

PARENTS' WEEK EVENTS

October 2011

Monday 17th Oct

Parenting Forum Conference Parent's Week 2011 is supported by Ulster Bank Moneysense, will be officially launched with the Parenting Forum's annual conference. The theme this year is "**Family Friendly.**" Our keynote speaker is Professor Sheila Greene, Co-founder and former Director, Children's Research Centre, Trinity College, Dublin who will speak on child cohort studies North and South and their messages for parents. Speakers also include Michelle McIlveen MLA and Steve Daniels, Head of HR, Ulster Bank. Workshops covering topics such as:

- Education – Caroline Magowen, BELB
- Mental Health – Wendy Stewart, New Life Counselling
- Disability – Viviane Treacy and Heather Larkin, SENAC
- Ethnic Minorities - Lisa Moore and Trevor McMahon, SAAT Safe & Well Project

Venue : Grosvenor House Conference Centre, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast

Cost: £50 (reduction to £40 for each second member of an organisation attending if booked 3rd October)

We're looking forward to meeting lots of you there. If you would like to attend or would like more information please contact Pauline on

Tel: 028 90310891 or email Pauline@parentingni.org

Parenting Education is offering practitioners who work directly and indirectly with parents, workshops designed to develop your skills as a practitioner and also give you the tools to enhance your professional and personal development. Workshops are to be held in Belfast and Derry this summer. Workshops include:

- Managing Children's Challenging Behaviour
- Parenting Apart
- Sink or Swim (for practitioners working with parents with Mental Health Issues)
- What if (for practitioners working with parents where drugs and alcohol impact on their parenting)

We recommend early booking, as places are limited. For further information please contact Jackie or Sharon on

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NICMA Information Morning in All Saint Parish Church, Church Street Antrim, at their Tots N Us Toddler group, on the 17th October between 9.am-12noon for Parenting Week, for parents to come along to find out more about choosing a Childminder.

Visit www.nicma.org for more information

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WRDA AGM Conference You are invited to attend WRDA's Annual General Meeting on 18th October in the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast from 6pm - 8pm. More details to be confirmed! All welcome!

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Safe & Well Project, Building Engagement & Supporting Travellers B.E.S.T to increase awareness of good practice work with Travellers and identify key action points that can be taken forward. Through this conference it is hoped that Travellers and Traveller workers across the Southern Trust area will learn from example of good practice and through workshops, discussions and presentations, identify key action points that can be taken forward in a collaborative way. It is hoped that through participants participation that action plan will pulled together and distributed to participants to address some of the key issues affecting the Travelling community in the Southern Trust area.

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Tel 028 37251821 or visit www.marketplacearmagh.com for more information

The Millennium Forum Presents Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Tuesday 18th – Saturday 22nd October. OPENING NIGHT OFFER: TICKETS £9.50, £16.00, £18.00

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Open to all, no cost in

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National Trust Fungi Foray to be held at Lizard Point and Kyance Cove. Booking is essential. Tickets are £6 which includes a pasty and drink.

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Available for in school performances

Suitable for P3-P7 Children

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Visit www.intensivesupportfosteringscheme.co.uk for more information

Blossom Surestart Photo Exhibition 10 Years on and Still Blossoming To be held in the Millennium Court, William Street Portadown. Starts at 11.00 am.

Tel 028 3833 7455 For More Information

Grand Opera House Presents Cirque Eloize's brand new creation by *Jeannot Painchaud* positively crackles with daring and modernity. *iD* is a blend of circus arts and urban dance: b-boying/b-girling, breakdance, hip-hop and breathtaking stunts. The scene is set in the heart of a city, in a public space where people seek refuge and a chance to shed their anonymity; a place where identity is forged and individuality is expressed to a stimulating soundtrack created by composers **Jean-Phi Goncalves** and **Alex McMahon**.

The company is integrating multimedia for the first time in its 7th original creation, giving this show a unique feel.

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Drinks Reception on arrival

Prizes for best corporate, club and fans teams

Spot prizes for some of the quiz rounds and of course wooden spoons.

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Tel: 07809486693 for more information or email shane@d2enterprises.co.uk

WRDA Women's Tour Guide Training WRDA and Women'stec have received funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund to explore the history of women in Belfast. There are a number of exciting opportunities for groups and individuals to find out more about the history of women in Belfast. This is a 10 Session Programme

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Launch of Play Therapy NI Play is essential for children to develop physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively. It is a child's natural medium for self-expression and communication. Through play children can make sense of their feelings and the world in which they live.

When children experience upsetting events, their feelings can become muddled. This can be confusing and worrying time for them and their families.

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Cost: £5.70 Adult, £2.80 Children

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Lagan Valley Regional Park, 'Remarkable Trees of Minnowburn Minnowburn is renowned for its beautiful beech trees but here we join with the National Trust to take a look at some of its more unusual trees on this aboreal discovery trail around the National Trust trails taking a closer look at some of our local trees.
Meet at Minnowburn car park at 11.00am - booking essential
Visit www.laganvalley.co.uk or Tel 028 90491922 for more information

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Tel: 028 20733331 to book and for more information

Roe Valley Country Park, Fungi Foray Why not go on a Fungal foray and discover the world of mushrooms and toadstools. Learn from an expert about mushrooms and toadstools of all sorts of shapes, sizes, colours and textures. Learn how they feed from living plants and most are either breaking down and recycling dead plant material or living in a symbiotic relationship with plants and trees making them a vital part of all habitats.

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For more information contact 028 7772 2074

NICMA AGM To be held in the Glenavon Hotel Cookstown, at 9.30 am. Return completed booking forms by Friday 7th October.

Visit www.nicma.org for more information

Island Arts Centre Presents Egg combines magic, live music, plenty of action and an egg in 30 minutes of pure entertainment and fun. Starts 11am-3pm.

Tel 028 92509509 for more information

Coleraine Sure Start, 10th Anniversary Family Fun Day It will be held from 11.00am to 12.30pm in Coleraine Leisure Centre and is open to all families who live in the area or who have come to sure start activities in the past 10 years! We are having clowns, crafts, face painting, games and jump, jiggle and jive session!

Contact Elaine@colerainesurestart.org.uk for more information

Grand Opera House Presents Cirque Éloize's brand new creation by *Jeannot Painchaud* positively crackles with daring and modernity. *iD* is a blend of circus arts and urban dance: b-boying/b-girling, breakdance, hip-hop and breathtaking stunts. The scene is set in the heart of a city, in a public space where people seek refuge and a chance to shed their anonymity; a place where identity is forged and individuality is expressed to a stimulating soundtrack created by composers **Jean-Phi Goncalves** and **Alex McMahon**.

The company is integrating multimedia for the first time in its 7th original creation, giving this show a unique feel.

Sixteen performers from 12 disciplines help create *iD's* entertaining and resolutely urban universe, in keeping with **Cirque Éloize's** tradition of using multidisciplinary performers from around the world.

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Visit www.goh.co.uk for more information

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The free scheme, which takes place every Saturday at 9am, is a 5km timed walk, jog or run around the park. It is open to all ages and abilities, whether you're an established runner, only starting out or just want to improve your general health and fitness.

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Mother Nature's Larder, at Scrabo Country Park Come and join a wild food expert as they explore and forage to see what food the nature can offer.

Booking essential.

Visit www.doeni.gov.uk/niea for more information.

Glengormley Trick or Treat Trail Starts 9.30am-5.00pm

Tel: 028 90340009 for more information

Ballyclare Autumn Trail Starts 9.30am-12.00pm

Tel: 028 90340009 for more information

Autumn Antics At The Market Place Theatre Armagh is a specially themed music and movement workshop aimed at little ones. Explore colours, art and the changing season to greet harvest in style! We have two workshops taking place on Saturday 22nd October 11am or 12 noon. Toddlers should be accompanied by a parent/carer Workshop cost £10 or £5.00concession.

Tel: 028 37521821 for more information

The Millennium Forum Presents Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Tuesday 18th – Saturday 22nd October. OPENING NIGHT OFFER: TICKETS £9.50, £16.00, £18.00

TUES 8PM WED & THURS 1PM & 8PM, FRI 5PM & 8PM, SAT 2PM, 5PM & 8PM

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Planet Fun is back for the 11th year running at the Kings Hall, with over 35 rides and attractions.

Prices can vary between paying on day and buying online

Visit www.kingshall.co.uk for more information

Exploris Guided Tours there will be guided tours round explores with dedicated pool demonstrations. Times of the Tours are 11.00am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.30pm.

Cost: Adult £6, children £4, under 4's get in free

Tel: 028 4272 8062 for more information

Spooky Farmyard Fun at Streamvale Open Farm, Gilnahirk. Streamvale's Farmyard will be doing afternoon harvest stories, be great enjoyment for the children.

Price £5.50 Adults, £5.00 Children, £20 for family up to 6. If you bring this advert with you you'll get in for half price.

Tel: 028 90 483244

Visit: www.streamvale.com

Ghosts and Gourds at Rowallane Gardens. Come and help carve out your own pumpkin to take home, follow the Ghost Trail and even get a scary face painting. Then finish with ghostly story telling to haunt you on the way home.

Cost: £5.70 Adult, £2.80 Children

Tel: 028 97 510131

Exploris Portaferry, Seal Week – Seal themed fun, frolics talks and workshops. Fun for all the family.

Visit www.exploris.org.uk for more information

Ulster Folk and Transport Museum Titanica – The People's story – experience people's daily routines, activities and stories in the age of the titanic. Experience the adventure from a shipyard worker, to the carpenters, to Kellys coal yard at Belfast. You can visit the Post Office to buy souvenirs and telegrams. Print your own titanic ticket or newspaper. Watch Titanic movies and dress in period costumes. There is also a Kids Trial where children are taken around Titanica and the exhibitions.

Prices:

Adult £6.50, children 5-18 £4.00, Family of 2 adults and up to 3 children £18.50, Family of 1 adult and up to 3 children £13.00, Children under 5 are free

Opening hours Tuesday – Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Visit: www.NMNI.com for details

Tel: (0)28 8224 3292

Streamvale Open Farm Autumn Treasure Hunt Bring your little ones down for some Autumnal fun which will take you on a treasure hunt around the nature trail.

Tel: 028 90483244 or visit www.streamvale.com for more information

Spooky Farmyard Fun at Streamvale Open Farm, Gilnahirk. Streamvale's Farmyard is all spooked up for Halloween. Beasties and ghosties have slipped into the Mouse House, weird noises are heard in the Straw Bounce and our resident Scarecrows have escaped down the Nature Trail.

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A day of pumpkin games, food, facts and fun. Carve your own pumpkin lantern (£2 per pumpkin) and have a go at pumpkin games and feast on pumpkin dishes.

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Castle Espie, Shore Birds Walk and Talk Bring your own binoculars and join our knowledgeable guide. Enjoy a pleasant stroll to spot a few of our native shore birds and learn to identify our winter migrants. All levels of expertise welcome. Starts 2.00pm.

Adult £7.50, Childre £5 includes refreshments

Visit: www.wwt.org.uk/castleespie for more information

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In partnership with Belfast City Council and Avoca we have a range of activities to suit everyone, including a tree-sure hunt, bulb planting, bird box making, healthy cookery demonstration, mini beast hunt, face painting, bouncy castle and much, much more.

Visit www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parksandopenspaces/parks/org for more information

WEEKS BEFORE EVENTS

Friday 24th Sept

Healthy Living Fair

Venue: Portglenone Community Centre, (Gortgole Road, beside Marina)

Time: 10.00am-2.00pm

Cost: Free

Light healthy refreshments available. Free gifts for Early Birds! Many expert information stands available to you to benefit various aspects of your health e.g. Diabetes UK, Crossroads for Carers, Breathe Easy, Citizens Advice, Chest Heart and Stroke, Dunlewey Sunstance Advice Centre, Alzheimer's Society, Arthritis Care, Bryson House, Bannside Pharmacy, Simon Community, fitness advice, alternative therapists and many more! Also on display will be photographs from the PEG Healthy Minds Healthy Places Project 2011 and from recent NEELB Youth Outreach Work with Portglenone Youth. Why not bring a friend and walk over to The Wild Duck for a bite to eat who, in support of this venture are kindly giving 10% off for food between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the day!!

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Wednesday 21th Sept

Family Mediation NI – Ireland Mediation Symposium

Venue: La Mon Hotel, 41 Gransha Road, Castlereagh, Belfast

We are co-sponsoring an important event with our friends at Legal-Island. “The Northern Ireland Mediation Symposium” is a full day event designed to bring together all those in Northern Ireland with an interest in mediation. The Justice Minister will be giving his view on mediation in the opening address followed by a review of the current uptake of mediation in NI. There’s also a skills session to be delivered by Ewan Malcolm, highly experienced mediator and renowned international speaker. In the afternoon there are special parallel sessions allowing you to pursue your own specific interests in family, legal employment or political conflict mediation. For the full brochure and a booking form, visit <http://bit.ly/n7DEcQ> to book and pay online visit: <http://bit.ly/nfnKRt> to book and pay by invoice visit: <http://bit.ly/ojh6Zi>

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Time: 9.00am-4.30pm

Venue: Dunadry Hotel, Templepatrick

The Conference includes speakers/workshops on families facing suicide bereavement, tools and resources for creative work with children and young people, and hearing directly from a panel of young people who will share their experiences. If you would like further information please visit <http://www.cruse.org.uk/NorthernIreland/Events.htm> or email: andrea.geer@cruse.org.uk

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They will be displaying the winners of the awards in the Belfast Telegraph the following Tuesday

Invite only

Freephone number: 08008283008

Tel: 028 92 678200 for more information.

Shepherd View Young Parents Project Celebrate their 10th Anniversary from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There will be a presentation from some of the young parents who live on the project and stats to show how many young parents have availed of the service since it opened 10 years ago.

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Saturday 1st Oct

Live Concerts at Odyssey Arena Odyssey arena will be holding various concerts throughout the month of October. From Rihanna on the 1st, to Katy Perry on 24th and Britney Spears on 25th. Nights out for the kids and parents to enjoy.

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MS Society Ladies Lunch Drinks reception, fabulous lunch, guest speakers and fashion restyle by restylist Lucy Smyth.

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The Big Draw: The Ring of Guillion The whole family can get involved in this art event and create giant pieces of art. Booking is essential!

Tel:028 30868900

Autumnfest at Stormount Estate Family fun day with lots of activities planned on the day including bouncy castles, fun fair, local children's groups doing demos and Viking display. Money raised at the event will go towards Cash for Kids,
For more information email: charitycrafters@hotmail.co.uk or tel 07946590117

Sunday 2nd Oct

The Overtones at Waterfront Singing Sensation, The Overtones, will perform their first headline tour in October. Mark, Lachie, Mike, Darren and Timmy are a new male vocal group who seamlessly blend 50's harmonies with a modern pop sensibility, with key influences of The Drifters, Amy Winehouse and Stevie Wonder.

Visit www.waterfront.co.uk for more information

Harvest Fair and Scarecrow Trail at Springhill Magherafelt Harvest fun and autumnal activities planned for the kids.

For more information tel 028 86748210

Walk of Slieve Gullion A local guide will lead the walk of Slieve Gullion, covering myths, legends and history of the area whilst embracing breath taking views.

Leaving from Forest drive Slieve Gullion,

Tel 028 30868900 for more information

Tuesday 4th Oct

Early Years Practitioners Event: Emotional Attachment and Resilience in Early Years 3 Hour training sessions. Practitioners can attend either the A.M (10.00 – 1.00) or P.M. (2.00-5.00) training sessions.

Venue: Grosvenor House Conference Centre, Glengall Street Belfast BT12 5AD

Limited number of participants for each session. For further information please contact Joanne Sweeney on

Tel 028 90564263 or email Joanne.Sweeney@belb.co.uk

Parenting NI Helpline Needs Volunteers! Preparation course – 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October 2011 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Based in Belfast City Centre, ParentingNI Helpline volunteers can make a significant difference to the lives of families. It is not only a rewarding way to help others, but it also brings other benefits such as gaining a qualification, learning valuable new skills and meeting new people. So if you have substantial parenting experience and/or significant experience of working with families and are ready for a new challenge why not train to be a ParentingNI Helpline volunteer!

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A wide choice is available on the two course menu and a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival should really help things start proceedings with **aspinkle of stardust**.

Your support is really valued as all proceeds will benefit services throughout Northern Ireland for people living with ms. Women are twice as likely to develop ms as men, so by attending this event and contributing you will help us as we help them to BEAT MS.

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The Treasures of The Linen Hall Library at Enniskillen Castle Museum Invitation to View the Treasures of the Linen Hall Library

7.30pm, Enniskillen Castle Museums

With John Killen (Librarian of the Linen Hall Library)

The evening will be introduced by Sarah Mchugh,
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The event will feature some of the 'gems' of the Linen Hall Library such as the first edition of Ulysees by James Joyce, Published in Paris in 1922 by Shakespeare and Co' and the Library's earliest printed book De Anima by Avicenna, 1478.

Also on display will be some of the Library's archived treasures relevant to Enniskillen and the surrounding area such as postcards from 1900-1908, and books including The Erne; Its Legends and its Fly Fishing by Henry Newland (1851) and The History of Enniskillen by William Copeland Trimble (1851) Refreshments served.

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Boccia and New Age Kurling

Holistic Therapies including Indian Head Massage

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Invasion Species Lecture Fermanagh Naturalists' Field Club Lecture
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Saturday 15th Oct

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Tickets £4, £6

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Visit www.cavehillconservation.org or tel 028 90291357

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Venue: Hotel Russell (Virginia Woolf Suite), Russell Square, Central London

A special overnight accommodation rate is available, Details will be sent with confirmation of your booking for the event.

Contact info@workingwithmen.org for more information

Grand Opera House Presents Rhinestone Mondays Join the maverick members of the Warbleswick 'Monday Night All Star Line Dancing Club' as they fight and feud. There is a traitor in the ranks and mutiny on the **horizon!** Will Tom and Annie ever get 'In Line' - especially if they take advice from Brian - Warbleswick's answer to **Johnny Cash**.

Then there is Duncan - **Shania Twain** he is not but who is going to tell him? Don't even mention Ronald - sorry '**Clint**' on Monday nights - who thinks he drives a 'rig' for a Supermarket chain! If you've ever heard *Crazy* by **Patsy Cline** you'll understand why Sophie is driving everyone crazy.

Now if you are getting itchy feet, stand by for *Achy Breaky Heart* as tempers are frayed in Warbleswick. Perhaps it's time for the last round up - that is if you stop laughing at Warbleswick's very own Grand Ole Opry.

This light-hearted romantic comedy by *Joe Graham* is fuelled and fired by a classic country soundtrack of practically every great 'countreeee' hit we already know and love.

If ever there was a feel good evening - this is it. Includes the hit songs: *Rhinestone Cowboy*, *Crazy*, *Blue Bayou*, *Stand by Your Man*, *Dance The Night Away* and many more.

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Ulster Museum, Home Is Where The Art Is Join Northern Bank at the Ulster Museum for an hour long workshop with professional artist Anushiya Sundaralingham. Perfect for children 6+.

Tel: 028 90440017 for more information

Brackley Pocket Monster Workshop for children 10am-1pm Bear Essentials Bawnboy, Co Cavan.

Further details and enrolment from Anke on 00353 87761037 or nfo@beaessentials.ie

NICFC Halloween Firewalk Try something new and challenging by walking over 20ft of hot ashes. This eerie event will be taking place by the beach in Portstewart where we'll be scaring the spooks away with our firewalk and fancy dress competition.

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Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre Presents The Three Bears The metal world of Goldilocks meets the lovely natural wooden world of the Three Bears- the result- a very sticky adventure all around! Happily they become friends and cook up the most wonderful porridge recipe together. The cook, Steve, bakes in the kitchen and finds time to tell a wonderful warm story using kitchen implements in a very intriguing and unusual way.

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£5 per child

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Cost: Parents/Carers/Students £18.00
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There will be a range of information stalls and research poster presentations. Booking deadline 13th October 2011,

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Visit www.beech-hill.com or tel 028-7134-9279

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Times 4.00pm – 9.30pm

Limited Places and Booking is necessary.

Prices: Adult £8.00, Children 5-18 £5.00, Family 2 adults and up to 3 children £24.00

Family 1 adult and up to 3 children £18.00, children under 5 are free.

Visit: www.NMNI.com for details

Tel: (0)28 8224 3292

National Trust are holding a Halloween Lantern Workshop at Lizard Point and Kynance cove. Prepare for Halloween by making scary masks and lanterns from willow tissue paper.

Tel: Rachel Holder 01326 291052 for more information

National Trust After Dark Halloween at Overbecks Join Fred the friendly ghost and the rangers for a torch lit walk around the museum and gardens. Discover strange after dark activity in the garden looking for bats, and other wildlife that goes bump in the night. Finish with a sausage sizzle and Halloween games. All children in costume will receive a toffee apple.

Prices: adult £7, children £5

Visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk for more information

The Witch's Broom Cupboard at Castle Espie Four fun filled afternoons of crafts and activities to make your Halloween festivities that little bit scarier. Meet in Castle Espie Curators house.

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Visit wwt.org.uk/castleespie

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Contact Karen Healy on 028 71363 133 or email Karen.healy@creggancountrypark.com to book your place early, to avoid disappointment, as limited spaces are available

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On this unique Belfast tour, You will learn Belfasts darkest secrets, its gruesome facts and horrible history including Executions, Disease, Strange encounters, Ghastly murder, Body-Snatching and ghostly returns from the dead. No stone is left unturned on this unique and thoroughly entertaining tour.

The tour lasts just over 1 hour 15mins.

ADULTS £8 | CHILDREN £5

PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE

Visit www.ghostwalkbelfast.com for more information

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory, Candy Dipping and Chocolate Making Demonstration in Victoria Square Everyone is welcome to come and see the candy apples being made in our little shop. Aunt Sandra's has been making handmade boiled sweets since 1953, Brandy Balls, Macaroon, Candy Apples, Belfast Fudge and much more. Step into the past with a visit to Aunt Sandra's and hear how it all started you won't believe it but it's true (ask about the missing fingers). Take in the smells, colours, and shapes of old time candy making as you watch them made in front of your eyes and all sweets are free to our visitors plus join in our quiz and win even more goodies. Step through the Magic door and make your own candy floss or dip marshmallows into delicious chocolate yum. Visit our little shop and ice cream parlour before going home guaranteed fun for all ages.

Tel: 028 90732868 or email hello@auntsandras.com for more information

Ghouls and Fools – Lillan Bland Community Park, Glengormely –

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Location: Seapark Recreation Grounds Holywood

Admission Free

Tel: 028 91 270069 or visit www.northdowntourism.com

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Pumpkin Turnip Festival & Halloween Celebrations For further information visit www.lisburnccm.co.uk or tel: 028 9266 0625

Wheelchair Rugby *Antrim Forum & Olympia Leisure Centre, Boucher Road, Belfast*

One of the major problems with wheelchair sports in N Ireland is the lack of it. Other countries are more established in these sporting areas. In turn, the quality of life for those new to life in a wheelchair is higher and much easier to be part of.

The social side of disabled sports is extremely valuable to all participants, so hopefully you can partake and help get wheelchair rugby off the ground and lay down the foundations for those in the future.

This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce new players to the world of wheelchair rugby and create a structure in N Ireland whereby wheelchair rugby is played on a regular basis on a club, provincial and international level.

If you are over 16, can self-propel a manual wheelchair, interested in wheelchair rugby and want to be a new player, come along and give it ago. All days are free.

Visit www.disabilityaction.org

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Conveniently located just outside Ballymoney, County Antrim, Northern Ireland (NI), its great fun for children of all ages whether it's wet or dry !

Some of the great fun things we have include

*Indoor play area *Duck pond *Pony rides *Trampolines *Bouncy castles
*Lots of animals *Pedal Carts *Water slide * Straw barn, *[Soft Play Area](#) and [much more](#).

We also have a tea room and gift shop and extensive free car parking all for your convenience.

Contact Claire on 07870354646 for more information

Park Centre, Trick or Treat All kids can get a free photo with Dracula.

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ADULTS £8 | CHILDREN £5

PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE

Visit www.ghostwalkbelfast.com for more information

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory, Candy Dipping and Chocolate Making Demonstration in Victoria Square Everyone is welcome to come and see the candy apples being made in our little shop. Aunt Sandra's has been making handmade boiled sweets since 1953, Brandy Balls, Macaroon, Candy Apples, Belfast Fudge and much more. Step into the past with a visit to Aunt Sandra's and hear how it all started you won't believe it but it's true (ask about the missing fingers). Take in the smells, colours, and shapes of old time candy making as you watch them made in front of your eyes and all sweets are free to our visitors plus join in our quiz and win even more goodies. Step through the Magic door and make your own candy floss or dip marshmallows into delicious chocolate yum. Visit our little shop and ice cream parlour before going home guaranteed fun for all ages.

Tel: 028 90732868 or email hello@auntsandras.com for more information

Autumnfest, Ballyclare Town Hall and Leisure Centre

Various events which include:

- All day** Mini Fun Fair, Town Square
- 12.00-5.00** Newtownabbey Speciality Market
- 10.00-12.00** Fishing instruction at Trout & About call 02890 34137 to register
- 12.00-12.30** Story telling, Ballyclare Library
- 1.00-5.0** Bouncy Castles and Face painting, Six Mile Leisure Centre
- 1.00-5.0** Wrestling Extravaganza, Six Mile Leisure Centre
- 1.00-5.0** Pumpkin Carving, Scarecrow making arts and crafts, Town Hall
- 5.15** Scarecrow Competition judging Ballyclare Town Hall
- 6.30** Fireworks, Town Square

Ballyclare Autumn Trail Starts 9.30am-12.00pm

Tel: 028 90340009 for more information

The Three Bears At The Market Place Theatre Armagh it will be porridge, porridge porridge when Clydebank Puppet Theatre brings 'three bears' to the Market Place Theatre! Goldilocks lives above a syrup factory and has never tasted this delicious dish – until she visits the three bears.

Tel: 028 37521830 for more information

Pumpkin Surprises At The Market Place Theatre Armagh on Saturday 29th October from 10am-2pm kids from 7-10 years will be shown how to create an exciting design using a selection of materials such as pumpkins, apples, ghosts, witches and many more accessories. This course is suitable for anyone interested in creating an art form and participants will go home with a unique decoration that will be a real treat at any seasonal part. Places cost £25, £20 concession.

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Spooky Sports to Celebrate 25th Halloween in Derry

Little Witches and Warlocks compete for Olympic Gold at Halloween Multi Sports events

Derry City Council's Sports Development Section is hosting a series of Spooky Sports events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hallowe'en Carnival.

The Hallowe'en Multi-Sports Fun Days are for 6 -11 year olds and will give children the opportunity to try out a whole host of sports activities and traditional Halloween games as part of festival celebrations.

The Multi Sports Fun Days are Olympic themed with a series of athletic events and mini competitions between all the children. The events feature a wide variety of sports including races, javelin, shot, hammer, judo, cricket, rugby, soccer and Gaelic.

Tel. 028 71 376504 for further information

Halloween Workshop Halloween is approaching soon, come to this workshop and discover the secrets of making the perfect costumes and Halloween accessories.

Admission: Adult £3 Children £2

For more information please contact: Colin Glen Forest Park on: 028 9061 4115 or log on to www.colinglentrust.org

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Venue: **Riverwatch Aquarium, Prehen**
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- live on-stage music and dance performances
- an array of street theatre and walkabouts
- breathtaking fire shows
- face painting
- wacky workshops
- special guests
- and much more.

Don't forget to come in your spookiest costume for the chance to win some great prizes!

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Lunch buffet will be provided. Prizes:

1st Heaviest Bag per pair £250 Fishing vouchers

2nd Second heaviest bag per pair £100 Fishing Vouchers

3rd Highest sponsorship (for an individual) Engraved memento

Bonus Tagged Fish Red, Yellow, Blue for spot prizes

Visit www.mssociety.org.uk for more information

The Magic of Take That at The Waterfront The Magic Of That That bring you bring you a real taste of the excitement of a Take That concert, with all of the hits, from Back For Good to The Flood.

There will be loads of great fun thrown in, reflecting the different personalities of the band. You'll enjoy Robbie Williams smash hits such as Angle, No Regrets and Let Me Entertain You.

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Spanner In The Works Theatre Company Presents Popping Candy A new play by Patricia Downey. *Popping Candy* is a hard-hitting, compelling drama exploring the complex and controversial issues surrounding Mephedrone use. It shines a spotlight on the mental health problems facing our young people today. The play contains language which might cause offence to some people. Popping Candy also contains scenes which some people might find disturbing. Anyone under 16s should be accompanied by adult, youth leader, teacher or guardian.

Admission Free

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Down County Museum, Nightmare on English Street, The Horrible History of Halloween Special Halloween trail through the Museum and surrounding area's. Suitable for over 7's only.

Admission adults £6, under 16's £4 (pre booking applies)

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Meet at Belvoir Park Forest car park at 6.30pm - booking essential

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Everyone is encouraged to dress up and the best costume will win a prize.

Workshops must be booked in advance, contact the Museum Reception for more information.

Halloween Fireworks Belfast Come and see Northern Ireland's largest firework display at the car park in The Odyssey Arena at 6.00pm on Sunday 31st October. A great afternoon of events starts at 2.00 pm. The Halloween Metro Monster Mash will offer entertainment for the whole family, especially for all those younger witches and wizards

Pitman's Working Mum of the Year 2011 We don't think working mum's get nearly the amount of recognition they deserve. They may be juggling a job, a family and a home, perhaps they work tirelessly for the community or volunteer for a charity. So help us celebrate their achievements and enter the 2011 Working Mum of the Year Awards. Tell us about a relative, friend, neighbour or colleague you think is an exceptional working mum. If you're one yourself you could even tell us about your own dedication. The winner of Working Mum of the Year will receive a fabulous prize of a family holiday, courtesy of Villa Parade. Three runners-up will also be chosen to receive great prizes. A distinguished panel of judges including Channel 4's Fairy Jobmother Hayley Taylor, Claire Lister from Pitman training and Siobhan Freegold co-founder of Netmums will be choosing the deserving winners. So get nominating now!

Visit www.workingmumoftheyear.com for more information

Colin Halloween Parade and Enchanted Evening Come and enjoy the annual family fancy dress Colin Halloween Parade leaving the Dairy Farm Shopping Centre and finishing at Colin Glen Forest Park for Colin's very own Enchanted Evening. Children and families have the chance to experience their local forest park transformed into a spooky magical world of ghosts and ghouls, containing spooky storytelling and fire breathers. Parade assembles at 6.45pm at Dairy Farm Shopping Centre car park on Stewartstown Road, Belfast. Parade leaves at 7.00pm and makes its way to Colin Glen Forest Park. Cost: £2 per Adult, £1 per child. Family ticket £5, kids under five go free.

For more info contact John Paul at CNP on 9062 3813.

Park Centre, Trick or Treat all kids are invited to play trick or treat on all the retailers.

Ghost Tours, Halloween Special Tours A guided journey into the dark shadows and alleyways of haunted Belfast. Along its dark walk ways and entries you will hear ghostly tales dragged and dredged from the files of the famous Cloak and Dagger club, an exclusive group of master storytellers/entertainers and authors of the soon to be released guide book "Walking Haunted Belfast".

On this unique Belfast tour, You will learn Belfasts darkest secrets, its gruesome facts and horrible history including Executions, Disease, Strange encounters, Ghastly murder, Body-Snatching and ghostly returns from the dead. No stone is left unturned on this unique and thoroughly entertaining tour.

The tour lasts just over 1 hour 15mins.

ADULTS £8 | CHILDREN £5

PRIVATE TOURS AVAILABLE

Visit www.ghostwalkbelfast.com for more information

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory, Candy Dipping and Chocolate Making Demonstration in Victoria Square Everyone is welcome to come and see the candy apples being made in our little shop. Aunt Sandra's has been making handmade boiled sweets since 1953, Brandy Balls, Macaroon, Candy Apples, Belfast Fudge and much more. Step into the past with a visit to Aunt Sandra's and hear how it all started you won't believe it but it's true (ask about the missing fingers). Take in the smells, colours, and shapes of old time candy making as you watch them made in front of your eyes and all sweets are free to our visitors plus join in our quiz and win even more goodies. Step through the Magic door and make your own candy floss or dip marshmallows into delicious chocolate yum. Visit our little shop and ice cream parlour before going home guaranteed fun for all ages.

Tel: 028 90732868 or email hello@auntsandras.com for more information

Spooky Sports to Celebrate 25th Halloween in Derry

Little Witches and Warlocks compete for Olympic Gold at Halloween Multi Sports events

Derry City Council's Sports Development Section is hosting a series of Spooky Sports events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hallowe'en Carnival.

The Hallowe'en Multi-Sports Fun Days are for 6 -11 year olds and will give children the opportunity to try out a whole host of sports activities and traditional Halloween games as part of festival celebrations.

The Multi Sports Fun Days are Olympic themed with a series of athletic events and mini competitions between all the children. The events feature a wide variety of sports including races, javelin, shot, hammer, judo, cricket, rugby, soccer and Gaelic.

Tel. 028 71 376504 for further information

Nightmare Manor Haunted House Are you brave enough to enter Nightmare Manor, the haunted house where strange happenings and apparitions have been taking place for over a century? The fabulous, free Hallowe'en activities include face painting and balloon modelling.

For further information call (028) 7126 0525 or visit www.richmondcentre.co.uk.

Foyleside Shopping Centre has lots of tricks and treats for all the family this Hallowe'en.

Enjoy a weekend of FREE entertainment with loads of family fun activities from mask making workshops to skeleton hunts. There's lots of ghostly goings on for all the family. Happy Hallowe'en from all at Foyleside!

Visit www.foyleside.co.uk for full details.

A Walk on the Wild Side Some residents of the TACT Wildlife Centre will be making their annual visit to Riverwatch, including fox's, hedgehogs, rabbits and owls. Learn about each of these cute but wild animals.