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AGM and Launch of Sibling Carer Film

Sibling carers and their younger brothers and sisters took the opportunity during our AGM to share their personal journeys and screen their new film. Congratulations to the carers and young people involved and Rory McCarron at the Verbal Arts Centre for all his hard work. Thank you to all our guest speakers, including Kellie Armstrong and Maeve McLaughlin and to Comic Relief and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland for funding the film. A special thank you to Claudia Starrett who hosted the entire event and done herself and her family proud. To view the film go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQDXqn_ZVxw



Celebrating Volunteers Week

We took the opportunity during Volunteers Week to say a big THANK YOU to our volunteers who give their time freely to supporting children and young people in kinship care. To find out how you can become a Kinship Care Volunteer and help make a difference to the families we support contact Pauline on 028 71373731.



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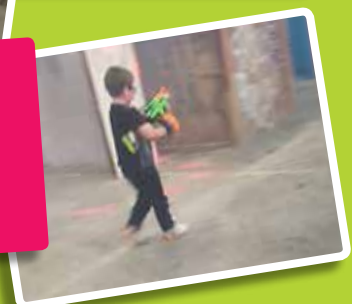
For more information contact us free on 0800 022 3129

Giant's Causeway



Children from Coleraine enjoyed a day out with their carers at the Giant's Causeway.

Nerf Works NI



Children from Antrim, Belfast and Magerafelt enjoyed a fantastic day out at Nerf Works in Ballyclare. Children made new friendships and had lots and lots of fun.



Tropical World

Children visited Tropical World and enjoyed the amazing tropical butterfly house and mini zoo.



Jungle NI

Children and their carers had a fantastic day at Jungle NI where they enjoyed paint balling and a range of outdoor activities.



Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

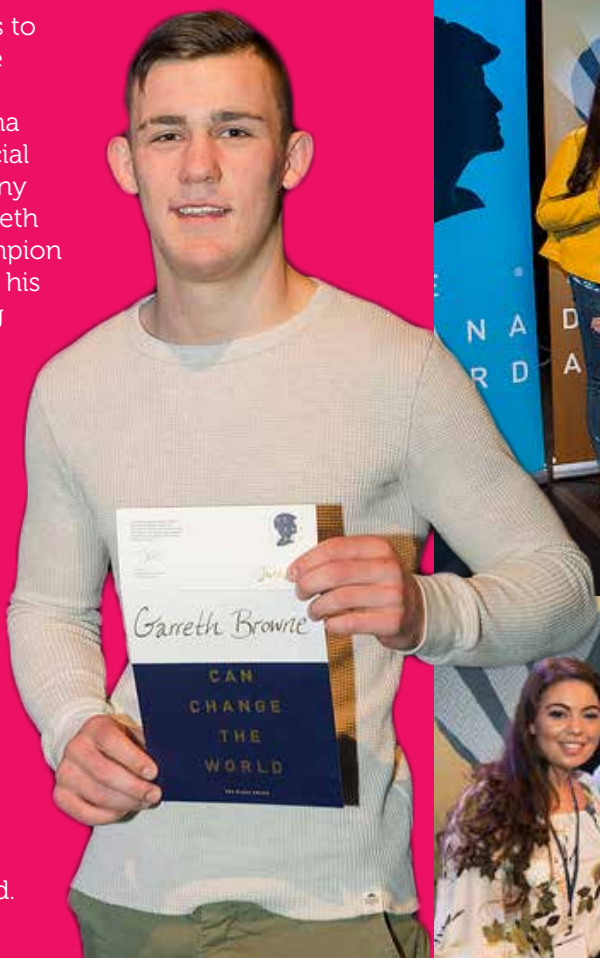


We were over the moon at receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at a special celebratory event held in the Guildhall in L'Derry. Thank you to everyone for coming along and sharing with us our special day, and to all our volunteers who have helped and supported us get to where we are today. Special thanks to the Lord Lieutenant of the Borough of Londonderry, Dr. Angela Garvey, Deputy Lieutenants Helen Quigley and Angela McIntyre, High Sheriff, Mary Bradley and Alderman Drew Thompson for presenting us with our Award.



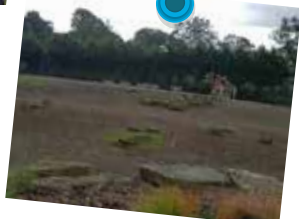
Diana Award

Congratulations to Garreth Browne who received a prestigious Diana Award at a special awards ceremony in Belfast. Garreth is a Youth Champion who volunteers his time supporting other children and young people and making them feel extremely welcome when they visit our Centre. Garreth was delighted at receiving his award and has made his family and everyone at Kinship Care NI extremely proud.

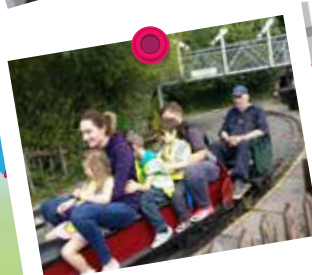


SUMMER

Dublin Zoo



Ulster Folk and American Museum



Sperrin Fun Farm

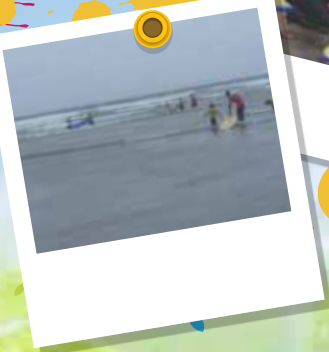


Carnfunnock Country Park

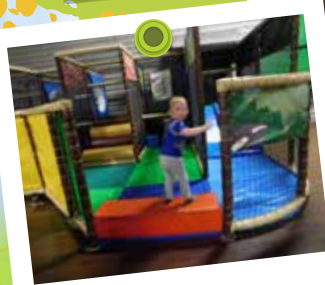
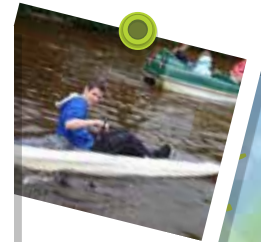


FUN

Finn McCool Surfing



Dunlewy Centre



We are Vertigo



Pickie Fun Park



YOUTH CHAMPIONS HAVE A BALL

Todds Leap



Young people enjoyed a two night residential at Todds Leap. Team building, outdoor pursuits and water sports were some of the activities young people got involved in.

Zip it Adventures



Young people enjoyed a range of outdoor activities, including tree climbing, swinging into cargo nets and zipping down ziplines.



Headliners



Our Youth Champions Group completed a 6 week Multimedia Project with Headliners. Young people made a short film on their personal experiences of kinship care.



Go-Karting



Young people had a fantastic time and got extremely competitive at the Campsie Karting Centre.



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Browns Cookery Demonstration

Award winning chef, patron and co-owner of Browns Restaurant, Ian Orr spent an evening with children and carers cooking up a storm. Ian cooked up a beautiful chicken curry and a mouth watering salmon with potatoes and a fresh salad. Lemon chicken and tomato soup were also on the menu. Thank you to Ian for spending the evening with us and for the wonderful food. We all had an amazing time.



DoTerra Workshop



Kinship carers in Antrim and Magherafelt completed a one day workshop with DoTerra where they developed new friendships with carers from their area and learned how to ensure proper self care when dealing with stress. For more information on training courses for kinship carers contact Ruth on 028 71373731 or Emma on 028 79301566.

Mindfulness



Kinship carers from Strabane and Enniskillen enjoyed a 6 week Mindfulness Programme where they learned new skills and developed important friendships with each other. Carers were able to practice a range of mindfulness and relaxation techniques to help them cope with feelings of stress and negative emotions and anxiety. Carers also had the opportunity to talk about their own thoughts and feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

Breathru Conference

Staff member, Charlene shared her learning and experience supporting kinship carers who are bringing up children with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. Thank you to everyone involved for a fantastic day.



Thank You ASDA

A massive THANK YOU to staff and customers at ASDA in Cookstown for selecting us for their 'Chosen By You' project and raising £200.



HOLYWELL STEW

A big thank you to everyone at the Holywell Trust for helping raise awareness of kinship care as part of their Holywell Stew event. We all had a great time.

Kinship Care Conference

Staff member, Michelle and kinship carer, Rose Hughes attended a Conference on Kinship Care at Queens University. Rose shared her experience of looking after her grandchildren and done herself and everyone at Kinship Care NI proud.



Festival of Ideas

Thank you to Alice Diver and everyone at Edge Hill University in Liverpool for a fantastic day and the opportunity to raise awareness of kinship care in Northern Ireland.



Deloitte Football Fundraiser

Staff at Deloitte held a kick about to raise money for children in kinship care. 'Kuddles' our Kinship Care Bear ended up on the winning team and had a fantastic time.



Asheson and Glover BBQ

Thank you to all the staff at the Asheson and Glover in Magherafelt who held a barbecue and raised £275.00. We very much appreciate your support.



Forthcoming Events

For more information on forthcoming events visit kinshipcareni.com/events/

18th September 2017

Living Life to the Full

30th October 2017

Halloween Torchlight Tours

21st September 2017

Kin Together Support Group (North Belfast)

20th September 2017

Kin Together Support Group, Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey

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, Holywell Trust, Diana Awards, Queens University, Edge Hill University and the Verbal Arts Centre.

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