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2026

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**TENANTS'
CALENDAR**

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Message from the Community Network

On behalf of our Community Network, I'm delighted to share the 2026 Choice Tenant Calendar. I hope it serves you well throughout the year ahead.

Working on this calendar with our dedicated tenants and colleagues has been a joy. My thanks to everyone in the Editorial Group for their creativity and commitment. The group is just one of many ways tenants can get involved, and we encourage you to take part in our engagement activities across Northern Ireland. Our Menu of Involvement is available on our website and outlines the different ways you can get involved with the Choice Community Network. This year, we were proud to hold our very first Shared Housing Week, a week celebrating community, culture and connection, bringing people together across Northern Ireland. From historical walking tours to river races, poetry readings to family fun days, the week showcased the very best of what shared living is all about.

As we look ahead to 2026, we're excited to offer an even wider range of training opportunities and community activities for tenants across Northern Ireland. These programmes are designed to help build skills, confidence and stronger connections within our communities. Whether you're interested in learning something new, sharing your ideas, or getting more involved with Choice, we'd love to hear from you.

**From everyone at Choice and the Community Network,
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.**



**Anne
McAllister**

Tenant
Engagement
Officer



Silver
Level 4 Award
from Supporting Communities

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Need help with your money?



JANUARY

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Notes

Need help with your
benefits, budgeting,
or paying your rent?
Contact our **Financial
Inclusion Team** on
0300 111 2211

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Armchair aerobics at Lisnavar Court, Derry~Londonderry

FEBRUARY

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OUR ANTRIM

Our Town, Our Community, Our Home



The Antrim Community Mosaic project championed by Choice

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Drop in with Dirk

HAPPY
Easter

indulge in some healthier
dark chocolate eggs!



Drop in with Dirk

APRIL

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Each month, Dirk, one of our Choice tenants, will be sharing his best practical tips, helpful advice and easy-to-follow recipes to make everyday living a little easier and a lot more enjoyable. Read **Drop in with Dirk** on our website:
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HELP US TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS SAFE

Communal areas are
also escape routes and
must be kept clear at
all times

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How to keep you and your neighbours safe.

MAY

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Keep communal areas
clear, items left in
corridors or stairwells
can block escapes and
cause fires.

Together, we can keep
our buildings safe for
everyone.

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Altona Drive, Lisburn wild flower meadow

JUNE

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Check Choice News for your chance to win

JULY

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Don't miss out!
Enter our Summer Competitions for a chance to win great prizes. Visit our website choice-housing.org for further information.

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Choice staff celebrating Belfast Mela 2025

AUGUST

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2025
SHARED
HOUSING
WEEK

BrassFest 2025

SEPTEMBER

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Fireworks Safety

Stay safe during spooky season

OCTOBER

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Stay safe during
spooky season, visit
choice-housing.org
for further fire safety
information

3 steps to reduce the impact of energy costs:

1

MAKE THE CALL

Check you're receiving all that you are entitled to by 'making the call' **(tel 0800 232 1271)** or speaking to a member of Choice's financial inclusion team.

make the call

2

THE CONSUMER COUNCIL

Visit The Consumer Council's website to compare energy providers and see if you can switch and save.

www.consumerCouncil.org.uk



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NI ENERGY ADVICE SERVICE

Consider the steps you can take to reduce the amount of energy you use – further information is available on our website or you can contact the NI Energy Advice Service **(0800 111 4455)** for more information.



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NOVEMBER

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MERRY
Christmas
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you a merry Christmas from the Choice Group

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Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas from
the Choice Group.

Visit our website
choice-housing.org
to view our Christmas
opening hours.

Useful Numbers

Belfast City Council
www.belfastcity.gov.uk
028 9032 0202

Department for Communities
www.communities-ni.gov.uk
028 9082 9000

Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
www.nifha.org
028 9023 0446

Chartered Institute of Housing
www.cih.org
028 9077 8222

Department for Infrastructure
www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk
028 9054 0540

Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
www.daera-ni.gov.uk
0300 200 7852

Translink
www.translink.co.uk
028 9066 6630

ADVICE AGENCIES

Housing Rights
www.housingrights.org.uk
028 9024 5640

Citizen Advice Bureau
www.citizenadvice.org.uk
0300 123 3233
028 9023 1120

Equality Commission
www.equalityni.org
028 9050 0600

Ombudsman
www.nipso.org.uk
028 9023 3821

Freephone
0800 34 34 24

Energy Saving Trust
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
0800 111 4455

Age NI
www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland
028 9024 5729

Law Society of Northern Ireland
www.lawsoc-ni.org
028 9023 1614

Housing Executive
www.nihe.gov.uk
0344 892 0900

Simon Community NI
25-27 Franklin Street
Belfast
County Antrim BT2 8DS
www.simoncommunity.org
028 9023 2882

Samaritans
5 Wellesley Avenue
Belfast BT9 6DG
0330 094 5717
116 123 (free phone)

De Paul
449 Antrim Road
Belfast BT15 3BJ
028 9064 7755

UTILITY SERVICES

Budget Energy
www.budgetenergy.co.uk
0800 012 1177

Electric Ireland
www.electricireland.com
0800 056 9914

Click Energy
www.clickenergyni.com
0800 1 070732

Power NI
www.powerni.co.uk
08000 285 455

SSE Airtricity
www.sseairtricity.com
0345 601 9093

SSE Airtricity (Natural Gas)
www.sseairtricitygasni.com
0345 900 5253

Firmus Energy
www.firmusenergy.co.uk
0330 0249 000

Phoenix Natural Gas
www.phoenixnaturalgas.com
0345 4 55 55 55

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIE)
www.nienetworks.co.uk
03457 643 643

NI Water
www.niwater.com

0345 744 0088

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PSNI
www.psnipolice.uk
999 or 101

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
Headquarters
1 Seymour Street, Lisburn
Co. Antrim, BT27 4SX
www.nifrs.org
028 9266 4221
In emergency 999

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Knockbracken
Healthcare Park
Saintfield Road
Belfast BT8 8SG
www.nias.hscni.net
028 9040 0999
In emergency 999

NI Water flood line
0300 2000 100

HOSPITALS

Belfast City Hospital, Belfast
028 9032 9241

Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
028 9024 0503

Ulster Hospital, Belfast
028 9048 4511

Mater Hospital, Belfast
028 9074 1211

Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast
028 9090 2000

Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn
028 9266 5141

Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Co. Londonderry
028 7134 5171

Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex
028 8283 3100

Craigavon Area Hospital, Co. Armagh
028 3833 4444

Daisyhill Hospital, Co. Armagh
028 3083 5000

South West Acute Hospital, Co. Fermanagh
028 6638 2000

Causeway Hospital, Co. Londonderry
028 7032 7032

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- ✓ easy rent payment
- ✓ quick repair requests
- ✓ easy to update contact details
- ✓ access comments, compliments & complaints

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Bank and Public Holidays Northern Ireland 2026

1 January	New Year's Day
17 March	St Patrick's Day
3 April	Good Friday
6 April	Easter Monday
4 May	Early May Bank Holiday
25 May	Spring Bank Holiday
13 July	Battle of the Boyne
31 August	Summer Bank Holiday
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

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