



# KINSHIP NEWS

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Northern Ireland  
**Kinship Care**  
*Keeping families together*



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## Derry Journal People of the Year Awards



A huge congratulations to Ann Doherty who won 'Carer of the Year' at the 2017 Derry Journal People of the Year Awards. Ann is bringing up her grandchildren and gives her time freely to helping and supporting other grandparent carers in a similar position. Well done also to 'Youth Champion', Megan Hart who was nominated and shortlisted for a Bravery Award. Thank you to everyone involved in the Awards for recognising and highlighting the achievements of kinship carers and their children.

## Investor in People Presentation

We spent the day in Belfast Castle meeting lots of organisations who received the Investor in People Award. Staff members, Michelle and Pauline were officially presented with our Silver Award. Thank you to everyone at Investor in People, especially Andy Galloway for making our day a very special one. We hope now to use our learning to achieve the Gold Standard within the next two years.



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**For more information contact us free on 0800 022 3129**



# SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



## FRIGHT NIGHT



## HALLOWEEN FEST

# TORCHLIGHT TOURS



# ROSE PARK FARM



# BOO AT THE ZOO



## Andrew Rides Across Britain



Andrew Gallagher from DeloitteNI cycled 974 over 9 days across Britain and raised £1,535 in support of our work with kinship carers and their children. Thank you Andrew and everyone at DeloitteNI for everything. You done yourself and everyone here at Kinship Care NI proud.

## Cash for Kids Presentation



A massive THANK YOU to everyone involved in Cash for Kids for providing us with a grant to help build the confidence, self esteem and emotional well being of children and young people. We had a brilliant day.



## Launch Headliners Film



Two of our Youth Champions, Whitney and Danny worked alongside Headliners NI to share their experiences of growing up in kinship care. Thank you to everyone at Headliners for all their hard work and for making children in kinship care count. To watch the film, go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDED\\_o6fFzM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDED_o6fFzM)

## Celebrating #socialsatursday



Volunteers in our Kids n'Kinship Shops celebrated #socialsatursday2017 by giving out goodie bags and lots of free stuff to customers. Thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting us.



## Alpha Tech Raises £365.00



We would like to congratulate Robert Hamilton and everyone at Alpha Tech NI for all their fundraising efforts and raising £365.

# KIN TOGETHER SUPPORT GROUPS

We run lots of Kin Together Support Groups for kinship carers and their children across Northern Ireland. Kinship carers come together each month and meet and develop important friendships with other carers from their areas. Support meetings normally last one hour and there is always a friendly face and a cup of tea on the go. To find out more about support groups in your area as well as groups in L'Derry, Strabane, Coleraine and Limavady, contact Emma on 028 79301566 or Ruth on 028 71373731.

## CARRICKFERGUS / NEWTOWNABBEY / LARNE

Every 3rd Thursday of the month  
**Carrick YMCA**  
30-34 Irish Quarter West,  
Carrickfergus,  
Co. Antrim, BT38 8AT  
6pm - 7pm

## WEST BELFAST

Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
**Whiterock Community Centre**  
Whiterock Close, Belfast,  
BT12 7RJ  
11am - 12pm

## ANTRIM

Every last Monday of the month  
**Oasis, Caring in Action**  
10D High Street, Antrim BT41 4AN  
11am - 12pm

## BALLYMENA

Every last Wednesday of the month  
**Seven Towers Leisure Centre**  
Trostan Avenue, Ballymena BT43 7BL  
11am to 12pm

## MAGHERAFELT

Every last Friday of the month  
**Magherafelt office**  
55 Rainey Street, Magherafelt,  
BT455AF  
11am to 12pm

## DUNGANNON

Every last Thursday of the month  
**The Junction**  
12 Beechvalley Way, Dungannon,  
BT701BS  
11am - 12pm

## NEWRY

Every 1st Monday of the month  
**Newry Teacher Centre**  
Downshire Road, Newry, BT341EE  
10.30am - 12.00pm

## NORTH BELFAST

Every 3rd Friday of the month  
**Duncairn Community Centre**  
Upper Mervue Street, Belfast BT15 2JZ  
10:30am to 12pm

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## Stories of Impact

We were delighted to launch 'Stories of Impact' featuring the journeys and personal achievements of children and young people in kinship care.



## Living Life to the Full

Thank you to AWARE for delivering a 6 week Living Life to the Full Programme to kinship carers in Strabane.



## Thank You Robert

A huge congratulations to Robert Hamilton for organising a fundraising event at the Laganview Arms and raising £1,018.58 towards our work with children and young people in kinship care.



## Halifax NI Workshop

A massive thank you to everyone at the Halifax Foundation for inviting us to the launch of their new Pitching4Pounds Programme in Stormont. We had a fantastic time.



## Hillsborough Garden Party

Pauline and Angie has a fantastic time at the Hillsborough Garden Party in Belfast. They even got to meet Prince Harry!



## Welcome Emma

Emma Brennick, our new Children's Support Worker is the latest member of our team based in our Kinship Care Support Service in L'Derry.



## Forthcoming Events

For more information on forthcoming events visit [kinshipcareni.com/events/](http://kinshipcareni.com/events/)



3rd  
December  
2017

Jack  
and the  
Beanstalk  
Pantomime



10th  
December  
2017

Snow White  
Pantomime



10th  
December  
2017

Santa  
Express



17th  
December  
2017

Christmas  
Party

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for supporting our work with kinship carers and their children. We would especially like to thank DeloitteNI, Buttle UK, AlphaTechNI, Asheson and Glover, Jungle NI and the Halifax Foundation NI. Thanks also to the Cookstown and Magherafelt Centre, Headliners, Derry Journal, the Ulster American Museum, Belfast Zoo, Cash for Kids and the North West Community Network.

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