



# KINSHIP NEWS

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## Jacqueline Receives MBE

Our Chief Executive, Jacqueline received a MBE in the 2018 New Years Honours List for services to carers and children in Northern Ireland. We have all come along way since we started out in 2010 and this accolade is an amazing recognition of everyone who has supported our work with kinship carers and the children they care for over the last 7 years.

## Thank you P.K. Murphy Construction



We would like to thank Rosaleen and everyone at P.K. Murphy Construction for donating £1,000 towards our work with kinship carers and their children. We really cannot thank you enough.

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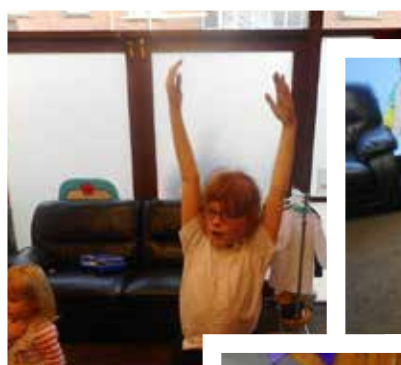
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Kinship Care NI run KIN TOGETHER Support Groups for kinship carers in Derry/Londonderry, Belfast, Larne, Cookstown, Dungannon, Newtownabbey, Coleraine, Portstewart, Magherafelt, Strabane, Omagh, Enniskillen and Antrim.

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

# MiniKins Yoga Programme

Children from our Children's Support Service in L'Derry completed a 4 week Yoga Programme alongside Susan Doherty. Children really enjoyed meeting other children and making friends, learning new skills and having lots and lots of fun. For information on our Children's Support Service and activities on offer to children aged 3-8 years, contact Emma on 028 71373731.



# Baby and Toddler Group

A massive thank you to the amazing Jo Jingles for coming to our Baby and Toddler Group and getting children singing and dancing. Children had an absolute ball and loved playing musical instruments, reading and singing their favourite nursery rhymes. For more information on our Baby and Toddler Group, contact Emma on 028 71373731.



# Playshed

Children and their carers had an amazing time at the Playshed in L'Derry. Children met and developed new friendships with children in a similar position and had lots and lots of fun. To find out more about programmes and activities for children in kinship care, contact Emma on 028 71373731.





# MBE Celebration



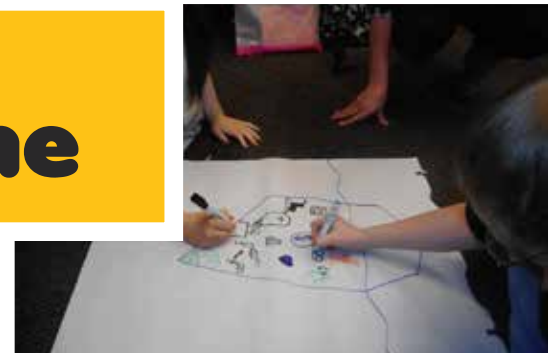
Trustees, staff and volunteers celebrated our Chief Executive, Jacqueline's MBE with a surprise party and meal at The Bentley. Jacqueline will travel to Buckingham Palace in London on the 18th May 2018 to formally receive her award.



# Resilience Programme



Young people involved in our Youth Champions Project had a fantastic time learning about resilience and getting involved in practical activities to help them deal with lots of challenges. A huge thank you to GroundworksNI for funding the programme and the Hummingbird Project for working alongside young people and supporting them. For more information on our Youth Champions Project, contact Sarah on 028 71373731





# Small Grants PROGRAMME

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# Youth Champions and Junior Youth Champions

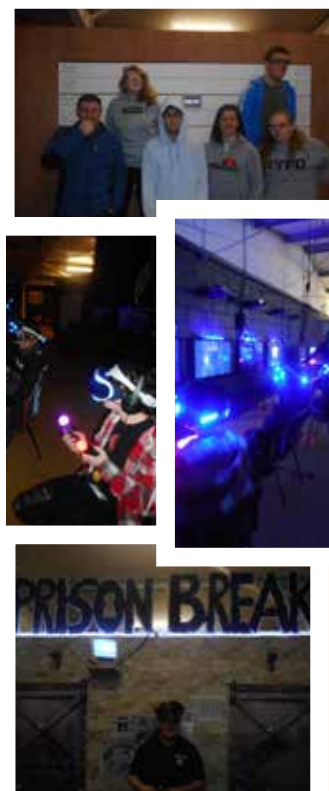
## First Aid Training

Our Youth Champions Group completed training on Emergency First Aid with the British Red Cross. Thank you to Geraldine Fitzpatrick for delivering the course and to all our young people who enjoyed learning about CPR and first aid techniques. For more information on training and programmes for young people in kinship care, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.



## Virtual Reality Workshop

Our Youth Champions and Junior Youth Champions had the best time ever attending a virtual reality workshop with VR Fusion. Young people played games and quizzes and got extremely competitive. Thank you to the wonderful Margaret McLaughlin for delivering the workshop and for making the day a real success. To find out more about activities for young people and our Youth Champions Groups, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.



## Circus Skills

Our Junior Youth Champions had a great time with In Your Space Circus learning new skills, including juggling and walking the tightrope. To find out more about our Junior Youth Champions Group and programmes for children and young people in kinship care, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.



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## Presentation Seagate

Thank you to all the staff at Seagate Technology for selecting us as their Charity of the Month and donating £500 towards our work with children and young people in kinship care.



## Fundraising Regulator

We are 1 of 4 organisations selected as a case study for the new Fundraising Regulator in Northern Ireland. This will allow us to put in place best practice in all areas of fundraising and donor engagement.



## BBC Broadcast Appeal

Paula Gilmurray from the BBC came to film kinship carers and children and young people as part of our Broadcast Appeal due to take place on the 26th and 29th March 2018. Thank you to Paula for a fantastic day.



## Kuddles Visits Bob Mullan Motors

'Kuddles' our Kinship Care Bear was out and about with Bob Mullan Motors testing out new vans for our Kids n'Kinship Ships in L'Derry. Thank you everyone at Bob Mullan Motors for a fun afternoon.



## Thank You McLaughlin & Harvey

A big THANK YOU to the staff at McLaughlin and Harvey for donating £300 towards our work with kinship carers and their children. We very much appreciate your support.



## Thank You Richmond Centre

Thank you to Marketing Manager, Jennifer Taylor and everyone at the Richmond Centre in L'Derry for their donation of £1,000 towards the delivery of programmes and activities to kinship carers and their children. Thank you for supporting us.



## Thank You Alpha Tech NI

A massive thank you to Robert Hamilton and everyone at Alpha Tech NI for all their fundraising efforts and raising £1,318 towards our work with kinship carers and their children. What an amazing achievement. Thank you.



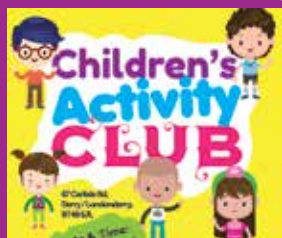
## Helplines Network Awareness Day

Staff member, Emma had a fantastic time raising awareness of kinship care and meeting other organisations supporting disadvantaged children and families at the Helplines Network Awareness Day in Belfast. Thank you for having us.

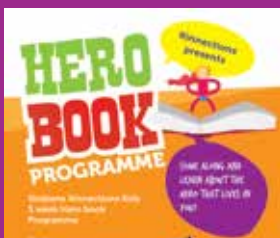


## Forthcoming Events

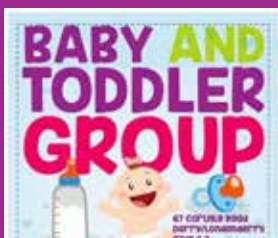
For more information on forthcoming events visit [kinshipcareni.com/events/](http://kinshipcareni.com/events/)



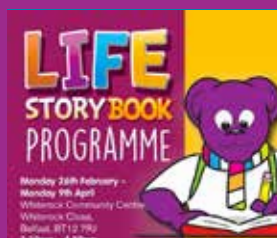
5th March 2018  
Children's Activity Club



6th March 2018  
Herobook Programme



13th March 2018  
Baby and Toddler Group



19th March 2018  
Lifestory Book Programme



30th March 2018  
Kin Together Support Group, L'Derry

## 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, Asheson and Glover, P.K. Murphy Construction, Buttle UK, Cash for Kids, AlphaTechNI and the Hummingbird Project. Thanks also to GroundworksNI, North West Restaurants Ltd, Helplines Network NI, In Your Space, CO3, Jo Jingles, VR Fusion, British Red Cross and the Playshed.

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