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Neighbourhood Networks Summer 2026

These events provide a fantastic opportunity for voluntary and community sector organisations, faith groups, local businesses and statutory organisations to come together. They are a chance to share experiences that we can all use to inform our services and improve delivery across our city. Our events in July 2026 are based around the theme 'Learning Together'.

- **North** – Tuesday 14 July – 12.30pm to 3.30pm – Fawdon Community Centre, Fawdon Park Road, Fawdon, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2PL
- **East** – Thursday 16 July – 12.30pm to 3.30pm – Walker Activity Dome, Wharrier Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BR
- **Outer West** – Tuesday 21 July – 9.30am – 12.30pm – St John the Evangelist Church, Kingston Park Centre, Kingston Park Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2HB
- **Inner West** – Wednesday 22 July – 9.30am – 12.30pm – Cowgate Centre, 7 Houghton Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3UT

[Click here to book your place at the events.](#)

Welford Centre Fair

Colleagues at the Welford Centre are appealing for help in putting on this year's summer fair. The event is taking place at the centre in Jubilee Road, Gosforth, on 27 July, with this year's theme being a 'Country and Western' Day.

Colleagues are looking for any contributions which can be used as raffle prizes as well as any memorabilia that can be displayed on the day.

Previous fairs have proved a massive success, and organisers are hoping this year's can be even bigger and better. The event helps raise money for the centre, which supports adults with learning disabilities, complex needs and autism.

Colleagues are also invited along to the event on the day.

Anyone with prizes to donate or memorabilia should contact Andrea.jeffries@newcastle.gov.uk

Read more on InformationNow about [Welford Centre](#)

Men's World Cup Domestic Violence

Crimestoppers have launched a new campaign to highlight the rise of domestic abuse during the football World Cup, encouraging people to 'call time on abuse' and anonymously report to the charity.

The prospect of a match for some people is a fearful one. Many partners find themselves on the edge of their seats for a different reason – and not a good one – when every match comes round.

A study from the National Centre for Domestic Abuse has shown that when England lose a match, domestic abuse rises by 38%. Even if England win a match there is a 26% increase – and the day following a match, win, lose or draw, domestic abuse incidents still increase by 11%.

For many victims it can be very hard to reach out for help or to report abuse; a report from a third party could protect the victim and maybe even save a life.

[Click here to see the campaign](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Crimestoppers](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON

Newcastle's SEND Local Offer has a new home!

The [SEND Local Offer](#) has moved to the Children and Families Newcastle website, making it easier to use, and more family-focused.

To celebrate, families can get involved in two fun ways:

? **Find the penguins:** Explore the SEND Local Offer pages and spot GiRTrood's hidden penguin friends. Find them all and you could win a **£10 Amazon voucher**.

? **Share a local photo:** Help us make the SEND Local Offer even more local by sharing a photo we can use on the website – this could be an inclusive space or a child or young person or family having fun in Newcastle.

[See the new website here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Moving from Childrens to Adults Social Care](#)

Newcastle City Learning Adult Courses

It's never too late to learn. Whether you want a better job, a fresh start or just something for you, adult learning is a positive first step. You don't need experience or qualifications, just the willingness to begin. Find a course that works for you and see where it can take you.

[Click here to see the course brochure](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Newcastle City Learning](#)

Call for Summer Solstice Volunteers!

Dwellbeing Shieldfield are having a Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday 20th June and would welcome any offers of help. There will be food, games, fancy dress, yoga, crafts, garlic harvesting and more happening and there are roles for everyone! Whether you enjoy welcoming and chatting to people or would prefer to help behind the scenes, volunteering is a great way to share your skills and time with the community.

If you're able to volunteer [please complete this form](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Dwellbeing Shieldfield](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

National Trust Sky Gardening Workshops

Do you live in a flat or apartment? Join a free gardening workshop near you. Balcony Basics, Wild about Wildlife and Food Growing are all free courses being held in Byker to celebrate in the National Trust Sky Gardening Challenge.

Free refreshments and creche available – all welcome! Take home what you plant!

[Find out more here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Byker Sands Family Centre](#)

Computer training course

Tuesday 14 July and Tuesday 21 July, 10.00am – 12.30pm

A brilliant course at Newcastle City Library, supporting you to develop basic computing skills, to help you access and use the internet.

You will develop your confidence in using computers, with excellent feedback from previous courses. Learn how to use a computer, send an email, search the internet for information and attach photos and your CV to emails, etc

It's a 2-part course: you must attend both sessions to complete the course

[Click here to book your place](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Newcastle Libraries](#)

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Your Voice: Supported Housing in Newcastle upon Tyne

Newcastle City Council is developing a new Supported Housing Strategy for the city and wants your help to shape it.

They're keen to hear from:

- People with lived experience of supported housing
- Organisations and individuals who provide supported housing in Newcastle

There are several ways you can take part:

1) **Share your views online**

Complete a short survey about your experiences on Lets Talk Newcastle:

<https://www.letstalknewcastle.co.uk/consultations/614/participate>. Open to anyone You can respond anonymously

2) **Join a focus group**

Over the summer, we'll be holding a series of focus groups for people with different experiences of supported housing. If you'd like to take part, find out more or host a session for your organisation: Email: Supportedhousingvoices@newcastle.gov.uk

3) **Join a lived experience group**

We're creating a small core group of people with lived experience to work with us throughout the strategy development process. Joining the group includes:

- Taking part in monthly meetings (June 2026 – March 2027)
- A chance to shape the strategy directly
- Payment provided for your time and expertise

If you are interested in being part of the core group register your interest using the online form: [Supported Housing Coproduction Group Registration form](#)

Want to find out more? Email: Supportedhousingvoices@newcastle.gov.uk

4) Supported Housing Provider survey

If you provide supported housing in Newcastle, you can complete a short survey about your experiences: [Supported Housing Provider survey](#)

Dementia Network Meeting

Tuesday 14 July – 10am – 11.30am

Marie Curie Hospice, Marie Curie Drive, Newcastle NE4 6SS

3rd Newcastle Dementia Network meeting, the meeting is open to anyone with an interest in dementia — professionals, carers, and community partners.

Feel free to bring along any updates, resources, or news you'd like to share, or send to us to share on your behalf. If you weren't able to make it to previous meetings you are very welcome to join us this time, no need to have attended before.

[Click here to confirm](#) attendance or email dementianetwork.ncl@gmail.com

Read more on InformationNow about [Marie Curie Newcastle](#)

Antisocial Behaviour Webinar

ASB Awareness Week is the national campaign bringing together housing, policing, local government, charities and community partners to shine a spotlight on ASB, strengthen local responses, and amplify the rights of victims.

ASB Help are hosting a free webinar to provide some practical advice on what to do if you, or your neighbours, are having issues.

[Read more about the campaign here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Anti-social behaviour](#)

REPORTS AND RESOURCES

Monty in the Community

It was great to see the latest [outreach impact report](#) from Newcastle GP Services on Monty, the community health bus. Monty is a purpose-built mobile clinic, staffed by qualified and experienced nurses and healthcare professionals, providing a range of services in areas of greatest need.

Services include health checks, cervical screening, blood pressure checks, vaccinations, smoking support and diabetes screening – often identifying the need for further investigations at an early stage. Over 37 different locations have been visited, helping many patients who otherwise may

not have come forward. With 97% of patients recommending the service, it's making a positive difference to people's lives.

[Find out more about Monty here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Newcastle GP Services](#)

Smoke Free app

If you're ready to stop smoking, why not download the Smoke Free app?

- 24/7 access to expert stop smoking advisors
- Personalised quit plan that works around real life
- Practical tools to help you manage cravings
- Clear, easy tools to track progress and self-motivate
- Support from other quitters in the community
- Vapes, medication or nicotine replacements delivered to your door, where eligible

[Find out more here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Giving up smoking](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Galena – Exploring the site of the Elswick Lead Works Exhibition

15 – 27 June at Newcastle Art Centre, 67 Westgate Road, NE1 1SG

Galena tracks a landscape awaiting development. Through sound, film, painting and print, Julia Heslop, Taryn Edmonds and Martin Heslop explore the site of the Elswick Lead Works on the River Tyne, where a new housing development is planned.

Find out [more about the exhibition here](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Newcastle Arts Centre](#)

Great Northern Contemporary Craft & Art Fair

18 – 21 June 2026 Sports Central, Northumbria University

A standout summer event bringing the very best in craft, art and design.

You can find out [more and book tickets here.](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Northumbria University](#)

Summer Birds of Gosforth Nature Reserve

Join local birder Matthew Harrison for a guided walk around Gosforth Nature Reserve, in search of the reserve's most iconic summer birds.

Likely species for this walk include: Kingfisher, Bittern, Marsh tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Common Tern.

[Click here to find out more and book tickets](#)

Read more on InformationNow about [Gosforth Nature Reserve](#)

NEW AND UPDATED ON INFONOW

White Ribbon UK

Updated organisation

White Ribbon UK works to engage men and boys to end violence against women and girls.

Read more on InformationNow about [White Ribbon UK](#)

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