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G I R D W O O D
C O M M U N I T Y H U B

Background to the Girdwood Site

A masterplan for the Girdwood site was published in May 2012. The Girdwood Masterplan Conceptual Framework aims to maximise economic, social and environmental benefits to the local and wider community. Promoting a safe and shared space is at its core.

To date, these elements of the plan have been delivered:

- The Girdwood Community Hub
- 3G pitches,
- Kinnaird housing, and infrastructure including roads, cycle paths and landscaping.

Progressing

* The indoor sports facility and a second site for housing and a mixed-use economic space have still to be developed.

► With a total value of £11.7 million, the hub was the first development to be built on the former Girdwood Army Barracks site. Funding was provided by the EU's PEACE III Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), Belfast City Council and the Department for Social Development.

Before



After

Before



After

► Girdwood Community Hub opened in January 2016 with support of a local community forum representing residents and community groups.

► This group is known as the Girdwood Community Forum, and they continue to be involved in the present. We will celebrate ten years in the new year January 2026.

► Members include Lower Oldpark Community Association , Cliftonville Community Regeneration forum , Lower Shankill Community Association , TAMHI , New Lodge Arts , Our Club Our Community, TDK, PSNI, EA , NIHE , DfC , NHA and BCC.



► Girdwood Community Hub opened with opportunity to build peace and reconciliation. The vision was to be an international centre of recognition for PEACE and Reconciliation promoting Good Relations and equality.

► The centre is a legacy of PEACE III funding, funded and supported by SEUPB and continues to drive cross community participation with inclusion and diversity embedded in all events and programming.



Changing landscape @ Girdwood



View from Alloa Street to Cliftonpark
Avenue 1996

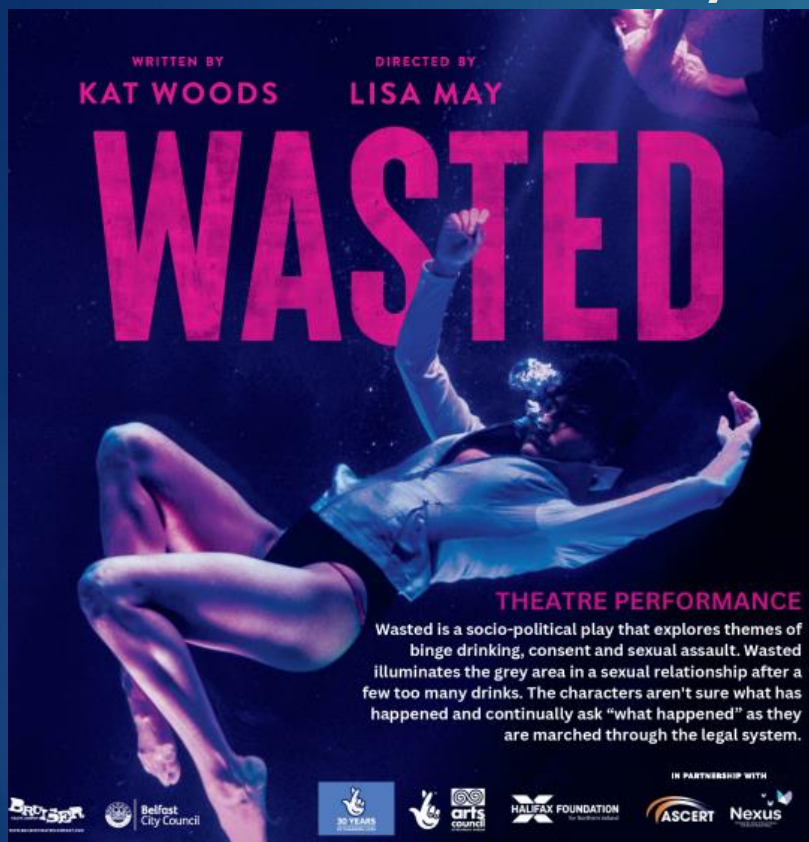


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View from Alloa Street to Cliftonpark
Avenue 2025



Community Performances

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Tuesday 17th September 2024

7PM (Performance Start Time)

Girdwood Community Hub
10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast BT14 6EG

Email pcsp@belfastcity.gov.uk to book your place

This performance contains strong language and addresses challenging themes/issues
Advisory age: 16+ For more information please visit www.bruisertheatrecompany.com



Supported by Belfast City Council & North Belfast District PCSP - presented by Partisan productions

Butterfly Effect @ Girdwood Community Hub Thursday 09 January @ 7.30 pm

Butterfly Effect is inspired by the real-life stories of *young people and ex-offenders that have been impacted by prison, addiction and struggles with their mental health*. We follow six characters from their school days through to the present day, exploring why they made the choices that led to them serving time in jail and how they might have made different decisions or accessed support.

Spanner in the Works Theatre Company's new production explores how trauma, lack of opportunity, and a lack of resources can influence young people's choices. How do we take care of each other and ourselves in a world where the odds can seem stacked against us? How do we change or recover from choices that have led us onto difficult paths? Butterfly Effect is written and directed by award-winning playwright Patricia Downey.

This event is free to attend with no tickets or booking required, this is funded and supported by North Belfast District PCSP and Girdwood Community Hub Shared Space.

Contains strong language and scenes that some might find upsetting or triggering. Suitable for 15+.



Spanner in the Works
theatre company



Free admission and everyone welcome – no tickets required

Free Community Performance showing @ Girdwood Community Hub – **Tuesday 02 September 2025 @ 7pm.**

Does anybody plan to end up in jail? Runny Honey addresses **issues of domestic violence, drug use, and sexual abuse, containing scenes that some may find distressing. Suitable for 16+**

We see three women as they come to know and understand each other in prison,

- one a recidivist who keeps offending on the outside ("a warm bed and three meals a day in here - why try to make a life outside?")
- one whose unhappy childhood has led her to become a drug dealer
- one who for various reasons had to leave her new-born with her abusing male partner.

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Changing Community Capacity for local groups

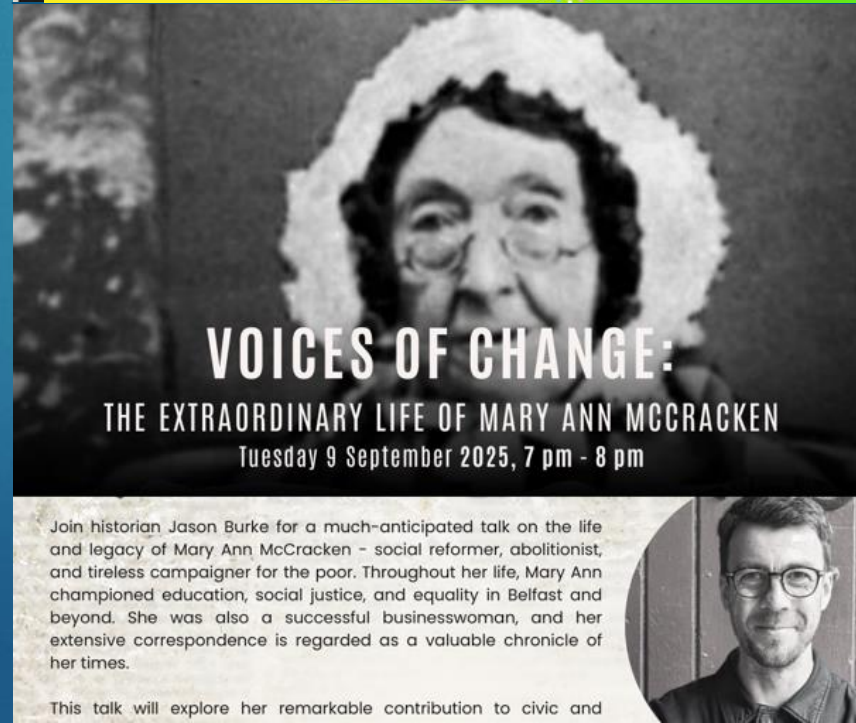
- ▶ Food Hygiene , Child Protection , safeguarding and Mental Health First, Health & Safety is delivered under the Girdwood Action plan to support pop up café , summer scheme & drop-in youth sessions.
- ▶ Increasing the capacity of local community group members knowledge.
- ▶ Bringing groups together based on a common goal of need rather than differences.



Diversity & Inclusion

LIVING HISTORY PROJECT & DIVERSITY AWARENESS SESSIONS

PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS



Schools Out for Summer Friday 27 June 5.45 pm to 8.30 pm



Supported By Belfast City Council



Free Admission everyone welcome



Join us at Girdwood Community Hub for Retro Games and Family Silent Discos.



No tickets required for games , visit mayweeventbrite.co.uk for disco tickets.

Seniors' Safety Event and Tea Dance

PSP
Policing & Community
Safety Partnership
making north Belfast safer



Join this free information event on home security and online safety.

Thursday 23 October 2025
Girdwood Community Hub
12noon to 3pm
Light lunch provided.

The event will be followed by a tea dance

Free event

To book your place, please email
PCSP@belfastcity.gov.uk



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SUMMER TEA DANCE

TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2023

Girdwood Community Hub
2pm - 4pm



Musical entertainment by Housty and
light refreshments included!

Admission FREE

Email lois@maywe.co.uk to book
or call 07595261253 between 12-4pm

10 Girdwood Avenue, Belfast, BT14 6EG



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Senior Adults Activities



Girdwood 4 All Brighter Nights project & Sunday league

- ▶ 1202 players aged 10 + take part
- ▶ 111 teams registered
- ▶ 218 volunteers support this programme
- ▶ Delivered via TAMHI & Our Club Our Community





Girdwood Youth
Space Summer
Scheme

TAMHI & OCOC
Summer Scheme



Active & Able
Summer Schemes

PEACE PLUS Digital
Tech Camps

Personal Safety Events @ Girdwood Community Hub



Belfast IS WORKING TO
END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

Tues 5th August - 7 to 8 pm
Sat 9th August - 12 to 1 pm
Tues 12th August - 7 to 8 pm
Tues 26th August - 7 to 8 pm

THERE IS SOMETHING EVERYONE CAN DO.
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER.

 **Belfast City Council**  **Northern Ireland Executive**
www.northernireland.gov.uk  belfastcity.gov.uk/endviolence **#EndViolenceBelfast**

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult / youth groups must have a leader present if attending.

Wear comfortable clothes , flat shoes, trainers etc.



Everyone is welcome to attend all 4 sessions or on a drop-in basis.

Increase your self-awareness.

Improving your confidence over the 4 sessions.

Free personal protection alarm provided.

Learn different self-defence techniques and practice in a safe space with Rakia.

(No Booking required)


Halloween & Christmas @ Girdwood 2025

- ▶ Autumn Wreath Making
- ▶ Parent & Toddler Boogie Babies
- ▶ North Belfast Lantern Parade
- ▶ Let Youth Lead Christmas event and festive craft events



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Jingle & Mingle @ Girdwood
December 2024



Our Peace Our Future commenced **Tuesday 03 December @ Girdwood Community Hub 6.30 to 8.30 pm**. The programme begins with sessions designed to establish trust and prepare participants for challenging conversations. These initial sessions will highlight the historical contexts that have shaped community identities, including discussions on Partition, the Troubles, and the Peace Process. Workshops focused on British identity and Irish identity, good relations, and civic leadership follow, laying the foundations for mutual understanding and cooperation.

All places now filled.

Reminder for January Events:

Butterfly Effect @ Girdwood, Thursday 09 January - 7 pm (walk in - no tickets required) Inspired by the real-life stories of young people and ex-offenders that have been impacted by prison, addiction and struggles with their mental health. We follow six characters from their school days through to the present day, exploring why they made the choices that led to them serving time in jail and how they might have made different decisions or accessed support.

- Closure days **Thursday 19 December, 25 December, 26 December.**
- Reduced opening hours **24 December 10 am to 2 pm**
- **27 December to 31 December open 10 am to 4 pm.**

Christmas Events @ Girdwood Community Hub

- **Saturday 07 December 10.30 to 12.30 pm.** Imagine Peace Barriers Project Cross Community Fun Day.
- **Monday 09 December - Christmas Boogie Babies 10.30 to 11.30 & 12.00 to 1 pm. (Fully Booked)**
- **Wednesday 11 December Christmas Wreath Making 12 to 2 pm (Fully Booked)**
- **Thursday 12 December 5.30 to 8.30 pm.** Let Youth Lead Christmas Event (Created by Young People) - Experience cultural crafts from around the world with Artefacts. Join the North Belfast Mens shed to create a sustainable reusable decoration for loved ones.





Changing attitudes and experiences



Belfast

Spring into Girdwood

Spring into Girdwood Community Hub this March to enjoy a day of free family fun.

There is lots of activity for everyone to enjoy including:

- Climbing wall
- Go Fly your Kite workshops
- BMX and skateboarding with

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Many thanks for listening