

Strabane Neighbourhood Renewal & Local Growth Partnership

Summer Edition 2026



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Neighbourhood Renewal /Local Growth Partnership



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Neighbourhood
Renewal



Department for
Communities
www.communities-ni.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Renewal is a government strategy that seeks to bring together statutory agencies, service providers, the voluntary sector & communities in an equal partnership to tackle deprivation.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY ART ON YOUR DOORSTEP

HERE
FOR ARTS
& CULTURE
IN DERRY & STRABANE



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THE
NATIONAL
GALLERY

Outdoors & free to view

From To
31st March 30th September 2026.

For further details contact:
www.towermuseumcollections.com



Have you seen any of our press/socials for the National Gallery's 'Art On Your Doorstep'?

It's a lovely outdoor exhibition that will run until 30th September.

It is delivered in partnership with the National Gallery, featuring a series of outdoor prints across Derry, Strabane, Newtownstewart and Castlederg. Eighteen artworks at six sites. You can look at the map of outdoor works and the associated materials here: <https://towermuseumcollections.com/art-on-your-doorstep/>

The outdoor installations offer potentially something different for families and groups and the accompanying worksheets available on the website —covering various themes linked to the artworks and activities such as how to 'read' a painting—link directly to active and fun learning and the school curriculum.

We will be adding more resources over the summer months.

If any groups are interested in more details please contact Bernadette at the Tower Museum 028 7137 2411 or bernadette.walsh@derrystrabane.com

**Fountain Street
Community Development
Association**

Free Summer Camp

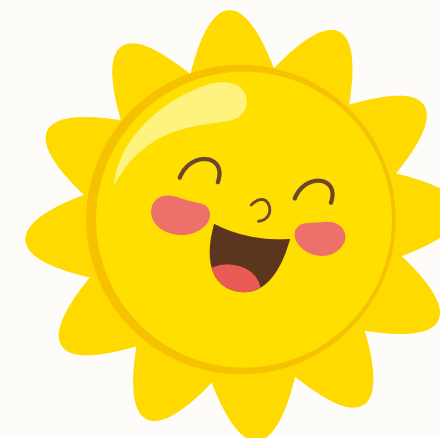
for primary aged children

**Fountain Street Community
Development Association
Free Summer Camp runs on
Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st
& Wednesday 22nd July plus
Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th
& Wednesday 29th July,
from 11am to 1pm each day.**

The programme will provide a range of engaging activities, including sports, arts and crafts, horticultural projects, multi-cultural activities, community safety sessions and a day trip included.

The camp gives local children the opportunities to learn, explore new interests and enjoy fun activities.

Places are free of charge and applications can be made through the Centre.





6-12 years **£30 per child for each week**

Summer Camps

Get back to FUN this Summer!

Action packed 4 hours each day including games, sport coaching, competitions & swimming.
Swimming is for children 8 years and over.

Templemore Sports Complex • Melvin Sports Complex • Foyle Arena
Starting on the 1st July • 10am - 2pm

Running through July and August
Registration opens online on 28th May @ 9am
Booking at derrystrabaneleisure/summercamps



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Kids Summer Camps open for booking!

Please note these are extremely busy every year, **so book early**. Booking details are included below.

Summer camps are for children ages 6-12.
Online booking for all summer camps at including Melvin Sports Complex open 9am on Thursday 28th May.

The Hub - Greater Ballycolman Community Centre

The transformation of The Hub – Greater Ballycolman Community Centre is a major step forward for the local community and a real investment in the people who use the facility every day. Recent improvements including brand new lighting, upgraded heating, modernised toilets, a refurbished kitchen, improved storage facilities and a full paint and refresh on the building exterior have completely revitalised the centre. These changes have helped create a brighter, warmer, safer and far more welcoming environment for everyone who walks through the doors.

The modern upgrades not only improve comfort and accessibility but also make the building more practical and user friendly for community groups, youth programmes, family events, meetings, training opportunities and social activities. The improved layout and facilities now provide a space the entire community can truly be proud of. Another fantastic addition has been the newly repurposed community garden, which is now growing an array of fresh fruit and vegetables for distribution throughout the local community.

This initiative not only promotes healthy living and sustainability, but also strengthens

community connections by ensuring local people can benefit directly from fresh produce grown within their own area. The garden has already become a positive community asset, encouraging participation, learning and shared responsibility while creating a welcoming outdoor space for all generations.

These significant improvements and investments have all been made possible through the support of the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and the Department for Communities, whose commitment to community development continues to make a real and lasting difference on the ground. Their support has helped modernise the facility, improve opportunities for residents and create a stronger, healthier and more connected community for the future.

The Hub – Greater Ballycolman Community Centre is now better equipped than ever to serve local residents and continue growing as a vital focal point for community development, support, friendship and opportunity. These improvements are not just about a building they are about investing in people, strengthening community spirit and creating a facility fit for the future.





Strabane Pupils Pledge to Stand Against Hate

More than 130 primary school pupils across Strabane recently took part in a hate crime awareness workshop delivered by the Strabane Ethnic Community Association (SECA). The “Hands Off My Friend” session encouraged young people to recognise and challenge racism, discrimination, and online bullying. Through group discussions and real-life scenarios, pupils explored how to support others and identify trusted adults for help. They actively shared their ideas on promoting kindness, respect and inclusion within their schools and communities.

The workshop also helped raise awareness of the impact that discriminatory behaviour can have on individuals and communities. The workshop concluded with every participant signing a pledge to stand against racism and discrimination, demonstrating their commitment to building a more inclusive and respectful community. Organisers praised the pupils’ enthusiasm and engagement throughout the session, highlighting the importance of empowering young people to become positive role models for their peers.



SECA Learners Celebrate English Language Success

A group of learners from Strabane Ethnic Community Association (SECA) recently celebrated completing a 12-week English language programme designed to build confidence and improve communication skills. Participants from a range of countries including Afghanistan, Brazil, Poland, Lithuania, Nigeria, Pakistan and Ukraine developed their language abilities in a welcoming and supportive environment.

The programme provided learners with practical English skills to help them navigate everyday life, access services and pursue employment or educational opportunities.

Throughout the course, participants supported one another, creating friendships and fostering a strong sense of community.

The programme concluded with a certificate presentation, recognising the hard work and achievements of all participants. SECA praised the learners’ dedication and highlighted the programme’s role in promoting integration, confidence and community participation. The success of the programme demonstrates the important role accessible language learning plays in helping people settle, connect and thrive within their local community.

SECA's SUMMER OF FUN Returns This July



SECA is looking forward to welcoming children and young people to this year's Summer of Fun programme, with a range of activities planned throughout July.

The programme begins with Art Week from 7–9 July, where participants will have the opportunity to get creative through a variety of arts and crafts activities led by Michelle Singh and Thai Arts. These sessions will encourage creativity, self-expression and the development of new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

From 14–16 July, the focus will shift to Wellbeing Week, featuring sessions delivered by Holistic Haven and local health and wellbeing professionals. Participants will learn about healthy lifestyles, self-care and positive wellbeing through engaging and interactive workshops.

The programme concludes with Sports Week from 28–30 July, including cricket sessions led by Bobby Rao, before finishing with a special Fun Day Out for all participants.

Summer of Fun continues to provide young people with opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence, make friends and enjoy positive experiences during the summer holidays. Everyone at SECA is looking forward to another enjoyable and successful programme.

THE APPRENTICE STRABANE SUMMER OF SKILLS

Real Businesses. Real Challenges.
Real Experience.

Each week you'll work with a different local business to solve a real business challenge before pitching your ideas.




Receive the
Challenge


Work in Teams


Pitch to the
Business


Hired or Fired?

Who? • school leavers • entrepreneurs
creative thinkers • confidence builders

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 11:00am - 1pm
WEDNESDAY 15, 22,
29 JULY, 5 AUGUST

 8A UPPER MAIN STREET
STRABANE COMMUNITY
UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP

**Strabane Foodbank
part of the Trussell community**

Announces

The first RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden to be relocated to Northern Ireland



Strabane Foodbank was established within Strabane Town by Strabane Community Project since 2014 a food bank in the UK-wide Trussell community.

In 2024 Strabane Community Project were delighted to have the opportunity of a life time to work in partnership with Trussell and the highly acclaimed garden designer Rob Hardy from Rob Hardy & Co to create a show garden at the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show, which took place in May 2026.

The Trussell Together Garden, sponsored by grant-giving charity Project Giving Back, is inspired by how food banks and the people who support them come together to support people living with hardship to live on and symbolises how, when each of us plays our part, we can end hunger together.

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is the Royal Horticultural Society's flagship event and arguably the most famous gardening event in the world, delighting garden and plant lovers for over 110 years. This unique opportunity for Trussell, an anti-poverty charity, to exhibit at RHS Chelsea 2026, offers the charity a stage at the world's most popular horticultural event, bringing Strabane Foodbank's story to a global audience and raising awareness and support of Trussell's work to end hunger and hardship

The garden will be transported to Strabane Community Project Community Garden based at 42 Barrack Street Strabane and recreated so the community can enjoy and help care for the showpiece for years to come. This is the first time a RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden will be relocated to Northern Ireland.

Ursula Doherty, manager at Strabane Foodbank, says **"We are so excited that our beautiful garden design featured at RHS Chelsea and can't overstate what it means for our community. We support a wide range of people at our food bank – last year we supported more than 1,200 people with emergency food.**

"Our community holds each of us in its arms when we need help – whether that's putting food on the table or providing a listening ear. But that's only made possible by hundreds of people coming together with a shared vision across a community – like local services, business's, schools, volunteers and individuals. Our garden reflects that spirit, with diverse and unexpected planting combinations, coming together to create something beautiful and hopeful."



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This information is available upon request in a number of formats including large print, Braille, PDF, audio formats (CD, MP3, DAISY) and minority languages.

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