

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release



£50,000 awarded to L'Arche to create a community sensory and reflection area

L'Arche Belfast is a charity that provides community-based supported living services for adults with learning difficulties and outreach projects that promote and recognise the value and contributions of adults with learning difficulties.

L'Arche will use £50,000 to create an outdoor public seating area, an outdoor sensory area and garden and a reflection area for the public to use in their L'Arche Village in East Belfast. This project will provide outdoor space and an area to reflect and reflex for the local community.

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Since its beginnings in 2008, the Whitemountain Programme has distributed over £8 million of funding to 260 fantastic community and biodiversity projects. This funding helps groups to achieve their plans for positive change in their community.

QUOTES

Outdoor space is very important for health and wellbeing and the outdoor space L'Arche village will provide to the community is very important. We are delighted to support projects like this that connect communities to green space and encourage people to take time out and relax.

Shannon Downey, Communities Lead
Groundwork Northern Ireland

Quote

Brian Burns
L'Arche

It is a privilege to support L'Arche in their mission to create a more inclusive society. The £50,000 that we have provided will create much needed outdoor space in L'Arche Village for individuals both with and without learning disabilities to come together and enjoy the sensory garden.

Edward Kearney
Whitemountain

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Groundwork Northern Ireland manages the Whitemountain Programme on behalf of Whitemountain. Groundwork NI is a charity that empowers local communities grown from the ground up, that are sustainable, happy and healthy places to live, work and play. One of our services is to help other organisations to distribute grant funding, ensuring money gets to where it is most needed. Throughout the years, we have distributed over £10 million in grants to community projects.

L'Arche Belfast was established in 2001 as a community-based supported living service for adults with learning disabilities. L'Arche has also developed a number of outreach programmes for adults with learning difficulties including catering, gardening, art and music and L'Arche Village.

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HOW TO APPLY

If you have a great community or biodiversity focused project which lies within the 15 mile radius of Mullaghglass landfill site near Lisburn (and within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site), then why not apply? Applications to the Whitemountain Programme are open. To find out more visit our website www.groundwork.org.uk/whitemountain or contact us at whitemountainprogramme@groundworkni.co.uk

OTHER PROJECTS FUNDED RECENTLY

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects making a positive impact at ground level, either developing facilities for community use or encouraging biodiversity and environmental improvements.

The funding is available under two strands:

- Whitemountain Programme Small Grants (up to £5K)
- Whitemountain Programme Main Grants (£5K - £25K)

Below you can find some of the more recently funded projects:

Small Grants - 2021

Benview Community Centre	£6,120
CIYMS Cricket Club	£9,756
Irish Football Network	£7,395

Main Grants - 2021

Cliftonville FC	£50,000
Include Youth	£49,935
L'Arche	£50,000
New Life City Church	£48,796

TOTAL	£222,002
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