



The lead volunteering infrastructure in the North West

# NWVC Impact 2023

REPORT FROM 1ST APRIL 2022 –  
31ST MARCH 2023



22 Bishop Street  
Derry/Londonderry  
BT48 6PP



42 Barrack Street  
Strabane  
BT82 8HD



Promoting Volunteering Across Derry  
City & Strabane District Council Area



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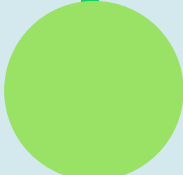
# Volunteering Projects & Activities




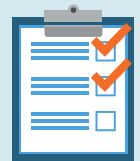
VISP - Volunteer Infrastructure Support Programme in Derry City and Strabane District Council Area



602 new volunteers registered




Promoting good practice in volunteering across the district



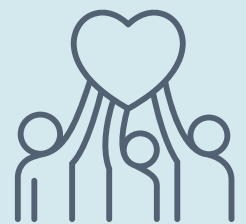
Volunteer Schools Pack designed and circulated to all post primary schools in the district



27 New organisations registered



372 volunteer involving organisations registered on NWVC database



## Derry City & Strabane District Council Strategic Growth Plan

"To Increase & Sustain current levels of volunteers within the Derry City & Strabane District Council Area"

"Expand on opportunities to recognise volunteers' contribution to society"



**Volunteer NI**

**North West Volunteer Centre**

## EPIC awards - What is it?

- EPIC (Empowering People In Communities) is an award scheme that recognises and validates the contribution made by volunteers.
- It is available to anyone who makes a commitment of at least 50 hours volunteering within a 12 month period. There are 3 levels of award Bronze, Silver & Gold



**#EpicAwardsNI**



- EPIC awards is an initiative set up by Volunteer NI, a partnership across all the Volunteer Centres in Northern Ireland.
- The North West Volunteer Centre rolls out EPIC in conjunction with Derry City and Strabane District Council and throughout the District and open to all ages.

## What can EPIC do for me?

- EPIC is about getting recognition for your time, commitment, experience and skills you share as a volunteer.
- It demonstrates to potential employers that your volunteering is recognised and validated. It is a great way to let employers know what skills, experience and training you have developed as a volunteer.
- EPIC can help build your case for further and higher education i.e. UCAS



**A total of 400 people have received an EPIC Volunteer Award**



**140 people received their 50 hour award**



**160 received their 100 hour award**



**100 received their 200 hour award**

**43,000 volunteer hours**



# Volunteers' Week 2022

During 2022 Volunteer Centres NI delivered a collaborative and regional response to recognise and thank volunteers

In partnership with Derry City & Strabane District Council banners thanking Volunteers located throughout the district

Hosted a volunteer recognition event in the guildhall. Presentation of thank you and EPIC certificates to

Supported a number of volunteer recognition events attended by staff across the District

1000 Thank you certificates

Drive 105 radio interview promoting volunteering and volunteers week

Lunch on us - platters of sandwiches delivered for volunteers throughout the district

# Children in Need Project Summer programme 2022



supporting 127 families in partnership with Foyle Parents & Friends & Ardnashee College

200 Summer scheme places made available

127 children & young people participated on the summer programme. On average 40 participants per day

1500 hours of respite for parents & carers

74% of parents felt that their child experienced significant progress in health and wellbeing

55% of parents felt that their child experienced significant progress in friendship & inclusion

57% of parents felt that their child experienced significant progress in confidence, self esteem and wellbeing

20 volunteers were recruited, trained and gained experience

**" From day one til the end everything was so well organised,  
no issues at all well done to all involved"**

**Parents comments 2022**

# North West Volunteer Centre Training

## **Promotion, delivery & evaluation of 63 training courses.**

Recruitment of 2 associate trainers

11 x Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work  
Courses

3 x Level 2 Safeguarding & Protecting  
Children & Young people Courses

3 x Level 2 Food Safety in Catering Courses

13 x introduction to Emergency First Aid  
Courses

10 x Integrated children & adults  
Safeguarding Courses

17 x Awareness in safeguarding children &  
young people courses

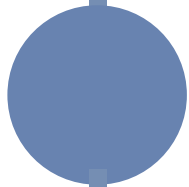
4 x Awareness in safeguarding Adults  
courses

2 x basic life support & AED courses

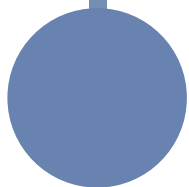




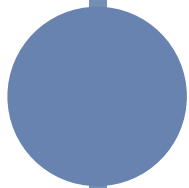
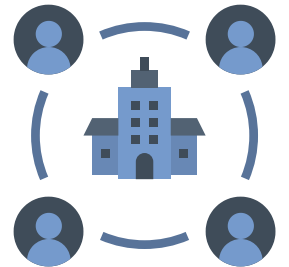
# Access NI service 22/23



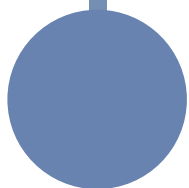
854 access ni applications completed



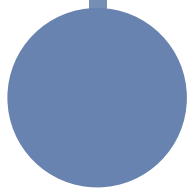
114 organisations supported



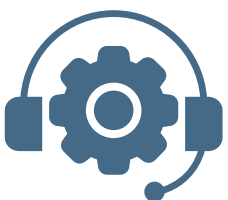
854 people supported through the access ni process

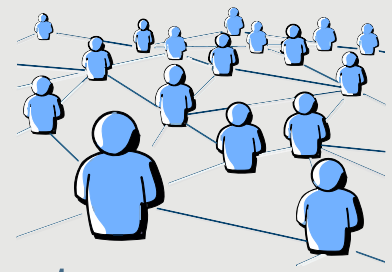


ACCESS NI Certificate of compliance awarded for basic standard & enhanced Applications

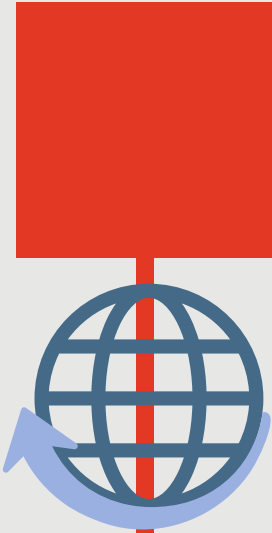


ACCESS NI Support materials updated and circulated to organisations



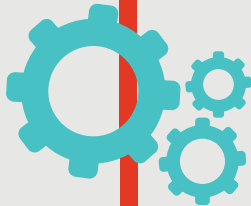


# Website & Social Media impact



**6783 total visitors**  
**3899 visitors from Google searches**  
**430 from Facebook**

**42,147 page views in total across all users**  
**5565 for homepage**  
**3815 for Opportunities**



**Then within Opportunities**  
**1448 views for Children and Young People**  
**968 views Befriending/Mentoring**  
**993 views for Admin and Office Work**  
**867 views for Animals**  
**721 views for Shops/Retail**  
**734 views Arts, Drama, Music and Drafts**  
**658 views About us**  
**645 Community Development**



2173 followers on Facebook



607 followers on Twitter



589 followers on Instagram



769 views for content on youtube



# Thank you to our funders

Department for Communities - VISP Project

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BBC Children in Need



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