

Pathways to university residential programme

The Fostering Network, in partnership with Ulster University, invites 15–17-year-olds to join the **Pathways to University Scheme**, a unique opportunity to experience university life firsthand. This four day residential includes campus visits, academic workshops, personalised mentorship and career-focused activities. Participants will develop essential life skills, gain valuable career insights, and build confidence while expanding their networks and making lifelong friendships. Whether you're preparing for higher education or exploring future possibilities, this programme will help you make informed educational choices and elevate your academic and career prospects.

Ulster University, Coleraine Tuesday 30 June to Friday 3 July

Drama academy with Bruiser Theatre Company

Young people aged 12 to 17 will spend the week working with industry professionals to create a show that will be performed at the end of the week. The week involves games, developing performance skills, script writing, voice work and acting. They'll get the chance to experience all aspects of theatre – including sound, lighting and creating original work.

It will be an encouraging environment for young people to grow in confidence, meet new friends and learn new skills.

Belfast Monday 11 August to Saturday 16 August

About Fostering Attainment and Achievement

Fostering Attainment and Achievement is a unique service in Northern Ireland that works to improve educational outcomes for children looked after in foster care. It is commissioned by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) of the Department of Health and delivered by The Fostering Network.

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Summer Programme 2026

The Fostering Network is delivering a variety of daytime summer activity weeks for children and young people in foster and kinship care during July and August 2026 as part of the Fostering Attainment and Achievement service.



Primary summer programme

These programmes give children and young people (currently in P4-P7, born on or after 2nd July 2014 up to 1st July 2018) the opportunity to take part in exciting outdoor activities.

- Life Adventure Castlewellan, Newcastle** . . . Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July
- The Jungle & Splash, Magherafelt** Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July
- St Columbas Primary, Derry** Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July
- Xplore Outdoors, Portrush** Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July
- Belfast Activity Centre, Belfast** Monday 20 July to Friday 24 July
- Life Adventure Castlewellan, Newcastle** . . . Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July
- Oakwood Bushcraft, Enniskillen** Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July
- Connected Adventure, Belfast***** . . . Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August

The outdoor pursuits activities require children to be at least 8 years of age.

How to book

To find out more information or register your interest, please email events@fostering.net or call **028 9070 5056** by **Friday 11 April 2026**



Teen Adventure Schemes

Suitable for 12 to 17-year-olds, young people will get the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities such as kayaking and rock climbing.

- Life Adventure Castlewellan, Newcastle** . . . Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July
- The Jungle & Splash, Magherafelt** Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July
- Gortin Forest Park, Omagh** Monday 20 July to Friday 24 July
- Xplore Outdoors, Portrush*** Monday 20 July to Friday 24 July
- Life Adventure Castlewellan, Newcastle** .. Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July
- Xplore Outdoors, Portrush** Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July
- Xplore Outdoors, Portrush**** Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August
- Connected Adventure, Belfast***** Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August
- Brusier Theatre, Belfast** Monday 10 August to Saturday 15 August

*Transport will be provided for Xplore Western & Xplore Newtownabbey & Connected Adventure

** Preference will be given to young people from the Western Trust

*** Pick up Dundonald Park & Ride