

PRESS RELEASE

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£48,796 awarded to New Life City Church to upgrade their centre

The New Life City Church manages the City Life Centre in Northumberland Street, Belfast. The City Life Centre welcomes over 2,500 people each week from various cultures and communities for a range of cross community activities that promote good relations.

The New Life City Church will use £48,796 to upgrade the City Life Centre in order to continue their work delivering an accessible range of opportunities for physical, mental and personal development for their 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

We are delighted to support the City Life Centre, a unique reconciliation centre in one of Belfast's most notorious interface areas. The City Life Centre supports the local community through their good relations and reconciliation work and it is fantastic to see the Whitemountain Programme supporting projects like this.

Shannon Downey, Communities Lead
Groundwork Northern Ireland

City Life Centre is situated on a peace line on Northumberland St. in West Belfast. The projects based within the centre such as City Life Projects, GLOW, The Warehouse Project and Hobby Horse Playgroup help serve the local community in a vast amount of ways through a simple coffee in the coffee shop to structured programmes helping with mental health and personal development. Cross community projects help promote reconciliation and facilitates the building of new relationships. With the valued help of Whitemountain we will be able to do much needed work to help improve the centre with new flooring, lighting and heating that will also help us reduce our carbon footprint"

Jonathan McKee
New Life City Church

Supporting the New Life City Church in upgrading their centre is exactly what the Whitemountain Programme was designed to do. The New Life City Church is a hub for people from many different backgrounds and this funding will enable the organisation to continue to provide opportunities for the local community.

Russell Drew
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.

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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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