



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

## **Weekly Newsletter 12th - 16th May**

### **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**

#### **6th May 2025**

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)  
Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7  
standard applications for the  
2025/2026 programme opened

#### **24th May 2025**

National Aistear Conference

#### **27th May 2025**

Annual Early Years Sector Profile  
2024/25 open from 6<sup>th</sup> May - 27<sup>th</sup>  
May 2025

#### **28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Aistear Workshops – Updated  
Framework

## Aistear Updated – Two-Part Workshop Series

Cavan CCC invites early years educators to attend two interactive workshops on the updated Aistear 2024 framework. Workshop 1 explores the revised vision and principles, while Workshop 2 focuses on the themes, aims, and learning goals.

Join us for a two-part interactive workshop on the updated Aistear framework.

**By registering for this ticket, you confirm your attendance at both sessions.**

**Limited to 20 participants – early booking advised!**

### Workshop 1: Vision & Principles



Wednesday 28th May



6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

This session will explore the updated principles of Aistear and highlight the key changes to the framework's vision and values.

### Workshop 2: Themes of Aistear



Wednesday 4th June



6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

This session will focus on the themes, aims, and learning goals in the revised Aistear framework.

## Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard initial and Review & Confirm applications for the 2025/2026 programme year are open.

AIM Level 7 Plus and Non-term applications for the 2025/26 programme call will open mid-summer. Services are reminded to submit any relevant AIM application at least three months prior to a child's planned start date in ECCE. For further support, please see the [Better Start / AIM - Service Provider Portal](#)

## AIM non-term 2024/2025

Please submit your AIM Non-term 2024/2025 applications for the summer months on the Early Years Hive as soon as possible.

If you have already submitted the applications and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'change of circumstance' review to add the relevant dates.

A guide on submitting a change of circumstances review can be found [here](#).



## Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25

The 2024/2025 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey has opened.

The survey will remain open until **Tuesday, 27 May 2025** and can be accessed through the Early Years Hive [Here](#).

Please ensure your Service Profile has been updated on the Early Years Hive *on or after Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May*.

This ensures that the most up to date information is included in the data collected for the survey. All services are encouraged to complete the survey; however, completing this year's survey within the open window is **mandatory** for all existing Core Funding Partner Services.

Services wishing to become a Core Funding Partner Service in the future must also complete the survey before submitting their Core Funding application. For more information and support, please go to [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#).

FAQs are also available on the Early Years Hive on the Cross Programme – Documents page ([here](#)).

## Better Start Quality Development Service Information Webinar

The Better Start Team work in a mentoring capacity with Early Learning and Care settings to support the implementation of the National Frameworks Síolta and Aistear.

Register today to secure your place at their next webinar: Better Start Quality Development Information Session.

This will take place **online** on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** from **2.30pm to 3.30pm**.

You'll have the chance to connect with team members and explore the mentoring options available for your setting.

Visit the [Better Start Website Training and Events](#) or click on this [link](#) to register.



Three cartoon mice with pink ears and noses are peeking over a green banner. The mouse on the left is smiling, the middle one is looking forward, and the one on the right is looking surprised. Behind them are several colorful books.

## My Little Library 2025

All children who are due to start primary school this year are entitled to their free book bag, with books in English or 'as Gaeilge.'

The books and resources in the book bag, which is available in both English and 'as Gaeilge', support parents and their children in the transition to primary school.

From 9th of May 2025, all children completing the free universal pre-school Early Childhood Care and Education Programme and starting primary school are invited to visit their local library and pick up a free book bag.

The bags will be available throughout the summer. All families are welcomed to join the library if they are not already members.

**My Little Library 2025 information is attached. Please share it with families using your service.**







## Park Life

**WHEN** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**WHERE** Con Smith Park

The heart and soul of Cavan Arts Festival for two magical days in the beautiful surroundings of Con Smith Park

<b>REABHLÓID</b> BABY RAVE	<b>KYLE RILEY</b> LITTLE FOLK ON THE ROAD	<b>FOREST FEAST</b> OUR HEALTHY AND TASTY FOOD AREA
<b>J SMITH</b>	<b>MAMMOTH STREET</b> SAMBA BAND	<b>SLIPS EXPERIENCE</b>
<b>SLOW MUSIC</b> SESSIONS <small>WITH BRENDAN MCCREANOR</small>	<b>SKATE JAM</b> WITH CAVAN CONCRETE SURFING	<b>STORM ECHOES</b> BY ORLA GALLIGAN
<b>FILIDH</b>	<b>AMADAN ENSEMBLE</b> MDME KAKAPO & SON	<b>THE ROUTE 424</b> BRASS BAND

**Website:** [cavanartsfestival.ie](http://cavanartsfestival.ie) | **Socials:** @CavanArtsFestival  
Stay tuned to our social media channels and check our website for updates, times and information.

CAVAN ARTS FESTIVAL 8

## BikeWeek

10th - 18th May 2025

**It's EASY, It's FUN  
AND IT'S FOR EVERYONE!**

**Description:** Pedal Parade and Cycle Show  
**Date:** Sunday 18th May  
**Time:** 10.30am  
**Venue:** Con Smith Park, Cavan  
**Age Limit:** Children 3+ for Parade, Cycle Show suitable for all the family  
**To register:** Email [activetravel@cavancoco.ie](mailto:activetravel@cavancoco.ie)

**CAVAN** Sports Partnership  
Comprehensive Sports for Children  
SPORTS IRELAND

**CAVAN** Comhaltas Ceantais an Chabháin  
Cavan County Council

**TFI** TRANSPORT FOR IRELAND  
An Roinn Iompair  
Department of Transport

Visit [bikeweek.ie](http://bikeweek.ie)

## Bealtaine Festival

### Intergenerational Storytime

Share a special storytime with your grandchild, grandniece/nephew!

*Storytime is a cherished experience through the generations.*

**Johnston Central Library**  
Thursday 29th May 3:30pm - 4:15pm

**Grandparents - You are also invited to read to the group!**  
Just let us know if this is something you would like to do

**No need to book... just come along!**

**30 YEARS** | **Bealtaine Festival** | [www.cavanlibrary.ie](http://www.cavanlibrary.ie)  
An Age & Opportunity arts initiative | [www.bealtainefestival.ie](http://www.bealtainefestival.ie)

## ParentsPlus

Empowering Professionals to Support Families

<b>Early Years Programme</b> 19, 20, 22, 26 & 27 May 2025	<b>Working Things Out Programme</b> 14, 15, 19 & 20 May 2025
<b>Children's Programme</b> 9, 10, 11, 16 & 17 June 2025	<b>Special Needs Programme</b> 14, 15, 19 & 20 May 2025
<b>ADHD Programme</b> 13, 14, 15, 19 & 20 May 2025	<b>Parenting When Separated</b> 7, 8 & 14 May 2025
<b>Adolescents Programme</b> 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13 June 2025	<b>Healthy Families Programme</b> 19, 20, 26 & 27 November 2025

## 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 week's edition.](#)





**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)**



We love sharing positive stories! If your service has a recent success, inspiring initiative, or uplifting update, why not feature it in our weekly newsletter?

It's a great way to highlight the incredible work you do, celebrate achievements, and connect with the community. Send us your good news, and let's spread some positivity together!

## **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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