

## What is FOYLE?

It is a local group of libraries, museums and archive centres working collaboratively together to provide improved, easy access to the wealth of information resources held locally. It offers a managed referral service between participating centres with the option to borrow books.

It is part of the **Inspire** (Information Sharing Partners in Resources for Education) UK initiative which has as its ultimate aim “to create a seamless cross-sectoral pathway for learning by adults across over 4,000 public, 3 national and almost 700 HE libraries and to build an effective interface to resources for learning with museums, galleries and archives by the end of the rollout programme”.

The participating organizations are:

Altnagelvin Trust Library in association with Queen’s University Medical Library

Education Centre Library, St. Conal’s Hospital, Letterkenny

Genealogy Centre

Health Promotion Library

Heritage & Museum Service, Derry City Council

North West Institute of Further Education Library

Omagh College

University of Ulster Library

Verbal Arts Centre

Western Education and Library Board

## Objectives

The objectives of the group are to:

- Exploit fully the rich and diverse range of information available locally;
- Provide enhanced access to information resources through managed referral;
- Share information and experience;
- Develop innovative approaches to service delivery for the local community;
- Influence and inform relevant policy-making and funding bodies on library and information matters.

## Activities

In furtherance of the above objectives the libraries will:

1. Operate a managed referral service.
2. Offer a lending book service where possible.
3. Maximize access to available local resources whilst recognizing that each library’s overriding consideration is to meet the information needs of its own clientele.
4. Raise awareness of locally held information through providing web-based catalogues.
5. Share collection development policies and knowledge regarding changes to locally held stock.
6. Support each other by offering to other members of the group stock which is no longer required; however, each library will still be free to sell unwanted stock or, dispose of material, without offering it to members.
7. Encourage the sharing of information about training events and an invitation will be extended to other members whenever practical and appropriate. Consideration will also be given to jointly hosting training and awareness raising events.
8. Produce an annual report.
9. Market the information services we provide.
10. Keep under review the benefits to members, and the pressures on members, arising out of these arrangements.

## Brief details of participating organizations

### **Altnagelvin Trust Library in association with Queen's Medical Library**

MDEC Library  
Altnagelvin Area Hospital  
Glenshane Road  
Londonderry BT47 6SB

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The MDEC Library provides services to Altnagelvin H&SS Trust, Foyle H&SS Trust, Sperrin Lakeland H&SS Trust and to the Western Health and Social Services Board as well as anyone eligible to use the Queen's University Library. It is located in the Multi-Disciplinary Education Centre building on the Altnagelvin Area Hospital site.

The library holds a wide range of material in the areas of allied health and health care, dentistry, medicine, nursing and social work. More information about the MDEC Library, including opening hours, is available at <http://www.honni.qub.ac.uk/HPSSinfo/MDECLibraryAltnagelvin/>

### Education Centre Library

Health Service Executive  
North Western Area  
St Conal's Hospital  
Letterkenny

Tel: +353 74 9123729  
Fax: +353 74 9123646

The Education Centre Library provides services to Letterkenny Hospital, St Conal's Hospital and all other community hospitals within Co. Donegal. The library also provides services to student nurses studying at the nearby Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT). The library is located in the multi-disciplinary education centre building of St. Conal's Hospital in Letterkenny.

The library offers a wide range of resources such as printed book and journal collections, photocopying and inter-library loan services, an information service, access to computing facilities and the Internet and space to study. Library staff also provide training in the accessing of both print and electronic resources. Our web-based resources include major medical, nursing and management databases as well as access to the full text of over 1,700 journals across a range of health related disciplines.

The library catalogue is shortly to be made available via the Internet, as a further step towards enabling staff throughout the HSE West to identify and access information resources.

### **The Genealogy Centre**

14 Bishop Street  
Derry  
BT48 6PW

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The Genealogy Centre, a project of the Inner City Trust, offers a family history research service for County Derry and Inishowen, County Donegal. As we receive no public funding we are obliged to charge for our research activities.

We have 20 years' experience in researching publications, local history and family history. Our unique research service is based on a database of over 1 million records, extracted from civil and church registers for County Derry and Inishowen, County Donegal.

The public can view, at no charge, a signposting index to our database of birth, marriage and census records online at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). The public can also purchase, on the same website, birth searches of our database and surname history scrolls of many of the major surnames of northwest Ireland.

## Health Promotion Library

### Westcare

Resources & Graphics Centre  
The Hub  
Gransha Park  
Derry BT47 6WJ

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The Health Promotion Library and Leaflet Service is available to anyone working in the WHSSB area, whether in a statutory, voluntary or community organisation, who is involved in developing health promotion activities. The library offers a comprehensive range of resources to support health promotion work.

The resources include videos, training materials, models, books and reports and cover a range of topics related to health and health promotion. The leaflet service offers a range of approx 300 leaflets in all priority areas.

## Heritage & Museum Service Derry City Council

Harbour Museum  
Harbour Square  
Derry  
BT48 6AF

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The Heritage & Museum Service is responsible for the care and preservation of the civic records of Derry City Council and its predecessor Londonderry Corporation. The archive collection includes council minutes dating back to 1673, architectural drawings relating to public and private developments in the city from the mid nineteenth century and a small photographic collection. The archive is also home to a number of private collections including items relating to the textile industry, trade unions and the civil rights movement.

The collection is available for research purposes by appointment only.

For an appointment or further information please contact the archivist at the Harbour Museum.  
[museums@derrycity.gov.uk](mailto:museums@derrycity.gov.uk)

## North West Institute of Further Education Library

North West Institute LLRC  
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The North West Institute LLRC offers a range of services and facilities designed to promote independent learning, support courses of study and give access to information and communication technology resources through the use of the internet, e-mail and CD ROMs.

We cater for every level of study, including professional qualifications and offer progression routes to university degree programmes. Facilities on the main campus are provided at the Northland and Tower buildings and at the Strabane site. Learning resources include books, journals, newspapers, information files, video cassettes and CD ROMs. Photocopying, printing, binding and laminating services are provided at a small charge. Both full-time and part-time students may use the LLRC to read, study, borrow books and access on-line learning.

Further information can be obtained at our website [www.nwifhe.ac.uk](http://www.nwifhe.ac.uk)

## **Omagh College**

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The new Learning Resource Centre in Omagh College is available to all full-time and part-time students enrolled with the College. In addition, sixth form pupils from local schools may use this facility at specified times during the week.

The Learning Resource Centre offers a range of services and facilities designed to promote e-learning, support all full-time and part-time further and higher education programmes of study and give online access through the use of the Internet and other platforms.

The College caters for all levels of study and resources include books, journals, newspapers, information files, video cassettes, CD ROMs. Laminating services are available at a small charge.

More information can be obtained at the College website <http://www.omagh.ac.uk>

## **University of Ulster Library**

Learning Resource Centre  
Magee campus  
Northland Road  
Londonderry BT48 7JL

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The new Learning Resource Centre, which opened in 2003, houses collections dating back to the early origins of educational activity in Magee in the late nineteenth century, and it contains special and rare book collections reflecting this past. As well as this material of historic note the centre has modern information which supports the wide range of courses currently being offered on campus. Increasingly much of this information is available in electronic form and is available off-campus as well as from on-site.

More information about the centre, including opening hours, is available at: <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/library>

## **Verbal Arts Centre (NI) Ltd**

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Bishop Street Within  
Derry/Londonderry  
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The Verbal Arts Centre is an educational charity founded in 1992. The Centre's underpinning purpose is:

- the promotion of the language arts;
- celebration of commonality and diversity;
- development of knowledge, understanding and excellence in creation, performance and critical practice across the verbal arts forms;
- research, publication and provision of information.

The Centre's work is delivered throughout the North West region including Derry, Strabane, Limavady, Castlederg, Fermanagh and Donegal.

Further information can be obtained online at [www.verbalartscentre.co.uk](http://www.verbalartscentre.co.uk)

## **Western Education and Library Board**

Western Education and Library Board  
Central Library  
35 Foyle Street  
Derry BT48 6AL

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Fax: +44 (0)28 7126 9084

The Western Education & Library Board is the local authority responsible for Education, Library and Youth Services in the district council areas of Fermanagh, Omagh, Strabane, Limavady and Derry. It has 16 public library service points, 5 of these in the Derry City Council area. Central Library holds the major reference and local history collection for the area. The local history collection includes material in a variety of formats and some material that is not available elsewhere. All those who live, work or are educated in the area are entitled to use the facilities, which include free Internet access to library members.

More information about the WELB Library Service or library collections, including access to the catalogue or opening hours, can be found at the website of Northern Ireland public libraries [www.ni-libraries.net](http://www.ni-libraries.net)