

Ligoniel Family Centre



Annual Report 2023

LIGONIEL FAMILY CENTRE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Centre is: to improve the quality of life for families in the local area by provision of a setting where families can enjoy the opportunity of social exchange, help support and guidance with their everyday lives. To tackle social fabric, enhance capacities for community development and to provide a range of health and social service programs responsive to local need.

CHAIRPERSON

The work that the Ligoniel Family Centre staff and volunteers have been doing this year is second to none, the Centre has been a lifeline for many, we have offered help support and guidance to all people within this community and I have witnessed what a small organisation can achieve and the huge impact on the people that need us the most.

I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers that have helped the Ligoniel Family Centre come so far and thank them for their dedication that they have given to this community over the past year.

Marie Corbett

CO-ORDINATOR

This past year has been very personally rewarding. We have been involved in so much hard work throughout the current year. We have been developing better relationships with other organisations and we have developed more structured networking between local groups in attempts to address the needs of the people within this community Here are some details of what's going on.

Staff:

No Change in staff this year. At present the paid staff are Catherine Rock, Emma Rock, Nicola Monaghan.

Funding

We have received Pathway's funding, and this will bring us through to March 2024. An application has been sent to Belfast City Council to continue our revenue funding that will run out on 31st March 2025.

Forward Planning and Budgets

Please see Management Accounts and Forward Budget.

Policies / Training

All policies and procedures are up to date. Training has been booked through the childcare partnership and is up to date. I have enclosed a report of the impact that training has had on the centre and the children.

Accounts

Completed and enclosed.

Irish Classes

Resume in Autumn 2023.

Many thanks to Davy Gorman (BA Hons) our Irish teacher.

Advice Clinic

The Advice Clinic resumed on Mondays and will continue with the help of local councillors.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the people who are involved in the Ligoniel Family Centre, management committee, users, staff, volunteers, and funders.

Catherine Rock

Training

- Governance & Leadership Training.
- Designated officer.
- Child Protection.
- Health & Safety.
- Food Safety
- Pediatric First aid.

The Impact that training has had on staff and children within our setting is second to none. Regularly updating and continuous training is incredibly important to staff and children within our Centre and should never get overlooked in our setting. Staff should attend regular training sessions to meet existing and new requirements. We need to continuously refresh our training and skills to ensure good practice is achieved and demonstrated. Good quality training has helped our staff develop, staff are more confident, their morale is boosted, and they are more likely to want to introduce new ideas and concepts with the setting after they have received training.

Overall, I feel training has helped to enhance the service, care and education that we provide to children and their families within our setting. Training has helped us with new knowledge and understanding of the environment in which we work, the job we do and how we can do it better.

Catherine Rock

Childcare Leader

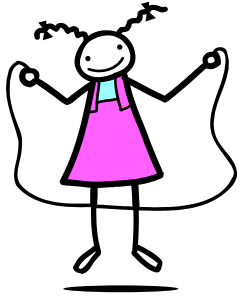
The provision and high-quality childcare facilities for children of all ages by the Ligoniel Family Centre has become an essential part of community life for parents in the area. There are no other similar projects in the Ligoniel area providing quality childcare provision, I am proud to be the childcare leader within the Centre and hope I can develop and expand our Daycare provision to its full potential.

We believe passionately that each child with differing needs and interests should be loved and supported as they grow, we know that children will thrive best in their learning if they feel emotionally secure, so we work extremely hard to promote warm friendships with other staff and children and to offer plenty of creative opportunities.

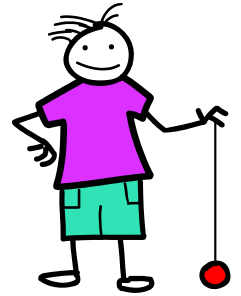
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, volunteers, parents, community groups and funders that make our project possible.

Emma Rock





Ligoniel Family Centre **Summer Scheme 2023**



Monday 21ST August 2023

STORMONT PARK

Bus Leaving Centre at 10.00 am

Drop Off at Centre at 2.00 pm.

Your Child Will need to Bring a Packed Lunch

Tuesday 22ND August 2023

ARK OPEN FARM

Bus leaving Centre at 10.00 am.

Drop Off at Centre at 2.00 pm.

Your Child Will need to Bring a Packed Lunch

Wednesday 23RD August 2023

BELFAST ZOO

Arrive at Centre at 10.00 am.

Leave Centre at 2.00 pm

Your Child Will need to Bring a Packed Lunch

Thursday 24th August 2023

ULSTER FOLK MUSEUM

Bus leaving Centre at 10.00 am.

Drop Off at Centre at 2.00 pm.

Your Child Will need to Bring a Packed Lunch

Friday 25th August 2023

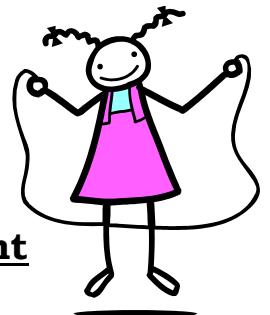
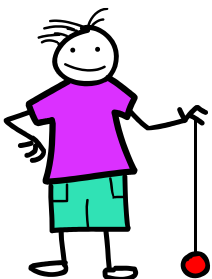
NEWCASTLE

Family Day Out

Bus Leaving Centre at 10.00 am

Drop Off at Centre at 6.00 pm

**Your Child Can Only Attend This Event, if a Parent
or Guardian accompanies them.**



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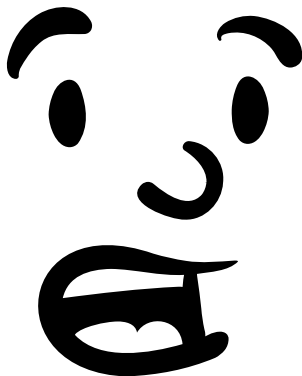
IRISH CLASSES

Would you like to learn to speak Irish?

Ligoniel Family Centre with the support of the Belfast City Council will be running Irish classes every Monday evening starting on 14th November 2022.

Our Teacher Mr David Gorman (BA Hons) will be teaching the class each week. 7pm to 9pm.

If you would like to find out more or register, please WhatsApp or text on **07976172846** or **07926622258**



Everyone is Welcome
tá fáilte roimh chách



Belfast
City Council

Ligoniel Family Centre would like to thank the following funders for their help and support throughout the year.

*Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Childcare Partnership
Belfast City Council Revenue
Belfast City Council Community Development
Belfast City Council Small Grants
Pathways Fund.*

Program For September 2023

Daycare

Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 2.00pm

Pensioners

Tuesday 10.00am to 2.00pm

Advice Clinic

Monday 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Irish Classes

Mondays 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Drop in

Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 2.00pm

Job club

Fridays 9.00am to 5.00pm

Summer Scheme

August 2023

If you are interested in any of our programmes, please contact the office on 02890 721008