

KINSHIP NEWS



Kinship Care NI was set up in 2010 to provide advice, information and support to kinship carers and their children in Northern Ireland. Kinship Care NI supports grandparents and other family members who are raising their family and

friends' children. The first ever Kinship Care Support Service in Northern Ireland will be officially opened on 20th Feb in Derry/L'Derry. The service is funded through the Big Lottery Fund. Kinship Care NI has 'KinTogether' support groups operating in Derry/ L'Derry, Antrim and Belfast. Kinship Care NI offer a 'Caring for Kin' free telephone helpline which gives kinship carers access to advice and information on their legal and financial entitlements.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Feb

'KINSHIP CARE THE FIRST PORT OF CALL'
6 week training programme for kinship carers in
Derry/L'Derry.

20th Feb

Launch of 'KINSHIP CARE SUPPORT SERVICE' at
Kinship Care NI offices, 67 Carlisle Rd, Derry/
L'Derry.

22nd March

'CELEBRATING THE CULTURE OF KINSHIP'
The Verbal Arts Centre, 1pm - 4pm.

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Caring for Kin

Grandparents raising their grandchildren

Meet Michelle, our legal advisor for our "Caring for Kin" project based in Antrim funded by the Big Lottery Reaching Out and Connecting Older People Programme. You can contact Michelle on our Freephone helpline 0800 022 3129, or by email on caringforkin@gmail.com. Michelle provides advice, information and support on a completely confidential basis. Our Caring for Kin project has plans to set up support groups in the Mid Ulster and Antrim areas in the coming weeks. If you would like to register for these groups or if you wish to volunteer for the project, please contact Michelle on 028 9448 8202.



MICHELLE DIXON
ADVOCACY WORKER

WE SURVEYED 50 KINSHIP CARERS WHO ARE CARING FOR 74 CHILDREN AND FOUND THAT...

Kinship Carers would like more support.

Kinship Carers struggle to meet the everyday costs of raising a child.



Presentation of Community Award and a cheque for £1,000 from the Progressive Building Society.



Deputy Mayor Brian Graham hosts coffee morning for Kinship Care NI at Antrim Council.



A huge thanks to the Big Lottery Fund for funding our work with kinship carers and their children in Northern Ireland.



We would like to thank St Martin in the Fields for providing financial support to kinship carers in crisis through the Vicar's Relief Fund.



A big thank you to everyone at Buttle UK for providing practical support to children in kinship care through their small grants programme.

Guardian's Allowance

Guardian's Allowance is £15.90 a week per child, tax-free and paid on top of your Child Benefit payments. You could get Guardian's Allowance if you're bringing up a child whose parents have died. You may also be eligible if there's one surviving parent. It can be paid weekly if you're a single parent or getting certain other benefits, eg Income Support. Guardian's Allowance doesn't count as income if you're claiming certain benefits.

Applications are available www.hmrc.gov.uk/forms/bg1.pdf or by calling 0300 200 3101



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DERRY/L'DERRY

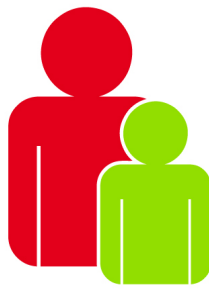
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Kinship Care Support Services

Transforming Children's Lives

JACQUELINE WILLIAMSON



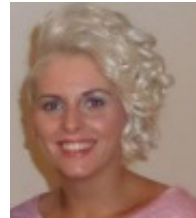
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The Dilly Dallies

Even the elements won't stop kinship carers.

The Dilly Dallies walking club all ready for the off.



2014 KINSHIP CARE NI CALENDAR.

For a copy email kinshipcare.ni@gmail.com

The Dilly Dallies meet every Thursday morning at 10am. The group is run by kinship carer Margaret Plews.

For more information or to get involved contact Kinship Care NI on 028 71 373731.

KINSHIP CARERS ARE SIMPLY THE BEST!



Meet Kiera & Kieran

Kiera is 27 and Kieran is 21 and they are kinship carers to their younger siblings. Kiera is the overall winner of the 2013 VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY CARER AWARDS.



Meet Mary

Mary is 66 years old and is a kinship carer to her 3 grandchildren. Mary won a special award at the 2013 OLDER VOLUNTEER AWARDS hosted by Belfast City Council

THANK YOU



***Thank you* to everyone who donated to the appeals that Kinship Care NI highlighted. Since December 2013 you raised **£1941.13** for kinship carers and their children.

***Thank you* to the Deputy Mayor of Antrim, Brian Graham who hosted a coffee morning in support of Kinship Care NI.

***Thank you* to everyone who volunteers their time and energy to making Kinship Care NI the successful charity that it is.

***Thank you* to Strabane Community Project and Dove House Community Trust for the donation of food hampers.

Christmas at Kinship Care NI



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