

# CULMORE COMMUNITY HUB



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# CULMORE CONNECTIONS CELEBRATION



On September 8th, Culmore Community Partnership will host the closing ceremony of the Culmore Connections Project at Culmore Community Hub, marking the culmination of a successful two-year programme that has brought together communities from Culmore, Muff and across the wider Council area. The event will officially launch *Culmore and Muff: Stories Through the Years*, a book created through the project, and unveil a series of beautiful stained-glass windows designed by participants.

The Culmore Connections Project has involved 170 adults and children and was delivered in partnership with Culmore Primary School, Hollybush Primary School, Culmore Youth Club, Muff Community Partnership, Waterside Presbyterian Church and St Augustine's Church of Ireland. Through a wide range of cross-community and cross-border activities, participants have had opportunities to build new friendships, learn from one another and develop a greater understanding of the shared history, heritage and traditions of the border region.

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# CULMORE PARENT & TODDLER

We have lots of activities to choose from to keep you and your little ones entertained for Autumn 2026.



**PARENT AND TODDLER SESSIONS** will continue Monday 9.30am – 11.00am and Thursday from 09.30am – 11.00am. Suitable for 0-4yrs. There will be other sessions in place of drop-in sessions across the term please keep updated on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

| Day       | Activity           | Time                         | Location        |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday    | Parent & Toddler   | 9.30am                       | Downstairs Hall |
| Tuesday   | Baby Massage       | 10.45am                      | Downstairs Hall |
| Wednesday | Mammy Fit          | 10.00am                      | Downstairs Hall |
| Thursday  | Parent and Toddler | 9.30am                       | Downstairs Hall |
| Thursday  | Baby Swim          | 1.00pm                       | Foyle Arena     |
| Friday    | Coochie Coo        | 10.00am, 11.00am and 12 Noon | Downstairs Hall |

## BABY MASSAGE

Baby Massage (Suitable from birth to 5 months) We will be offering a Baby Massage Programme on Tuesday morning at 10.45am. Contact us for details.

## MAMMY FIT

This programme is a blend of Pilates, yoga, functional fitness and breath-work style classes to support mums on their Postpartum recovery journey and throughout motherhood. Mums must be at least 6 weeks post vaginal delivery or 12 weeks post C-Section delivery to attend.

## BABY SWIM

Dive into a world of connection and growth with Baby swim, run by Dawn. This special class offers an oasis of uninterrupted bonding time between you and your baby. With no phones, no distractions, and no one needing your attention, it's just you and your little one, creating memories in the water.

## COOCHIE COO

There will be three sessions, 10am, 11am and 12 noon. To book contact Jean directly on Instagram @coochiecoomusic



# SESSIONS FOR KIDS AT THE HUB

We have a great programme for kids aged 3-12 years running daily at the Hub, to book contact facilitators directly.



| SESSION                                                                                                       | DAY                         | TIME                                   | INFORMATION AND BOOKING                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Casey School of Irish Dance</b><br>Accepting children ages 3+ for fun, fitness and friendship.             | Monday Upstairs             | 5.30pm–6.45pm<br>All Levels Welcome.   | Call Charmaine Roddy on 07841562433                                      |
|                                                                                                               | Wednesday (Downstairs Hall) | 5.30pm - 7.30pm.<br>All Levels Welcome | Instagram - @Casey_school<br>Facebook- The Casey School of Irish Dancing |
| <b>Culmore Kids Club</b><br>Creche (1 – 4Years)<br>Afterschool club (5-12yrs).<br>School collection available | Monday to Friday            | 09.00am -12.00 Noon                    | Call Rachel on 07545 148118                                              |
|                                                                                                               | Monday to Friday            | 2.00pm-6.00pm                          |                                                                          |

# CULMORE YOUTH CLUB



## A BUSY AND EXCITING SUMMER AT CULMORE YOUTH CLUB!

The Spring/Summer term has been packed with excitement, laughter and memorable experiences for young people across Culmore. From our hugely successful Fun Run and Family Fun Day to another fantastic Summer Scheme, June and July have been bursting with activity.

Adding to the excitement, our Community Hub welcomed a stunning new feature this term with the installation of our beautiful stained-glass windows. Created as part of the Culmore Connections project, the windows showcase artwork and designs inspired by people from across the community, including many of our Youth Club members. They are a wonderful celebration of local creativity and will be enjoyed for years to come.

At Culmore Youth Club, we are committed to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of our young people. Through fun activities, creative programmes and opportunities to socialise, we aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment where young people can make new friends, build confidence, develop new skills and feel supported to reach their full potential.

**Scan to Register**



## HOMEWORK CLUB

Our first year of Homework Club came to a successful close on 29th June. We would like to thank all the parents who signed their children up and, most importantly, the fantastic young people who attended throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to support their learning, watch their confidence grow and see friendships develop along the way. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. If you would like to register your child for Homework Club, please contact Luke on 028 7116 3713.



## LOOKING AHEAD TO AUTUMN 2026

Our Autumn Term will begin on Monday 14th September and run until Friday 30th October.

Youth Club will operate five evenings each week see timetable below for full details of all sessions and activities.

We have lots of exciting plans for the new term, including arts and crafts activities, creative writing workshops, cooking lessons, and preparations for this year's Elf Parade. There will be plenty of opportunities for young people to express their creativity, develop

new talents, make new friends and get involved in community events.

As always, promoting positive mental and emotional well-being will remain at the heart of our work. Through a wide range of activities, young people will have opportunities to build confidence, develop resilience, strengthen friendships and enjoy a sense of belonging within a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

Our Junior sessions begin daily at 6.00pm. Please note that the 15 minutes before each session are

reserved for staff preparation and set-up. Young people arriving before 6.00pm will not be supervised, so we kindly ask parents and guardians not to leave children at the centre before their session begins.

To register your child with Culmore Youth Club, simply scan the QR code provided.

We look forward to welcoming both returning and new members for another exciting term packed with activities, opportunities, friendships, personal growth and fun.

| Monday                         | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                             | Thursday                       | Friday                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Juniors<br>6.00pm – 7.00pm     | Juniors<br>6.00pm-7.00pm       | Juniors<br>6.00pm-7.00pm                              | Juniors<br>6.00pm-7.00pm       | Juniors<br>6.00pm-7.00pm                              |
| Intermediates<br>7.15pm-8.15pm | Intermediates<br>7.15pm-8.15pm | Intermediate/Senior<br>Split Session<br>7.15pm-8.45pm | Intermediates<br>7.15pm-8.15pm | Intermediate/Senior<br>Split Session<br>7.15pm-8.45pm |
| Seniors<br>8.30pm-9.30pm       | Seniors<br>8.30pm-9.30pm       |                                                       | Seniors<br>8.30pm-9.30pm       |                                                       |

## SUMMER SCHEME 2026

This year's Summer Scheme was another outstanding success, bringing together over 50 young people from across the Culmore area for a week filled with fun, creativity and adventure.

Participants enjoyed an exciting programme of workshops delivered by In Your Space, The Write Stuff, Cooking with Kids, and our talented local artists Kiera and Carolyn. There were plenty of opportunities to get creative, learn new skills, work as part of a team

and make new friends.

One of the highlights of the week was our ever-popular trip to the Bowling Alley, which proved to be a fantastic day out for everyone involved.

Beyond the activities, the Summer Scheme provided young people with opportunities to step outside their comfort zones, grow in confidence, strengthen their social skills and develop positive relationships with their peers. These experiences play an important

role in supporting young people's emotional well-being and helping them feel connected to their community.

A huge thank you goes to all our workshop facilitators, volunteers and staff whose enthusiasm and dedication helped make the week such a success. We would also like to thank all the young people who took part and brought so much energy and enthusiasm to every activity. We can't wait to see you all again in September!





## YOUNG CULMORE FOOTBALLER JOINS DERRY CITY FC FIRST-TEAM SQUAD

Culmore teenager Caolan O'Donnell is celebrating a major milestone in his football career after being named as a substitute for recent matches for Derry City FC's first team.

At just 17 years of age, Caolan has earned recognition for his talent and dedication, progressing through the ranks to become part of the club's senior set-up. An attacking midfielder, he has been included in Derry City's first-team squad and wears the number 34 shirt.

Caolan's football journey began with Culmore Youth FC before moving to Foyle Harps at the age of eight and later joining Derry City's academy system. His progression from local grassroots football to the senior squad at Derry City is a testament to his hard work, commitment and determination to succeed.

Caolan was also one of the very first members of Culmore Youth Club when it was established, and everyone involved in the club has enjoyed watching him grow and develop both on and off the pitch. His success highlights the positive impact that local sports clubs and youth organisations can have in supporting young people to achieve their potential.

Caolan's achievement is a source of great pride for his family, friends and the wider Culmore community. He is a fantastic role model for young people in the area and an inspiration to aspiring footballers who dream of following a similar path. Well done, Caolan, your community is incredibly proud of you and wishes you every success for the future.



# CREATIVE WRITING GROUP Continues to Inspire Local Storytellers

Our Creative Writing Group continues to go from strength to strength, bringing together local people with a shared love of writing, storytelling and creativity.

Meeting fortnightly at The Fort, the group provides a welcoming and supportive space where participants can explore their imagination, develop their writing skills and share their work with others. Whether they are experienced writers or putting pen to paper for the first time, everyone is encouraged to find their own voice and enjoy the creative process.

The group is expertly guided by the very talented Gráinne McCool, whose enthusiasm, knowledge and encouragement help participants grow in confidence and develop their skills. Through a variety of writing exercises, prompts and discussions, members have the opportunity to experiment with different styles of writing, from poetry and memoir to short stories and personal reflections.

As well as developing writing skills, the group offers an opportunity to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy the social benefits of coming together in a relaxed and supportive environment. Members regularly inspire one another, sharing ideas, experiences and stories that often spark new creative projects. The Creative Writing Group has played an important role in a number of local initiatives, including contributing to community storytelling projects and helping to preserve local memories and heritage through the written word. New members are always welcome, and whether you have written for years or are simply curious about giving it a try, the group offers a friendly and encouraging place to begin. Why not join us at The Fort and discover the joy of creative writing?

*We hope you enjoy the following selection of stories from our Creative Writing Group, highlighting the wonderful talent that continues to flourish at The Fort.*



## CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

### THE JAM SANDWICH

Picked blackberries were delivered to our kitchen in bags that dripped purple juice and then mums magic began. Later we climbed onto kitchen stools as the soft white mother pride loaf unleashed a soothing aroma and the orange butterdish displayed hidden treasure. And then the jam. Blackberry and apple jelly, yes jelly, no bits, glorious! A bone handle knife spread the butter and jam. Small hands ceremoniously squished the piece together and as I bit down, flavours squelched and drooled in my mouth. Our kitchen, our blackberries, our memories and mum's magic. *(Fiona)*

### THE KITCHEN

They say, whoever they are, that with all food you taste first with your eyes then with your nose and only lastly with your actual sense of taste.

Not so with kitchens'.

With kitchens' it is always the noise if they are busy or the aroma if they are not. Once inside it is an assault on all senses. There is a useful little phrase regarding the inability to stand the heat. It makes no mention of the frayed tempers.

Granny White's old cottage kitchen was an animal of a completely different breed. It was a lived in, loved in, warm safe and happy place to be.

It was seen first, a white walled, stone floored copper kettled haven. It was smelt second, warm bread and roast chicken and third was always something to eat so recently baked that it would still melt the butter.

Not to mention tea so strong that you could stand a pencil in it.

There was something else too. Something forbidden. On a high shelf in a glass jar, under a hard to see from the ground black cloth were three gold coins. *(Michael)*

**The creaky old door had not been open for years.** Its hinges were rusted as was the lock. He stood staring at the lock. It was a big lock. The key, it was rumoured, was buried with him. He took the secret to his grave. Be he didn't need the key. After all, a hammer and chisel would force the lock to yield to his blows, and the creaky old door could be pushed open. It was late and the house was empty, save for the groans and moans of decaying wood. He took a few steps forward. Now do it!! He placed the chisel in the centre of the lock and lifted the hammer high above his head. Biting his tongue between his teeth he was about to bring the hammer down on the head of the chisel when he heard a moan, followed by a crying sound. It was coming from inside the locked room.

A cold shiver slid down his back. He took a step away from the door.

The crying continued. Fear roamed around him.

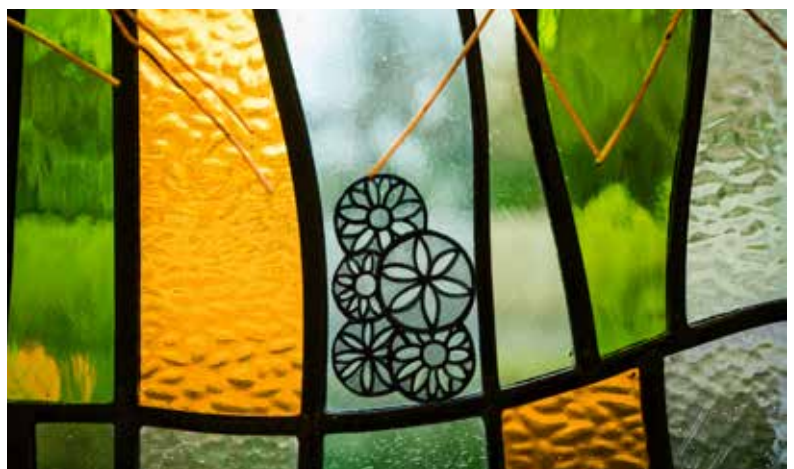
"Please do not go in! Let me rest with the secret." The whispering voice became silent. His hands were sweating. He dropped the hammer. Turning, he took the stairs two at a time. All the time the crying sound was ringing in his ears. When he got outside, he kept on running. *(Pat)*

Funded through Derry City and Strabane District Council's PEACEPLUS Local Co-Designed Action Plan, the project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). The initiative was designed to foster positive community relations by encouraging dialogue, partnership working and meaningful engagement between people from different backgrounds and communities.

Over the course of the programme, participants took part in cultural day trips, art workshops, creative writing sessions and intergenerational storytelling activities. The art workshops informed the design of the stained-glass windows that will be unveiled at the closing event, while the storytelling sessions resulted in the publication of *Culmore and Muff: Stories Through the Years*. The book captures a rich collection of local memories and personal experiences, preserving stories that reflect the unique character of life in the border region. Among the stories are recollections of smuggling across the border, memories of working on fruit farms in Culmore, and accounts of everyday life, community spirit and resilience through changing times. Together, these stories provide a valuable record of local heritage and offer future generations an insight into the lives and experiences of those who helped shape the area.

Throughout the project, participants from different generations, traditions and communities have come together to share experiences and perspectives, creating lasting friendships and stronger cross-community and cross-border relationships. By exploring local history, heritage, faith traditions and cultural diversity, the programme has helped foster greater understanding, respect and appreciation of the communities that share this border region.

The closing ceremony on September 8th will celebrate not only the successful completion of the project but also the lasting legacy it leaves behind through the friendships formed, the stories preserved and the artwork created. The launch of *Culmore and Muff: Stories Through the Years* and the unveiling of the stained-glass windows will provide a fitting conclusion to a project that has successfully connected people, celebrated shared heritage and strengthened community relationships across Culmore and Muff.



IN PHOTOS:

## 1K Race and Fun Day Summer 2026





# Growing More Than Vegetables!

The Culmore Community Partnership Organic Allotments continue to flourish as a wonderful example of community spirit, sustainability and friendship. With 17 thriving plots, the allotments provide local people with the opportunity to grow their own fresh, organic fruit, vegetables and flowers while enjoying the many benefits of spending time outdoors.

Two of the plots are lovingly cared for by our community gardening volunteers under the watchful eye of Fiona Doney. Through their hard work and dedication, these once-empty spaces have been transformed into productive gardens bursting with healthy vegetables. Along the way, the volunteers have not only learned new gardening skills but have also built lasting friendships, shared knowledge and enjoyed the simple pleasure of working together in nature.

The remaining 15 plots have been enthusiastically taken on by local residents, each bringing their own ideas, experience and passion for growing. The allotments have become a welcoming place where neighbours meet, exchange tips, support one another and celebrate the rewards of home-grown produce. More than just a place to garden, the Culmore Organic Allotments are helping to strengthen community connections, promote healthy living and encourage sustainable practices, ensuring this valuable shared space continues to thrive for years to come.



## Helping Culmore Bloom

The dedication of our volunteer gardeners extends far beyond the allotments. Alongside nurturing the two community plots, they also devote countless hours to caring for the beautiful community gardens at the Hub and along the riverside. Their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work have transformed these spaces into colourful, welcoming areas for everyone to enjoy. Whether planting, weeding, watering or maintaining flower beds, their efforts help create an environment that the whole community can be proud of. More than simply tending gardens, these volunteers are cultivating a sense of pride, belonging and togetherness, proving that when people come together with a shared purpose, they can make a lasting difference. Their generosity of time and spirit has made Culmore a greener, brighter and more beautiful place for residents and visitors alike.

# SESSIONS FOR OVER 50's AT THE HUB

*We have our continuing programme of classes for all our over 50s to enjoy this Autumn.*



## YOGA

William Grant will deliver our Monday morning session 11.30am to 12.30pm. This session is tailored to the needs of the over 50's.

## LUNCH SOCIAL

On Monday 1.00pm to 4.00pm we will be continuing our Lunch Social at the Hub. We want local people aged 50+ to join us for some good food, a chat, and activities in our upstairs hall.

## WALKING GROUP

The group will meet at the chosen destination each Tuesday at 11am for a walk and great chat. If you are interested in joining in, please contact us. (Own Transport or car share required).

## FLEECE PREPARATION AND DROP SPINDLE SPINNING

This heritage craft will be a six week block and will take place on a Tuesday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

## TAI SWING

Caren Friel will be back with us for Tai Swing from 11.30am to 12.30pm every Wednesday. This is gentle exercise with music and movement.

## WATERCOLOUR GROUP

Following interest from our watercolour enthusiasts, we're delighted to launch a weekly, self-led Watercolour Group from September. These informal sessions are a great opportunity to paint together, share ideas and enjoy the company of fellow artists. Sessions will take place every Friday from 1pm to 3pm. Everyone is welcome!

## FELTING

Discover the joy of felting! Learn both wet felting and needle felting techniques in this friendly, hands-on course. Over six weeks, you'll gently build your skills and confidence while exploring colour blending, texture, and sculpting techniques using natural fleece. You'll leave with beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces you'll be proud of. Ideal for beginners and those with some experience alike.

| Day       | Activity                                                | Time               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday    | Yoga<br>Lunch Social                                    | 11.30am<br>1.00pm  |
| Tuesday   | Fleece preparation and drop spindle spinning<br>Walking | 10.00am<br>11.00am |
| Wednesday | Tai Swing                                               | 11.30am            |
| Thursday  | Stitch and Chat<br>Felting                              | 11.00am<br>12.00pm |
| Friday    | Watercolours                                            | 1.00pm             |

## STITCH AND CHAT

Join us on a Thursday at 11.00am to 12.30pm for some stitching, tea, chat and company. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, embroider or any other stitching craft please come along and join in. All are welcome.



# SESSIONS FOR ADULTS AT THE HUB

*We are keen to provide support for adults to improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being.*



## SEWING

Sewing classes suitable for all abilities will take place on Monday at 10am. This class will require a sewing machine.

## CEILI DANCING

Brand new class for 2026. Adult Ceili dancing class will be on a Monday at 7pm – booking is essential – please contact Charmaine to book your place. Casey School of Irish Dancing on Facebook or Instagram or call Charmaine on 07841562433.

## CULMORE WOMENS' CIRCLE

Culmore Women's Circle, our fun and vibrant Women's group, meet on the second Tuesday of every month. The first session will be Tuesday 6th October.

## PILATES MORNING & EVENING

We are introducing a new morning Pilates class at 9.30am on Tuesdays, and will continue with our evening Pilates classes on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm & 7.30pm. These classes with Brenda Plummer fill fast so please get in touch to secure your place.

## CHOIR

Choir practice runs each Tuesday evening and is a fun way to get involved in music and meet other people.

## OIL PAINTING

Our ever-popular Oil Painting Classes with David Fahy will continue to run on a Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

## YOGA WITH WILLIAM GRANT

Evening Yoga classes with William Grant will be on a Wednesday night from 7.45pm – 8.45pm. Contact us to secure your place.

## LINE DANCING & JIVING

Line Dancing and Jiving classes with Davey will be on a Thursday 7.00pm – 8.00pm. For fun, for exercise, for meeting new people this class has it all!

## QIGONG

We are excited to announce a new Qigong class open to beginners and anyone looking to improve their health, balance, and wellbeing through gentle mindful movement. Qigong is an ancient Chinese health practice that combines slow flowing movements, breathing, posture, and relaxation to help cultivate energy, calm the mind, and strengthen the body. Often described as "meditation in movement," Qigong is suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

## PILATES AND MINDFULNESS

This lovely Pilates class with Mindfulness is on a Friday morning at 9am with Brenda Plummer. Don't miss out, call to book your place now.

## HYPNOBIRTHING

Dawn from Your Journey, Your Way is running a series of Hypnobirthing classes here at the Hub throughout the year. This will be on a Saturday morning and some evening classes. To book contact Dawn directly on Facebook @your\_journey\_your\_way\_

## PILATES WITH KATIE

Katie Vail teaches classical Pilates suitable for all levels. These classes will be on a Saturday morning. Contact Katie to book on Instagram @pilatesbykatiev

## AINE HARKIN YOGA

Aine teaches Hatha Yoga on a Saturday morning. Contact Aine directly to book on Instagram @rise\_yoga\_with\_aine\_

| Day       | Activity              | Time            |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Monday    | Sewing                | 10am            |
|           | Ceili Dancing         | 7.00pm          |
| Tuesday   | Pilates               | 9.30pm          |
|           | Women's Circle        | 12.00pm         |
|           | Pilates               | 6.30pm & 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | Choir                 | 7.15pm          |
|           | Oil Painting          | 10.00am         |
|           | Yoga                  | 7.45pm          |
| Thursday  | Line Dancing & Jiving | 7.00pm          |
|           | Qigong                | 7.00pm          |
| Friday    | Pilates               | 9.00am          |



## IN THE CULMORE COMMUNITY

Our local clubs are accepting new members and keen to hear from volunteers, check out details below.



### CULMORE CÚ CHULAINNS GAA

Weekly coaching and games for boys and girls aged 4 to 16 at Thornhill College pitches, Culmore.

- Every Saturday morning from 10.00am till 12noon
- Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm to 9.00pm
- Nursery Gaelic every Saturday morning

New players very welcome! Come along and learn all about Gaelic games! If curious, call or text Dermot on 07971784367 for more info. Anyone interested in volunteering at the club please get in touch also, thank you. Find us on Facebook @ Culmore Cú Chulainns



### CULMORE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Following a fantastic Foyle Cup, Culmore Youth Football Club is welcoming new boys and girls from the 2022 age group upwards.

At Culmore, we focus on developing more than footballers. Through a fun, positive and player-centred environment, our young players build technical ability, confidence, leadership, communication skills and resilience both on and off the pitch.

Register your interest today at [www.culmorefc.com](http://www.culmorefc.com).

### LOUGH FOYLE YACHT CLUB

For information get in touch at [loughfoyleyachtclub.com](http://loughfoyleyachtclub.com)

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## WHY WALK OR CYCLE?



**Healthy body, healthy mind**  
even a 10-minute walk boosts  
mood, fitness,  
and heart health.



**Cleaner air**  
fewer short car trips mean less  
pollution and safer streets  
for everyone.



**Help the environment**  
every short journey walked  
or cycled helps reduce  
carbon emissions.



**Support local**  
enjoy the walk, say hello to  
your neighbours, and build a  
stronger community.

**Let's keep Culmore moving safely, sustainably, and together.**  
Thank you for helping make the Culmore Community Hub a welcoming place for all.

# SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE HUB

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE HUB

We currently have over 80 volunteers who are key to making things run smoothly here at the Hub throughout the year at various small and large events. Without their time and support it would not be possible to bring you all the clubs, activities, and events that you have grown to love. From January to July 2026 there has been an amazing 812 hours given by our volunteers! Sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support. If you would like to join our Volunteer Team then please contact us on 028 7116 3713.



## LITTER PICK

Why not join our award winning Litter Pick team who work hard to keep Culmore clean and tidy. They meet on the second Sunday of every month at 11.00am. This is a valuable and much needed service these dedicated volunteers are providing for our community. The group make a great difference along the shore-line and Culmore Point area making it a much more pleasant place to enjoy a walk. We would like to extend our thanks to the Litter Picking team and to Derry City & Strabane District Council for their ongoing support with their collection service. If you would like to join this group please meet at the Hub on the 2nd Sunday of the month, we'll provide hi-vis vest, litter picker, bin bags and gloves. This is a lovely intergenerational activity and a great way to get to know your neighbours and have pride in our local area.



## Counselling for Children & Young People at Culmore Fort

Are you feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or just need someone to talk to? You're not alone and we're here to help.

Our counselling service at Culmore Fort offers a safe, confidential space for children and young people to talk, be heard, and get support with whatever they're going through.

This free service is delivered by trained professionals and tailored to the needs of young people facing challenges at school, at home, or in everyday life.

Location: Culmore Fort  
Flexible appointment times available  
Free and confidential

To find out more or book a session contact the Hub on 028 71163713  
Email: [youthcoord@culmorehub.org](mailto:youthcoord@culmorehub.org)

## RNID NEAR YOU

Quarterly Clinic; Monday the 28th September 12.30pm to 2pm  
Hearing Aid User Support Service - Providing Support for NHS hearing aid users throughout North WHSCT area. RNID in Partnership with Dept of Health are holding a free walk in Support Service where we can help with:

- Hearing aids, including basic repairs and maintenance of NHS hearing aids.
- Information on hearing loss and tinnitus.
- How to do a hearing check.
- How to access support and services in your area.

Any questions please give us a call.

## Mobile Library at the Hub

Every fortnight on a Wednesday 2.30 pm – 4.00pm we will have the Mobile Library from Libraries NI here in our Car Park. This service is available to the whole community. Why not come along and have a chat and choose some books to borrow.

  
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Culmore Community Partnership is a registered charity, we rely on funding and donations to deliver our programme of activities and for our running costs. One of the ways we raise funds is to charge for most of the activities we deliver at the Hub. We are sensitive to the fact there may be financial challenges being faced within the community. If you would like to participate in an activity but feel that the full cost would be a challenge, please contact us and we can discuss reduced rates.

# Christmas Events

## ELF PARADE & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AT THE HUB!

**Friday 13th November 6.00pm - 7.30pm**

Santa and his Elves had such a magical time in Culmore last year, they're coming back again this Christmas! Santa called from the North Pole to let us know he'll be visiting The Hub on Friday 13th November and he's bringing some festive sparkle with him!

The Elf Parade kicks off at 6:00pm from Cloncool Park, with 250 local young people aged 7-17 from Culmore Youth Club, Culmore Primary School, Hollybush Primary School, Culmore Kids Club, and Thornhill College.

The parade will light up the streets with music, colour and festive cheer as it makes its way to The Hub for the Christmas Lights Switch-On with our very special guest... Santa Claus!

No booking necessary - Outdoor event - Wrap up warm!

Please be aware of traffic disruptions:

Parade route (Cloncool Park to the Hub): 5:50pm - 6:40pm

Hub area during the Lights Switch-On: 6:40pm - 7:30pm

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your support. Come join us for a magical night that promises festive fun for all the family!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT & FOOD FAIR AT THE HUB

**Sunday 29th November 11:00am - 4:00pm**

Get into the festive spirit at our much-loved Christmas Craft & Food Fair!

Join us for a magical day filled with local and regional crafters, artists, food producers, and more - all offering unique, handcrafted gifts and seasonal treats perfect for Christmas. If you would like to have a stall at the Fair application forms available from Monday 21st September, please email [projectcoord@culmorehub.org](mailto:projectcoord@culmorehub.org).

## VISIT SANTA AT HIS WORKSHOP IN CULMORE FORT

**Friday 11th - Wednesday 16th December**

Santa is making his return to Culmore and he can't wait to meet all the local children at his magical workshop in Culmore Fort!

Each visit includes a 15-minute slot, a chance to meet Santa himself, and a gift for every child.

Bookings will open on Monday 2nd November can be made on our website [www.culmorehub.org/events](http://www.culmorehub.org/events) or call: 028 7116 3713

Spaces are limited - book early to avoid disappointment!

## FESTIVE WILLOW WORKSHOPS - GET CREATIVE THIS CHRISTMAS!

Dates to be announced in October 2026



# CULMORE COMMUNITY HUB AUTUMN 2026 TIMETABLE

| Monday                                     | Venue           | Time                                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Parent & Toddler (Drop in)                 | Downstairs      | 9.30am – 11.00am - Starting 21st Sept weekly        |
| Sewing with Rosie                          | Upstairs        | 10am to 12.00pm - Starting 21st Sept (6 weeks)      |
| Yoga (50+)                                 | Downstairs      | 11.30am – 12.30pm - Starting 21st Sept (6 weeks)    |
| Hub Social (50+yrs)                        | Upstairs        | 1.00pm - 4.00pm - Starting 21st Sept weekly         |
| Culmore Kids Club – Creche                 | Cabin           | 9.00am - 12.00pm                                    |
| Culmore Kids Club – After school           | Cabin           | 2.00pm – 6.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Homework Club                      | Downstairs      | 3.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |
| Casey school of Irish Dancing              | Upstairs        | 5.30pm – 6.45 pm - Returning Sept                   |
| Casey Ceili Classes                        | Upstairs        | 7.00pm – 8.00pm - Starting 14th Sept (6 weeks)      |
| Culmore Youth Club -Juniors 7-9 yrs.       | Downstairs      | 6.00pm – 7.00pm - Starting 14th September           |
| Culmore Youth Intermediates 10-13yrs       | Downstairs      | 7.15pm – 8.15pm - Starting 14th September           |
| Culmore Youth Club - Seniors 14 – 17yrs    | Downstairs      | 8.30pm – 9.30pm - Starting 14th September           |
| Tuesday                                    | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Pilates                                    | Downstairs      | 9.30am – 10.15am - Starting 22nd Sept (6 weeks)     |
| Baby Massage                               | Downstairs      | 10.45am – 11.30am - Starting 22nd Sept (4 wks)      |
| Culmore Walking Group                      | Various         | 11.00am – 12.00pm - Starting 22nd Sept              |
| Fleece Preparation & Drop Spindle Spinning | Upstairs        | 10.00am – 1.00pm - Starting 22nd Sept (6 wks)       |
| Women's Circle 1st Tues every month        | Downstairs      | 12.00 noon – 1.30pm - Starting 6th October          |
| Culmore Kids Club – Creche                 | Cabin           | 9.00am - 12.00pm                                    |
| Culmore Kids Club – After school           | Cabin           | 2.00pm – 6.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Homework Club                      | Downstairs      | 3.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |
| Pilates                                    | Upstairs        | 6.30pm & 7.30pm - Starting 22nd Sept (6 wks)        |
| Choir                                      | Cabin           | 7.15pm – 8.15pm - Starting 14th April               |
| Culmore Youth Club                         | Downstairs      | 6.00pm – 9.30pm - (See Page 3 for full details)     |
| Wednesday                                  | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Oil Painting                               | Upstairs        | 10.00am – 12.00pm - Starting 23rd Sept (6 weeks)    |
| Mammy Fit by Alice                         | Downstairs      | 10.00am - 11.00am - Starting 23rd Sept (6 wks)      |
| Tai Swing (50+) (Drop in)                  | Downstairs      | 11.30am - 12.30pm - Starting 23th Sept (6 wks)      |
| NI Mobile Library                          | Car Park        | 2.30pm – 4.00pm - Every 2nd week Returning 9th Sept |
| Culmore Kids Club – Creche                 | Cabin           | 9.00am - 12.00pm                                    |
| Culmore Kids Club – After school           | Cabin           | 2.00pm – 6.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Homework Club                      | Downstairs      | 3.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |
| Casey School of Irish Dance                | Downstairs      | 5.30pm – 7.30pm - Returning Sept                    |
| Yoga with William Grant                    | Downstairs      | 7.45pm – 8.45pm - Starting 23rd Sept (6 wks)        |
| Culmore Youth Club                         | Upstairs/ Cabin | 6.00pm – 8.45pm (See Page 3 for full details)       |
| Thursday                                   | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Parent and Toddler (Drop in)               | Downstairs      | 9.30am – 11.00am - Starting 24th Sept               |
| Stitch and Chat                            | Upstairs        | 11.00am – 12.30pm - Starting 24th Sept              |
| Crafting – Wet & Dry Felting               | Downstairs      | 12.00 noon – 2.00pm - Starting 24th Sept (6 weeks)  |
| Baby Swim                                  | Foyle Arena     | 1.00pm – 2.00pm - Starting 24th Sept (6 wks)        |
| Culmore Kids Club – Creche                 | Cabin           | 9.00am - 12.00pm                                    |
| Culmore Kids Club – After school           | Cabin           | 2.00pm – 6.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Homework Club                      | Downstairs      | 3.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Youth Club                         | Downstairs      | 6.00pm – 9.30pm (See Page 3 for full details)       |
| Qigong                                     | Cabin           | 7.00pm – 8.00pm - Starting 24th Sept (6 wks)        |
| Line Dancing & Jive Dancing                | Upstairs Hall   | 7.00pm – 8.00pm - Starting 24th Sept (6 wks)        |
| Friday                                     | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Pilates & Mindfulness                      | Upstairs        | 9.00am – 9.45am - Starting 25th Sept (6wks)         |
| Coochie Coo                                | Downstairs Hall | 10.00am, 11.00am & 12 noon, Contact Jean            |
| Culmore Kids Club – Creche                 | Cabin           | 9.00am - 12.00pm                                    |
| Watercolour Group                          | Upstairs        | 1.00pm - 3.00pm - Starting 25th Sept                |
| Culmore Kids Club – After school           | Cabin           | 2.00pm – 6.00pm                                     |
| Culmore Youth Club                         | Downstairs      | 6.00pm – 8.45pm (See page 3 for full details)       |
| Saturday                                   | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Hypnobirthing                              | Upstairs        | Contact Dawn @your_journey_your_way_                |
| Pilates with Katie                         | Cabin           | Contact Katie @pilatesbykatiev                      |
| Aine Harkin Hatha Yoga                     | Cabin           | Contact Aine @rise_yoga_with_aine_                  |
| Sunday                                     | Venue           | Time                                                |
| Litter Pick (2nd Sunday of each Month)     | Meet at the Hub | 11.00am - 12.00pm                                   |