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Good Help Awards

We were absolutely delighted to be 1 of 19 finalists selected for Nesta's Good Help Award. We travelled to London and met other organisations in the UK who are making a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and families. We raised awareness of kinship care, developed extremely important friendships with like minded organisations and received £1,000. Thank you to Nesta and all the amazing organisation we met for a great day. We had a ball.

Thank You Peninsula

A massive THANK YOU to all the staff at Peninsula in Belfast for holding a fundraising event in support of kinship carers and their children. We cannot thank you enough for your support.



**ARE YOU A
GRANDPARENT
RAISING YOUR
GRANDCHILDREN ?**

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, Antrim, Newry, Armagh and Limavady.

For more information contact us free on 0800 022 3129

Pickie Fun Park

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W5



Tayto Park



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Tropical World



Lisburn Leisure Centre

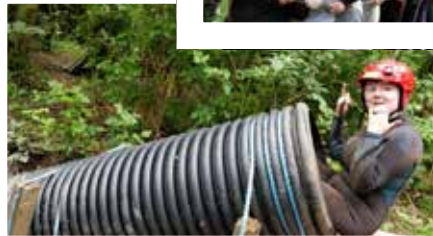


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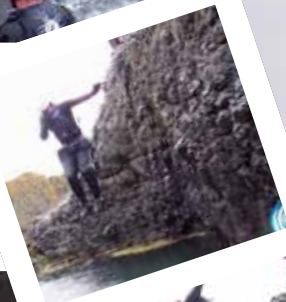
Good Relations Programme

Gartan Outdoor Education Centre



Young people had a great time attending a two night residential at Gartan Outdoor Education Centre in Co. Donegal. Young people met and developed new friendships with other young people in a similar position to them and explored issues of identity, culture and diversity as part of our Good Relations Programme. Young people also spent a day in Ballintoy with Coasteering NI where they participated in lots of team building activities, including jumping off cliffs. Thank you to the Education Authority for funding the Programme as part of their T:BUC Camps Programme and to all the young people who made the Programme a success.

Coasteering NI



Youth Champions Have Lots of Fun

Quad Safari



Our Youth Champions put on their helmets and spent the day at Quad Safari in Buncrana. Young people had an amazing time and got extremely competitive. Thankfully we all arrived home in one piece. To find out more about our Youth Champions Project, contact Emma B on 028 71373731.



Creggan Country Park



Young people involved in our Junior Youth Champions Project spent the day at Creggan Country Park where they tried their hand at kayaking and pier jumping. Thank you to everyone at Creggan Country Park for a fantastic day.

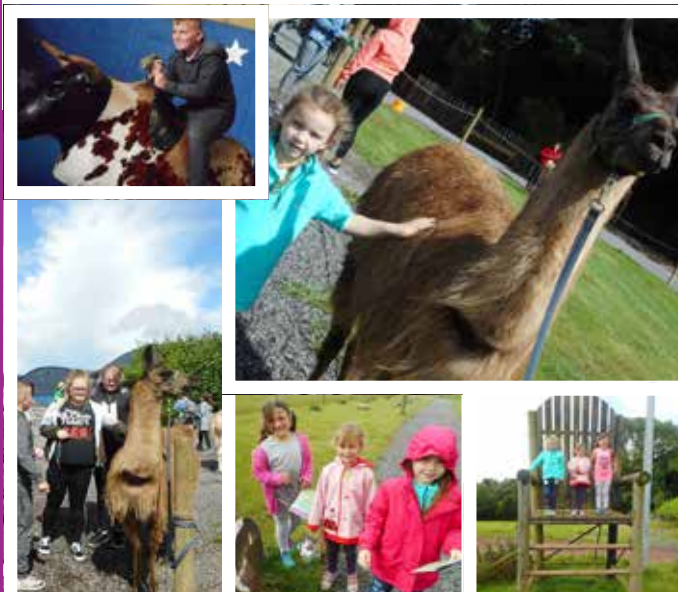


Todds Leap



Children and carers had an amazing time at Todds Leap. Children developed new friendships and got involved in lots of fun activities. For more information on programmes and activities for children in kinship care, contact Emma on 028 79301566.

Jungle NI



We all had an amazing time at Jungle NI in Moneymore. Children played in the park, had a picnic and visited all the animals. Thank you to Hugh and his team for a great day and to carers and children for coming along. To find out more about programmes for children and carers in Antrim and Mid Ulster, contact Emma on 028 79301566.

Streamvale Open Farm



Children spent the day at Streamvale Open Farm in Belfast where they met goats, chickens, ponies and puppies. Children fell in love with the puppies and did not want to leave. To find out about activities for children in Belfast, contact Paula on 028 79301566

American Folk Park



Children and their carers had the best time ever at the Ulster American Folk Park. Children learned how to make candles and scones and visited the tea room. For information on programmes for kinship carers and children and young people in kinship care, contact Paula on 028 71373731.



Pudsey and the Grow Bus

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to Heather Pollock and the Green Team at Groundwork NI for bringing their Grow Bus to our Kinship Care Support Service in L'Derry. Children ate bugs, planted cress, painted bug hotels and made popcorn. Pudsey from BBC Children in Need made a surprise appearance and met children and their carers.



Princess Party

Children from Magherafelt, Antrim and Newtownabbey put on their tiaras and beautiful dresses and attended a Princess Party at Nerf Works in Ballyclare. Children were treated to a day of all things pink and glittery and had a great day.



Polliwogs

Children visited Polliwogs in Enniskillen and tried their hand at pottery. We now have an office full of beautiful jugs and picture frames. Thank you the staff at Polliwogs for spending time with children and for a fantastic day.



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Deloitte Summer BBQ

Staff at Deloitte in Belfast held a Summer Barbecue and raised £780.00 towards our work with children and their carers. Thank you (as always) to Deloitte and everyone who came along for your support.



Lived Experience Workshop

We attended a Lived Experience Workshop with the Big Lottery Fund and Experts by Experience at the Holywell Trust in L'Derry. Thank you for having us.



Tea With The Western Trust

We had tea with senior social service professionals at the Western Health & Social Care Trust. A great opportunity to share our learning of the support needs of children and their carers and identify new ways of working in partnership.



UUSU Volunteer Centre

We met with the Student Union's Volunteer Centre to develop opportunities for students at the University of Ulster to volunteer their time with our Kinship Care Support Service in L'Derry. Thank you Shauna Brolly for your continued support.



Belfast International Airport

We were chosen by Belfast International Airport as their Charity Partner. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of kinship care and get staff at Belfast International Airport involved in our work.



Milesian Manor

We developed a formal partnership with Milesian Manor in Magherafelt to bring together children in kinship care and older people in the community. Thank you to Rose Hughes for making it happen.



Welcome Glenna

Glenna McDowell, our new Business and Operations Manager is the latest member of our team based in our Kinship Care Support Service in L'Derry.



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

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