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Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Getting Weather Ready newsletter which has lots of tips and advice on simple steps we can all take to get ourselves #WeatherReady for the months ahead.

The Met Office looks back on Autumn and Winter 2025/26

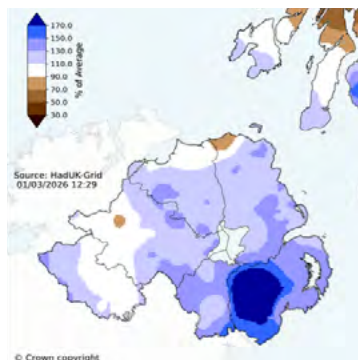
If the first few months of this year felt especially grey and wet, the data confirms it. January 2026 was Northern Ireland's second wettest January on record – and the wettest in 149 years – with 170% of average rainfall.

Much of the rain fell during and in the days following [Storm Chandra](#), with the wet weather continuing into February. On 5 February a new record was set for the wettest February day for NI, with 140mm of rain recorded at Trassey Slievenaman, Co. Down.

There was plenty of rain towards the end of 2025 too, with Autumn ranked

as the third wettest for NI since records began in 1836. Overall, the period from October 2025 to March 2026 was the second wettest on record – where we had 123% of our typical rainfall for these months.

The prolonged wet weather brought disruption and challenges to our communities, with extensive flooding to farmland, very high river and lough levels and damage to homes and businesses.



NI Winter Rainfall 2026 compared to average

Why was it so wet?

Several factors contributed to the at times relentless rainfall:

- A stronger-than-usual jet stream shifted southwards;
- A blocked pressure pattern caused Atlantic weather systems to stall;
- This set up a sustained south-easterly airflow, drawing in moist air from the Irish Sea and directing rain to eastern parts of NI especially.

Climate change is also playing a role, with a warmer atmosphere holding more moisture – around 7% more for every °C of warming, leading to wetter winters for the UK.

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What does this mean for summer?

While it's too early to tell what weather we may have this summer, we know that heavy showers and thunderstorms are part of our climate. Thunderstorms can be more impactful during the summer months, with intense rainfall over short periods leading to flash flooding and overwhelmed drains.

Make sure your community is #WeatherReady this summer by downloading the [Met Office App](#) for access to daily forecasts and weather warnings.

More Statistics:

- NI had 70% above-average rainfall in January
- Co. Down recorded its wettest January on record
- Katesbridge, Co. Down set a new daily rainfall record during Storm Chandra with 100.8mm
- Katesbridge saw over 3.5x its normal January rainfall
- Winter rainfall was 27% above average for NI as a whole.

Help to protect your home from flooding

Changing weather patterns are bringing warmer temperatures, heavier rainfall and, as a result, an increase in flooding and flood risk. There are a number of changes you can make to your home to help reduce the impacts from flood damage.

These will help reduce the time and cost of doing home repairs after flooding happens. Further information and some useful tips are available here: [How to protect your home from flooding | nidirect](#)

Sandbags are a good way to reduce flood water damage by acting as a barrier to moving water around instead of through buildings. However this will only work for short periods unless you use them in conjunction with a plastic sheet and when properly filled and placed. The Department

for Infrastructure has produced a short video to demonstrate how to quickly and effectively lay sandbags in order to provide additional protection for your property – [click to watch](#).

Following a flood event, if sandbags are unused or did not come into contact with any water, they can be kept in a dry shady place so they can be used again if needed in the future. The bag material normally breaks down over time and will perish if left in place for a long time. You should empty sacks and keep them dry for re-use. Store the sand in your garden or yard for future use. [After a flood - clearing up | nidirect](#) provides useful information on safely clearing up after a flood including advice on safe disposal of sandbags and other items.

The Homeowner Grant Protection Scheme

If you own a residential property that has flooded internally and / or are located within known flood prone areas ([Check the risk of flooding in your area | nidirect](#)) you can apply for The Homeowner Flood Protection Grant Scheme.



Examples of measures installed through The Homeowner Grant Protection Scheme – a patio door before and after the protection measures have been installed.

Further information and how to apply is available here: [Homeowner flood protection grant scheme application pack | Department for Infrastructure](#)

Getting #WeatherReady for Summer

Now we're entering the summer months, there are lots of things we can all do to prepare for what the summer weather may bring.

The Met Office #WeatherReady summer campaign works alongside our forecasts and warnings to provide advice to help people understand how they can best respond to the weather, so they not only stay safe, but are able to make the most of the summer months. This includes advice on UV, pollen, and staying safe when out and about e.g. at the beach or camping.

This year the Met Office has partnered with the mental health charity, [Mind](#), to highlight the benefits of getting outside and enjoying summer weather for its mental and physical benefits. Water safety is another key focus of the campaign, with the Met Office partnering with the RNLI to share top tips on how to stay safe at the beach and when swimming outdoors.

Further advice articles can be found on the [Met Office website](#): including tips on keeping healthy during heatwaves and advice being prepared for summer thunderstorms and flooding.

Is your community prepared for any type of weather this summer may bring? Join the conversation on social media using #WeatherReady



The graphic features the Met Office and HM Government logos at the top left. A central banner asks 'Are you WeatherReady?'. Below this, the text 'Health and wellbeing' is followed by the headline 'Take the worry out of summer storms'. A list of three bullet points provides practical advice: 'Store key information and phone numbers somewhere safe', 'Have a torch and spare batteries to hand', and 'Consider a portable battery charger for mobile phones'. The background is a blue gradient with a close-up image of water droplets on a glass surface.

Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme picks up Gold in the International Green World Awards

The Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme has secured two Gold Awards at the Green World Awards in the Building and Construction Sector, recognised for Sustainable Development and Environmental Improvement within the Climate Change category.

The Scheme aims to provide a long-term approach to tidal flood risk management for the city by ultimately delivering enhanced protection from tidal flooding for over 3,000 homes and businesses. Designed to account for climate change projections up to 2080, the completion of the scheme means the city will be better prepared for future tidal flooding events, safeguarding people and infrastructure now and in the future.

Johnathan Carlisle, who collected the awards at the presentation ceremony in Cardiff, said:

“This is a fantastic recognition of the extensive efforts of the entire project team. The Department is committed to sustainably managing flood risk, protecting and enhancing the environment while promoting social and economic development. This Scheme provides a long-term, adaptive approach to tidal flood risk management, integrating sea-level rise projections to 2080 and establishing clear pathways for adaptation beyond this, extending to 2117. Its completion will help Belfast manage the current tidal flood risk and support future generations in managing the tidal flood risk impacts of climate change, ultimately delivering enhanced tidal flood protection to over 3,000 homes and businesses hence promoting sustainability and long-term resilience.”

The Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme has received a series of accolades in recent months. These include securing an award at the Northern Ireland regional [CIHT Awards](#) in the Infrastructure Project of the Year (Over £5m) category, as well as achieving an Excellent Sustainability Performance Rating – Whole Team Award under the CEEQUAL Assessment Scheme. The CEEQUAL award recognises that the project achieved a very high standard of sustainability



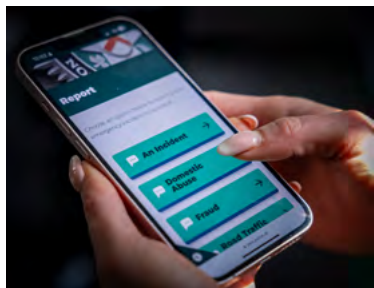
DfI picks up Gold for the Belfast Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme

performance, significantly exceeding statutory and minimum requirements. It reflects a strong, collaborative approach which embedded sustainability throughout the project lifecycle, demonstrating best practice in the delivery of resilient, future ready infrastructure.

Stay Weather Ready: Know when to call 999, 101 or report online

Severe weather such as storms, flooding and high winds can lead to a sharp rise in calls to emergency services. During these times, it's vital that phone lines remain available for people who need urgent help.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland often sees increased demand on 101 during major weather incidents, including calls about non-emergency issues such as minor property damage, abandoned vehicles, fallen fences or general enquiries. While these matters are important, many can be reported quickly without waiting in a call queue.



If your situation is not an emergency, using online reporting is often the simplest and quickest option. It is available 24/7 and allows you to send information securely from a smartphone, tablet or computer. Choosing to report online helps reduce pressure on phone lines and allows officers and staff to prioritise incidents where there is an immediate risk.

Know who to contact:

- Call 999 if someone is in danger, a crime is happening now, or there is an immediate threat to life.
- Call 101 for matters that require police attention but are not urgent.
- Report online for non-emergency issues such as minor damage, abandoned vehicles and routine enquiries.

Choosing the right contact method during severe weather helps keep emergency lines free and supports a faster, more effective response across our communities.

To report online, visit psni.police.uk/report.

In an emergency, always call 999.

save time report online

psni.police.uk/report

Use online reporting for non-emergencies.
In an emergency always call 999.

report online psni.police.uk

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Summer safety starts with you

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) is urging everyone to take simple precautions and follow its safety advice when enjoying the outdoors this summer.

Preventing wildfires

We all have a role to play in preventing wildfires. So far this year, NIFRS has attended a number of wildfires placing significant pressure on firefighters who continue to work tirelessly to protect our community. The impact can be devastating, destroying landscapes, threatening habitats and even putting lives at risk. You can protect your community by:

- Avoiding using open fires in the countryside

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- Extinguishing cigarettes properly and never throwing them on the ground or out of car windows
- Barbecuing in designated areas and never leaving them unattended
- Never leaving bottles or glass in woodland or grassland

Deliberate setting of fires is a criminal offence and if you see anyone setting a fire you should call the PSNI immediately.

Barbecue safety

Always use barbecues responsibly. Whether you're at home or at a designated picnic area, keep your barbecue well away from flammable materials, never leave it unattended and ensure it is fully extinguished after use.

Be water aware

Be mindful around water. Jumping into a body of water may look inviting to cool down but it can be dangerously cold and

unpredictable. Head to a lifeguarded beach and always wear a flotation device.

Staycation safety

If you're heading to a caravan or mobile home, park at least 6 metres from others and fit a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector, testing it once a week. Always smoke outside to minimise any risks.

If you spot a fire or see someone in danger, call 999 immediately. For more safety advice, visit [nifrs.org](https://www.nifrs.org).



Remember to BBQ safely in designated areas

NIFRS Working to control wildfires



Step Outside with Safety when Visiting NI Water Sites

NI Water is reminding people to enjoy visiting its reservoirs and other public water catchment sites safely and responsibly throughout the coming summer months.

Open water hazards, using scramblers and quads, littering and dogs off leads are all major issues for users of our outdoor public areas.

NI Water Facilities Senior Manager Patricia McKee explained:

“Many NI Water sites are working and agricultural landscapes so we appeal to the public to be mindful of livestock, keep a safe distance, and always follow signage. Dogs should be kept on leads to prevent livestock worrying and disturbance to ground-nesting birds and wildlife.

“Reservoirs are a hazard as they can rise quickly after heavy rainfall. NI Water does not permit swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, diving or any other water based activity in our reservoirs.

“Antisocial behaviour also carries risk with motorised quads, bikes,

scooters and scramblers and these vehicles are strictly forbidden at all our sites.

“NI Water asks everyone to enjoy these shared spaces responsibly, protect public water sources, respect the countryside, and play their part in keeping themselves, others and the environment safe.”

If you witness antisocial behaviour or vandalism, contact the PSNI on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Places like Lough Shannagh, Mourne Mountains should be enjoyed safely, says NI Water



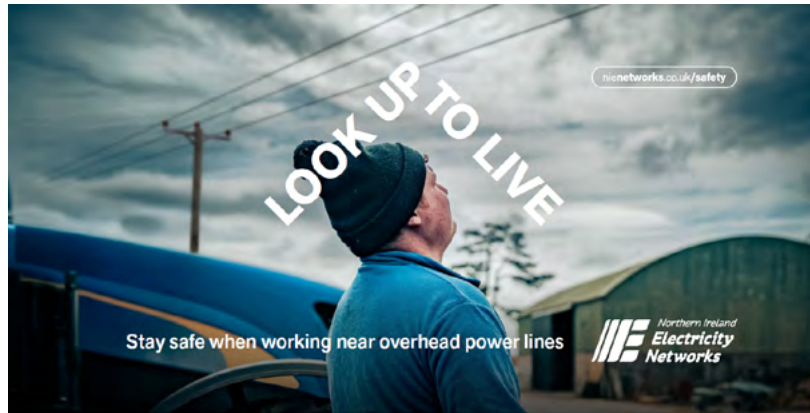
NIE Networks Safety campaign – Look Up to Live

With the launch of its new major public safety campaign, Look Up to Live, NIE Networks is urging people across Northern Ireland to stop and think before starting any job near overhead electricity lines, warning that a split-second misjudgement could prove fatal.

In 2025, more than 40 people were involved in incidents involving overhead electricity lines, NIE Networks has confirmed, some resulting in fatalities and serious, life-changing injuries.

Rolling out across TV, radio, digital and out-of-home advertising, the campaign is designed to cut through routine, challenge complacency and make the risks impossible to ignore. Its message is clear: look up, plan ahead and never assume you have enough clearance.

Through Look Up to Live, NIE Networks is delivering life-saving messages to those most at risk, such as farmers



NIE Look up Safety Campaign

and agricultural workers, contractors, machinery users, mobile elevated work platform operators, construction and maintenance workers, and those carrying out DIY:

- You do not have to touch a power line for it to kill or seriously injure you
- Machinery, ladders, platforms and long-reach equipment can put you in danger in seconds
- If there is any doubt, stop immediately, look up, reassess the job and get advice before going any further – never assume it's safe.

The Look Up to Live campaign is designed to turn that awareness into action, encouraging people to pause, look up and plan ahead before any work begins near overhead electricity lines.

Anyone working near overhead electricity lines is being urged to follow this essential safety advice:

- Never start work until you have checked for overhead electricity lines and planned the job safely.
- Never approach damaged electricity equipment or fallen wires.
- If in doubt, stop work immediately and seek advice before going any further.
- The NIE Networks contact centre is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 03457 643 643.
- Further safety information is available from www.nienetworks.co.uk/safety and HSENI.

Staying Cool in Summer Without High Energy Costs

UK homes are built to hold heat, which is great in winter but uncomfortable during summer heatwaves.

Fortunately, you can keep your home cool without relying on expensive air conditioning or high energy appliances. A few smart habits and low cost tweaks make a big difference.

Use Passive Cooling

The simplest way to stay cool is to stop heat getting in. Close blinds and curtains—especially on south and west facing windows—before the sun hits them. Light coloured blinds reflect heat more effectively. Open windows only when the outside air is cooler than indoors, usually overnight and early morning. Create a cross breeze by opening windows on opposite sides of the house, or use the “chimney effect” by cracking open a top floor window to let hot air escape.

Make Fans Work Harder

Fans use very little electricity and can feel much cooler with a few tricks. Place a bowl of ice or a frozen bottle in front of a fan for a chilled breeze. In the



evening, point a fan out of a window to push warm air outside. Ceiling fans should run counter clockwise to push air downwards.

Reduce Indoor Heat Sources

Every appliance adds warmth. Cook with the microwave, air fryer, or slow cooker instead of the oven. Run washing machines and dishwashers at

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night. Switch off devices at the plug and replace halogen bulbs with LEDs, which give off far less heat.

Use Low Cost Heat Blocking Solutions

Reflective window film is inexpensive and reduces solar gain significantly. Simple outdoor shading—awnings, parasols, or shade sails—keeps sun off windows and patios. Loft insulation also helps prevent heat radiating down from the roof.

Stay Personally Cool

Wear breathable fabrics, drink water regularly, and take cool showers. Use cotton bedding and create airflow in the bedroom at night.

With these affordable strategies, Northern Ireland homeowners can stay comfortable all summer without driving up energy bills.



Use an ice bowl in front of your fan to help circulate cool air

Building Confidence: Belfast Trust Conference Strengthens Resilience to Support Communities

A recent conference hosted by the Belfast Trust highlighted the vital role that training and partnership working play in strengthening resilience to support communities during emergencies. By bringing together staff and key partners, the event reinforced the robust systems that support neighbourhoods during times of crisis, ensuring the Trust is well prepared to protect the wellbeing of residents when it matters most.

The conference focused on strengthening the knowledge and capability of the Trust's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), improving collaboration between agencies and enhancing preparedness to support Emergency Rest Centres and other essential services.

The Trust works closely with Belfast City Council, the PSNI and a wide network of statutory and community partners. This integrated approach ensures that, when emergencies occur, support can be mobilised quickly and delivered in a coordinated and effective way.

CERT plays a central role in this response, providing practical, on-the-ground support during major incidents. The CERT on-call team brings significant expertise in community engagement, frontline service delivery and crisis support.

A key strength of the conference was its focus on shared learning. Through scenario-based discussions and practical exercises, participants



Above & below: Panel discussion at CERT Conference

explored best practice, clarified roles and responsibilities, and strengthened relationships across organisations.

By investing in shared learning and reinforcing strong partnerships, Belfast Trust continues to enhance its emergency response capability. The conference highlighted that effective preparedness is not just about having plans in place—it is about people working together with confidence, clarity and compassion.

The Trust extends its thanks to all staff and partners who contributed to the event. Their commitment helps ensure that, when emergencies arise, communities receive timely, coordinated and person-centred support.

Exercise Valentina – strengthening our response to extreme events

Every year there are many occasions to test our emergency response as we react to weather warnings. It is also good to test that emergency response in slower time and reflect and learn from the response we have provided throughout the year. Exercise Valentina provided that opportunity earlier this month.

Led by DfI's Emergency Planning teams the event brought together roads and rivers teams as well as the various multi-agency partners including Police, Fire, Ambulance and councils and other delivery and response organisations. The simulated event took place over a day and a half and centred around an extreme severe weather event, which escalated to test the response on many levels, particularly at the tactical (silver) command level within

the Department. Response cells were established to provide the infrastructure, humanitarian, and communication actions which were required. The exercise provided practitioners with a realistic experience of operating in a fast moving, high pressure multi agency environment. It also tested the inter-agency working, the ability to provide mutual aide quickly, the importance of clear communications and the need to get aid to those who needed it in a timely way. Notably, the scenarios deliberately mirrored rainfall levels and associated impacts beyond those previously experienced here, providing a demanding and realistic test of current capability.

Our changing weather patterns means we more often have to deal with intensive rain fall resulting in flooding which can have a devastating effect on communities. It is therefore important for all of us involved in emergency response to be ever ready and as prepared as possible.



Delegates attending Exercise Valentina

Local Councils participate in Ulster University's multi-agency Community Resilience Training

The four Councils of the Northern Emergency Preparedness Group (NEPG) recently supported Red Cross partners at Ulster University's annual Community Resilience Disaster Day at Ulster University's Magee campus, an event recognised across the island of Ireland for its scale and strong interagency collaboration.

This year's large scale simulation brought together over 400 final year Nursing and Paramedic Science students, supported by 19 partner agencies, to experience hands on training in responding to realistic crisis scenarios. Exercises were designed to test teamwork, leadership, and decision making under pressure.

Emergency planning officers from the NEPG Councils and Red Cross staff delivered a scenario based on a

Survivor's Reception Centre (SRC) an important component of the region's emergency planning framework, enabling the students to gain a valuable insight into the practical and logistical demands of emergency response.

Anne Gallagher, Resilience Officer for Derry City and Strabane District Council, emphasised the importance of cross agency partnership in strengthening community readiness.

She said: "Events like Disaster Day are foundational to effective emergency planning by offering agencies and students the chance to learn together in a way that cannot be replicated in a classroom. The immersive scenarios help develop essential crisis leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills needed within the healthcare and emergency services sectors."

Joanne McKenna from the Red Cross explained that the UU School of Nursing has partnered with the Red Cross for a decade to deliver this live rest centre scenario. She noted:

"Working outside a clinical setting and without medical equipment, the final year students have to engage,

assess and triage people with mainly emotional and psychological needs. The exercise helps to reinforce the complexity of needs that can present in an evacuation centre and helps to remind us that people are individuals who will be impacted differently, because of other challenges and issues experienced in their everyday lives."

Red Cross and Western Health and Social Care Trust are already convening a working group to plan for 2027.



Above: Multi-agency players simulate JESIP Huddle



Left: Live play scenarios at the annual Community Resilience Disaster Day

Education Authority rolls out 'Be Ready' to NI primary schools

The Education Authority (EA) has introduced a new thematic unit to help primary school children become aware of the risks which may surround them both at home and at school.

The unit provides Key Stage 2 teachers with a range of activities that allow children to explore how they can prepare for and deal with emergency situations. The unit also examines the effects of natural and human events upon our environment over time.

The unit utilises new and existing materials from various first responders, partner agencies and government bodies providing a wide scale of information and knowledge to help educate children on different scenarios and outcomes.

Kieran Connolly, Emergency Planning Manager, said: "Building resilience within our Education sector is one of our four pillars of the EA resilience strategy. Our 'Be Ready' Thematic Unit aims to build resilience in our children and young people to help them be prepared for everyday societal risks such as reacting in a medical emergency,

staying safe during extreme weather conditions and highlighting risks and hazards at home and in the community they can be aware of.

"The unit is the product of our multi-agency partner collaborations to develop and deliver materials in a resource which is readily available for our teaching colleagues. I would like to thank all participants for supporting this project especially the tireless work of our education colleagues.

"We're delighted to roll out the 'Be Ready' unit to even more schools following the overwhelmingly positive response from our pilot programme. This initiative doesn't stop at the school gates - we hope it reaches into homes and empowers families to feel confident, connected, and ready for whatever comes their way."

St Malachy's Primary School, Glencull, participated in a pilot last year. The principal Brian Gormley said: "Piloting the 'Be Ready' Thematic Unit has had a very positive impact, with pupils showing increased confidence, resilience, and independence.

"The unit's focus on real-life scenarios, including farm safety, equips pupils with the skills to make informed choices and stay safe in everyday situations."



If you're interested in finding out more about the unit and introducing it in your school you can contact the Supporting Learning Team via learningandteachingTPL@eani.org.uk.

(L-R) Brian Gormley, Principal at St Malachy's Primary School Glencull; Ailis Cullinan-Keown, Education Authority School Improvement Professional; pupils from St Malachy's Glencull and Kieran Connolly, Education Authority's Emergency Planning Manager.

Coasts that change, Communities that matter: The CMAP Project Launch

The Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Plan (CMAP) project brings together partners from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, addressing the pressing impacts of climate change on the coast of the island of Ireland. The project was officially launched on the 16th of March 2026, at an event hosted by the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) in Belfast.

Marking an almost €25 million contribution from PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), this launch celebrated the beginning of three projects aiming to strengthen climate change resilience and coastal community engagement in Irish seas.

CMAP represents a €9.6 million initiative designed to help coastal communities, policymakers and

environmental stakeholders better understand and act towards the negative impacts that climate change brings to the coasts. With biodiversity loss, coastal erosion, rising sea level and increased frequency and intensity of heavy storms, shorelines are tremendously affected across the island of Ireland. CMAP project combines scientific expertise and community engagement to address the urgency in coordinated, science-based action.

The project will generate multiple and diverse data on coastal processes and ecosystem change, in order to support the development of robust adaptation policies such as habitat restoration and coastal community adaptation planning. With the core of action being citizen science and community engagement, CMAP project focuses on enabling public participation for deeper understanding and long-term resilience for their local coastal environments. The project will work across 15 coastal sites in Counties Sligo, Donegal, Londonderry, Antrim, Down and Louth, ensuring that local communities are actively involved in shaping responses to the challenges they face.

[Find out more about the CMAP project here.](#)



ACCLIMATISE, MOSAIC and CMAP Projects Launch

The HumanKind Project - empowering the next generation of humanitarian leaders

The HumanKind Project is a PEACEPLUS-funded initiative delivered by the British Red Cross, focused on strengthening community resilience across Derry~Londonderry and Strabane. As the programme moves into Spring/Summer 2026, it is building a more connected and prepared society by prioritising relationships and preparedness before crises arise.

The project originated from a Derry City and Strabane District Council workshop on community resilience, where participants identified the importance of linking responses to a wide range of emergency situations, including environmental incidents, security concerns and community tensions.

HumanKind Project launch

This consultation process highlighted a strong need to encourage greater levels of volunteering, ultimately shaping the development of the HumanKind programme.

At its core is a five-session Humanitarian Actor Course, providing practical training in key areas such as emergency first aid, mental health

safeguarding, emotional resilience, and cultural awareness, including refugee support. The course aims to equip participants with the skills and confidence to respond effectively to real-world challenges while promoting empathy and active citizenship.

Although open to all, the programme has been particularly successful

in engaging young people aged 15-25, while also encouraging intergenerational participation. By bringing together younger and older members of the community, HumanKind supports knowledge-sharing and helps ensure the long-term sustainability of local volunteering efforts.

The project has already demonstrated impact through initiatives such as the 'Safe Mates' volunteering event at Derry Hallowe'en 2025 and ongoing engagement with local schools. Among the plans for future, include a series of accessible Café Culture events designed to foster cross-community dialogue and participation.



The HumanKind project is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and is funded through Derry City and Strabane District Council's PEACEPLUS Local Co-Designed Action Plan.

Shared Ground: Transboundary Climate Adaptation Forum



The TalX2 Transboundary Climate Adaptation Workshop Series is bringing together stakeholders from across the island of Ireland to strengthen collaboration, share knowledge, and build practical pathways for adapting to climate change together.

The first workshop in the series, held in Monaghan in February 2026, brought together over 40 participants from national and local government, private practice, research and community organisations. Discussions highlighted the increasing importance of working across sectors and jurisdictions, particularly in response to shared risks such as flooding, infrastructure disruption and extreme weather events. A key takeaway was the need to move

beyond siloed approaches and develop stronger, more coordinated systems for adaptation.

Building on this, the second workshop - Connected Systems: Critical Infrastructure - Climate Resilience and Interdependencies, took place in Derry on 14th May. This session focused on how critical infrastructure systems (energy, transport, water and communications) are interconnected,

and how disruption in one system can cascade across others and impact society. Through interactive mapping, discussion and practical exercises, participants explored how adaptation actions can be better aligned across sectors and across the border.

A central aim of the series is to establish a Transboundary Community of Practice, a forum for ongoing collaboration, shared learning and

joint problem-solving. By connecting infrastructure providers, policymakers, researchers and community-focused organisations, this network aims to support more coordinated and effective climate adaptation across the island.

The third workshop in the series will focus on community resilience. It will provide an opportunity to learn from resilience initiatives on both sides of the border and explore how local

knowledge and lived experience can inform adaptation actions and support a shift from reactive responses to long-term resilience.

If you are interested in contributing to this upcoming session on community resilience, please contact siobhan@climatenorthernireland.org.uk.

1st Transboundary Workshop held in Monaghan February 2026





The Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) Newsletter – Keeping members weather ready

The Regional Community Resilience Group Newsletter aims to keep its members up to date on getting weather ready.

The Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) was formed in 2013 to help local communities prepare

for and respond to weather related emergencies.

The group brings together Multi-Agency Partner Organisations from government, utilities and the voluntary sector to work for and with Communities at Risk of Severe Weather.

The RCRG aims to provide a forum to facilitate co-ordination, communication, partnership working and capacity building

on community resilience issues. The group is currently working with 50 communities across Northern Ireland ready to inform and resource them and improve preparedness and community resilience measures.

Unfortunately, severe weather events will continue to occur but through good communication, accessible, reliable information and established practical measures, communities can and

have applied self-help measures to reduce impacts and protect property.

This newsletter will be used to highlight important developments to enhance community resilience, provide an opportunity for communities to share experiences to the benefit of others and highlight key responder contacts to help readers to **Get Weather Ready!**



Partner Organisations:

Emergency Numbers

No matter how prepared we are for inclement weather, there's always the chance of an emergency at home. Here's a list of phone numbers you might find useful should the unforeseen happen:

**Emergency Services:
999 or 112**

**Housing Executive:
03448 920 901**

**Northern Ireland Electricity Networks:
03457 643643**

**NI Gas Emergency Service:
0800 002 001**

**NI Water Waterline:
03457 440088**

**Flooding Incident Line:
0300 2000 100**

For advice and information on dealing with emergencies visit:

www.nidirect.gov.uk/be-ready-for-emergencies

**Problems with Roads & Streets:
www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/travel-transport-and-roads/problems-roads-and-streets**