



# KINSHIP NEWS

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## Rachael Pitches to Deloitte in London

17 year old, Rachael travelled to London to pitch for £150,000. Rachael, who is being brought up by her older sister shared her personal experience of kinship care in front of a room full people, including the Chairman and Senior Partners at Deloitte. Rachael had a fantastic time and done herself, her sister and everyone here at Kinship Care NI proud. Thank you to Fiona, Judith, Euan and Mark from Deloitte for making it happen.



## Thank You Acheson & Glover

A big THANK YOU to all the staff at Acheson and Glover in Magherafelt. Staff held a number of awareness raising and fundraising events and raised £616.94 towards our work with kinship carers and their children in Mid Ulster. Thank you for all your hard work. We very much appreciate it.



**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 and Antrim.

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

# Herobook Programme Strabane



Children from Strabane took part in a 6 week Herobook Programme. Children drew pictures and developed their very own superheroes. Children also enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together and learn about each others hopes and dreams for the future. For more information on our Herobook Programme and programmes delivered to children in Strabane, Omagh and Enniskillen, contact Ruth on 028 71373731.

# Lifestory Programme Belfast



Children from North and West Belfast had a fantastic time completing a 6 week LifeStory Programme. Children enjoyed drawing pictures of themselves and working together to develop their own Lifestory Workbooks. To find out more about our Lifestory Programme, contact Emma or Paula on 028 79301566.

# Circus Skills Programme



Children completed a 6 week Circus Skills Programme and learned lots of circus skills, including how to skateboard and juggle. Thank you to everyone at In Your Space for delivering the programme and supporting children in kinship care. For more information on forthcoming programmes and activities, contact Emma on 028 71373731.

# Bowling Bonaza

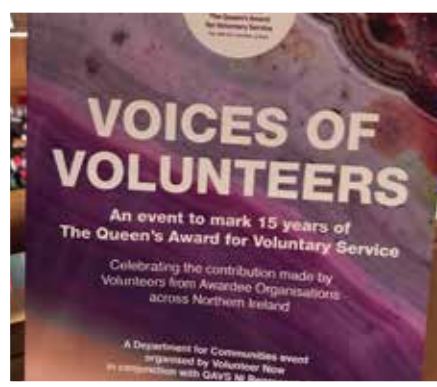


Children and carers from Coleraine had an amazing time playing bowls and getting to know each other. Children had lots of fun and met other children from their area in a similar position to them. For more information on programmes and activities for carers and children in the Coleraine, Limavady and Portstewart areas, contact Ruth on 028 71373731.



# 15th Anniversary Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Trustees and volunteers attended a celebration of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at Mossley Mill in Newtownabbey. This was a great opportunity to meet other organisations and celebrate together the contribution volunteers make to the work of Kinship Care NI. A massive THANK YOU to Walter Radar for organising the event and for a fantastic evening and to all our volunteers for the important work you do.



# Derry Credit Union Young People's Awards

A huge congratulations to Garreth, Shantelle, Matthew, Stephen, Rachael Kayla and Riordan who were nominated and shortlisted for several awards at the Derry Credit Union Young People's Awards in the City Hotel. Thank you to the Derry Credit Union (as always) for putting on a fantastic evening and for making young people feel extremely special. We had a fantastic time.





# PETER RABBIT

# JUMPING L



# CINEMA NIGHT

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# International Women's Day

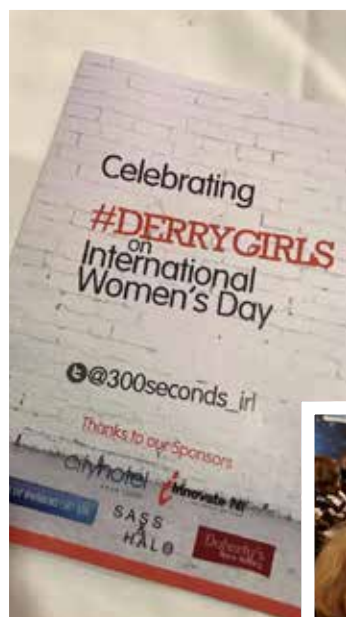
## Deloitte

Staff members, Ruth and Pauline marked International Women's Day with a trip to the Kingspan Stadium in Belfast. Staff at Deloitte and the Ulster Rugby Club put on an amazing day with lots of entertainment and inspirational speakers. Thank you Fiona for inviting us and for a great day.



## InnovateNI

We celebrated International Women's Day at the City Hotel. Our Chief Executive, Jacqueline was one of 5 #derrygirls who took to the stage to share her personal journey with 200 invited guests. Thank you to wonderful Clare McGee from Innovate NI for organising the event and to the amazing Máire ní dhurcáin for the fun and laughter.



## BBC Broadcast Appeal

We had an amazing time working alongside Paula Gilmurray at BBC Broadcasting House in Belfast to put together our appeal. We received a tour of the BBC and spent the morning in Studio 5. Kinship carers, John Porter and Anthea Campbell shared their personal experience of kinship care and Kayla and Danny spoke beautifully about what it is like to be cared for by a member of their extended family. We had a fantastic response to our appeal and had lots of fun. Thank you to Paula and everyone at BBC Broadcasting House for helping raise awareness and support for kinship carers and their children in Northern Ireland.



# Bug Hunting in St Columbs Park

Children had a fantastic time bug hunting in St. Columbs Park. Children collected lots of interesting creepie crawlies and enjoyed playing in the park. Thank you to Groundworks NI for funding the programme and for making the day a huge success. To find out more about our Children's Support Service and programmes for children age 3-8 years, contact Emma on 028 71373731.



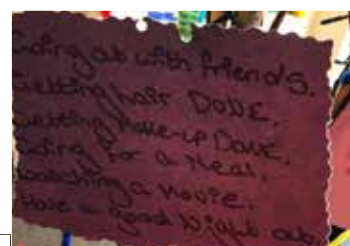
# Fairy Door Making

Children were treated to a day out in St. Columbs Park where they made and painted fairy doors and bird houses. Children had a fantastic time and had lots and lots of fun looking for fairies in the park. For more information on programmes and activities for children in kinship care, contact Emma on 028 71373731.



# Resilience Tree

Our Youth Champions Group worked together to develop positive affirmations and their very own Resilience Tree. Young people planted the tree in St. Columbs Park. Thank you to the staff at St. Columbs Park House for helping out on the day and to the Hummingbird Project for building the resilience of young people in kinship care. For more information on our Youth Champions Project, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.



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# Sponsored Family Walk

Kinship carer, Rose Hughes held a Sponsored Family Walk to raise money for children in kinship care. Children and their families came along and walked around Polepatrick Park in Magherafelt - raising £400.00. Thank you to the wonderful Rose Hughes for another successful fundraising event and to everyone who came along and took part in the walk.



## Nomination Belle of the Ball

Staff member, Emma has been nominated and shortlisted for the Belle of the Ball in Mid Ulster. Emma is looking forward to getting all dolled up for the final on the 18th June 2018. We have our fingers and toes crossed for you Emma. Good luck.



## Thank You Nadine and Shea

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to Shea and Nadine Donnelly for donating £200 in lieu of favours on their wedding day. Thank you!



## Deloitte Bake Off

Fiona from Deloitte baked the most amazing cake ever, won the bake off competition and raised £315.00. Congratulations Fiona.



## Thank you Irish Honourable Society

Thank you to the Irish Honourable Society for providing us with a grant for £450.00. We very much appreciate your support.



## Welcome Paula

Paula O'Hagan is the newest member of our team based in our Kinnections Project.



## Forthcoming Events

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

Wed 11th April 2018 to Wed 2nd May 2018

**THINK Good FEEL Good**

67 Carlisle Rd, Derry/L'Derry @ 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**2nd May 2018**  
**Think Good Feel Good Programme**

**FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018**  
THE PICKLED DUCK

**FUNDRAISER**

6.00PM - 8.30PM  
2/3 SHOOTPLACE LIBRARY, BT48 6DH

**11th May 2018**  
**Pickled Duck Charity Fundraiser**

**Forest+ School PROGRAMME**

SIX WEEK PROGRAMME BEGINNING MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2018

**14th May 2018**  
**Forest School Programme**

**YOUTH CHAMPIONS GROUP**

**Tuesday 5-7pm**  
**starting 9th January 2018**

**28th May 2018**  
**Youth Champions Activity Club**

Megan Hart invites you to our

**AGM**

Friday 1st June 2018  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

**1st June 2018**  
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# 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, Acheson and Glover, Buttle UK, GroundworksNI, Volunteer NOW, In Your Space and the Hummingbird Project. Thanks also to the Derry Credit Union, ASDA Cookstown, Jumping Lanes, Campsie Go-Karting, St Columbs Park House and BBC Broadcasting House.

We would also like to thank the Irish Honourable Society, InnovateNI, Business in the Community, Northern Ireland Children's Bureau, Halifax Foundation NI and the Derry Journal. Special thanks also to Rose Hughes, Walter Radar, Dr. Angela Garvey, Paula Gilmurray, Ellen Barr, Máire ní dhuarcáin, Leona O'Neill, Clare McGee, Dr. Katrina Collins, Pat Armstrong and Shea and Nadine Donnelly.

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