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This year in Northern Ireland, BBC Children in Need will spend over £3 million in support for local projects where disadvantaged children and young people can be safe and happy and helped to reach their potential.

In the most recent spring grant round, 56 projects have been funded with over £841,000 in grants ranging from £1,000 to a community festival to over £75,000 to a residential centre.

Currently there are over 300 groups funded by BBC Children in Need throughout Northern Ireland and these recent awards have added to the scope of activities supported.

Some of those who have benefitted from funding include Arts Care NI working in acute hospitals and respite centres bringing some fun to children who have life limiting or long term medical problems.

The Council for the Homeless is training peer representatives to encourage participation among young people living in hostels or temporary family accommodation and Spring Trust offering a range of social and personal development programmes with young people in Armagh.



BBC Children in Need

At Kilcreggan Homes and Urban Farm in Carrickfergus children and young people with learning difficulties enjoy supported volunteering in the gardens and working with animals.

Projects in every county benefitted from grants in this Spring round.

Paddy Sloan, National Head of BBC Children in Need in Northern Ireland, said: "It is great to see so much energy in projects all over Northern Ireland where children and young people are able to have a good time and to be supported as needed in coping with challenging circumstances. With money increasingly scarce, the generosity of the very many people who donate to the charity is more valued than ever, and the projects funded are even more critical to the children and young people they help."

The BBC Children in Need Appeal is a charity registered in England and Wales (802052) and Scotland (SC039557) whose aim is to make a positive change to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Each project that receives a grant from BBC Children in Need works with children and young people who may be affected by abuse, homelessness, neglect, poverty, or those who have disabilities, psychological disorders or who have encountered or are encountering serious illnesses.

All of the grants are targeted to areas across the UK where they will make a real difference to the lives of children and young people; they are allocated geographically to ensure that all corners of the UK receive a share of the money raised.