



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

# Weekly Newsletter 10th - 14th February

## 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

**14th February \*\*\* TODAY\*\*\***

Review and Confirm window for Core Funding window closes

**21st February 2025**

LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates closes @ 4pm

**28th February 2025**

Deadline for Core Funding Income and Expenditure Template Year 2



## Core Funding February Review and Confirm

The February Review and Confirm window has been open between 1st February -14th February 2025.

Core Funding supports and training materials can be found under the [Help and Support](#) section of the Early Years Hive.

## AIM Level 5 Equipment - Transfer of Ownership



The 'Transfer of Ownership' process for AIM Level 5 equipment will open this month on the Hive. The Transfer of Ownership of relevant AIM equipment, from Pobal and DCEDIY to the relevant party, occurs at the end of the child's participation in the ECCE programme. The completion of this process will determine the destination and ownership of the AIM Level 5 equipment item.

As per the AIM rules, section 7.20 *"ELC services and parent(s)/guardian(s) must engage with Pobal in relation to the transfer of ownership of equipment (including returning signed transfer of ownership forms, as appropriate)"*.

Equipment provided under AIM Level 5 should **not** be removed from the pre-school until the transfer of ownership process is completed. Guides and training videos are available in the Help & Support section on the Early Years Hive.

## Reporting Requirements for Core Funding Year 2

The deadline for submitting the completed Income and Expenditure for Year 2, is 28th February 2025.

The CFCRRS portal is now open for submissions.

Guidance is available on the [Early Years Hive](#) > 'Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 2 (2023/2024)'.

If you have any further queries or requests, please email [support@cfcrrs.ie](mailto:support@cfcrrs.ie).



## LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates

The LINC+ CPD Programme was created to enable graduates of the LINC Programme to benefit from regular professional support and development, through additional training, networking, and development of communities of practice. This online programme is funded by DCEDIY.

Registration for the LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates is now open and will close on Friday 21st February 2025 at 4pm. To register please use the following link: [LINC Programme CPD](#)



# New Garda Vetting procedures

Tusla will now provide the Garda Vetting Application Service for Registered Providers of Early Years & School Age Childcare Services, Childminders, and those applying for registration.

Applications must be submitted via the new [Tusla Garda Vetting Portal](#).

To support Registered Providers and Childminders Tusla has created a *dedicated* Garda Vetting section on their website, along with a Guidance Document, FAQ and a [pathway infographic](#).

Additional information is available on the DCEDIY website here [Garda Vetting for the Early Learning and Care \(ELC\) and School Aged Childcare \(SAC\) sector](#)

Please note Tusla will *not* provide vetting for employees, volunteers, or cover personnel in childcare services. Vetting for these staff members *must* be obtained from [Early Childhood Ireland](#). Students on work placement must apply through their educational institution.

**TUSLA**

An Ghníomhaireacht um  
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency



# Childminding Development Grant 2025

Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, recently announced the opening of the 2025 Childminding Development Grant.

The total budget of €500,000 reflects the high demand for the grant in previous years. It also reflects the Government's commitment to support childminders to prepare for registration with Tusla.

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business in 2025. The grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service through the purchase of toys, childcare equipment, safety equipment, equipment to support inclusion and STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths), as well as IT equipment to assist childminders to engage with training and registration processes later in the year.

Applications for the Childminding Development Grant are made to Cavan County Childcare Committee. The grant application window is from 4th February 2025 to 4th April 2025.

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

# Cavan/Monaghan Youth Arts Bursary Applications now open

*Could your group benefit from a €1600 bursary to explore youth arts?*

NYCI's National Youth Arts Programme is delighted to open applications for the Cavan Monaghan Youth Arts Bursary 2025!

The bursary scheme supports youth arts projects that:

- nurture young people's creativity and skill development, supporting them to explore their world and express themselves through youth arts
- to support young-person centred youth arts projects that promote a collaborative approach
- to support the engagement of marginalised young people who face barriers to arts participation

*Applications Open: February 10th*

*Deadline for Applications: March 6th @5pm*

Applicants will be informed of grant allocations by Thursday, March 13th.

Projects should be completed by: **Friday, November 21st**

Find more information and application form [here](#).

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# Lifestart: The Growing Child Programme

*The Growing Child Programme is designed to support and educate parents/carers on how their children will learn and develop in the early years. To assist with the child's preparation for life a month by month Growing Child Issue and Flashcards are supported with age and stage appropriate educational resources such as sound makers, books, jigsaws and art and craft materials. This **free** programme is currently available for parents/carers in in the areas of Clones and north county Monaghan and are delighted to see the programme expand into County Cavan for children from birth until 3 years old.*

The Growing Child Programme is delivered in the family home each month by a Family Visitor. She will talk to parents/carers about their child's development; what to expect over the next month and what they can do with the child to help him or her reach the age-appropriate developmental milestones.

The Family Visitor provides an informed, supportive and respectful role. The monthly home visit creates an opportunity to:

- Understand about the child's stage of development
- Learn how to encourage this development
- Talk about the achievements of the family
- Discuss any concerns the parent/carer may have

There is a referral form attached to this email.





# LOCAL

# NEWS



## Tree Week

To celebrate National Tree Week, which takes place from Sunday, 9th March to Sunday, 16th March the Tree Council of Ireland and Coillte, with the support of Cavan County Council, are making a limited number of saplings available for **free** to voluntary community groups. Closing date **26th February 2025**.

For more information click [here](#).



## Cavan Comic Con

Don't miss what is sure to be one of the most epic events of 2025. World class cosplay and costume groups, comics, Pokemon Cards, Lego mini-figures, collectibles, retro toys, artists, writers and loads more.

Featuring special guest Isaac C Singleton Jr, the voice of Thanos in Marvel Cartoons and games, For booking and information click [here](#).





**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**

What's the ideal number of roses to give to you partner on Valentines?

6. 12 or the whole box??



### **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  
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