



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

# Weekly Newsletter 6th-10th January

## 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](mailto: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 January 2025 @ 12 noon**

Deadline for Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

**1st February 2025**

New Garda Vetting Procedures come into effect



## Service Closure due to severe weather

We are aware many services were forced to close this week due to the severe snow and ice. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth issued notification earlier in the week regarding Be Winter Ready. Please be aware that an application for Force Majeure, including evidence of the requirement to close, must be submitted to Pobal in the event of a service closure **within 5 working days**.

The application form can be found [HERE](#) and must be submitted via a Request on the Hive by selecting the following dropdown options:

- Request program type: User Account Management
- Request type: Force Majeure
- Request type detail: Standard Force Majeure



## New Garda Vetting Procedure

Important changes to the Garda Vetting procedure for the Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Childcare (SAC) sector are coming in February 2025. Starting from 1st February 2025, the following changes will take effect:

- Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) will manage Garda Vetting services for all early learning and care, and school-age childcare employees (ECI membership is not required).
- Tusla will manage Garda Vetting services for registered providers including Chairpersons of Boards of Management.
- As part of these changes, Barnardos will no longer provide vetting services.

Guidance in relation to Garda vetting for childminders will be available soon. More detailed information on the new Garda Vetting procedures can be found on the gov.ie website [HERE](#)



# Core Funding Financial Management Tool update

An updated version of the Financial Management Tool (FMT) for 2024/25 is now available on the Early Years Hive [HERE](#).

The FMT was developed by The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) as an optional support for services that do not have their own accountancy software packages. It can be used to prepare a trial balance, which Core Funding Partner Services will be required to submit to fulfil their financial reporting obligation after the end of the 2024/25 programme year.

The FMT can be used on an ongoing basis now to record financial information and make this report easier to generate when it is due for submission. Using the FMT can also help an organisation to make informed and timely financial decisions and take corrective actions where needed.

This update fixes some bugs that were discovered in the tool. Guidance documents relating to the tool are also available on the Hive and as always please contact your Development Worker if you have any queries.



## Updated Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

An updated version of Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework has been prepared by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and was published this week. You can access the framework [here](#),



## Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

The application process for the Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme is now open and will close for applications on **27th January 2025 at 12pm.**

Information on the Scheme can be found [HERE](#) with detailed application templates, applicant guidelines and FAQ's available [HERE](#) in the resources section on the Hive.



## Trauma and Social Integration Talk

The Cavan Local Authority Trauma and Social Integration Team invites you to an engaging and insightful discussion on trauma and social integration.

This event will take place in Cavan on Tuesday, 4th February. Spaces are very limited, so if you're interested in attending, please reach out to us at [admin@cavanccl.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccl.ie) as soon as possible.



## Childminding Registration

Tusla have continued to expand the resources and support documentation available on their Childminding webpages [//tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services](https://tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services).

To contact Tusla's childminding helpline ring (061) 440600 (option 9) or email [cm.registration@tusla.ie](mailto:cm.registration@tusla.ie) or view their [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the website.

# New Childcare&Me App Launched

Introducing the NEW Childcare&Me App!

Looking for childcare information or family support?

The Childcare&Me App is here to help! This innovative, multilingual app provides:

- Details on National Childcare Programmes
- Info on local childcare services and Tusla supports
- Resources for families across Ireland, including those transitioning into new communities
- Resources available in English, Arabic, and Ukrainian

It's a modern tool for today's families!

Download the app today and explore how it can support your family's needs.

Click here for more information:

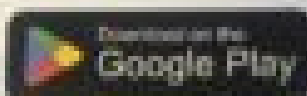
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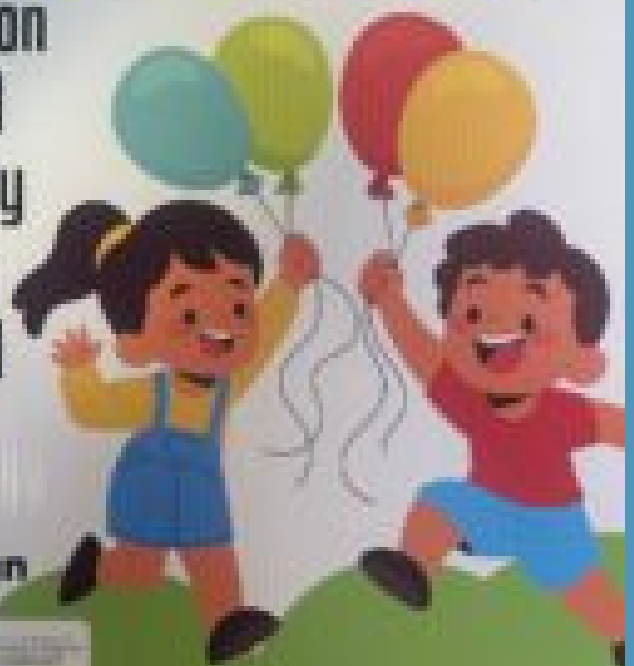
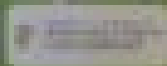
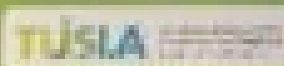
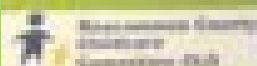


Childcare&Me

A one stop information  
hub to access local  
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Available in English, Arabic & Ukrainian



# Programmes for Parents

Please find attached two posters for Q1 of 2025, for an online Special Needs programmes for parents, guardians with children aged 10+ and or adolescent with a mild, moderate or severe intellectual disability, and who may also have a diagnosis, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a physical disability.

Attached is an Early years programme for parents, guardians with children aged 0-5 years old.

All the positive parenting programmes are universal and are free to join.

Follow this link to their website to view more upcoming programmes: <https://www.parentingcavan.ie/programmes>



## Free Parents Plus Early Years Programme (0-5 Years)

### Topics Include:

- Support your children's self-esteem and confidence
- Getting you children to DO WHAT YOU ASK
- TUNING into your child/ Pressing the PAUSE button
- Establishing routines and rewards
- PRAISING good behaviour/ IGNORING misbehaviour
- Parent self-care

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (once a week for 6 weeks)

**Time:** 7-9pm (Wednesday evenings)

**Venue:** Online via Zoom

For more information or to reserve your place, contact Joanne on 0877529948 or email [parentingcavan@cclid.ie](mailto:parentingcavan@cclid.ie) check out our website [www.parentingcavan.ie](http://www.parentingcavan.ie)



## Are you parenting a child 10+ years of age or adolescent with an intellectual disability?

This is a free six week evening programme for parents, guardians raising an older child or adolescent with a mild, moderate or severe intellectual disability, and who may also have a diagnosis, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a physical disability.

### Support your child to:

- Learn social skills and build friendships
- Deal with puberty and sexuality
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Be more independent

### As a parent, learn how to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Deal with the challenges of adolescence
- Support the needs of your other children
- Manage challenging behaviour

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> January- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Time:** 7pm-9pm

**Venue:** Online via Zoom

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# LOCAL

NEWS

## Active Communities

Cavan Sports Partnership are running an Active Communities programme in various areas across county Cavan. There are various activities you can sign up to, swimming, soccer, dance classes for all fitness types.

Why not kick 2025 off to a healthy start. These are sure to be popular, so check out the link on their Facebook page [here](#).

## ACTIVE Communities

**5 LOCATIONS | 35+ PROGRAMMES**

SWIMMING - SOCCER - BADMINTON -  
YOGA - BASKETBALL - ZUMBA - VOLLEYBALL

Ballyconnell | Ballyjamesduff | Cavan | Cootehill | Kingscourt

**20TH JANUARY - MARCH 2025**

Bookings from 6th Jan 2025, 6 Week Programmes

## Bumps and Babies Focus FRC

A FREE interactive event for parents and soon to be parents (0-36months). Do not miss out on this opportunity! Limited Tickets!

Thursday 23rd January 2025 in  
FOCUS Family Resource Centre in the  
Loft (Top Floor)

To register please follow the link [here](#).



**FOCUS FRC**  
Family Resource Centre CLG

### BUMPS AND BABIES

FREE Event



An interactive event for parents and soon to be parents (0-36months).  
Join us to learn the tips and tricks of parenting!

- Guest speakers from Irish Association for Infant Mental Health (IAIMH)
- Lifestart Programme
- Interactive Activities, such as Music and Baby Massage
- Free Goodie Bags!
- Refreshments Provided!

23th January 2025 | 10 AM - 12 PM

@ FOCUS Family Resource Centre Killshandra  
in the Loft (Top Floor)

Don't miss out on this opportunity.  
Limited Tickets!

To register please follow the link above or scan QR code







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

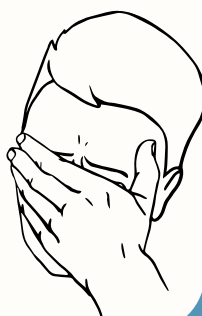


**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:  
[admin@cavanccc.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

### **Bad Joke of the Week**

**Q. What kind of cult is hard to get into?**

**A. A Diffi-Cult...**



### **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  
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