



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

**Weekly  
Newsletter  
23rd to 27th  
March 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@cavancce.ie](mailto:mary@cavancce.ie)

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

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



## Deadlines and Important Dates

**\*\*\*31<sup>st</sup> March\*\*\*:**

Closing date for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

**15<sup>th</sup> April**

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

**15<sup>th</sup> April**

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes

**23rd April**

The National Conversation on Education: The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare – Consultations with City and County Childcare Committees

**1st May**

Applications close for Nurturing Skills Learner Fund



# 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](#)

## 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

**Tuesday 26th of May**, in the office from **1.30pm to 8pm**. Limited places available!

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD  
SAFEGUARDING  
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &  
Childcare Services



## 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 opened Friday, 27 February and will close on **31 March 2026**. Supporting documents are available [here](#).

## Childminding Development Grant 2026

The Childminding Development Grant is open for applications until **Wednesday, 15 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@cavanccc.ie](mailto:omckeon@cavanccc.ie) / (049) 4365856.

## The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

Taking place online.

Information session for Providers

Cavan and Monaghan County Childcare Committee along with the Better Start AIM Team will host an on-line information session for providers interested in finding out more on the AIM programme.

The session will take place online through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15th April 7pm - 8.30pm

**[Click here to register your place](#)**

## The National Conversation on Education: The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare – Consultations with City and County Childcare Committees

*Have Your Say in the Future of Early Learning and School-Age Childcare.*

As part of the National Conversation on Education: the First Five Years and School-Age Childcare the Department is holding a series of local consultation events taking place nationwide from 20–30 April 2026. These consultations are being organised and delivered by the 30 City and County Childcare Committees (CCCs).

Each consultation will run for approximately 1.5-2 hours giving all participants the opportunity to contribute.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Whether you're a parent, an early years educator, a school age childcare practitioner, a childminder, a service provider, or someone with an interest in the future of early learning and care and school age childcare - we want to hear from you!

Your views will inform:

- wider discussion as part of the National Conversation on Education;
- Phase 2 of Shaping the Future: the Early Years Action Plan; and
- the successor strategy to First 5: the Whole-of-Government Strategy for Babies, Young Children and their Families 2019-2028.

Cavan CCC are holding their consultation on **23rd April 2026**, in the **Hotel Kilmore @ 7pm**.

**Register Now!**

Further information on the National Conversation on Education: the First 5 years and School-Age Childcare can be found here.

## Cavan Childcare Managers Network

Cavan County Childcare Committee is currently looking to establish a *Cavan Childcare Managers Network* for all services (Full day Care, pre-school and SAC), bringing together both community and private Managers.

We will have our first meeting on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 3pm** in Cavan CCC Offices - Looking forward to seeing you there.

This network will aim to provide a valuable opportunity for managers to connect, share experiences, and support one another. We are keen to introduce these meetings to create a space for collaboration, discussion, and the sharing of information across the sector.

The aim of the network is to:

- Share relevant updates within the early years sector
- Provide a forum to discuss common challenges and opportunities
- Promote the exchange of ideas and good practice

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**We will remind you before the date but put it in the diary!**

# NSLF ELC Degree - Online Webinar

Chevron College's Early Years faculty invites you to attend an online information webinar regarding our QQI accredited NSLF approved Early Learning and Care (ELC) level 7 and 8 programmes commencing in September 2026.

Since NSLF launched two years ago, over 50% of NSLF funded ELC professionals chose to complete their ELC degrees with Chevron College

**Date: March 30th 2026**

**Time: 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

## Webinar Agenda

- NSLF Application Process
- Program Information & Delivery
- Guest Speaker: Karen Clince, MD of Tigers Childcare
- The Student Experience
- Meet The Tutors
- Q&A Session

To register, please click [here](#).

For more Information on the course content, click [HERE](#)

## NCS, ECCE & CCSP over Easter 2026

Just a reminder to check NCS, ECCE & CCSP calendars to reflect closures over the upcoming Easter period.

For further information on service calendars, please see the guidance available on the Early Years Hive [here](#).

Changes *cannot* be made to service calendar opening hours or claim hours once a return for that week has been submitted on the Early Years Hive.

## Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2026/27

Applications for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) for the academic year 2026/2027 is open.

Applications should be submitted via the NSLF student portal. Send a request to [NSLF@pobal.ie](mailto:NSLF@pobal.ie) to register on the NSLF student portal. The portal will close for applications on **1 May 2026 at 5 pm**.

A recording of the recent webinar is [here](#)

## Aim Level 5 Equipment – Transfer of Ownership

A transfer of ownership of the equipment when a child finishes their participation in the ECCE programme. This process opened on 04 March 2026.

Click here for a [How to guide](#) on how to complete the process or you can find the recorded [training webinar](#) 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



**Tullacmongan Childcare service**  
**Enrollment September 2026**  
 Pre-School and Afterschool places available

ECCE and NCS Schemes available  
 Please ensure to enroll your child early as places will fill up quickly

Please contact  
 tullacmonganrc@gmail.com or call  
 049 4362283/086  
 6690032/0494372976

## Autism Supports

LIVE ONLINE WEBINAR

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEURODIVERGENT CHILD

Build deeper insight and confidence as you support your child's nervous system, behaviour, and emotional world.

#### IN THIS WEBINAR YOU'LL LEARN

- What neurodivergence means and how it shows up in children
- How your child may experience communication, regulation, and emotions
- How to hear what your child is really communicating
- Practical strategies you can use at home
- Ways to build connection, not pressure

#### WHO IT'S FOR

Parents and carers of neurodivergent children

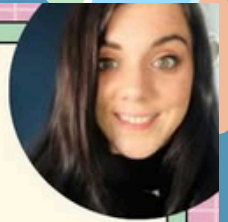


DATE & TIME  
**March 28, 2026**  
 9am to 11am

Reserve your space now

Link in caption

SMALL GROUP SESSION • LIMITED SPACES




**Walkie Talkie & Tea**  
**Spring Gala**  
 Non-Profit Community Initiative Set Up to Combat Loneliness  
**April 12th @ 2 PM**  
 at The Hotel Kilmore

Lots of Stalls Full of  
**BAKED GOODS • CRAFTERS & TREATS**  
 SMALL BUSINESSES

**ADMISSION FREE**

# Circus Workshops

### Try circus skills! Have some fun!

Join our Circus Workshops with experienced performer Maria Corcoran as part of Cavan Arts Festival's Carnival School.

Workshops & Parade are designed for adult participation



Finnegan Room,  
 Kilmore Diocesan  
 Pastoral Centre,  
 Cullies, Co. Cavan,  
 H12 E5C7

**FREE**

To join these workshops, email [admin@cavanartsfestival.ie](mailto:admin@cavanartsfestival.ie)



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

**Regards, Cavan  
County Childcare  
Committee**