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The National Lottery Community Fund Grant announcement

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**Number of grants: 114**

**Total funding awarded: £9,715,667**

**Table 1: Grants awarded to organisations working across Northern Ireland**

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| **Organisation**  | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Action Cancer | Across Northern Ireland | Action Cancer, which is based in Belfast and works across Northern Ireland, is using a £499,950 grant to expand support for cancer patients and their families/carers, to improve their wellbeing and quality of life outside of medical settings. Over four years the project will run support groups, provide advice on mental health, promote tools for self-care, create online resources, run counselling and therapy sessions, and develop a specialist nutrition and physical activity service.  | £499,950 | People and Communities |
| C21 Theatre Company Ltd | Across Northern Ireland | C21 Theatre Company, which is based in Newtownabbey, is using a £187,347 grant to work with 14 care homes across Northern Ireland to support older people to tell their stories, feel valued and have a voice. Over two years the project will deliver reminiscence sessions with residents and capture their memories on film, in print and in photographs. Their life stories will be celebrated at events with families and staff. The project will reduce isolation, improve health and wellbeing, and provide training and resources for staff to deliver similar reminiscence work in the future.  | £187,347 | People and Communities |
| Children's Law Centre (Northern Ireland) | Across Northern Ireland | Children’s Law Centre (Northern Ireland) in Belfast is using a £499,382 grant to provide children and young people with easy access to legal information that affects their lives. Over three years the project will work with youth ambassadors to develop their ChatBot and LiveChat website functions and advice phone line which provide instant and accurate information, advice and advocacy. This will support children, young people and their parents/carers from across Northern Ireland to access the educational, health, housing and community services that they are entitled to, helping to improve their lives. The project will also expand and train their youth ambassador team who will raise awareness of children’s rights in their schools, networks and communities.  | £499,382 | Empowering Young People |
| Deafblind UK | Across Northern Ireland | Deafblind UK, in partnership with Libraries NI, is using a £299,789 grant to provide support to deafblind people and their carers across Northern Ireland. Over three years the project will set up approximately 100 Sensory Support Hubs in libraries which will provide access to specialist information, resources and advice to improve wellbeing, boost confidence, and build communications skills. The project will also provide opportunities to build connections through befriending, support people to link with appropriate services, and help to raise public awareness of the extreme isolation and challenges that people with dual sensory loss face every day. | £299,789 | People and Communities |
| Invisible Traffick NI | Across Northern Ireland | Invisible Traffick NI, which is based in Newtownards and works across Northern Ireland, is using a £495,715 grant to educate and empower young people to recognise the signs of modern slavery, criminal exploitation and human trafficking. Over four years the project will run bespoke training programmes for young people, carers and communities to understand how exploitation can happen, how to identify it and how to stay safe. The project includes one-to-one support, training workshops, creating community safeguarding structures, and recruiting youth ambassadors to amplify the voice of young people. | £495,715 | Empowering Young People  |
| Limbless Association | Across Northern Ireland | Limbless Association is using a £19,600 grant over one year to bring amputees together to create a network of support and help them to access services and information. The project will create four new support groups in Coleraine, Derry/Londonderry, Enniskillen, and Newry, and recruit and train amputee volunteers to deliver support in their local communities.  | £19,600 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Tackling Awareness of Mental Health Issues | Across Northern Ireland | TAMHI in north Belfast is using a £277,129 grant to support 6,000 young people aged 11-18 years from across Northern Ireland, to build awareness and understanding of their mental health and the impact it has on their lives. Over four years the project will work with 40 sports clubs and afterschool clubs to train staff to run a programme of physical games which promote discussion on mental health, tackle stigma and promote coping strategies. The project will run mental health campaigns and provide mentoring support for the clubs to ensure the programmes are well established to continue in the future.  | £277,129 | People and Communities |

**Table 2: Grants awarded to organisations working in Antrim and Newtownabbey**

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| **Organisation**  | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| BEAMA Education CIC | Antrim and Newtownabbey | BAEMA Education CIC, which is based in Newtownabbey, is using a £20,000 grant over one year to run digital art workshops for young people with additional needs. The activities will take place in Belfast, Omagh, Pomeroy and Enniskillen, and will build confidence and creativity while allowing the young people to express themselves. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Crumlin United Football and Social Club | Antrim and Newtownabbey | Crumlin United Football Club is using a £20,000 grant over one year to install solar panels and battery storage to reduce their energy bills and make them more sustainable. The project will put the money saved on bills, into community outreach groups. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens | Antrim and Newtownabbey | Friends of Antrim Castle Gardens is using a £6,900 grant over two years to run a programme of gardening, health and nutrition workshops, to improve the health and wellbeing of their volunteers and help them learn new skills. | £6,900 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Homeless Connect | Antrim and Newtownabbey | Homeless Connect, which is based in Mallusk, is using a £20,000 grant over one year to provide second hand furniture packs for people moving from a homelessness situation into a tenancy. The project will improve wellbeing, help people make their house feel like a home, and enable longer term tenancy. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 3: Grants awarded to organisations working in Ards and North Down**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| AGE North Down & Ards | Ards and North Down | AGE North Down & Ards (AGEnda), based in Bangor, are using a £20,000 grant over two years to fund revenue costs to continue their Good Morning call service. The calls, made by volunteers, provide a vital check-in to older people, to help them remain independent in their own homes and reduce isolation. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Lightship Masonic Lodge 386 | Ards and North Down | Lightship Masonic Lodge 386 is using a £16,620 grant to make improvements to Ballywalter Masonic Hall, to make it more accessible for community groups to use. Work will include installing disabled toilets and insulation, repairing flooring, and buying new kitchen equipment. | £16,620 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| North Down Parkinsons Support Group | Ards and North Down | North Down Parkinson's Support Group is using a £9,700 grant over two years to run an exercise programme for people with Parkinson's who are living in the Ards and North Down area. The project will help to slow the progression of the disease through exercise and build social connections to reduce isolation. | £9,700 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 4: Grants awarded to organisations working in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| 5th Portadown Scout Group | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 5th Portadown Scouts is using a £12,750 grant over 16 months to buy new camping and play equipment and train new leaders. The project will run camping residentials to teach young people new skills and improve their wellbeing. | £12,750 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ballymacmaine Community Group | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Ballymacmaine Community Group, based in Magheralin, is using a £7,840 grant to run a six-month programme of fitness and craft activities to bring local people together to improve their wellbeing and create a sense of community. | £7,840 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Drumgor Detached Youth Work Project | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Drumgor Detached Youth Work Project is using a £304,605 grant to engage and empower young people from Brownlow and north Lurgan. Over three years the project will provide advocacy workshops, street-based outreach, mobile youth hubs, and social action events. The project will help young people to cope with challenges in their lives, use their voice to help shape policies, build their leadership skills, and develop a sense of pride and connection to their local communities. | £304,605 | Empowering Young People |
| Keady Men's Shed | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Keady Men's Shed is using a £13,260 grant over 15 months to organise day trips and buy equipment for workshops. The project will reduce isolation and improve wellbeing for the local men who attend the Shed. | £13,260 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Lislea Development Association Ltd | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Lislea Development Association in Armagh is using a £9,971 grant to refurbish their community centre, including replacing flooring, curtains and blinds, and building a storage shed. These improvements will make the space more accessible and welcoming for the community to use. | £9,971 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Loughbrickland Rural Youth Group | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Loughbrickland Rural Youth Group is using a £6,560 grant over two years to buy equipment and run activities for young people in this rurally isolated area. The project will improve young people’s skills and wellbeing to help to build a stronger community. | £6,560 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Paul Russell Foundation | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | The Paul Russell Foundation in Dromore is using a £15,805 grant over two years to run a bereavement support group and a social club for adults with learning and physical disabilities. The project will provide a safe space for people to come together, take part in activities, and improve their wellbeing. | £15,805 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Rathfriland Women's Institute | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Rathfriland Women's Institute is using a £14,900 grant over two years to run a programme of workshops, weekly walks and day trips to bring local women together and improve their skills and wellbeing. | £14,900 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Sound Friends | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Sound Friends, based in Waringstown, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to run activities for deaf children and their families. The project includes 10-year anniversary celebration, seasonal events and a farm outing. The project will provide opportunities for deaf children and their families to share experiences and socialise with each other, reducing feelings of isolation and improving their wellbeing. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| St Patricks Youth Club Keady | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | St Patricks Youth Club Keady is using a £16,800 grant over two years to buy equipment and run activities for local young people. The project will include educational trips and a residential to build relationships and provide positive experiences for the young people. | £16,800 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| The Seagoe Community Hub | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | The Seagoe Community Hub, based in Portadown, is using a £7,350 grant over 18 months to run health and wellbeing activities for older people. The project will support people to develop new skills, bring them together to reduce isolation, and improve their wellbeing. | £7,350 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

 **Table 5: Grants awarded to organisations working in Belfast**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Afghan Immigrants Association in Northern Ireland | Belfast | Afghan Immigrants Association in Northern Ireland, based in south Belfast, is using a £20,000 grant over 15 months to run activities and events for Afghan families living in Northern Ireland. The project will bring people together for informative talks, social gatherings and language classes to create a sense of community and belonging. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ag Tógáil Clainne le Gaeilge | Belfast | Ag Tógáil Clainne le Gaeilge (Raising a Family with Irish), based in west Belfast, is using a £19,500 grant over one year to run activities for local families. The project includes a parent and toddler group, family summer scheme and camping trip which will build relationships and support parents to raise their children in an Irish speaking environment. | £19,500 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ardmonagh Family and Community Group Limited | Belfast | Ardmonagh Family and Community Group in west Belfast is using a £19,990 grant over 19 months to buy equipment and run a programme of activities to improve wellbeing. The project includes community lunches, craft workshops and reminiscence sessions. | £19,990 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Arts & Disability Forum | Belfast | Arts & Disability Forum, based in Belfast, is using a £19,988 grant over two years to fund staff costs to coordinate their Atypical Volunteer programme. The project will provide opportunities for people with disabilities or neurodiversity, to learn new skills, develop friendships and improve their wellbeing. | £19,988 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| AuSome GrowSome CIC | Belfast | AuSome GrowSome CIC in west Belfast is using a £20,000 grant over one year to run a horticultural programme for people with additional needs, autism, or neurodiversity. The project will teach growing and gardening skills, promote connections and improve wellbeing. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Autonomie Ltd | Belfast | Autonomie, based in south Belfast, is using a £20,000 grant to cover running costs for their day-support activities for young people with range of complex and additional needs. The project will improve personal development to help prepare the young people for their transition to adult services. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Belfast Homeless Services | Belfast | Belfast Homeless Services is using a £19,968 grant over two years to fund staff costs to support the running of their services. The project will provide critical support to the homeless community, including mental health and addiction programmes. | £19,968 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Belfast Interface Project | Belfast | Belfast Interface Project is using an £8,060 grant to use augmented and virtual reality to help young people reimagine interface areas in their communities and how they could be improved through urban planning and technology. The project will promote a more positive outlook and pride in local spaces. | £8,060 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Blackmountain Action Group | Belfast | Blackmountain Action Group in Belfast is using a £20,000 grant over two years to bring families together for activities to build relationships and improve wellbeing. The project includes residentials and educational workshops to learn more about creative play, managing challenging behaviour, healthy nutrition and autism awareness.  | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Bridge NI | Belfast | Bridge NI in east Belfast is using a £19,400 grant over two years to run an exercise programme for local women of all ages, to improve their health and wellbeing and reduce isolation. | £19,400 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Cancer Lifeline | Belfast | Cancer Lifeline in north Belfast is using a £170,594 grant to support men affected by cancer. Over three years the project will create a dedicated hub where men will feel comfortable accessing support, developing friendships, and taking part in activities, including a breakfast club, practical classes, therapeutic support, and health workshops. The project will reduce isolation and anxiety, allowing men to share their experiences and concerns with people in similar situations. | £170,594 | People and Communities |
| Corpus Christi Youth Centre | Belfast | Corpus Christi Youth Centre in west Belfast is using a £499,341 grant to expand the support and activities they provide for young people. The project includes one-to-one support, an after schools club, accredited courses, team building residentials, health workshops, social action projects, and an employability skills programme. The project will support young people to be more resilient, set goals for their future and take a more positive role in their community.  | £499,341 | Empowering Young People |
| Family Comfort NI | Belfast | Family Comfort NI, based in Belfast, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to support diverse ethnic families to feel part of the community. The project will provide food parcels and run play groups, baby yoga and health talks to bring families together and reduce isolation. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Friends of Africa | Belfast | Friends of Africa, based in Belfast, is using a £19,950 grant over two years to run an inclusivity and diversity programme for local young people and those seeking asylum. The project will include social events, English lessons, residentials and Africa Day celebrations. | £19,950 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Glencolin Residents Association | Belfast | Glencolin Residents Association in west Belfast is using a £19,400 grant over two years to run workshops and support for local residents. The project will develop skills, reduce loneliness and improve mental and physical wellbeing. | £19,400 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Jigsaw Community Counselling Centre | Belfast | Jigsaw Community Counselling Centre in north Belfast is using a £10,000 grant to run counselling and therapy sessions for families, to improve relationships and emotional wellbeing. The project also includes one-to-one counselling for children with severe emotional and behavioural problems, as well as offering art therapy, play therapy and group work.  | £10,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ligoniel Improvement Association | Belfast | Ligoniel Improvement Association in north Belfast is using a £7,120 grant to deliver activities to support people affected by the cost-of-living crisis and poor mental health. The project will bring people together to learn new skills to support them and their families in their daily lives, including cooking low-cost nutritious meals, energy saving, budgeting and mindfulness. | £7,120 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Men United | Belfast | Men United, based in east Belfast and working across Greater Belfast, is using a £19,400 grant over two years to buy equipment and run a wellbeing programme for older men, including day trips, exercise classes and craft workshops. The project will reduce social isolation and improve physical and mental wellbeing by bringing people together to develop new interests. | £19,400 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Mornington Community Project Limited | Belfast | Mornington Community Project in south Belfast is using a £19,800 grant over one year to support local families through a programme of drop-in services, one-to-one support, summer meet-ups and a residential. The project will improve wellbeing and strengthen family relationships. | £19,800 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Northern Ireland Pakistani Cultural Association | Belfast | Northern Ireland Pakistani Cultural Association, based in Belfast, is using a £12,521 grant to buy equipment and run a cultural celebration event showcasing traditional Pakistani food and music for local families. | £12,521 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Playboard Northern Ireland | Belfast | Playboard NI in Belfast is using a £478,255 grant to run play activities for children to build their emotional resilience and understanding of the world around them. Over four years the project will work across schools, childcare providers and community groups to provide training and joint play sessions, to help children to work through their emotions and communicate issues. The project will improve awareness of issues children are facing and help adults to support them through play. The project will also teach children about diversity and differences in others and promote positive communities.  | £478,255 | People and Communities |
| Polish Educational and Cultural Association | Belfast | The Polish Educational and Cultural Association, based in south Belfast, is using a £20,000 over two years to run a programme of Polish heritage and cultural classes and a 20th anniversary celebration. Activities will include dance and art workshops, language classes and celebration events to help integrate the Polish community. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Redeemed Christian Church Of God Place Of Victory For All Nations, Belfast | Belfast | Redeemed Christian Church of God Place of Victory, based in Belfast, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to provide educational support for young people where English is their second language. The project will improve their understanding and confidence in school. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Retina UK | Belfast | Retina UK is using a £2,000 grant over two years to run a peer support group in Belfast for people living with inherited sight loss. The project will bring people together to build friendships and reduce isolation. | £2,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Shankill Women’s Centre | Belfast | Shankill Women’s Centre is using a £498,865 grant to empower 90 young women aged 16-25 from north and west Belfast to reach their potential. Over three and a half years the project will provide programmes and activities for young women to build their self-esteem, find their voice, overcome challenges in their lives and reach their goals. The project includes educational workshops, one-to-one mentoring, OCN accredited training, art therapy, residentials and social action projects. The project will provide support, such as childcare and transport, to minimise barriers for the young people to fully take part in the programmes.  | £498,865 | Empowering Young People |
| Short Strand Community Forum | Belfast | Short Strand Community Forum is using a £198,740 grant to provide holistic mental health support for families and people in need, living in the Short Strand area of Belfast. Over two years the project will work with all members in family homes to identify support needed, tackle issues affecting their mental health, and teach them skills to live healthier lives. The project will create a stronger and more resilient community.  | £198,740 | People and Communities |
| Training For Women Network Limited | Belfast | Training for Women Network, based in Belfast, is using a £19,500 grant over one year to run a craft and sewing programme to bring vulnerable women together in the local area. The project will create a safe space for women to tell their story, increase their confidence and develop relationships and support networks. | £19,500 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ulster Support Employment Limited (Usel) | Belfast | Ulster Support Employment Limited (USEL), based in north Belfast, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to set up a community garden for people with disabilities. The garden will be used to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, and run educational workshops on sustainability and healthy living. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ulster Wildlife Trust | Belfast | Ulster Wildlife in partnership with Falls Community Council and St James’ Farm, is using a £453,962 grant to develop their environmental community activities in west Belfast. Over three years the project will connect local communities to nature, wildlife and animals, to promote health and wellbeing and a shared pride in preserving the environment and natural resources in the area. The project will be based at St James’ Farm and Bog Meadows Nature Reserve and partners will work together to upskill the community and plan for future sustainability.  | £453,962 | People and Communities |

**Table 6: Grants awarded to organisations working in Causeway Coast and Glens**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Articlave District Community Association | Causeway Coast and Glens | Articlave District Community Association is using a £10,650 grant over one year to buy equipment and run a programme of activities to bring the community together. The project includes craft workshops, community fun days and seasonal events.  | £10,650 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Aware Defeat Depression | Causeway Coast and Glens | Aware Defeat Depression, based in Derry/Londonderry, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to run peer support groups in Limavady and Coleraine for people affected by depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder. The project will improve the mental health and wellbeing of those attending. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ballymoney Evergreen Club | Causeway Coast and Glens | Ballymoney Evergreen Club is using a £19,905 grant over two years to run activities to reduce isolation for older people. The project includes a luncheon club, creative workshops, physical activity sessions and outings. | £19,905 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Burnfoot Community Development Association | Causeway Coast and Glens | Burnfoot Community Development Association in partnership with Gortnaghey Community Association, is using a £199,984 grant to run activities in the local areas to strengthen community relationships, reduce isolation and improve wellbeing. Over three years the project will train volunteers and work together to run activities across the two centres. Activities include a luncheon club, Zumba, crafts, seasonal events, youth club, Lego play sessions and fly fishing.  | £199,984 | People and Communities |
| Butterfly Survivors | Causeway Coast and Glens | Butterfly Survivors, based in Coleraine, is using a £19,560 grant over two years to buy equipment to make their new premises more accessible. The project will allow the group to provide support, including a listening ear service and drop-in mental health sessions. | £19,560 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Compass Advocacy Network Ltd | Causeway Coast and Glens | CAN (Compass Advocacy Network) in Ballymoney is using a £451,183 grant to run activities for adults with learning disabilities, autism and other neurodiverse conditions, to develop connections, reduce isolation and improve wellbeing. Over five years the project will provide opportunities for people to take part in mainstream social and leisure activities where they can develop skills and feel part of their local community, while giving carers valuable respite time at evenings and weekends. The project includes peer mentoring and support to develop and maintain friendships, and bespoke activities for small groups of people with complex needs to help them form friendship circles.  | £451,183 | People and Communities |
| Feeny Community Association Limited | Causeway Coast and Glens | Feeny Community Association, based near Dungiven, is using a £14,000 grant over one year to run a programme of activities to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the local community. Activities include cooking and educational workshops, yoga, and dance sessions  | £14,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Greysteel Community Association | Causeway Coast and Glens | Greysteel Community Association is using a £19,800 grant over two years to organise activities for the local community. The project includes a luncheon club, men's health programme, parent and toddler group, tea dances, Irish dancing classes and crafts. The project will bring people together to improve health and wellbeing and reduce loneliness. | £19,800 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Portballintrae Residents Association | Causeway Coast and Glens | Portballintrae Residents Association is using a £15,903 grant over two years to run wellbeing activities for the local community. The project includes a winter lunch club, seasonal events, outings, art classes and group litter picking. | £15,903 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| THE GIVING SHED HELPING OTHERS | Causeway Coast and Glens | The Giving Shed Helping Others, based in Cloughmills, is using an £11,598 grant over one year to run training workshops a monthly drop-in centre for people affected by the rising cost of living. The project will offer essential items including clothes, food, and toiletries.  | £11,598 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 7: Grants awarded to organisations working in Derry City and Strabane**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Clady Cross Community Development Association | Derry City and Strabane | Clady Cross Community Development Association is using a £10,513 grant over two years to run a programme of craft workshops and day trips, to bring people in the local community together and reduce loneliness. | £10,513 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| COS For Autism Families Limited | Derry City and Strabane | COS For Autism Families, based in Derry/Londonderry, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to provide support and counselling for parents and carers of children and young people with autism. The project will reduce isolation and create a support network among parents and carers. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership | Derry City and Strabane | Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership in Derry/Londonderry is using a £379,782 grant to run activities to bring residents together and improve health and wellbeing. Over three years the project will run family play sessions, craft programmes for adults, weekly warm hub sessions for vulnerable/isolated people, summer outings for families affected by the cost-of-living crisis, a men’s group, and seasonal community events. The project will increase volunteering opportunities, engage isolated residents in activities to feel part of the community, and improve community spirit and pride within the area. | £379,782 | People and Communities |
| Creggan Older Men's Social club | Derry City and Strabane | Creggan Older Men’s Social Club in Derry/Londonderry is using a £13,400 grant over seven months to make improvements to their building so that they can run wellbeing activities for local older men. Work will include kitchen renovations, new lighting and installing a poly tunnel. | £13,400 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Dennett Interchange | Derry City and Strabane | Dennett Interchange, based in Donemana, is using a £15,630 grant over two years to run a summer scheme for local children and hold an event to switch on their Christmas tree lights. The project will bring the local community together and reduce isolation. | £15,630 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Derry Youth and Community Workshop Limited | Derry City and Strabane | Derry Youth and Community Workshop is using a £497,969 grant to run activities for young people, to address mental health issues and improve their wellbeing. Over five years the project will provide a safe space for young people to access support and mentoring, take part in activities, and build a social network. The project will reduce isolation, anxiety and poor mental health, and develop confidence, life skills and friendships. | £497,969 | Empowering Young People |
| Donemana Women's Institute | Derry City and Strabane | Donemana Women’s Institute is using a £3,500 grant to run a programme of craft workshops and day trips for local women, to reduce rural isolation and improve wellbeing. | £3,500 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Fountain Street Community Development Association ltd | Derry City and Strabane | Fountain Street Community Development Association, based in Strabane, is using a £20,000 grant over eighteen months to run a health programme for local women to improve their wellbeing. The project will also bring people together to reminisce while producing a town calendar featuring old pictures of the area.  | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Foyle Pride Festival | Derry City and Strabane | Foyle Pride Festival is using a £20,000 grant over two years to run a programme of creative workshops during the 2024 and 2025 Foyle Pride Festivals. Activities will include creative workshops, sport taster sessions and a Football v Homophobia tournament in the Brandywell Stadium. The project will increase a sense of social inclusion, build confidence, and develop new skills among members of the LGBTQ+ community. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Foyle Sailability | Derry City and Strabane | Foyle Sailability is using a £12,535 grant over two years to deliver sailing lessons and water-based activities for people with disabilities or facing disadvantages in their lives. The project will provide opportunities to get outdoors, experience being in the water and learning new skills. | £12,535 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Glebe Cross Community Development Association | Derry City and Strabane | Glebe Cross Community Development Association in Co Tyrone is using a £10,000 grant to run a programme of activities, seasonal events and day trips for the local community to bring people together and reduce isolation. | £10,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Irish Street Youth and Community Association | Derry City and Strabane | Irish Street Youth and Community Association, based in Derry/Londonderry, is using a £19,370 grant over 18 months to run activities to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing. Activities include gardening, yoga, reminiscence workshops and day trips for local older people.  | £19,370 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Lincoln Courts Youth & Community Association | Derry City and Strabane | Lincoln Courts Youth and Community Association in Derry/Londonderry is using a £430,515 grant to provide activities and services to connect people across the Waterside area. Over three years the project will reduce social isolation, improve community relations, build skills and increase wellbeing. The project includes workshops for older people, recreational activities for young people, inclusive community events and development of a strategic plan to build a stronger community.  | £430,515 | People and Communities |
| Northern Ireland Newpin | Derry City and Strabane | Northern Ireland Newpin, based in Derry/Londonderry, is using a £19,935 grant over two years to run therapeutic support sessions for mothers experiencing mental health issues, domestic violence, addictions and social disadvantage. The project will reduce isolation, improve self-esteem and help them to cope with the challenges in their lives. | £19,935 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Older People North-West | Derry City and Strabane | Older People North-West/Age Concern Derry are using a £19,600 grant over two years to deliver a wellbeing programme for older people. The project will bring people together to reduce isolation and loneliness and take part in activities, including mindfulness sessions and writing groups. | £19,600 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Strabane & District Caring Services | Derry City and Strabane | Strabane & District Caring Services is using a £246,514 grant to expand their daily Meals on Wheels service. Over five years the project will buy an additional vehicle so they can meet demand and double the support they can provide in this rural area including Ballymagorry, Artigarvan, Burndennet, Cloughor and Glenmornan. The project will support older people who are living alone or have complex needs, to eat well, receive regular welfare checks, reduce isolation and help them to remain independent in their homes for longer.  | £246,514 | People and Communities |
| The Gemma Mc Hale Foundation | Derry City and Strabane | The Gemma McHale Foundation in Castlederg is using a £20,000 grant over 18 months to buy equipment and run a bereavement support programme for local people who are on their grief journey. The project will run activities including crafting sessions, art therapy, cold water therapy and a luncheon club. The project will bring people who are experiencing grief together, to support one another in a safe environment. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| The Resource Centre Derry | Derry City and Strabane | The Resource Centre Derry is using a £499,311 grant to expand their Meals on Wheels service. Over four years the project will provide nutritious meals to older and vulnerable people, check on their general health and wellbeing, and provide information for support services within the Resource Centre or in the community. The project will reduce isolation and encourage independent living.  | £499,311 | People and Communities |

**Table 8: Grants awarded to organisations working in Fermanagh and Omagh**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary**  | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Cashel Community Association | Fermanagh and Omagh | Cashel Community Association in Co Fermanagh is using a £12,200 grant over two years to run a wellbeing programme for local people, including workshops on healthy eating, keeping fit and dance classes. The project will reduce rural isolation and improve wellbeing. | £12,200 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Ederney Community Development Trust | Fermanagh and Omagh | Ederney Community Development Trust in Co Fermanagh is using a £296,207 grant to run activities in their community hub. Over three years the project will provide a welcoming safe for people to connect, learn new skills and improve their health and wellbeing. The project includes social drop-in spaces, providing access to IT equipment and WIFI, LGBTQ+ support, cultural events, training programmes, signposting service.  | £296,207 | People and Communities |
| Fermanagh Pride | Fermanagh and Omagh | Fermanagh Pride used an £8,195 grant to host the first ever Fermanagh Pride event on 6 and 7 September 2024. The event included family fun activities to bring the whole community together to celebrate members of the LGBTQ+ community and strengthen relationships. | £8,195 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Omagh Area Down’s Syndrome Support Group | Fermanagh and Omagh | Omagh Area Down’s Syndrome Support Group is using a £19,200 grant over two years to run a training programme for local people with Down’s Syndrome. The project will teach news skills to improve their lives, including speech therapy, balance ability, swimming and Makaton. | £19,260 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Shelter, Campaign for Homeless People (Northern Ireland) Limited | Fermanagh and Omagh | Shelter Campaign for Homeless People Northern Ireland is using a £13,046 grant over one year to refurbish their accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness in Omagh. The project will provide a safe space where residents can access support, live independently and learn new skills. | £13,046 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| The Ely Centre | Fermanagh and Omagh | The Ely Centre in Enniskillen is using an £18,800 grant over one year to run a craft programme for carers, provide training for staff and buy a stair lift to make the building more accessible. The project will bring people together to improve wellbeing and reduce loneliness. | £18,800 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 9: Grants awarded to organisations working in Lisburn and Castlereagh**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Glenavy Youth Project | Lisburn and Castlereagh | Glenavy Youth Project is using a £17,845 grant to run a wellbeing programme for local young people focusing on exercise, mental health and healthy eating. They will also complete Level One OCN Award in Youth Work Practice. The project will teach young people new skills and improve mental and physical wellbeing. | £17,845 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Lisburn University of the Third Age | Lisburn and Castlereagh | Lisburn U3A is using a £1,284 grant to buy new IT equipment so that they can safely and efficiently store data and allow them to keep in touch with members electronically. | £1,284 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Shopmobility Lisburn | Lisburn and Castlereagh | Shopmobility Lisburn is using a £19,550 grant over one year to buy equipment and fund staff costs to allow them to support people with disabilities or mobility issues to access the local the community. | £19,550 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 10: Grants awarded to organisations working in Mid and East Antrim**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| 5th Larne Guide Unit | Mid and East Antrim | 5th Larne Guide Unit is using a £14,200 grant over two years to run activities, including weekly meetings, day trips and residential events. The project will teach young people new skills and strengthen their relationships. | £14,200 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Con Magees GAC Glenravel | Mid and East Antrim | Con Magees GAC Glenravel is using an £18,353 grant over two years to run activity programmes for older people and adults with learning and physical disabilities. Activities will include day trips, craft workshops and exercise sessions, to improve mental and physical wellbeing. | £18,353 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Harryville Men's Shed | Mid and East Antrim | Harryville Men’s Shed in Ballymena is using a £3,635 grant over two years to buy three Beehives for Harryville Community Garden and teach members to produce honey for the local community. | £3,635 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Inter-Ethnic Forum (Mid and East Antrim) | Mid and East Antrim | Inter-Ethnic Forum (Mid and East Antrim), based in Ballymena, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to support to the local Roma community to feel more connected. The project will provide interpreters to help them access services and information about safety, health and the local community.  | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Women's Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey | Mid and East Antrim | Women’s Aid Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey is using a £20,000 grant over one year to provide staff training. The project will allow staff to support women and children to address the impact of domestic abuse and empower themselves to shape their futures. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 11: Grants awarded to organisations working in Mid Ulster**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| Brackaville Senior Citizens | Mid Ulster | Brackaville Senior Citizens, based in Coalisland, is using a £7,930 grant to buy equipment to run a Sunday lunch club for the local community, to bring older people together and reduce isolation. | £7,930 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Castledawson Community Partnership | Mid Ulster | Castledawson Community Partnership is using a £4,950 grant to buy event equipment, expand the community allotments and plant floral displays throughout the town. The project will bring the local community together to grow and enjoy food and take pride in where they live. | £4,950 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Desertcreatives | Mid Ulster | Desertcreatives, based outside Cookstown, is using a £9,400 grant to hold an International Women’s Day event in March 2025. The project will bring together local women to reduce isolation and increase empowerment. | £9,400 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers | Mid Ulster | Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers is using an £8,300 grant over 20 months to run wellbeing activities for older people. The project includes mindfulness sessions, strength and balance classes, day trips and networking events which will bring people together to reduce isolation and improve physical and mental wellbeing. | £8,300 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Loup Womens Group | Mid Ulster | Loup Women’s Group, based outside Ballyronan, is using a £19,980 grant over two years to run a wellbeing programme to bring local women together to reduce rural isolation and learn new skills. Activities include crafts, cooking sessions and day trips.  | £19,980 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Me You and Them | Mid Ulster | Me You and Them, based in Dungannon, is using a £17,650 grant over two years to extend the opening hours of their hub and run support programmes for people feeling isolated, with poor mental health or affected by the cost of living crisis. The project will help people to improve their wellbeing, learn new skills and make connections.  | £17,650 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Sperrin Cultural Awareness Association | Mid Ulster | Sperrin Cultural Awareness Association, based in Magherafelt, is using a £20,000 grant over 17 months to run a training programme for young people at risk of entering the justice system. The project includes barista skills training, employment support, and work placements to help young people build positive futures. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| St Colman's Parish Community Group | Mid Ulster | St Colman’s Parish Community Group, based outside Ardboe, is using a £3,975 grant over two years to buy equipment and expand their activities including workshops, a Christmas dinner and a day trip. The project will bring the local community together and reduce rural isolation. | £3,975 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

**Table 12: Grants awarded to organisations working in Newry, Mourne and Down**

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| **Organisation**   | **Location**  | **Project summary** | **Amount awarded**  | **Funding programme**  |
| 1st Dromore Newry Scout Group | Newry, Mourne and Down | 1st Dromore Newry Scout Group are using an £11,100 grant to refurbish the kitchen in their hall to make it more accessible for the young people to learn cookery and hygiene skills. | £11,100 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Barcroft Community Association | Newry, Mourne and Down | Barcroft Community Association in Newry is using a £17,000 grant over two years to run activities and events for the whole community. The project includes wellbeing programmes, Christmas events and a youth leadership programme to bring people together and build community spirit. | £17,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Burren Community Forum Ltd | Newry, Mourne and Down | Burren Community Forum is using a £20,000 grant to make improvements to their toilet facilities, distribute a weekly newsletter and fund staff costs. The project will make the building more accessible for activities and reduce isolation. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| County Down Rural Community Network | Newry, Mourne and Down | County Down Rural Community Network is using a £452,072 grant to support over 80 low-income community groups across rural Ards and Down areas to build their skills and support local people. Over three years the project will train volunteers and provide peer support for groups, while also organising activities and events across the groups’ locations. The project will improve health and wellbeing and reduce isolation for people, including Ukrainian families, older people, neurodiverse young people, and people with poor mental health.  | £452,072 | People and Communities |
| Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group | Newry, Mourne and Down | Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group is using an £18,256 grant over two years to run a personal development programme for children with autism and their parents. The project will improve social skills and wellbeing through activities, including Mindful Movement sessions, swimming, and music therapy.  | £18,256 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Drumaness Cross Community Playgroup | Newry, Mourne and Down | Drumaness Cross Community Playgroup are using an £8,130 grant to run activities for children and their parents, to promote health and wellbeing. The project includes workshops to build resilience and learn about emotions, and physical movement classes such as yoga and Zumba. | £8,130 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Good Morning Down | Newry, Mourne and Down | Good Morning Down, based in Downpatrick, is using a £15,000 grant over one year to buy new equipment, run two events for members and hold a volunteer planning event. The project will bring older people together, reduce social isolation, encourage friendships and improve the mental wellbeing. | £15,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Newry Felons Association | Newry, Mourne and Down | Newry Felons Association is using a £12,995 grant over two years to buy equipment and make improvements to their community garden. The project will expand the allotment area and develop a planting area for local schools and community organisations to visit and learn about gardening, sustainability and the environment. | £12,995 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| The Loose Women | Newry, Mourne and Down | The Loose Women, based in Whitecross, are using a £6,870 grant over two years to buy equipment and run a wellbeing programme for older women. Activities include Tai Chi, chair-based exercises and day trips. The project will bring people together to reduce rural isolation and improve mental and physical health. | £6,870 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |
| Three Ways Community Association | Newry, Mourne and Down | Three Ways Community Association, based in Newry, is using a £20,000 grant over two years to run activities and events to improve the lives of the local community. The project will provide learning opportunities, personal development, wellbeing trips, social activities and inter-generational work. | £20,000 | Awards for All Northern Ireland |

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