

# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INFORMATION GUIDE 2019



Social Enterprises are businesses that trade to address social problems, improve communities, people's quality of life or the environment. Their social mission is at the heart of everything they do and all profits are reinvested towards achieving these goals.

Ards and North Down Borough Council is proud of the many worthwhile and successful Social Enterprises that operate within the local area.



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## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITY INTEREST

### 1 Big Hits Radio

The Mall, 13 Frances Street  
Newtownards BT23 7DW  
David Gabbie  
028 9189 8007  
admin@bighitsradio.co.uk

*Service*  
Big Hits Radio is a live online community radio station.

*Social Benefit*  
The community radio station serves local businesses and communities within the Ards and North Down Ards Peninsula and Strangford Lough area.

### 2 Boom! Studios

80a Main Street  
Bangor BT20 6AE  
Marianne Kennerley  
07825 395053  
marianne@boomstudios.org.uk

*Service*  
Provide headspace and workspace to local creatives at any stage of their career. Offering 20 workspaces from desks to studios along with access to peer support and professional development. Open to the public and provide creative workshops – life drawing, Messy Mornings, Music and Movement for young children, drama, painting and art and yoga.

*Social Benefit*  
To assist in the development of the local arts and creative scene, making Bangor a more interesting place to live, work and visit. This creative programme brings together different people leading to a more connected and cohesive community.

### 3 Comber Farmers Market

17 Ballydrain Road  
Comber BT23 5SR  
Deborah Girvan  
07872 857912  
c-f-m@hotmail.com

*Service*  
Comber Farmers Market features 26 regular stalls selling locally produced food and plants.

*Social Benefit*  
The market includes 35 volunteers working on market day and the market also gives elderly residents of the town a social outing.

### 4 Familyworks NI

2B Regent Street  
Newtownards BT23 4LH  
028 9182 1721  
info@familyworksni.com

*Service*  
An organisation working in NI since 1999 providing professional counselling for children, young people and adults. Familyworks provides counselling and mediation within the community as well as providing counselling, mediation and training for schools and businesses.

*Social Benefit*  
Promote and nurture positive mental health and help people reach their full potential.

### 5 Gatelodge Café (Stepping Stones NI)

Church Street [Beside Ards Hospital]  
Newtownards BT23 4AS  
8:30am – 4pm  
Martha Tumelty  
028 9182 1395  
martha.tumelty@stepping-stones.org.uk

*Service*  
Gatelodge Café provides support and accredited NVQ training for adults with learning disabilities or difficulties. The Café also uses the finest local ingredients to craft a scrumptious lunch menu of excellent quality alongside traditional café offering of scones, sausage rolls and sweet treats.

*Social Benefit*  
By choosing the Gatelodge Café people are choosing to Buy Social meaning that 100% of money spent goes on to change lives in the local community particularly for those with a learning disability or learning difficulty.

### 6 Go Fly Your Kite

64 Dermott Avenue  
Comber BT23 5JF  
George Ellis  
07860 116100  
info@goflyyourkite.com

*Service*  
Go Fly Your Kite offers kite design workshops for 4 years upwards. Focusing on STEM education and art workshops.

*Social Benefit*  
Go Fly Your Kite offers social interaction, family inclusion, better understanding of science, physical exercise and meeting others of different ages and abilities on one neutral platform.

### 7 Head Peace

11 Movilla Street  
Newtownards BT23 7JG  
Caroline Izett  
028 9181 8144  
info@headpeace.co.uk

*Service*  
Head Peace provides support for mental health and recovery from addictions through various services and activities.

*Social Benefit*  
Helping people take back control of their own wellbeing.

### 8 Imagine IF

2B Regent Street  
Newtownards BT23 4LH  
Edith Bell  
028 9182 1721  
ed@familyworksni.com

*Service*  
Imagine IF offers counselling and parental advice to those in need.

*Social Benefit*  
To improve wellbeing and mental health.

### 9 Loaf Pottery\*

24 Main Street  
Crawfordsburn BT19 1JE  
028 9185 3340

*Service*  
Loaf Catering is a social enterprise created to help people with learning difficulties.

*Social Benefit*  
The social aims of Loaf Catering are to support people with learning difficulties and autism. They create jobs for the local community and offer a place for people to meet.

### 10 NICMA

16–18 Mill Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4LU  
Patricia Lewsley-Mooney  
028 9181 1015  
info@nicma.org

*Service*  
NICMA – The Childminding Association was established in 1984 as a charity and membership organisation to support and develop registered childminding for the benefit of children, families and communities. It is the sole organisation representing registered childminders in Northern Ireland.

*Social Benefit*  
NICMA provides professional advice and support to registered childminders within the early years' sector. The organisation takes responsibility for the impact of its decisions and activities on all aspects of childminding practice and these indirectly contribute to the health and welfare of all children cared for in childminding settings within communities throughout Northern Ireland. NICMA operates in a transparent and ethical manner to achieve its vision of promoting quality home based childcare and learning for the benefit of children, families and communities.



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### 11 Portaferry Recreation Hub

40 Shore Road  
Portaferry  
BT22 1JZ  
028 4272 8517

#### Service

The Portaferry Recreation Hub provides a fully accessible low cost hub with a focus on health and wellbeing. The hub aims to facilitate local recreational groups and providers by making available a professionally equipped environment.

#### Social Benefit

The Hub provides the opportunity to grow the outdoor sports infrastructure with a focus on water sports and maritime activity.

### 12 Portico Arts and Heritage Centre

Meetinghouse Street  
Portaferry BT22 1LE  
Dr Verity Peet  
028 4272 8808  
verity@porticoards.com

#### Service

Arts and Heritage centre offering a diverse range of live music, comedy and performance events at weekends. Heritage gallery with exhibitions, organ loft displays, interactive tablets and a Christian music timeline. Tours available for groups on architecture, music, history and more.

#### Social Benefit

Over 100 volunteers enjoy making these arts and heritage events accessible to thousands of visitors from near and far.

### 13 Refresh Appliances Limited

Units C5 and C6 Strangford Park  
Jubilee Road  
Newtownards BT23 4YH  
Mon - Fri 9:30am - 5:30pm

Ian Story  
028 918 2112  
info@refreshappliances.com

#### Service

Refresh Appliances offers economical and affordable re-manufactured white goods to the general public, landlords and charities, while providing essential employment and

training for young people.

#### Social Benefit

To provide training and employment to the local people in the district and to encourage and increase the re-manufacture, recycle and reuse of large domestic appliances, to reduce waste and to improve the environment.

### 14 Restore

142 Frances Street  
Newtownards BT23 7DY

Edith McCaughey  
028 9182 7255  
Newtownards.restore@ebm.org.uk

#### Service

Restore promotes recycling of furniture rather than throwing it away to landfill.

#### Social Benefit

To help families/individuals in need through homeless shelters and meals on wheels.

### 15 The Kitchen Social

Unit 27 Innotec Drive  
Bangor BT19 7PD

#### Service

Provides a space to learn about cooking, nutrition and healthy living.

#### Social Benefit

The Kitchen Social is a mix of cookery classes, education, community and events. It offers the opportunity for people to learn hands-on cookery skills and nutrition information.

[\*] Please note, those marked with an asterisk have been pulled from public social enterprise records. Therefore, details may not be up to date.

## COMPANIES WITH CHARITABLE STATUS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANIES

### 16 Adventure Leadership Training Trust

79 Cootehall Road,  
Bangor BT19 1UP  
Pamela Fisher  
07878 125134  
Alt.pamelafisher@gmail.com

#### Service

Elite Archery range for all ages and abilities. Also provide 'ANVIL' - A New Venture In Life for those who are 50+ and are long term unemployed or retired.

#### Social Benefit

Adventure Leadership Training centre and elite archery range offers a place to come, socialise and make new friends.

### 17 Alternative Property Marketing

Tanya McCuaig  
tanya@apm-ni.co.uk  
07712 658208

#### Service

Alternative Property Marketing CIC offers an alternative solution to a family's negative equity mortgage. This is a revolutionary new idea for people stuck in a mortgage crisis.

#### Social Benefit

To help families who are in negative equity and work with families that are struggling with a financial crisis.

### 18 Beyond the Battlefield NI

Unit A/B2 Strangford Business Park  
19 Jubilee Road  
Newtownards BT23 4YH

Annemarie Hastings  
028 9122 8389  
info@beyondthebattlefield.org

#### Service

A self-funded charity offering free counselling to veterans and families suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Beyond the Battlefield provide practical help and advice regarding war pensions, benefits/entitlements, homelessness and other issues veterans face after life in service.

#### Social Benefit

Integration amongst veterans and other communities. Organisation of social events, sports and social activities with other veterans. Practical advice, networking and comradeship. Wide ranging information from veterans communities and veterans support organisations.

### 19 Down Community Transport

Brewery Yard  
Portaferry  
Deborah Boden  
028 4461 7900  
deborahboden@downct.com

#### Service

Provides three services - a 'dial a lift' service for rural residents to access local services, a group hire service for community groups and a volunteer social car home-to-hospital scheme.

#### Social Benefit

Down Community Transport aims to reduce social isolation and improve access to services for residents in rural communities in Ards and North Down.

### 20 Holywood Old School

(Preservation Trust)  
92 Church Road  
Holywood BT18 9BX

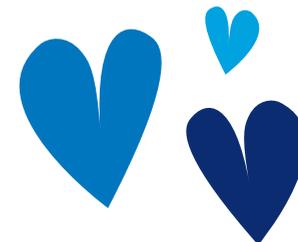
Henry Muckle  
028 9042 5269

#### Service

Premises include a large hall or small committee room for community activities.

#### Social Benefit

The preservation of the Old School as part of Holywood's heritage and the availability of its facilities for community activities.



## 21 Open House Festival

The Fountain Centre  
2 Queens Parade  
Bangor BT20 3BJ

Alison Gordon  
028 9147 1780  
info@openhousefestival.com

### *Service*

Open House Festival is a month long arts festival in Bangor during August each year, plus a year round programme of creative and cultural events.

### *Social Benefit*

Open House Festival supports the regeneration of Bangor Town Centre.

## 22 Peninsula Healthy Living

Kircubbin Community and Health Centre  
4 Church Grove  
Kircubbin BT22 2SU

Sheila Baillie  
028 4273 9021

### *Service*

Peninsula Healthy Living is committed to health improvement through partnership, community involvement and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

### *Social Benefit*

Offer a wide range of gym classes and activities along with other mental health and wellness programmes.

## 23 Seacourt Print Workshop

Unit 20, Balloo Industrial Units  
8 Balloo Drive  
Bangor BT19 7QY

Emma Drury  
028 9146 0595  
info@seacourt-ni.org.uk

### *Service*

Seacourt Print is a contemporary printmaking studio offering artist resources, a Gallery, prints for sale, adult and school education programmes, community projects and health and wellbeing programmes.

### *Social Benefit*

Seacourt provides universal access to artists and the wider community. We offer unique participation programmes to improve health and wellbeing and to tackle mental health. We aim to open up access to printmaking and the arts.



## Ards and North Down Social Entrepreneurship Programme (ANDSEP)

ANDSEP has launched for its second year. This programme is aimed at helping potential social entrepreneurs start a business and to encourage existing Social Enterprises to grow, create additional employment and maximise their positive impact on society. The programme is offered to those in start-up as well as established social enterprises and provides tailored mentoring, business planning support and advice. This programme is fully funded by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

To find out more please contact:

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**sharyn.mcmaster@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk**

For further information on the support Ards and North Down provides to Social Enterprises and local businesses please visit **[www.andbusiness.co.uk](http://www.andbusiness.co.uk)**





Please note this is not an exhaustive list of Social Enterprises as we are currently profiling the industry. Those marked with an \* were found from public social enterprise information. If you are a local Social Enterprise, Community Interest Company or Charitable Venture and would like to be included in future promotions or publications, please contact:  
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**tory.killen@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk**

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