

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

Inishowen Libraries (Donegal)

North West Regional College

South West College, Omagh Campus

University of Ulster Learning Resource Centres

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 MDEC Library (Western Health & Social Care Trust) in association with Queen's University Medical Library

Altnagelvin MDEC Library
Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Glenshane Road
Londonderry BT47 6SB

Tel: +44 (0) 28 7129 6168
Fax: +44 (0) 28 7161 1261

Altnagelvin MDEC Library serves Health and Social Care Services and Public Safety staff in the Trust. It also provides services to staff and students of Queen's University Belfast. 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 medicine, nursing & midwifery, dentistry, social work, allied health and health management.

More information about Altnagelvin MDEC Library, including opening hours, is available at <http://www.honni.qub.ac.uk/Services/LibraryGuides/AltnagelvinMDECLibraryGuide/>

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 now available via the Internet (<http://www.nwhb.ie/heritage/>).

The Genealogy Centre

14 Bishop Street
Derry
BT48 6PW

Tel: +44 (0)28 7126 9792
Fax: +44 (0)28 7136 0921

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. 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

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

Tel: +44 (0)28 7186 5221
Fax: +44 (0)28 7186 5128

The Health Promotion Library and Leaflet Service is available to anyone working in the WHSC 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 approximately 300 leaflets in all priority areas.

Heritage & Museum Service Derry City Council

Harbour Museum
Harbour Square
Derry
BT48 6AF

Tel: +44 (0)28 7137 7331
Fax: +44 (0)28 7137 7633

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

Inishowen Libraries

Buncrana Community Library,
St. Mary's Road,
Buncrana,
Co. Donegal

Tel 00353 74 9361941
Fax 00353 74 9361980

Buncrana Community Library is located on St. Mary's Road, Buncrana, across the road from the primary schools and close to the Main Street, with generous car parking nearby. A former Presbyterian Church, an interesting historic building in its own right, has been refurbished and extended to accommodate the Library, which was opened in 1999. Buncrana Community Library won a prestigious award in 2001 as the best library of its size in either Britain or Ireland, opened in the previous two years.

As well as a full range of lending materials, Buncrana Community Library has a wide-ranging selection of books and other materials of local interest. The collection covers the history, natural history, economy, archaeology and culture of County Donegal, and especially of Buncrana and Inishowen.

Opening Hours:

Tuesday	10.30 – 5.30
Wednesday	10.30 – 8.00
Thursday	10.30 – 8.00
Friday	10.30 – 5.30
Saturday	10.30 – 4.00

North West Regional College

Carndonagh Community Library,
Public Services Centre,
Carndonagh,
Co. Donegal

Tel 00353 74 9373701
Fax 00353 74 9373756

Carndonagh Community Library is Ireland's most northerly library. It is located in the Public Services Centre/County Council Area Office – the One-Stop-Shop for all Council services. It is close to the Diamond, and there is generous car parking on site. The Library has some 20,000 items of stock and it opened in 2002.

Tuesday	10.30 – 8.00
Wednesday	10.30 - 5.30
Thursday	10.30 – 8.00
Friday	10.30 – 5.30
Saturday	10.30 – 4.00

Buncrana Community Library and Carndonagh Community are the two main libraries on the Inishowen Peninsula in Donegal.

Further information can be obtained at the website www.donegalibrary.ie

North West Regional College LLRC
Strand Road
Londonderry
BT48 7AL

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The Library & Learning Resource Centre in the North West Regional College offers a range of services and facilities designed to promote and support independent learning. We cater for every level of study, including professional qualifications and offer progression routes to university degree programmes.

Library and Learning Resource facilities are available on the main campus and also on the Limavady and Strabane Sites. Learning resources include books, journals, newspapers, (VLE's) Virtual Learning Environments, e-journals and e-resources. Both full-time and part-time students may use the LLRC to read, study, borrow books and access on-line learning resources.

Further information can be obtained at our website - www.nwrc.ac.uk

South West College Omagh Campus

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Omagh
BT79 7AH

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The Learning Resource Centre in the Omagh Campus of South West College is available to all full-time and part-time students enrolled with the Campus. 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 Campus caters for all levels of study and resources including 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.swc.ac.uk>

University of Ulster Library

Learning Resource Centres

Tel: +44 (0)28 7137 5256
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The University of Ulster has four libraries (Learning Resource Centres) spread across Northern Ireland - Jordanstown, Belfast (York Street), Magee and Coleraine. Our collections range from the rarest items hundreds of years old e.g. a leaf of the first book printed using moveable type, the *Gutenberg Bible*, to the most up to date publications across a wide range of subjects. Our special collections are listed in detail on our website and are of particular interest to students of local history and literature. An online catalogue of all our stock is available on our website and more information about our libraries including opening hours and contact details for each library is available at:

<http://library.ulster.ac.uk/>

Verbal Arts Centre (NI) Ltd

Stable Lane and Mall Wall
Bishop Street Within
Derry/Londonderry
BT48 6PU

Tel: +44 (0)28 7126 6946
Fax: +44 (0)28 7126 3368

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

Western Education and Library Board

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

Tel: +44 (0)28 7127 2320 (Central)
+44 (0)28 8224 4821 (Library Headquarters)
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