



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 10th – 14th March

National News

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Local News

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Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to
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

28th March 2025

Deadline for Parent & Toddler
Group Grant applications

31st March 2025 @12pm

Final date for survey submission
on Experiences of ELC's
supporting Ukrainian families

4th April 2025

Deadline for Childminding
Development Grant 2025

1st May 2025

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund
application process closes



Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025 2026



The Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) is now open to applicants for the academic year 2025/2026. NSLF is continuing, as a pilot phase, and will support Early Years Educators working in a Partner Service to undertake approved ELC Level 7/ 8 courses while they continue to work within the sector. NSLF will cover 90% of the course fees for successful applicants.

Attached you will find a Press Release from Minister Norma Foley announcing the opening of the NSLF and an information document detailing the Application Process and Timeline, Rules and Conditions, Eligibility Criteria, and Selection Criteria.

Applicants should contact NSLF@pobal.ie to request a link to register on the NSLF Student Portal, upload their employment details and complete the new application process. The application process closes on 1st May 2025.

Parent and Toddler Group Grant

Applications are currently being accepted for the Parent & Toddler Group Grant 2025. The grant is available to existing not-for-profit groups who provide informal support to all families and involve the participation of parents/guardians in the community.

The grant is also open to new Parent & Toddler Groups as well as Buggy Walking Groups. For further information or to request an application form, contact admin@cavanccc.ie or 049 436 5856



Updated Aistear for the ELC sector

Attached please see the information released on the updated Aistear Curriculum Framework.

We also have printed copies available in the office if you'd like to come in and collect one. Feel free to reach out to us!

There is information on key dates, resources and information sessions for early years educators, Family and Child Guides, ongoing supports, and more. For more information, please click [Aistear 2024](#)



Childminding Development Grant 2025



The Childminding Development Grant 2025 is currently open for applications. All current childminders and childminders planning to open in 2025 are eligible to apply. The grant aims to enhance quality and safety in childminding services and allows for the purchasing of IT equipment to assist with training and registration processes later in the year.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant or the National Action Plan for Childminding, visit www.gov.ie/childminding or contact Cavan County Childcare Committee at admin@cavancce.ie / (049) 4365856.

Survey: Experiences of ELC services in supporting Ukrainian families Displaced by Conflict

Early Learning and Care (ELC) services across Ireland are invited to take part in a short survey exploring experiences in supporting Ukrainian families displaced by conflict. Your insights will help identify what has worked well, the challenges faced, and how we can better prepare for similar situations in the future.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and all responses will be handled with care. The final date for responses is 31st March at 12.00pm. Your input will help shape practical improvements that make a real difference for families and ELC services alike. Your time and thoughts will be really appreciated. You can access the survey here: [ELC Survey](#)

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour in Neurodivergent Children



17 Saturday, 5th April | 📍 Cavan Crystal Hotel |



10 AM – 4 PM | 💰 €20

A 1-day course for childcare practitioners on autism supports with Ciara Watson (Autism Supports). Gain practical strategies to support neurodivergent children and create an inclusive environment.



What to Expect:

◆ Part 1: Supporting Neurodivergent Children in Your Setting

Discover why children may exhibit certain behaviour responses and how you can help reduce stress while fostering an inclusive space for every child to thrive.

◆ Part 2: How to Introduce Visuals in Your Early Years Setting

Looking for simple but powerful ways to enhance autism supports? Learn how to use visual aids to ease transitions, improve communication, and create a more structured learning experience—for all children!



Expect a day packed with practical tips, valuable insights, and plenty of lightbulb moments—all in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Plus, light lunch is included!

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1285877236429?aff=oddtcreator>

Critical Incident Briefing



 Monday, 28th April 2025

 Online

 3:00 PM

All ELC, SAC, and registered childminding services are required to have a Critical Incident Plan as outlined in the Tusla Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) and the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services.

Employers also have a legal duty to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of their employees under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

◆ What This Training Covers:

- Understanding regulatory and legal responsibilities
- Planning ahead for emergencies and critical incidents
- Learning how to respond professionally and appropriately in a crisis

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1285900465909?aff=oddtcreator>

Support Pathways for Children, Young People, and Families

This resource offers essential information on the available services and supports for children with additional needs in our region.

Access the full document here: [[Support Pathways Booklet](#)]

We also have printed copies available in the office if you'd like to come in and collect one. Feel free to reach out to us!

Wibbly Wobbly Balance Bike Scheme

The Wibbly Wobbly Bike Programme is designed for pre-school children aged 2½ to 6 years to promote active lifestyles through fun balance bike activities.

The programme is subsidised by Cavan Sports Partnership and Cavan County Childcare Committee. Pre-schools must ensure adequate insurance for activities, and may be asked to complete evaluations.

There is still some months available for your service to receive the bikes. If you would like a direct link to your area please contact us.



LOCAL NEWS

Parenting Cavan

Parenting Cavan is offering a free in person Children combined ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) programme for parents, guardians with children aged 6-12 years, awaiting assessment or has been diagnosed with ADHD.

Click on www.parentingcavan.ie, scroll down to children combined ADHD and submit a enquiry form to reserve your place.

Does your child have
ADHD?



ADHD Children's Programme(6-12 Years)

A free parenting programme for parents of children aged 6-12 years with a diagnosis of ADHD and suspected ADHD who are awaiting an assessment. ADHD-(Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

Topics Include: Parenting a child with ADHD, responding positively as a parent, establishing routines, managing concerning behaviour, problem solving , long term supports, supporting siblings, manage stress, support child's education and learning

Date: 14th May – 18th June 2025 (Once a week for 6 weeks).

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

Where: Cavan County Local Development Building, 6A Corlurgan Business Park, Ballinagh Road, Cavan, H12DP86.

Click on www.parentingcavan.ie select MENU- Scroll down through the programmes, click on ADHD Children and submit an enquiry form to reserve a place, or phone Joanne on 0877529948



St Patrick's Day Parade

St Patrick's Day Parade in Cavan town is back with a bang! The festivities span the entire weekend, with events happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday, culminating with the parade at 1:30 pm **Sunday 16th March**.

There are a host of activities planned, with funfair, music and dance ceili's planned. If you are interested in entering a float to promote your service, more details can be found [here](#). Check out their [Facebook](#) for the full lineup of events planned.



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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**

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**

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
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