need for the Newry, Mourne and Down area highlighted a clear requirement to better understand the voices, needs and priorities of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) young people in relation to service delivery. In response, a collaborative partnership was established between the Education Authority Youth Service and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust. This partnership has brought together expertise in youth work and in supporting SEND young people and their families. Through this collaborative approach, we have been able to:

- Identify the needs and aspirations of SEND young people in the local area.
- Map the existing youth services available to support them.
- Highlight potential gaps in provision and make informed recommendations to enhance service delivery.

This resource has proven to be an invaluable tool for statutory and voluntary youth services, the Southern Trust Transition Planning and Community Access Teams, as well as for parents, carers, and young people themselves. By signposting relevant services and supports, it has helped ensure that SEND children and young people can more easily access opportunities that meet their needs.
We are pleased to update and refresh this document to ensure it remains accurate, relevant and reflective of current service provision. The continued positive feedback from parents, organisations and communities affirms the importance of this resource as a practical and strategic tool to support improved outcomes for SEND young people in the Newry, Mourne and Down area.
Our shared commitment remains clear: to listen to young people, to respond to their needs, and to work together to enable every young person to reach their full potential.

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Introduction



Youth Service provision is planned and delivered in response to the assessed and emerging needs of children and young people across the region. Senior Youth Officers within the Education Authority regularly review local need to ensure that services remain relevant, accessible and responsive to changing priorities. In the Newry, Mourne and Down area, this process has highlighted the importance of clear, structured and inclusive pathways that support children and young people to engage with youth services in ways that reflect their age, stage of development and individual needs.

In 2024, the Education Authority Youth Service, in partnership with the Children with Disabilities Transition Service for Newry, Mourne and Down, published its first audit of provision for children and young people with additional needs. This initial audit provided a baseline overview of youth service provision available at that time, identifying areas of strength as well as gaps, barriers and areas of duplication. It also reinforced the value of partnership working in developing a shared understanding of need and in supporting more coordinated and inclusive approaches to service planning and delivery.

This document is an updated audit of provision and reflects the current range of youth services and supports available for children and young people with additional needs across the Newry, Mourne and Down area. Completed in continued partnership with the Children with Disabilities Transition Service, the updated audit builds upon the findings of the 2024 publication and captures developments and changes in provision since that time.

The purpose of this updated audit is to provide a clear and accurate overview of existing youth service provision and to support informed decision making and future planning. By outlining current services, the audit aims to ensure a shared understanding of how provision supports children and young people with additional needs to access inclusive opportunities that promote their personal, social and emotional development.

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	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	**Kingdom Youth Club** (Kilkeel) 4pm-5.30pm Additional Needs Group 9-13 14-18 **Trampolining** 4.45pm-5.45pm (Newry LC) 9-13 14-18	**SO Ten Pin Bowling** 6-9pm (Lisburn) 9-13 14-18 18+ **SO Basketball** 7-8pm (Newry LC) 9-13 14-18 18+ **Youth 4 All** 5.30-7pm (St Oliver's Plunkett) 9-13 14-18 18+
Tuesday	**Mourne Gymnastics** 3.30-4.20 and 4.30-5.20, 4 children per class with 1-1 coaching. 9-13 14-18	**Gateway Club** 7-9pm Newry (Adults) 19+ **SO Golf** 7-8pm Burren (Kellys Driving Range) 9-13 14-18 18+
Wednesday	**Kingdom Youth Club** (Kilkeel) 4pm-5.30pm Additional Needs Group PRIMARY AGE	**Gateway Club** – 7-9pm Newry (Juniors) 12-19 **Kingdom Youth Club** (Kilkeel) 4pm Additional Needs Group 9-13 14-18 **SO Football** (Newry City) 6.30-7.30pm 9-13 14-18 18+ **SO Horse Riding** Saddle and Reins 7-8pm 9-13 14-18 18+ **TAG Totally Active Group** 7-9pm, Fortnightly 18+
Thursday		**EA Wonder Group Thematic Voice** 6-9pm 16-25 **SO City Strikers Bowling** 7-8.15pm Sheepbridge 9-13 14-18 18+ **Autism Support Kilkeel** 7.30pm (Last Thursday in the month) 9-13 **Kingdom Youth Club** (Kilkeel) 6pm-7.30pm Additional Needs Group 14-18 **Well lane Warriors** Football 6.30-7.30pm 9-13 14-18 **Autism Connect** 6.30--9pm Bolster 18+ **Swimming** 6-7pm Newry LC 9-13 14-18 **Autism Swim** Down Leisure Centre, 4.30pm-6.30pm **GAA For All** St Bronagh's, Rostrevor, 6-6.45pm 9-13 14-18 18+

	Afternoon	Evening
Friday		**Autism Swim** Kilkeel Leisure Centre, 5pm-8pm **Down Right Brilliant** Junior YC 6pm-7.45pm 9-13 Senior YC 8pm-9.45pm 14-18 Siblings also welcome **EA Inclusion Cafe** from 6.30pm-8.30pm 12-17 **Amazing Abilities** GAA For ALL (Silverbridge) 6.30-7.30pm 9-13 14-18 18+ **SNAP Tweens & Teens** 6pm-7.30pm 14-18

	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday	**Down Right Brilliant** – Ballyholland CC Speech, numeracy (numicon), drama & dance classes 9-13 14-18 **GAA For All** Crossmaglen 11.30-12.30 9-13 14-18 18+ **Sixth Sense** Barnardos Once a month 9-13 14-18 18+ **Inclusive Choir** 10.30-11.45am 9-13 14-18 **Autism Families** 1-3pm 9-13 14-18 18+	**Autism Families Kids Club** Monthly and 6 week cookery course (Over 10's) 9-13 14-18 *Additional bespoke programmes, events and activities*
Sunday	**GAA For All** Warrenpoint 10.30-11.30 9-13 14-18 18+ **Autism Swim only** 9.45-10.30am Newry LC	**Kingdom Youth Club** Tourettes Support group, monthly 12pm to 2.30pm 9-13 14-18 18+

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Youth Provision for all young people Voluntary Sector

	Afternoon	Evening	
Monday	**Bosco YC Newry** Afterschool club, 3pm-6pm	**Bosco YC Newry** 6pm-9pm	**St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm-9pm
Tuesday	**Magnet YAC** 3pm-6pm	**Bosco YC Newry** 6pm-9pm **St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm-8.30pm **Newry & District Gateway Club** 6.30pm-9.30pm	**Kingdom Youth Club, Kilkeel** 6pm-9pm **Magnet YAC** 6pm-9pm **Mayobridge Youth & Community Centre** 6pm-9pm **Newcastle YMCA** 6pm-9pm
Wednesday	**Magnet YAC** 3pm-6pm **Newcastle YMCA** 3pm-6pm	**Bosco YC Newry** 6pm-9pm **St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm-9pm **Newry & District Gateway Club** 6.30pm-9.30pm	**Kingdom Youth Club, Kilkeel** 6pm-9pm **Magnet YAC** 6pm-9pm **Newcastle YMCA** 6pm-9pm
Thursday	**Magnet YAC** 3pm-6pm **Newcastle YMCA** 3pm-6pm	**Bosco YC Newry** 6pm-9pm **St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm-9pm **Kingdom Youth Club, Kilkeel** 6pm-9pm	**Magnet YAC** 6pm-9pm **St Mary's YC Newry** 6pm-9pm **Newcastle YMCA** 6pm-9pm

	Afternoon	Evening	
Friday	**St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm **Magnet YAC** 3pm-6pm	**Bosco YC Newry,** 7pm-10.30pm **St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club** 6pm-9pm **Kingdom Youth Club, Kilkeel** 6pm-9pm **Jim's Youth Centre, Kilkeel** 7.30pm-10.30pm	**Magnet YAC** 6pm-9pm **St Mary's YC Newry** 6pm-9pm **Mayobridge Youth & Community Centre** 6pm-9pm **Newcastle YMCA** 6pm-9pm
Saturday	**Magnet YAC** 3pm-6pm	**Jim's Youth Centre, Kilkeel** 8pm-11pm **Magnet YAC** 6pm-7pm	

Biographies



Amazing Abilities Youth Club	
Facebook Page: Amazing Abilities Youth Club	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	Free Play Sensory Play GAA for ALL
Cost	Free
Target group	Children and young people with disabilities
Target age range	Everyone welcome - currently aged 2-14 years
How to access it	Message/Whatsapp Aidan Crummy
Location	Sliverbridge GFC
Times: Fridays – 6.30pm-7-30pm	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Aidan Crummy
Phone number: 077 3391 3248	Email: Crummyaidan2@gmail.com

Autism Families - Monthly Family Saturday Club

Lead Organisation/Funder	Autism Families Community Support Group
Autism Families Public Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/AutismFamiliesCSG	Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/autismfamiliescsg

Activities/ Content	Monthly Family Saturday Club (Games, toys, arts, crafts, OT equipment, developing fine and gross motor skills, sensory play, sensory equipment and access to quiet room) Cinema – sensory screening Bowling Cookery lessons Music therapy	Lego therapy Horse riding therapy Mobile petting zoo visits to group Annual Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month Forest Walk Summer scheme Christmas events Annual Pantomime Trip Support & Advice to parents

Cost	Annual membership £10 per family
Target group	Children and young adults with a diagnosis of autism and/ or learning disabilities (siblings are welcome to attend)
Target age range	10-25 years
How to access it	Message our public Facebook page or email autismfamilies@outlook.com to request membership
Location	c/o Brain Injury Foundation, 23 Newry Road, Camlough, BT35 7JP
Times: 1pm-3pm	Duration: 2 hours
Key Contact Person	Colin Boyle (Chairperson)
Phone number: 078 8237 2455	Email: autismfamilies@outlook.com autismfamiliescsg@outlook.com

Autism Swim & Disability Sport

Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Website: www.newrymournedown.org/disability-sport	
Activities/ Content	**Autism Swim** We offer dedicated swim sessions for individuals with autism at the following locations: **Newry Leisure Centre:** Sunday's 9.45am - 10.45am **Down Leisure Centre:** Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm **Kilkeel Leisure Centre:** Fridays 5.00pm – 8.00pm **Disability Sport** We have two core groups for children with disabilities: Trampolining: Mon 4.45pm - 5.45pm Swimming: Thurs 6pm - 7pm
Key Contact Person	For more information on age range, please contact Laura Savage, Sports Co-ordinator. Email: laura.savage@nmandd.org

ASK – Autism Support Kilkeel

Facebook: Autism Support Kilkeel	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	• Support Group for parents/carers • Training in Makaton, Sensory Processing and ACC Communication • Range of activities i.e. social events, days trips and autism-friendly activities in local venues • Therapeutic Interventions such as Equine Therapy, Music Therapy and Bounce Therapy • Fitness for All Gym sessions The group is managed by a dedicated team of volunteers, all of whom are parents of children and young people with disabilities. All the activities and therapies provided are greatly subsidised by the charity.
Cost	£20.00 registration fee
Target group	Children and young adults on the Autism spectrum and their families and carers.
Target age range	Up to 18 years
How to access it	To join, you must reside within the group's catchment area. Complete the registration process and pay the £20 fee to gain exclusive access to our private Facebook group. Here, you'll stay updated on upcoming events and explore various therapies and activities available for your child or young person.
Location	108 Newry Road, Kilkeel, BT34 4ET
Times: One parent's morning & one parent's evening per month, varies each month	Duration: Parent's morning 10am-12 Noon Parent's evening 7.30pm-9.30pm
Key Contact Person	Olive Donnan
Phone number: 077 2907 5830	Email: autismsupportkilkeel@hotmail.co.uk

Children's Inclusive Choir

Facebook: Sign, Rhyme & Shine with Bronagh	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	This is an inclusive choir set up for children and young adults with learning disabilities or any additional needs. The choir will compromise of several learning areas: • Signing along to an array of music • Healthy Eating (building and promoting independence, social skills and self-confidence) One parent/carer to stay with the child/young adult as the aim and purpose of the choir is to: • Engage with families to foster a sense of community, belonging and ownership • Provide a safe place and caring environment for children and adults so they can enjoy singing/signing with their families and friends • Develop new skills • HAVE FUN!
Cost	None
Target group	Children and young adults with learning disabilities or any additional needs.
Target age range	No age limit
How to access it	Send an email - signrhymeandshine@gmail.com
Location	St Bronagh's GAA Clubrooms, Mary Street, Rostrevor
Times: Saturday 10.30am to 11.45am	Duration: Weekly (Term Time)
Key Contact Person	Bronagh Clerkin
Phone number: 075 4681 4861	Email: signrhymeandshine@gmail.com

Crisis Café CIC

Lead Organisation/Funder	N/A
Facebook Instagram and Twitter @crisiscafeni	Website: www.crisiscafeni.com

Activities/ Content

A range of individual group and peer based support to young people aged 12-17 and 18-24 years.

Drop in Crisis Café which provides One to One individual Therapeutic Assessment and Interventions on all aspects of emotional, mental health and well-being, signposting and/or a safe environment to have time out from the stressors they are experiencing in life or a quiet space to connect with other young people (12-18 years).

Social Bytes Café provides a youth space where young people can connect. Provided with a complimentary hot snack and drink and have use of laptops, printer/ scanner, WIFI. It is a relaxed space to study or do homework individually or as a group. Educative support provided to the group as required and individual mental health support available to those with identified need (13-18 years).

Friendship Café provides young people an opportunity to connect in a safe supported space, form and develop friendships, engage in peer-based group activities and avail of a range of support and community connectiveness (12-18 years).

Interactive Workshops to offer support, guidance and education on mental wellness.

Art Café creative space which is a platform for connection with other young people.

LGBTQ+ young people's peer support group (13-17 years).

Urban Espresso Social Café for young people 18-24 years. An opportunity to meet other young people and connect in a warm relaxed social environment (No individual support available).

Music Group and Guitar Drums and Singing lessons provided by other young people.

Education and Training – We provide consultation, education and training to a range of organisations within the statutory, community and voluntary sector.

One to One Therapeutic Support is also available outside of the youth cafes. This is for young people not wishing to avail of any other supports through the youth cafes.

Please Note that from the age of 17.5 years young people will be supported in preparing to move to the over 18 Café, Urban Espresso and to identify a range of other supports within the community.

Cost	Most services are free. We advertise if the is a cost to any services
Target group	Young people
Target age range	12-18 years and 18-24 years
How to access it	No referral required. Drop In or if you prefer text, phone or email and arrange a time to visit. Most young people will DM on social media page.
Location	Crisis Café, River House, 41 The Mall, Newry BT34 1AN

Times: Monday to Saturday. Times vary and are advertised on Crisis Café social media pages

Key Contact Person	Louise Quinn and/or Grainne Graham
Phone number: 077 0346 6075	Email: info@crisiscafe.co.uk

Down Right Brilliant

Lead Organisation/Funder	Down Right Brilliant Newry & Mourne Down Syndrome Support
Facebook Page: Down Right Brilliant	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	Youth Club Speech Club Numicon Club Drama Club Parents Support Group Summer Scheme Social Events
Cost	Youth Club, £2 per child Saturday classes, £5 per child
Target group	Children and young people with Down Syndrome, their siblings and families
Target age range	Youth Club, P1 and onwards Saturdays, 2 years and onwards
How to access it	Message via Facebook
Location	C/O Ballyholland Community Centre, Newry, BT34 2LY
Times: Fridays 6pm - 7.45pm Junior Youth Club 8pm - 9.45pm Senior Youth Club	Duration: Term Time
Key Contact Person	Yvonne Curran
Phone number: 078 4171 7732	Email: downrightbrilliantnewry@gmail.com

Inclusion Café

Lead Organisation/Funder	Education Authority Youth Service
Facebook Page: Newry Mourne and Down Area Youth Service	Website: www.eani.org.uk/ services/youth-service
Activities/ Content	The Inclusion Café programme in partnership with SHSCT enables young people with a range of disabilities to meet in a safe inclusive environment to develop relationships with their peers and engage in social activities to enhance confidence and self esteem. In particular, the programme has focused on boosting young peoples confidence to enable them to participate in new activities and other experiences which they would not have been able to cope with before. The group in the past have completed a range of activities including: • Music therapy • Karaoke nights • Arts 'n' Crafts nights • Cookery • Animal therapy • Game nights • Lego building
Cost	No cost to young person
Target group	Young people with a range of disabilities
Target age range	12-17 years
How to access it	Make contact with Key Person who will carry out a referral - an individual assessment with parent/guardian of young person to assess suitability to group. Referrals through both SHSCT & EA Youth Service.
Location	Newry Youth Resource Centre, 4 Carnbane Road, Newry BT35 6QA
Times: Fridays 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Duration: September – June
Key Contact Person	Pauline McQuillan
Phone number: 073 9537 2898	Email: pauline.mcquillan@eani.org.uk

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Kingdom Youth Club Additional Needs & Sport for All

Lead Organisation/Funder	Kingdom Youth Club
Facebook: kingdomyouthclub	Website: Under construction
Activities/Content	Use of sports hall, soft play area, sensory pod, garden with pond, outdoor space. Activities are youth led and can vary greatly from session to session.
Cost	£2 per session
Target group	Currently young people attend with Autism, ADHD, epilepsy, pica, craniofacial, down syndrome, ASD GDD, partially sighted, learning diff, cleft hand, sjogrens syndrome, tourettes, tics, ocd, ehlers danlos, picca, sensory processing, ncad deficiency, epilepsy. There are 40 young people signed up at present.
Target age range	The young people are from aged 4+ years with over half aged 9+ years
How to access it	Please make contact before attending a session by email, phone or calling into the club. A single page pen profile needs completed before participating.
Location	Kingdom Youth Club, 10 Dunavil Road, Kilkeel BT34 4JT
Times: Mondays 4pm-5.30pm Primary age, additional needs group Wednesdays 4pm-5.30pm Primary age, additional needs group Thursdays 6pm-7.30pm Secondary age, additional needs group	Duration: Each session is one hour.
Key Contact Person	Orla Flanagan Baldwin
Phone number: 028 4176 3681	Email: hi@kingdomyouth.club

Mourne Gymnastics - Reaching New Heights Class

Lead Organisation/Funder	Mourne Gymnastics club
Facebook: Mourne Gymnastics	Website: www.mournegymnastics.com
Activities/ Content	1:1/1:2 assisted classes for individuals who have specific needs. All children follow a schedule specifically tailored to their needs. With parental permission we liaise with Schools/Physio/OT when required. On occasions parents have provided access to the child/young person's statement of educational needs. At present we are full to capacity in relation to available coaches to work on a 1:1. However, if there was access to support, the coaches could deliver the 'session' whilst support staff assisted. Please contact us to find out more.
Cost	8 week blocks - £105
Target group	At present the current attendees have a diagnosis of ASD, ADD or ADHD
Target age range	Current Group: 1. 6-8 years x3 – 2 staff 2. 6-7 years x3 – 3 staff and 3. 14 years x1 – 3 staff
How to access it	Via e-mail – info@mournegymnastics.com
Location	WIN Business Park, Newry
Times: Tuesday 1. 3.30pm - 4.20pm 2. 4.30pm - 5.20pm	Duration: 50 mins
Key Contact Person	Nikki McAlinden
Phone number: 078 1069 8991	Email: Nicola.mcalinden@mournegymnastics.com

Newry Gateway Community Centre

Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry & District Gateway Club
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GatewayNewry	Website: https://newrygatewayclub.com/
Activities/ Content	Weekly Classes of Arts & Crafts, Bingo, Cookery, Drama, Games & Pool Line dancing, Disco, Movie nights, Chair Aerobics Mindfulness and Yoga, Sensory room, Music activities and Choir.
Cost	Senior £50.00 Junior £30.00
Target group	For all people with learning disabilities
Target age range	Junior - 12-19 years Senior - 19-25 years
How to access it	Telephone, Facebook or website
Location	20 Kilmorey Street, Newry, BT34 2DE
Times: Tuesday evening 7pm - 9pm (Senior 19+) Wednesday evening 7pm - 9pm (Junior 12-19)	Duration: 2 hours
Key Contact Person	Carmelita Moley / Lisa Rea
Phone number: 028 3026 8777	Email: info@newrygatewayclub.com

Newry City Special Olympics Football & Floorball Club	
Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry City Athletic Football Club
Facebook: Newry City AFC Special Olympic Club - Facebook.com/SpecialOlympicsNewry	
Activities/ Content	Football & Floorball
Target group	Boys & Girls
Target age range	16+years
Times: Wednesday nights, 6.30pm-7.30pm	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Ann or Nadelle
Phone number: 077 5956 5290 or 074 7400 8050	

PosAbility

Lead Organisation/Funder	Barnardos
Facebook: Advised of parent/young person facebook page once sessions begin	Website: www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/6th-sense

Activities/Content

PosAbility is dedicated to ensuring that children and young people with a wide range of learning, physical, sensory and medical needs are meaningfully involved in shaping the services that affect their lives.

By supporting participation in strategic planning across Northern Ireland, we help amplify the voices of young people in decisions that matter.

OUR PROJECTS:

6th Sense

Based in the Southern Locality and part-funded by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT), the 6th Sense project empowers young people with disabilities to influence decision-making.

Who can join: A young person with a disability (age range 8-25 years old)

When: Participation takes place over 12 sessions per year- Junior and senior group available

Focus: Influencing service design, building leadership, advocacy skills, making new friends and having fun

Support: Personal care needs are fully supported during project activities

Young People's Regional Group (YPRG)

We run interactive workshops across various Health and Social Care Trust areas, engaging young people aged 15–25 years who are living with disabilities. These sessions are designed to gather their perspectives on key areas of life, helping shape future services.

Topics explored include:

- Education choices and experiences
- Support in school
- Hobbies and extracurricular activities
- Independence and daily living
- Friendships and relationships
- Career aspirations
- Community involvement
- Self-image and identity

Through these initiatives, PosAbility creates safe, inclusive spaces where young people can share their experiences, build confidence and make real change.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact us.

Cost	No charge
Target group & age	Any young person with a disability 8-25 years old
How to access it	A referral form is to be completed and returned to: PosAbility, Grange Building, Towerhill, Armagh, BT61 9DR
Location	Varies
Times: 6th Sense: 1 group session per month for approx. 1.5-2 hrs. 5 sessions a year across NI	Duration: 12 months
Key Contact Persons	Gillian McKeown
Phone number: 028 3741 4541	Email: posability@barnardos.org.uk

Rugby Cubz N.I.	
Lead Organisation/Funder	Rugby Cubz NI CIC
Facebook: RugbyCubzNI	Website: www.rugbycubzni.co.uk
Activities/ Content	Rugby based activities and games, soft play, fitness, sensory play. Indoor venue has soft play crash mats, obstacle courses, sensory toys and equipment available. Safe and comfortable surroundings, informal and relaxed, the children are free to either participate in the activities or play individually whatever they wish! Qualified, trained and experienced coaching and supervision
Cost	Variable – terms of 4-week programs, also 1-2-1's available. Contact for details.
Target group	Children of all abilities, inclusive of those with autism, ADD, ADHD, SEN and additional needs
Target age range	U6's, U12's and U18's
How to access it	www.rugbycubzni.co.uk or https://rugby-cubz-ni-cic.played.co for classes and booking info
Location	Mourne Gymnastics Newry Various venues all over Northern Ireland – we will go anywhere where requested!
Times: Varies – check booking link for details	Duration: 30 mins to 1 hr
Key Contact Person	Rob Rossiter
Phone number: 077 3147 6176	Email: Rob@rugbycubzni.co.uk

Special Needs Autism (SNAP)

Lead Organisation/Funder	Special Needs Autism Project
Facebook Page: SpecialNeedsAutismProject	Website: www.snapni.co.uk
Activities/ Content	• Horseriding • Arts and Crafts • Sensory Play • Music Therapy • Circus Skills • Rugby Skills • Sensory Circuits • Family Trips/Days Out • Yoga/Mindfulness • Lego Therapy
Cost	£10 membership per family
Target group	Special Needs and Autism
Target age range	4-30 years
How to access it	snapni@outlook.com
Location	Forkhill Community Centre
Times: Snap Tweens & Teens Friday 6pm-7.30pm Snap Parents Support Group Last Friday every month 11pm-1pm	Duration: Ongoing term time and summer
Key Contact Person	Nadine Lavelle
Phone number: 075 4397 0910	Email: snapni@outlook.com

Special Olympics - Newry All Stars

Lead Organisation/Funder	Special Olympics
Facebook Page: Newry Stars	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	Monday – Basketball – Newry Sports Centre, 7pm-8pm Tuesday – Golf – Kellys Golf Centre, Burren, 7pm-8pm Wednesday – Equestrian, 6.30pm-7.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm Thursday – Bowling – Sheepbridge Inn, 7pm-8.15pm
Cost	Basketball – £5 Golf – £6.50 Equestrian – £15 Bowling – £6
Target group	Children and young people with disabilities
Target age range	From age 7 up – no upper age limit
How to access it	Contact key person
Location	Different locations – see above
Times: as above	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Ann
Phone number: 077 5956 5290	Email: newrycityspecialolympics@gmail.com members.support@specialolympics.ie

Totally Active Group (TAG)	
Lead Organisation/Funder	Charitable Organisation
Facebook Page: TAG Newry	Website: www.tagnewry.org
Activities/ Content	Out in community- Plan for 3 months at a time Visits for social and recreational outlets Occasional Saturday outings Bowling, archery
Cost	£5 per night
Target group	Young people and adults aged 18+
Target age range	18-35 years to join
How to access it	Referral form can be accessed at email address below
Location	Warrenpoint
Times: 7pm-9pm Every second Wednesday night	Duration: Ongoing whole year (close in July)
Key Contact Person	Katherine Haughian, Co-Ordinator
Phone number: 078 1841 8486	Email: info@newrytag.org.uk

Trampolining Club

Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry Sport Ability Trampolining Club	
Facebook: Mourne Gymnastics	Website: www.mournegymnastics.com	
Activities/Content	Trampolining	
Cost	Please contact Francie via e-mail or mobile number below	
Target group	At present the current attendees have a diagnosis of ASD, ADD or ADHD	
How to access it	Via e-mail – franciecraven@hotmail.com	
Location: Newry Leisure Centre	Times: 5pm-6pm Monday	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Francie Craven	
Phone number: 077 1163 4226	Email: franciecraven@hotmail.com	

Warrenpoint GAA All Stars Team

Lead Organisation/Funder	CPN (Warrenpoint GAA)	
Facebook Page: WarrenpointGAA	Website: https://warrenpointgaa.com/	
Activities/ Content	GAA Skills general games and lots of fun	
Cost	Warrenpoint GAA Club Membership	
Target group	Anyone who may not be able or feel uncomfortable taking part in mainstream team play/sport and would like to do so in a non-judgemental environment.	
Target age range	From 7 or 8 years of age upwards and no upper age limit	
How to access it	Just turn up to any session give it a try and see how you get on	
Location: St. Mark's High School, Warrenpoint, Co. Down	Times: Sunday morning 10:30am	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact: Declan Carvill	Phone number: 077 6389 8688	Email: declancarvill@yahoo.co.uk

Well Lane Warriors	
Lead Organisation/Funder	Well Lane Warriors
Facebook Page: Well Lane Warriors FC	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	Football – practical football skills, training, matches and tournaments.
Cost	£5 per session
Target group	Young people with disabilities
Target age range	Age 12 years & upwards From Sep26, age 7-11 years
How to access it	Contact Jessica McMahon via e-mail
Location	Newry Leisure Centre
Times: 6.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Jessica McMahon
Phone number: N/A	Email: welllanewarriors@gmail.com

The Wonder Group

Lead Organisation/Funder	Education Authority Youth Service
Facebook: Newry Mourne and Down Area Youth Service	Website: www.eani.org.uk/services/youth-service

Activities/Content	This is a Thematic Voice Programme for young people from across the Newry & Mourne area, who aim to be a representative voice for young people with disabilities. They engage in a number of social action projects each year which are designed & delivered by young people. The group runs in a 2 year cycle

Each of these young people have progressed to this programme from various experiences in Youth Provision, including those in EA Youth Services. Typical programmes they have completed include:

- Social Action Project: 1. Creation of a sensory room | 2. Participation in consultations.
- Planning & hosting of sensory room launch event.
- Relationship programmes in partnership with Bolster
- OCN
- Social events

Cost	No cost to young person
Target group	Young people with a range of disabilities, who have experience in Youth Provision. This is a Pathway for those who want to progress into more leadership & advocacy opportunities.
Target age range	16-25 years
How to access it	Contact the lead youth worker in the Newry City Area Project who will carry out a shared needs assessment with parent/guardian to assess suitability.
Location	Newry Youth Resource Centre, 4 Carnbane Road, Newry BT35 6QA

Times: Thursdays 6.30pm - 9pm	Duration: September – June
Key Contact Person	Niamh McNamee
Phone: 028 9082 1465 or 028 9598 5907	Email: niamh.mcnamee@eani.org.uk

Youth4All

Lead Organisation/Funder	Based within St Oliver Plunkett Youth & Community Group
Facebook Page: Youth4All	Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	• Social and recreational activities • Cooking • Art • Ball games • Music • Lego • Pool, foosball • Trips to explore the local area. e.g. fire station, pizza restaurant
Cost	£5 membership for 12 months
Target group	Aged 6-8 years (accompanied by parent / carer) Aged 9-17 years Aged 18+ years (register as a volunteer)
Target age range	As above
How to access it	Email: youth4all2026@gmail.com
Location	Based within St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, 54 Culloville Rd, Crossmaglen, Newry BT35 9AQ
Times: Monday 5.30pm – 7.00pm	Duration: 1 hours 30 mins per week
Key Contact Person	Tiffany Liddy

Additional service provision



Angel Eyes NI Family Service			
Lead Organisation/Funder		Angel Eyes NI	
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AngelEyesNI		Website: www.angeleyesni.org	
Activities/ Content	Angel Eyes NI Family Service offer: • Social events across Northern Ireland • Support with grants		
Cost	No cost		
Target group	Young people with a vision impairment and complex needs		
Target age range	Young people aged 0 to 25 years		
How to access it	Contact kerrie.cartmill@angeleyesni.org		
Location	Online and in person across Northern Ireland		
Times: Vary		Duration: Vary	
Contact	Kerrie Cartmill	Tel: 028 9590 2835	Email: Kerrie.cartmill@angeleyesni.org

Bolster – Autism Connect

Lead Organisation/Funder	Bolster Community
Facebook Page: Bolster Community	Website: www.bolstercommunity.org
Activities/Content	Autism Connect offers a person-centred assessment of needs where individuals are provided with support and social opportunities and offers: • 3 evening social hubs based in Newry, Banbridge and Craigavon. • individual practical and emotional support • signposting/navigating to other services. • provide work taster sessions and skills development The programme provides opportunities for connection, social engagement, skills building and friendship which we believe are essential prerequisites to the holistic development of an individual.
Cost	Free
Target group	Our community-based autism service, aptly named 'Autism Connect' is aimed at supporting adults over the age of 18 with autism who cannot access support through mental health services or learning disability services.
Target age range	18+ years
How to access it	sharon@bolstercommunity.org/ 02830835764
Location	Banbridge – Craigavon - Newry
Times: Banbridge: Tuesday Craigavon: Wednesday & Newry Thursday. All start 6.30pm	Duration: Weekly
Key Contact Person	Sharon Donnelly
Phone number: 028 3083 5764	Email: sharon@bolstercommunity.org

BIG, POP, Saturday Clubs, Afterschool's, ASD, ASB, Incredable-y Made and Incredable Holidays, Heroes.

Lead Organisation/Funder	IncredABLE
Facebook Page: weareincredABLE	Website: www.incredable.org.uk

Activities/Content

POP – Peer Outing Programme – meets on the first Saturday of every month to do community-based activities, e.g. bowling, cinema, beach, mini golf etc. 3 of these weekends are residentials.

BIG – Bespoke Individual Group – 1:1/ group community project. This usually happens on a weekly basis. We also run BIG overnight programmes for 18+.

Saturday Club – Small group venue-based play sessions for children between the ages of 5-12 years and 12-17 years.

After Schools - Small group venue-based play sessions for children between the ages 12-17 years.

ASD Activity Adventures – Autism specific. community/venue based social & recreational activities. Evenings/activities/location changes. A schedule of activities are emailed to families once a quarter. Activities range from; bowling, crafts, baking, outdoor cooking, bush crafts, snow tubing etc.

ASD Social Saturdays – Autism specific. Meets on the third Saturday of every month to do community-based activities, e.g. bowling, cinema, beach, mini golf etc.

ASD Community Connections – Autism specific. 10-week social programme based in the local community. Days vary depending on community activity chosen by the group. Usually on a weekend.

ASB – Adult Short Breaks – Respite weekends with community-based activities. 4 weeklong residentials per year.

Incredable-y Made – Chocolate lolly production day opportunity.

Incredable Holidays – Numerous holidays/overnights/camping advertised through our Social Media accounts throughout the year. Some are local and some are abroad.

Heroes Plus – Heroes Plus is an exciting project that supports young people with a learning disability and/or additional needs to develop their potential and become future community peace builders. Activities include – trips and visits/activities and workshops/residential and mentoring & volunteering.

Cost	**BIG** is £23.43 per hour, usually paid by direct payments. **POP** is funded through the Children with Disability Services. **Saturday Club** is funded through the Children with Disability Services. **After schools** is funded through the Children with Disability Services. **ASD** services are funded through the Autism Services. **ASB** respite is funded through the Adult Learning Disability Services **Incredable-y Made** is £45 per day. **Incredable Holidays/overnights/camping** – cost varies dependant on holiday location. **Heroes** – Funded by PEACEPLUS
Target group	Learning Disability and/or Autism
Target age range	**BIG** – 7+ Big overnights/groups – 18+ years **Saturday Club** – 7-11 years & 12-17 years **After Schools** – 12-17 years **ASD** – 7-18 years **ASB** – 18+ years **Incredable-y Made** – 18+ years **Incredable Holidays** – 18+ years **Heroes**- 14-24 years

How to access it	**BIG** – Self referral and/or referral by Social Worker **POP** – Referral by Children with Disabilities Services **Saturday Club** – Referral by Children with Disabilities Services **After Schools** - Referral by Children with Disabilities Services **ASD** – Referral by ASD Services **ASB** – Referral by Adult Learning Disability Services **Incredable-y Made** – Self Referral **Incredable Holidays** – Self Referral **Heroes** – Self referral
Location	**BIG** – Pick up from home/meet at a specified venue. **POP** – Pick up from Newry, Craigavon and Armagh **Saturday Club** – Venue based currently in Richhill and Dungannon. Plans for Newry 2026 **After Schools** – Venue based in Richhill. Plans for Newry 2026 **ASD** – Activity Adventures – pick up points vary depending on location of group/venue. Social Saturdays – Pick up in Craigavon. Community Connections – meeting points vary depending on group and activity. **ASB** – Pick up from Newry, Gilford and Moy **Incredable-y made** – Venue based in Dungannon, Richhill and Lurgan. **Incredable Holidays** – Meeting points vary depending on holiday location. **Heroes** – various locations in the trust area

Times: **BIG** – Times are down to individuals/allocation/groups. **POP** – 10am-4pm 1st Saturday of month month 7pm Fri- 1pm Sun (Sept-June) **Saturday Club** – 7-11 years: Session 1: 10am-12pm. Session 2: 1230pm-230pm. Session 3: 3pm-5pm. 12-17 years: Session 1: 10am-1pm. Session 2: 130pm-430pm. **After Schools**- Pick up from school at 3pm – Parents to pick up at venue at 6pm **ASD** – Activity Adventures – varies – all evening. Social Saturday – 10am-4pm Community Connections – 10am-4pm (subject to change depending on activity) **ASB** – Friday 7pm – Sunday 1pm. **Incredable-y Made** – 10am-3pm **Incredable Holidays** – Vary **Heroes** – typically 6pm-9pm	Duration: **BIG** – Ongoing **POP** – min 1 year **Saturday Club** – min 1 year **After Schools –** min 1 year **ASD** – Activity Adventures – min 1 year Social Saturday 6 months – 1 year Community Connections - 10 weeks **ASB** – Allocated an amount of residentials per year by Adult with Learning Disability Services. **Incredable-y Made** – Ongoing **Incredable Holidays** – 3-5 days **Heroes Plus** – 6-9 months

Key Contact Person	**BIG –** Jodie Leer **POP –** Catherine Cox **Saturday Clubs–** Catherine Cox **After Schools –** Catherine Cox **ASD –** Catherine Cox **ASB –** Catherine Cox **Incredable-y Made –** Gemma McKinney	**Incredable Holidays –** Jodie Leer **Heroes Plus –** Michael Cross

Phone number: 028 3887 2111	Email: info@incredable.org.uk

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Bolster - Tots & Tea

Lead Organisation/Funder	Bolster Community	
Facebook Page: Bolster Community	Website: www.bolstercommunity.org	
Activities/ Content	This is a supportive group of parents and children who are all on the first steps of their journey through disability. Support and advice are offered and the opportunity to make friends & enjoy a cuppa while the children play with a range of toys supported by Bolster staff & Volunteers. Parents can also attend on their own.	
Cost	Free	
Target group	Children and their siblings up to the age of 6 years.	
How to access it	julie-anne@bolstercommunity.org / 02830835764	
Location: Newry – Drumalane Community Centre	Times: 10am-12 midday	Term Time with summer activities. Parents only session 1st Tuesday of every month 7pm-9pm (Whitegates)
Key Contact: Julie-Anne Cousins	Phone number: 028 3083 5764	Email: Julie-anne@ bolstercommunity.org

Bolster Buddies

Lead Organisation/Funder	Bolster Community	
Facebook Page: Bolster Community	Website: www.bolstercommunity.org	
Activities/Content	We offer social enterprise opportunities to adults with learning disabilities and or autism. We aim to promote independence and developing independent living skills. Our focus is about inclusion and we explore social activities within our community.	
Cost	£18.53 per hour	
Target group	Adults with learning disabilities and or Autism - aged 18+ years	
How to access it	Jena@bolstercommunity.org/ 02830835764	
Location: Newry	Times: Daily	Duration: on-going
Key Contact Person	Jena Henning	
Phone number: 028 3083 5764/079 9034 0959	Email: jena@bolstercommunity.org	

Cedar Foundation Youth Matters Service		
Lead Organisation/Funder		Cedar Foundation
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/CedarFoundation		Website: www.cedar-foundation.org/youth-matters
Activities/ Content	We offer a variety of social activities, personal development projects and would work along other youth groups thereby integrating some young people into regular group activities in addition to our own services. The activities we provide ranges from going gaming to music projects and also run the Duke of Edinburgh.	
Cost	Although some social groups may have an attendance charge most activities are free of charge.	
Target group	Young people who have a brain injury, ASD, a physical/ sensory disability, or a mild-moderate learning difficulty	
Target age range	0-18 years	
How to access it	Self-referrals can be made by getting in touch with t.denton@cedar-foundation.org who will provide a referral form to be completed and returned.	
Location	Southern Health Trust Area	
Times: 7pm-9pm Weekday evenings and Saturdays		Duration: Approximately 2 hours but this may change depending upon the activity
Key Contact Person	Thom Denton	Phone number: 074 2307 8982

Drake Music Project

Lead Organisation/Funder	Drake Music
Facebook Page: Drake Music NI	Website: www.drakemusicni.com
Activities/ Content	The Drake Music Project Northern Ireland provides access to independent music making for children and adults with complex disabilities. Workshops in composition and performance skills are afforded by the provision of adapted computer interfacing technology, in order that physical and cognitive ability is matched to an appropriate gestural interface, allowing people with disabilities the opportunity to express their creativity in an independent and controllable environment.
We operate workshops age appropriate for all interests and mix able bodied and those with disabialities in age-matched groups to form bands, enjoy DJing sessions, record their own music or learn to play instruments.	Fun, empowerment, able activities, friendships, music talent and creativity are all celebrated in workshops available 6 days a week!
Cost	As a registered charity we ask only for a contribution to costs which depends on numbers in workshops and number of tutors required for sessions
Target group	Children and young people with disabilities; children and young people with mental health issues, children and young people needing support and age appropriate activities for fun, self expression, interaction and development of skills.
Target age range	From 5 years old, with no limit, as we work with all age ranges
How to access it	Email michelle@drakemusicni.com to find out about sessions, individual workshops and possibilities to form groups in the Newry and Mourne area and all over Northern Ireland.
Location	Newry, Newry and Mourne, core and cluster workshops from Newry across all counties of Northern Ireland.
Times: Set to suit the participants as we have a large team of travelling tutors.	Duration: Various
Key Contact Person	Dr Michelle McCormack
Phone number: 079 1871 9595	Email: michelle@drakemusicni.com

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Fit 4 U 2

Lead Organisation/Funder	Southern Health and Social Care Trust Funded by Public Health Agency
Facebook Page: None	Website: https://southerntrust.hscni.net/health-wellbeing/health-improvement/fit-4-u-project/

Activities/Content	Provides physical activity opportunities for adults with a learning disability (aged 18 plus), with the overall aim of improving health and wellbeing

Weekly physical activity sessions are available in Leisure Centres across the Southern Trust, including Newry Leisure Centre.

Sessions include group exercise and inclusive sports, which are adapted to meet the needs of participants.

- Dance
- Ball skills
- Boccia
- Kurling
- Rounders
- Team games
- Target sports

Cost	None
Target group	Adults (aged 18 plus) who have a learning disability.
Target age range	18 plus – no upper age limit.
How to access it	Fit 4 U 2 is accessed via referral only. Referral from the Learning Disability Team. Referral criteria – aged 18+, have a learning disability and live in Southern Trust area.
Location	Newry Leisure Centre

Times: Wednesday, 2pm-3pm	Duration: 1 hour
Key Contact Person	Rhonda Richardson – Fit 4 U Coordinator
Phone number: 077 8743 4256	Email: Rhonda.richardson@southerntrust.hscni.net

Games for All – Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Uladh

Lead Organisation/Funder	Ulster GAA – Sports for All
Website: www.ulster.gaa.ie/gamesforall/	
How to access it	Shane McCann shane.mccann.ulster@gaa.ie
Location	Regional

To find out more opportunities in your local area for GAA Sports for All contact the below:

Ulster GAA	Down GAA	Armagh GAA
Shane McCann shane.mccann.ulster@gaa.ie Paul Callaghan paul.callaghan.ulster@gaa.ie	Conor O'Toole developmentmanager. down@gaa.ie	Denis Hollywood denis.hollywood. gm.armagh@gaa.ie Emer Geoghegan – Health & Wellbeing chair.hwc.armagh@gaa.ie

Healthy Kidz – Neurodiversity Clubs

Lead Organisation/Funder	Healthy Kidz CIC
Facebook: facebook.com/healthykidz1234	Website: https://healthy-kidz.com
Activities/ Content	Physical activity including dance, gymnastics and yoga Sports including boccia, athletics and sitting volleyball Fundamental Movement Skills Improving Motor Skills
Cost	£50 per hour, per coach
Target group	Children and young people
Target age range	5-17 year olds
How to access it	Contact chris@healthy-kidz.com - 077 8713 5501
Location	Variable depending on the location of group
Times: Variable depending on the requirements of the group	Duration: Variable depending on the requirements of the group
Key Contact Person	Chris Cousens
Phone number: 077 8713 5501	Email: chris@healthy-kidz.com

Mae Murray Foundation

Lead Organisation/Funder	Mae Murray Foundation
Facebook: Mae Murray Foundation	Website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org/
Activities/ Content	A range of individual group and peer based support to young people aged 12-17 and 18-24 years.

Mae Murray Foundation is a charity based in Larne, providing inclusive opportunities for people of all ages and all abilities across Northern Ireland. We offer a wide range of provision designed to make sure everyone can take part, no matter their needs or abilities.

Our inclusive beaches allow everyone to enjoy the sand and sea safely, while our adapted gym projects provide accessible fitness opportunities for all. We run teen hubs twice a month – one in Larne and one in Ards – from 7pm-9pm, giving young people a space to come independently, socialise, build friendships, learn new skills and have fun together. Our overs hub is for 20-40 year olds and takes place once a month on a Friday night from 7-9pm, offering similar opportunities for socialising, relationship building and enjoying shared experiences. We have enjoyed different events like concerts, sporting events, craft nights etc.

We also provide hospital passport support to make healthcare visits smoother and less stressful for families and carers. Our Makaton choir, Mae's Melody Makers, meets on Zoom every other Tuesday from 6pm-7pm, bringing people together through music and communication. We run all-ability music and dance workshops, online events and family events across Northern Ireland at least once a month, creating opportunities for everyone to join in and enjoy activities together.

Membership with us is free, and members can access all our events, activities and support. Our resource library is also free to members, providing a wide range of equipment and resources that can be borrowed to support participation, learning and inclusion for families and carers.

Cost	Free
Target group	All ages and abilities
Target age range	All
How to access it	All events can be booked on via our website (free)
Location	Whilst our building is located in Larne we work all over Northern Ireland
Times: Depends on project	Duration: Depends on project
Key Contact Person	Claire Thompson – RNLD
Phone number: 075 1092 3840	Email: claire@maemurrayfoundation.org

RNIB Southern Trust Family Support

Lead Organisation/Funder	RNIB Funded by Southern Trust
Facebook: RNIB Connect Parents and carers (UK wide group)	Website: www.rnib.org.uk

Activities/ Content	• One to one lessons in chosen confidence building activity e.g swimming, music, skiing etc (limited space). • One to one Music therapy for children/young people with vision impairment and complex needs. • Regular opportunities to connect and build confidence and emotional wellbeing via youth clubs, dance clubs, careers workshops, wellbeing evenings, pamper days, sport sessions etc.	• Summer scheme and family days out. • Family support as well as career/employment support. • Access to RNIB Holiday chalet at reduced rate. • Visual awareness training to help peer understanding. • Sight loss counselling available to those affected by vision impairment aged 11+ years. Also open to family members impacted too.
Cost	Free	
Target group	Children, young people with vision impairment and their families	
Target age range	0-19 years	
How to access it	Referral to family support officer via self referral or other services	
Location	Trust wide	
Key Contact Person	Roisin Meagher	
Phone number: 079 3930 0949	Email: Roisin.meagher@rnib.org.uk	

Sheridan Stage School

Facebook Page: Sheridan Stage School		Website: N/A
Activities/ Content	We offer a wide variety of drama/acting classes for all age groups. Most classes are 60 minutes in length for younger students and 1 hour 30 minutes for senior students.	Classes are divided according to age in the following categories: Tiny Tots - 4yrs – 7yrs Juniors – 8yrs – 11yrs Seniors - 12yrs – 18yrs
Cost	A £10.00 registration fee per student is payable each year and all term fees are payable in advance. Term dates and fees are available on request.	
Target group	The Sheridan Stage School is open to all ages and abilities.	
Target age range	4-18 years	
How to access it	To enrol your child, please contact the school for availability. Enrolment forms can be downloaded via our website and all parents/guardians must submit this form along with a signed copy of our terms and conditions.	
Location	Our main studio is situated in WIN Business Park, Linenhall House, Canal Quay in the centre of Newry City. This centre is open five days a week with a full timetable of classes in all genres.	
Times: As detailed in Activities/ Content section.	Duration: As detailed in Activities/Content section.	
Key Contact Person	Rozlyn Sheridan	Email: Rozlyn13@btinternet.com

Sticky Fingers Arts / The Imaginarium Centre

Lead Organisation/Funder	Sticky Fingers
Facebook Page: Sticky Fingers Arts	Website: www.stickyfingersarts.co.uk

Activities/ Content

The Imaginarium Centre is space that was designed for children and young people of mixed abilities to meet, play and engage in arts and creative activity. The activities that are available include;

- Early Years Creative Play sessions – 0 - 3 years, February to June.
- Arts and Craft Workshops - 3 years - 18 years, year round.
- Drama and Musical Theatre program ages 13 years and over, term -time.
- Imagine – Youth Arts Program for young people with disabilities – aged 12 and over, term time.
- Family Autism Sessions- monthly evening sessions, year round.
- Storyland interactive/ sensory play space – aged 0 - 10 years, open to public year-round.
- Adventure lab - arts and craft sessions, open to the public year-round.

Seasonal events, shows/ performances and details on the Children's Festival can be found on our Facebook page and website.

Cost	Admission to the Imaginarium. £5 for children aged 4 and over. £3 for children aged 3 and under. Admission includes workshops and early years sessions No pre- booking required. Open to everyone.	Imagine- Youth Arts Program: Free Drama and musical theatre program. £10 registration fee and weekly sessions are free. Autism family sessions (Imaginarium Centre admission prices apply)
Target group	All	
Target age range	Children and young people of all ages and all abilities	
How to access it	Walk in or contact a member of the team for more information on specific activities/ workshops.	
Location	The Imaginarium Centre, 10 Upper Edward Street, Newry, BT35 6AX	

Times: Autumn/Winter opening hours - Thursday to Saturday 10am to 5pm
Spring/Summer opening hours - Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Key Contact Person	Gràinne Powell
Phone number: 028 3025 7885	Email: grainne@stickyfingersarts.co.uk

SureStart In It Together

Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry SureStart
Activities/ Content	A group for parents of children who require additional needs support. Professional facilitators will provide information and guidance on Autism, behaviour management, self-care, speech and communication, assessment process, benefits advice and play development.
Target group	Parents. Limited Creche available.
How to access it	Contact Charmaine on the number or e-mail address below.
Location	Newry SureStart Fiveways
Times: 10.30am to 11.30am	Duration: Monthly commencing on Tuesday 11th November 2025
Key Contact Person	Charmaine McCorry
Phone number: 075 9313 9261	Email: Charmainem@newrysurestart.org

Sure Start Magic Minds Parent & Toddler Group

Lead Organisation/Funder	Sure Start	
Activities/ Content	Parent and Toddler Group for Children with additional needs and children who are awaiting a diagnosis	
Target group	Parent and Toddler Group for Children with additional needs and children who are awaiting a diagnosis	
Target age range	0-4 years	
How to access it	Contact patriciaf@newrysurestart.org to book a place	
Location	Altnaveigh House	
Times: 10.30am to 11.30am	Duration: Bi weekly on a Wednesday	
Contact	Patricia Flynn-McKevitt	Email: patriciaf@newrysurestart.org

Sure Start Little Stars	
Lead Organisation/Funder	Newry Sure Start
Activities/ Content	Come along and have a coffee and meet families in our cosy and relaxed surroundings. While also accessing information on self-care, play, child development and much more.
Target group	Parent and Child Workshops
How to access it	Contact Charmaine on the number or e-mail address below.
Location	Newry Family Resource Centre
Times: 10.30am to 11.30am	Duration: Monthly commencing on Tuesday 11th November 2025
Key Contact Person	Charmaine McCorry
Phone number: 075 9313 9261	Email: Charmainem@newrysurestart.org

List of Contacts for Core Inclusive Youth Provision

Youth Group	Leader in Charge	Phone	Email
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St Marys Youth Club Newry	Kylie Cahill	N/A	stmarysyouthclubnewry@hotmail.com
St Patricks Youth Club Mayobridge	Ann Fitzpatrick	028 3085 1647 077 0890 8095	ann.fitzpatrick141@gmail.com
St Oliver Plunketts Youth Club Crossmaglen	Lizzy Smith	028 3088 8098 077 6660 4944	lizzy.sopyc@gmail.com
Kingdom Youth Club Kilkeel	Orla Flanagan	028 4176 3681 079 5053 2094	hi@kingdomyouth.club
Jims Youth Club Kilkeel	Megan McIlveen	028 4176 9373 077 1651 4393	megan@thejimsproject.org.uk
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Patrician Youth Club Downpatrick	Yvonne Maguire	028 4461 5488 075 4566 0661	yvonne.maguire@patricianyc.com
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