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Business First 40RTY Under 40RTY Awards

Young people involved in our Youth Champions Group won the Judges Award at the Business First 2018 Northern Ireland 40RTY Under 40RTY Awards. Kayla, Megan and Whitney were presented with the award at a special ceremony at the Malone Lodge in Belfast. Thank you to Gavin Walker and the team at Business First and to GroundworkNI for sponsoring our young people and attending the event. We had a fantastic day.

Thank You ESB Coolkeeragh

A massive THANK YOU to Jim and Janice and everyone at ESB Coolkeeragh for donating 500 euro towards our Summer Programme for children and carers in the Antrim and Mid Ulster areas. We very much appreciate your support.



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**ARE YOU A
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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

Hazelwood Integrated College Tea Party



Students, staff and the Parent Teacher Association at Hazelwood Integrated College in Newtownabbey held a tea party to raise money in support of our work with kinship carers and their children. ‘Kuddles’ our Kinship Care Bear came along to meet students and staff and to eat as much cake as he could. Thank you to Gemma Powell and principal, Kathleen O’Hare and everyone at Hazelwood Integrated College for a great day. You raised £1,360.70.

Pickled Duck Cafe Fundraiser



The wonderful Kiera Duddy and staff at the Pickled Duck Cafe in L’Derry organised a fundraising evening to raise awareness and money for kinship carers and their children. Staff cooked up the most amazing food ever and ‘Kuddles’ our Kinship Care Bear came along to hand out copies of his storybook. A huge THANK YOU to Kiera for making it happen and to everyone who came along and helped raise £1,050.



Belle of Mid Ulster

Our very own staff member, Emma won the Belle of Mid Ulster. Emma got all dolled up and spoke beautifully about her role as Training and Outreach Worker and the support she provides to children and carers. Emma received a load of goodies and a donation of £1,000 towards our work with children and their families. Congratulations Emma.



Derry Journal People of the Year Awards

The Derry Journal Newspaper selected Kinship Care NI as their charity to support for this years’ Derry Journal People of the Year Awards. Thank you to editor, Arthur and to Karen and Ellen for your continued support.

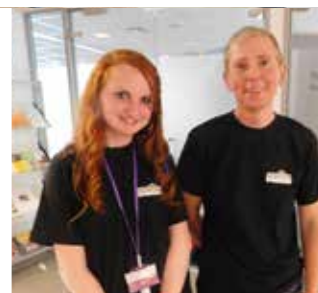


Deloitte Charity Pub Fundraiser

Staff at Deloitte in Belfast held a Pub Fundraiser and raised £500 Thank you (as always) to Fiona and everyone who came along to raise money for children and their carers. We cannot thank you all enough.



AGM



We held our 8th AGM on the 1st June 2018 at the Holywell Trust in L'Derry. This was an opportunity to celebrate the successes and achievements of kinship carers and the children they care for. Thank you to 15 year old, Megan Hart hosted the event, to Clionagh for the amazing song and to all our Youth Champions for making everyone feel welcome.



Quality for All Event



We attended a spectacular event held by Quality for All at Merchant Hotel in Belfast. We were treated to the best food ever and presented on the issue of kinship care to a packed audience. Quality for All presented us with a cheque for £8,000 which will allow us to recruit and train more volunteers, run programmes for children as well as training and workshops for carers. A huge THANK YOU to Peter Hughes for putting us forward and to Gary, Gillian and everyone at Quality for All for an amazing day.



Kinship Care Community Champion Awards



We decided to name and shame a few of the people behind the scenes for contributing to our work and success over the last 12 months. Rose, Maeve, John, Margaret, Mark, Charlie, Fiona, Euan and Ellen - you are our 2017/18 Kinship Care Community Champions. Thank you for taking the issue of kinship care to your heart.



Celebrating Volunteers Week



We took the opportunity during Volunteers Week to recognise and thank our volunteers for everything they do and for supporting staff deliver programmes and activities to children and their carers. Thank you to our volunteers for everything that you do.



Cara Friend Workshop



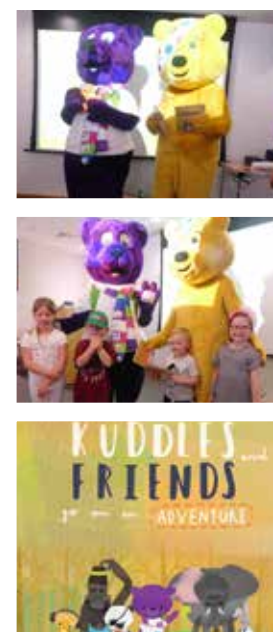
Our Youth Champions attended an anti-bullying workshop facilitated and delivered by Cara Friend. Thank you to Shauna Devenny for a very informative evening and our young people for coming along. To find out more about our Youth Champions and Junior Youth Champions Groups contact, Sarah on 028 71373731.

Campsie Karting



Our Junior Youth Champions Group got very competitive at Campsie Karting Centre and ran staff member Sarah (who was winning) off the track. Thank you to the staff at Campsie Karting for a brilliant evening.

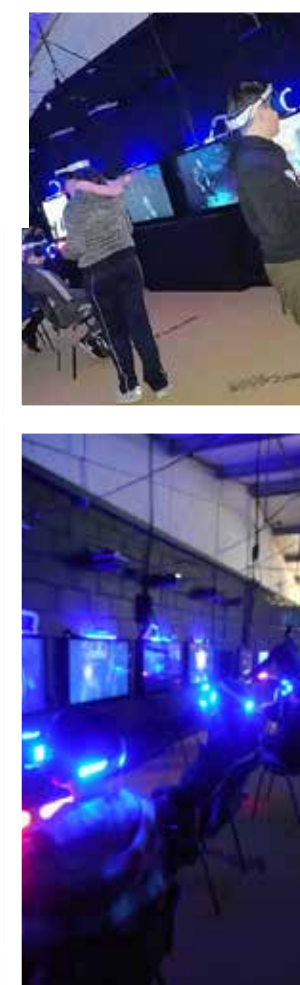
'Kuddles' and Pudsey Launch New Storybook



'Kuddles' our Kinship Care Bear and his best friend Pudsey from BBC Children in Need made a surprise appearance at our AGM to launch a new storybook - 'Kuddles and Friends Go On An Adventure' written by children in kinship care. Thank you to Emain Publications for working alongside children and the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, Big Lottery Fund, Comic Relief and BBC Children and Need for funding the storybook.

VR Fusions

Young people had an amazing time with UV Fusions learning all about virtual reality and playing games. Young people also had the opportunity to get involved in team building activities and made new friends and had lots and lots of fun. Thank you to Margaret McLaughlin and everyone at UV Fusions for a great day. For more information on our programmes and activities for children and young people, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.



Playdate in the Park



Children organised a playdate in the park and spent the morning making new friends and playing on the swings, slides and climbing frames. To find out more information on our Children's Support Service and activities for children, contact Emma on 028 71373731.

Wall Climbing at the Foyle Arena



Our Kreative Kins Group had a great day at the Climbing Wall in the Foyle Arena. Everyone managed to climb to the top and children were extremely proud of themselves. For more information on our Kreative Kins Group and activities for children, contact Sarah on 028 71373731.

Circus Skills Workshop

Children attended a Circus Skills workshop with In Your Space and learned how to juggle, walk the tightrope and ride a unicycle. Children met and developed new friendships and had a great time. Thank you to In Your Space (as always) for a fantastic evening.



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Launch 2017/18 Social Impact Report

We launched our 2017/18 Impact Report and took the opportunity to celebrate with kinship carers and their children their achievements over the past year. For a copy of the report contact Jacqueline on 028 71373731.



Feature Sunday Life

Sibling carer, Caomihe Lawell shared her personal journey of raising her younger sister when their mum died. Thank you to the Sunday Life for featuring Caomihe's story and the Big Lottery fund for helping put her story together.



Thank You Progressive Building Society

Thank you to all the staff at the Progressive Building Society in L'Derry for donating £1,000 towards our work with kinship carers and their children. We very much appreciate your support.



Engage Workshop

Staff members, Emma and Paula attended a workshop with NCBNI as part of the Engage Programme. We took the opportunity to raise awareness and meet other organisations supporting disadvantaged children and families. Thank you to Celine and Teresa for having us.



Thank you Whitemountain

Thank you to all the staff at Whitemountain Quarries Ltd for donating £100 towards our Summer Programme for children and carers in the Antrim and Mid Ulster area. We very much appreciate it.



Thank You Anthea

Thank you to kinship carer, Anthea Campbell for making us a beautiful gift. We are delighted to say that it is now on display for everyone to see at our Kinship Care Support Service in L'Derry.



Thank You Multi Packaging Solutions

Thank you to Multi Packaging Solutions for donating £200 towards our Summer Programme. We cannot thank you all enough.



Forthcoming Events

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



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, Business First, Progressive Building Society, ESB Coolkeeragh, Hazelwood Integrated College, Pickled Duck Cafe and the Derry Journal. Thanks also to In Your Space Circus, Holywell Trust, City of Derry Crystal, Campsie Go-Karting, VR Fusions, Quality for All, Multi Packaging Solutions and the Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre. We would also like to thank the Northern Ireland Children's Bureau,

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