

BBC Children in Need – Information Sessions

BBC Children in Need's vision is that every child has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential. We seek to realise this vision by supporting, promoting and publicising work that addresses the challenges that children and young people face and work that builds their skills and resilience.

Right now BBC Children in Need is funding nearly 200 projects in towns and villages all over Northern Ireland with grants totalling over £9m. These are projects working with children and young people who need a bit of support in order to get the best out of life. They may be sick or living in poverty; they may have been abused or neglected or have a disability or be dealing with other challenges that the groups we fund can help them to overcome.

This year because of the generosity of everyone who donates to the charity, **over £4m** will be spent on projects working with disadvantaged children and young people here in Northern Ireland. We want to ensure that everyone who is involved in this work, no matter how small your project, knows about the opportunity to secure some funding to support positive outcomes for children and young people in your area.

BBC Children in Need is hosting outreach sessions in **Strabane, Cookstown and Ballymena** to encourage new applications and to explain how our grant strategy works out in practice.

For [small grants](#) of less than £10,000 we are basically open all year round with 4 decision dates and a turnaround period of 2 months. Applicants can now apply for small grants for up to three years. For [main grants](#) of more than £10,000 there are 3 closing dates in the year and it is a 2-stage process, taking 5 months to complete. All our funding is focused on the outcomes you hope to achieve through your project.

We would like to explain our approach to you in more detail, both generally about the charity and our aims, and to give you a chance to talk specifically about your project to one of our staff.

Below are the dates and venues when we will be available to meet with you and share our priorities and requirements. Please get in touch with us at the contact number below to arrange an individual consultation or just come along to the event to hear a bit more about what we do. It'd be helpful if you can let us know in advance if you will be there.

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| <u>Strabane</u> | Wednesday 5th April 2017 | 11.00 – 13.00 | Alley Theatre |
| <u>Cookstown</u> | Friday 7th April 2017 | 11.00 – 13.00 | Burnavon Arts Centre |
| <u>Ballymena</u> | Monday 10th April 2017 | 11.00 – 13.00 | Braid Arts Centre |



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Here are some examples of the work that we currently support:

Dennett Interchange

Dennett Interchange offers a 2 week summer scheme to children and young people who are rurally isolated. BBC Children in Need funds the facilitator costs, volunteer expenses and makes a contribution towards fun activities.

Womens Group Cookstown & District

Womens Group Cookstown & District offers developmental play sessions for pre-school children living in an area affected by multiple disadvantage.

BBC Children in Need supports the salary of a Creche Leader and craft materials.

Mid-Ulster Women's Aid

Mid-Ulster Women's Aid provides individual and group support sessions to children and young people affected by domestic violence.

BBC Children in Need currently funds the salary of two family support workers, as well as a range of basic programme and activity costs, travel and training costs.

Woodlands Pre School Centre

This early years project offers fun and creative activities to young children in who are rurally isolated. BBC Children in Need supports the costs of construction toys and floor equipment.