



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
23rd to 27th
February 2026**

National News

Click here to read all the national news this week!

Local News

[Click here to read all the local news this week!](#)

Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to mary@cavanccc.ie

You can see all the up to date vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

27th February

Portal opens for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

31st March:

Closing date for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

15th April

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes



Cavan Staff Retention Survey

This survey has been initiated by the Board of Cavan County Childcare Committee to assess the impact of staff retention within early learning and care and school-age childcare services across County Cavan.

The overall findings will support the ongoing work of Cavan County Childcare Committee and will be compiled into a report for submission to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

We kindly ask you to take the time to complete the survey carefully and accurately. Your input is greatly appreciated and will contribute to strengthening early learning and childcare services across the county.

All responses will be fully anonymised and collated for analysis.

[Please take the time to complete this survey here](#)

Aistear Updated – Two-Part Workshop Series

Cavan CCC invites early years educators to attend two interactive workshops on the updated Aistear 2024 framework.

Workshop 1 explores the revised vision and principles, while Workshop 2 focuses on the themes, aims, and learning goals.

Join us for a two-part interactive workshop on the updated Aistear 2024 framework.

Tue, 3 Mar 2026, 18:30

[Follow this link to register for both workshops](#)

VERY LIMITED PLACES REMAINING



Always Children First Training

The Always Children First Foundation training aims to create an awareness of Child Protection and Welfare issues in the Early Years sector. The aim of the training is to help participants understand how to safeguard children and report Child Protection and Welfare concerns.

This is a six hour programme - this programme is facilitated by trainers from Cavan CCC in our office

Taking place over TWO evenings, Tues 21st April and Tues 28th April. Both evenings from 6.30-9.30pm.

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &
Childcare Services



Training on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) Registration

The sessions will be held on **4 and 5 March 2026**, as applications for the NSLF academic year 2026/2027 will open shortly. The training will demonstrate the following:

- What is the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund
- Applicant eligibility criteria
- Registering to the NSLF Portal
- Completing the Employment Record
- Student Application
- Key point recap with the NSLF team

4 March 2026, 6:30 pm: [Session 1 Registration Link](#)

5 March 2026, 10:00 am: [Session 2 Registration Link](#)

The same content will be covered in both sessions. A recording will be made available on the Early Years Hive and the NSLF Student Portal along with the PowerPoint slides once the training has been completed.

For eligibility criteria and information for Continuing Students, see Hive announcement dated 24 February.

Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements for 2024/25

All Partner Services who received Core Funding during the 24/25 Programme Year are required to engage an accountant to submit a full Trial Balance for Year 3 of Core Funding.

The CFCRRS portal will open from Friday, 27 February. Supporting documents are available here.

Childminding Development Grant 2026

On 9th February, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, announced the opening of the 2026 Childminding Development Grant. The grant application window is from Wednesday, 11th February to Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant 2026, including the application form, visit Cavan County Childcare Committee or contact Orla McKeon at omckeon@cavancce.ie / (049) 4365856.

The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare Consultation Survey

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, has today launched a new 12-question online survey for parents, early years educators, providers and other stakeholders as part of the National Conversation on Education. The survey seeks views on priorities for early learning and care, school-age childcare and childminding. The online survey can be accessed [here](#).

QIPP Report Template 2025/2026.

The Core Funding QIPP Report Template 2025/26 is now open on the [CFCRRS Portal](#). The deadline for completion of the 2025/26 QIPP Report is **Friday, 31 July 2026**.

LOCAL NEWS

READY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR EXCEL SKILLS?

What You'll Learn:

Essential & advanced Excel functions

PivotTables, data analysis, and productivity shortcuts

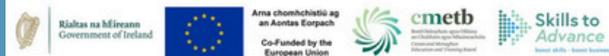
Charts, dashboards, and data visualisation

Preparation for the official MOS Excel Certification Exam

Thursday, 5 March 2026
Location: Online
2:00pm - 5:00pm (6 weeks)

employerservices@cmetb.ie
047 84900

This course is funded through the Skills to Advance Initiative.



Invest in Play ADHD Focused Parent Support Programme

Cavan Town - Teach Oscal FRC
Thursday March 12th 10:00am-12:00pm

The Invest in Play ADHD Parent Programme is designed to support parents and caregivers of children with ADHD to better understand their child's behaviours, emotions, and strengths through evidence-based, neuro-affirmative strategies. This 12 week course is suitable to families with children aged 2-6yrs.

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The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive offers free early support to parents/caregivers across a range of interventions offered both online and in-person.

This includes information workshops, four evidence based parent support programmes (Incredible Years ADHD, Triple P ASD, Invest in Play ASD/ADHD and Parents Plus ADHD) These supports are provided to assist parents/caregivers of children with neurodevelopmental differences including ADHD and Autism with or without a diagnosis

To register your interest scan the QR code below to complete an expression of interest form or visit www.changinglivesinitiative.com for more information



The Crafty Cuppa Club

Looking for relaxed and friendly afternoon out?
Join us every
Monday from 2pm - 4pm
at Focus Family Resource Centre, Killeshandra
for a craft, chat and a welcoming cuppa.



Bring along whatever you enjoy:
Knitting & crochet
Sewing, embroidery & cross stitch
Painting or sketching
Card making etc.
Or even bring your crossword book!
Or simply come along for a cup of tea and a good conversation.

Come for the craft ... stay for the chat! ❤️

For more information contact Focus Reception on 049 436 4065



Grow Your Own Flowers and Vegetables

Monday 2 March
2.00pm-4.00pm
Community Garden, Cavan

#SpringIntoLearning

www.adultlearnersfestival.ie | www.cmetb.ie



Cavan Community News



We encourage all community childcare services to check out the latest edition of the Cavan Community ENews. Compiled weekly by Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN), this newsletter features updates from over 500 local groups, partner agencies, and funders. It's a useful resource for staying informed about local initiatives, events, and supports that may benefit the families you work with. [Click here to view this weeks newsletter.](#)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**



Did you know we are now on Instagram? Follow us for all the updates!

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- General Covid-19 queries:
Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

**As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:
Tel: 049 436 5856
Email:
admin@cavanccc.ie**

**Regards, Cavan
County Childcare
Committee**