



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 19th - 23rd May

National News

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Jobs Board

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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

24th May 2025

National Aistear Conference

3rd June 2025

Annual Early Years Sector Profile
2024/25 closing date extended

27th June 2025

Deadline for AIM applications for
the 2024/25 programme call



Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25

The deadline for the 2024/2025 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey has been *extended* to allow more time for services to complete it. The survey will now close at:
5pm on Tuesday, 03 June.

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

This ensures that the most up to date information is included in the data collected for the survey. For more information and support, please visit [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#).

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](#)).



AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call

The ECCE 2024/25 programme call is closing. Please ensure all AIM applications are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE, as applications submitted after the closure will not be processed.

For children receiving AIM support for the 2024/25 programme year who wish to avail of AIM Non-term over the summer period, please ensure an AIM Non-term application is submitted **before** the programme call closure and outline dates in which AIM Non-term support is required.

Alternatively, if you have already submitted an AIM Non-term application and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.

Please note: A child will not be eligible to avail of AIM Non-term for the summer period if an AIM Standard application has not been submitted prior to the closure of ECCE.

For more information, go to [Better Start / AIM - Service Provider Portal](#)



Core Funding compliance visits 2025

Core Funding 2024/2025 compliance visits for Partner Services will begin in **June 2025**. These unannounced visits will focus on the *Graduate Lead Educator Premium* in relation to the most recent Core Funding Application information.

The purpose of these checks is to ensure that the latest Core Funding Application from Partner Services is current and accurate.

To ensure the compliance checks can be conducted at unannounced inspections, please ensure that the following details are on file and accessible to present to the Visit Officer for review:

- **Staff attendance records** for *each* room, where there is an assigned Graduate Lead Educator and a Graduate Premium being received, must be maintained from the start of the 2024/2025 programme call.

It should also be noted that Partner Services are required to hold staff records, which clearly show the dates worked, attendance start, and end times and hours worked of each staff member.

Attendance of children in receipt of AIM support

For AIM Level 7 Standard, a service provider must adhere to the rules for absence or under-attendance, as set out in the ECCE rules.

In line with these rules, Pobal **must** be informed through a **Prolonged Absence Review** if an AIM child has been absent for a period of **4 or more consecutive weeks**.

The AIM Programme Rules for 2024/25 are available on the Early Years Hive [here](#).

Expression of Interest in Afterschool and Morning Drop Off Crosserlough

St. Mary's NS Crosserlough, with the Parents Association, is seeking an enthusiastic, responsible, and caring individual or organisation to take on the operation of a Morning Drop Off and Afterschool Service based at Crosserlough Old School and St. Marys National School, Crosserlough. Find out more information [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 27th** 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.



Lunch & Learn with ASPIRE

ASPIRE (Advancing Shared Partnerships through Inclusive Relationships in Education), brings children from different backgrounds together to promote peace, reconciliation and inclusivity.

Please find below the Zoom registration details to attend the ASPIRE Lunch n Learn Information Session on **Tuesday, 27th May at 1pm.**

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TSTi4NWnTuaBP_8lqsPs5Q

Register in advance for this meeting:



ASPIRE PRE-SCHOOL PROJECT

A multi-year Shared Education project funded by PEACEPLUS, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

If you are a PSEP funded setting in Northern Ireland or an ECCE funded setting in the Republic of Ireland - **Find out how you can take part!**

Lunch & Learn

Tuesday 27th May
1pm - 1.30pm

Join us online to find out more
For more information:
Contact Karen 0830382256 or Jolene 0838019545

Lifestart and Parenting Cavan

There is an exciting early years event for soon to be parents, parents/ guardians with babies, toddlers in the age range 0-36 months.

The event is taking place in the **Mullagh Hall** in **Mullagh**, on the **19th of June**, taking place between **10am – 12pm**.

Guest speaker for this event is Kathleen Nugent-Early Years Quality Support Specialist, will present to parents , guardians on the newly launched Lifestart programme in Cavan. Please find attached the Lifestart programme poster outline/ outcomes and a referral form.

Following on from presentation is a session with MOO Music and a baby massage session.

Can you please share the poster with parent, guardians that may engage with your service.

Booking is essential, via my email address @ parentingcavan@cld.ie.

Please get in contact with myself if this event is relevant to your service/organisation and you like to attend with an information stand on the day- set up from 9.30am.



PARENTING CAVAN
presents

**A MORNING OF
BABY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING
MOO MUSIC, SENSORY PLAY &
BABY MASSAGE**

Event for soon to be parents
and for parents &
babies 0-36 months

Venue:
**Mullagh
Hall**

Time:
10am- 12pm

Date:
19th of June 2025

Booking essential !
reserve your place by email to:
parentingcavan@cclld.ie

Tea, coffee & light refreshments on arrival

Guest speakers on the day
and a raffle

Parenting Support Champions Project CYPSC

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**There's a Little Library
Bag for every child!**

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library
Book Bag at your local library

My Little Library Bag

Libraries Ireland, Minister for Education, Right to Read, Mairéad Adams, Local Government Ireland, Safefood

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KILLESHANDRA FESTIVAL OF THE LAKES

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY 2025

30 FRI
Lego Masters
LEGO building competition.
Free Entry
6pm - 8pm
Family Focus Resource Centre
(H12 K6D3)

31 SAT
Tractor Day
Kids Tractor Races, Bouncy Castle,
Vintage Tractors, Sausage Sizzle,
Best tractor Competition.
+ Festival Favourites:
The Absurdist Pipe Band
Free Entry
12noon - 3pm
Town Lake (H12 R998)

01 SUN
Run 4 Ríoghán
5km looped run/walk to raise
awareness for Organ Donation.
Refreshments at the Finish line.
Proceeds to Crumlin Childrens
Hospital.
Adult: €15 / U-16: €10 / U-5: Free
11am - 1pm
Town Lake (H12 R998)

02 MON
Fire Fighter Demo
Killeshandra Fire Service
Live Demonstration.
Free Entry
1pm - 3pm
Killeshandra Fire Station (H12 X254)

01 SUN
FLEADH EVENT
Fleadh Concert
With Niall Hanna, Hayden Bros & Seamie O'Dowd
7:00pm
Community Hall, Main Street (H12 C8X2)

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Family Fun Day
Activity Filled day for all the
family - toddlers to teens and
even adventurous adults.
Kids Entertainment, Water
Activities, Food & Drinks
+ Festival Favourites:
The Absurdist Pipe Band
€8.00 Entry per Person over 2 yrs
1pm - 6pm
Town Lake (H12 R998)

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Cill na Seanrátha

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



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

**Regards, Cavan
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