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## **NIPSA PROTEST AGAINST CLOSURES OF LIBRARIES**

As part of the ongoing campaign against the closure of up to 15 libraries across the Greater Belfast area, NIPSA has organised 2 protests this week in the East of the City. The protests are as follows:-

**Tuesday 16 February - outside Woodstock Library – 1.45 -2.15pm**

**Thursday 18 February – outside Ballymacarrett Library - 12.00- 12.30pm**

Alison Millar, Assistant Secretary NIPSA stated:-

***“NIPSA are holding these protests this week to highlight the proposed closure of both these and other libraries in the Greater Belfast area. To date Libraries NI have held 3 public consultation meetings and the resounding voice of those attending have called clearly and strongly for the retention of their local libraries in the heart of the communities they serve”.***

***“Libraries NI must listen to the voice of the people and respond positively. On behalf of NIPSA members and the communities these libraries serve I appeal to Libraries NI to respond positively to the consultation held so far and leave these libraries alone”.***

Libraries NI are holding 2 further public consultation meeting this week as follows:-

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 4.30pm-6.00pm  
Chichester Library – 7.15pm-8.45pm**

NIPSA would encourage individuals, groups and political representatives to attend the public consultation meetings organised by Libraries NI and make your voice heard.

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