

# Children and Young People's Charities in Northern Ireland

Below are links to some of the charities that support children and young people in Northern Ireland.

<a href="#"><u>Barnardo's</u></a>	<p>Barnardo's Northern Ireland works with children, young people and their families. The charity's work includes fostering, supporting refugee families, providing a range of educational support programmes and championing children's rights.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Early Years</u></a>	<p>Early Years is a non-profit-making registered charity which has been working since 1965 to promote high quality childcare for children aged 0–12 and their families. Early Years currently provides information and training for parents, childcare providers, employers and local authorities. It was formerly known as NIPPA (the Northern Ireland Pre-School Playgroup Association).</p>
<a href="#"><u>Home-Start</u></a>	<p>Home-Start volunteers help families with young children deal with whatever life throws at them. They support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Kinship Care</u></a>	<p>Kinship Care supports kinship carers and their children in Northern Ireland. Their mission is to support children who cannot be cared for by their own parents, so that they can live safely and securely in their families and communities.</p>
<a href="#"><u>MACS</u></a>	<p>MACS works with children and young people aged 6–25 who haven't had a fair deal. They may be experiencing homelessness, substance abuse, self-harm or mental health issues, leaving care, or generally at risk.</p>
<a href="#"><u>National Children's Bureau (NCB)</u></a>	<p>Since 1963 the NCB has been campaigning for children and young people's right to a safe, secure and supported childhood. NCB NI works to improve the outcomes of children in Northern Ireland.</p>
<a href="#"><u>National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)</u></a>	<p>The NSPCC is a children's charity that aims to make life better for children in Northern Ireland by influencing public policy, legislation and practice through local evidence-based research and services.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Prince's Trust</u></a>	<p>HRH The Prince of Wales founded the Prince's Trust in 1976. It believes that every young person should have the chance to succeed, and it helps 13 to 30 year-olds who are struggling at school or unemployed to transform their lives.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Save the Children</u></a>	<p>Save the Children have been working in Northern Ireland for over 60 years. They work to ensure that all children have the same chances of succeeding in later life, regardless of their background.</p>

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## Young Enterprise Northern Ireland

Young Enterprise Northern Ireland is a charity that develops the entrepreneurial skills and aspirations of young people aged 4 to 25 to prepare them for the new economy, life and work.

With support from the Department of Education, its programmes address the skills development requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum, and its methodology has been recognised in EU research as the best practice approach to developing entrepreneurial skills in young people.

## Youth Link

Youth Link is an interdenominational charity that aims to support young people to achieve their full potential and to be agents of transformation and hope. Their vision is one in which churches work together to build excellence in youth work and ministry towards a just, peaceful and flourishing society based on the common good.