



Childcare  
Committee  
County Cavan

Weekly  
Newsletter  
11th- 21st February

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## Deadlines and Important Dates

**28th February 2025**

- LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates extended closing date

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- Deadline for Core Funding Income and Expenditure Template Year 2
- ‘Transfer of Ownership’ process for AIM Level 5 opens (see below for further information)



# 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@cfcrss.ie](mailto:support@cfcrss.ie).

## AIM Level 5 Equipment - Transfer of Ownership



The 'Transfer of Ownership' process for AIM Level 5 equipment will open on 28th February 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.

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 on the [Early Years Hive](#) > [Help & Support](#) -> Better Start/AIM -> AIM Level 5





# LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates

## EXTENDED CLOSING DATE!

Due to the temporary closure of settings over the midterm break, LINC have decided to extend the application deadline for the highly sought-after LINC+ CPD Programme.

You now have until Friday, February 28th at 4pm to submit your application

The LINC+ CPD Programme was launched in March 2021. It 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.

The programme is fully funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and is delivered completely online.

Please note: Only Graduates of the Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years (LINC Programme) (2016-2024) can register for the LINC+ CPD Programme. Registration for the LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates is now open. Please use the following link for registration. <https://lincprogramme.ie/cpd-for-incos/>

The LINC+ CPD Programme can be included by all Participants under option 5 of their Core Funding Quality Action Plan

# New Garda Vetting procedures

Tusla will now provide the Garda Vetting Application Service for people who are Registered Providers of Early Years Services (including Childminders) or those applying for registration.

## Who Can Apply through Tusla from February 2025?

Tusla will provide Garda Vetting for:

- Registered Providers of pre-school and school-age services
- Childminders
- Heads of Boards of Management (where the person is the Registered Provider)
- Quality assurance personnel acting on behalf of the chairperson



## Who Cannot Apply through Tusla?

Tusla will not provide vetting for:

- Employees, volunteers, or cover personnel in childcare services
- Students on placement (must apply through their educational institution)

Vetting for these staff members must be obtained from Early Childhood Ireland.

Applications must be submitted via the new [Tusla Garda Vetting Portal](#). Guidance materials will be available to support applicants.

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



## **Childminding Development Grants 2025**

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

The Childminding Development Grant provides up to €1,000 to assist both registered and unregistered childminders who are providing a childminding service in their own homes.

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 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM) education, as well as IT equipment to assist childminders to engage with training and registration processes.

The grant scheme is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business during 2025. 75% of the grant is paid in advance to help childminders with the upfront costs of purchasing equipment.

### **Moo Music Sessions for Childminders, babies & toddlers**

Free music sessions for childminders (working in your own home) babies & toddlers. In our office H12 E512 Thursday 27th March & Friday 25th April, 10 to 11.30am.

### **Always Children First Foundation Level Training for Childminders**

Cavan CCC are delighted to offer Always Children First Foundation Level Training programme for Childminders. Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February, 7 to 9pm in our office H12 E512. Cost €10 per participant. Places are limited.





## Maia Purposeful Play Session



### *Open-ended Play Training Workshop* **LAST REMAINING PLACE!**

Join us as we host Maia Purposeful Play's fantastic training workshop, inspiring creativity and holistic development through open-ended play!

This bespoke workshop recognises the crucial role sensory experiences play in a child's development and the potential it holds to stimulate learning across different subject areas.

Due to a cancellation 1 place has now become available of this very sought after workshop! Follow this link to book now:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1206775882149?aff=oddtdtcreator>





## Barnardos Upcoming Training

### Upcoming Training with Barnardos: Enhancing Professional Practice in Early Learning & Care

Barnardos is offering a series of insightful and engaging training opportunities designed to support professionals in Early Learning and Care (ELC). These sessions focus on key aspects of child development, professional growth, and reflective practice, ensuring the best outcomes for children and families.

Click on the following for more information and to sign up:

- [Promoting the Social & Emotional Well-Being of Babies, Toddlers and Young Children in Early Learning and Care; An Infant Mental Health Approach](#)
- [Supporting Professional Practice through One-to-One Supervision in ELC](#)
- [Introduction to Reflective Practice in Early Years and School-aged Childcare](#)



# LOCAL



## Ireland Reads

Join in for Storytime in Johnston Central Library Cavan Town on Saturday, 22nd of February at 11am as we celebrate Ireland Reads. Suitable for ages 3-7 years but all the family are welcome. More kids storytime over in Belturbet Library 2.30-3pm.

Virginia Library are celebrating Ireland Reads by having even more stories on Saturday the 22nd of February. Join them for Storytime at 10.30am or 2.30pm or get crafty at the Pop-Up Bookmark workshop! Bring your own Book, to the Reading Nook in the afternoon or maybe you will find one on our shelves that will take your fancy. Visit the 'Meet my Ukraine' Exhibition which will be open all day.



Join us in celebrating Ireland Reads Day!



**at Virginia Library  
on Saturday 22 Feb**

Family Storytime 10.30am & 2.30pm

Suitable for 3-7 yr olds but all the family are welcome.

Pop-Up Create a Bookmark 11.30am-1.00pm

Suitable for all children accompanied by an adult

Readers Rule Display! All Day

View the recommendations of readers young and old - you might find your next favourite author! Add your own recommendation too!

THE READING NOOK - YA & Adults 2.00pm-5.00pm

Read together in companionable silence with a cuppa & treats!

'Meet My Ukraine' Exhibition Fri 21 & Sat 22nd Feb

Ukrainian Women's Group (based in Virginia) will display all that is great about their country - it's culture, tradition and heritage. There will be something for all the family to enjoy!

Also... view bunting created by local school children, create with LEGO, colour & display a picture,

**JOIN THE LIBRARY**, learn about our Online Library, browse books displays and **BORROW A GREAT BOOK!**



Kids Storytime Every Saturday

at Belturbet Library

2.30 - 3pm

\*Except Bank Holiday Weekends\*



**For Ages 3 - 7yrs  
All the family welcome!**

\*All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian\*



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

**Thank you for taking the time to  
read our newsletter.**

**Please consider sharing it.**

### **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  
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**Regards, Cavan  
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