



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

## Weekly Newsletter 26th - 30th 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@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

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**

Annual Early Years Sector  
Profile 2024/25 closing date  
extended

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Deadline for AIM applications  
for the 2024/25 programme  
call

**\*\*\*24<sup>th</sup> September\*\*\***

Childcare Careers Fair Day in  
Hotel Kilmore



# Childcare Careers Fair Day

\*\*\*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 10am – 2.30pm\*\*\*

in the Kilmore Hotel Cavan

Cavan County Childcare Committee is planning to host a Childcare Careers Fair Day on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the Kilmore Hotel, Cavan.

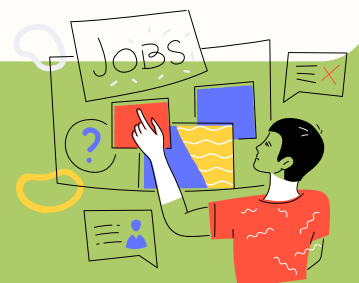
There are several key reasons behind organising this event:

- Ongoing challenges in recruiting new staff within the childcare sector
- Bringing together all organisations involved in the Early Years sector under one roof, including Cavan Monaghan ETB, Cavan Institute, DSP, and others
- Providing an opportunity for students and DSP clients to speak directly with relevant organisations
- Supporting Early Years services in connecting with potential new team members
- Encouraging individuals to consider a career in the Early Years and childcare sector
- Raising awareness and promoting the role of childminders and the childminding sector

We would greatly appreciate your support in hosting a stand on the day.

Please complete this **MS Forms** if you think you can place a stand on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. Even if you can only do the morning/or from 12pm onwards that's fine.

**JOB  
FAIR**



# 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**. [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#).

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](#)).



## 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](#).

## AIM Programme Readiness 2025

AIM Programme readiness 2025 checklist is attached for your convenience.

## 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.

## Nurturing Skills

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) launched the Nurturing Skills website earlier this week.

This is a central hub to find information on how the Government is supporting Early Years Educators, School-Age Childcare Practitioners and Childminders on advancing skills, planning your career and entering the profession <https://www.nurturingskills.ie/>



## 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.**





# Let's Get Ready & Let's Play Ireland

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) have asked to share the following information and resources with parents and families:

Let's get Ready helps to prepare children for pre-school and has lots of useful information on:

- Starting pre-school
- Starting primary school
- Information for families with children of disabilities.
- Information resources.

Let's Play Ireland is an annual government-led campaign designed to remind everyone, young and old, of the fundamental importance of play. It has tonnes of information on:

- Types of Play
- Rainy day ideas
- Messy play ideas
- Family fun ideas and free outdoor and indoor adventures
- Family events throughout the summer



## Let's Play Ireland



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,  
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Oige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth

# Cruinniú na nÓg

[Cavan Cruinnui na nOg Programme 2025.pdf \(size 95.4 KB\)](#)



Cruinniú na nÓg empowers children and young people to develop their creative expression by providing opportunities for them to participate in free creative activities in their local area.

It's Ireland's national day for 'doing', 'making' and 'creating'! This year Cruinniú na nÓg takes place on Saturday 7 June across the country. [Click here to read the full leaflet.](#)

07.06.2025



**Cruinniú na nÓg**  
Cavan 2025  
Programme of Events

**Arva's Creative Celebration**

**Art Workshop** - upcycling & planting  
with Anna Wiercioch

**Arva Library**  
**Thursday 5th June**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**


free - booking essential  
limited spaces


to book call 0494335905 during Arva


Library opening hours  
Tuesday: 12.00pm-2.00pm & 3.00pm-6.30pm  
Thursday: 2.00pm-5.00pm & 6.00pm-8.30pm  
Saturday: 10.00am-1.00pm & 2.00pm-5.00pm


for kids ages 8-13

[cruinniú.gov.ie](http://cruinniú.gov.ie)

 Kildare na Míreann  
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**Creative Cavan**



## Lifestart and Parenting Cavan

There is an 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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Booking is essential, via my email address @ [parentingcavan@cld.ie](mailto:parentingcavan@cld.ie).

Please get in contact with Parenting Cavan 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.

## Parent Workshop: Transitions from Pre-school to Primary School

Attached please see information from the National Parents Council advertising **free** parent workshops taking place **June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** focusing on transitions from pre-school to primary school. Please share with parents in your service



BAILIEBOROUGH URBAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE INITIATIVE				June Activity Schedule
ACTIVITY	Date/Time	Location	Cost/Book	Info
Mens Outdoor Circuits Taster	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 7pm-8pm	Town Lake, Bailieborough	To book email Dean at dmcclroy@cavancoco.ie	Mens Taster Session suitable for all Abilities
Outdoor Circuits For Adults	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10am-11am 6 Week Programme	Castle Lake, Bailieborough	€25 per person Book Online: CSP Website	Circuits for Adults suitable for all Abilities
Teen Paddleboarding	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm-7pm 6 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€20 per teen Book Online: CSP Website	Teen Stand Up Paddleboarding
Adult Paddleboarding	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm-8.15pm 6 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€25 per person Book Online: CSP Website	Adult Stand Up Paddleboarding
Teen Kayaking	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm-7pm 6 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€20 per teen Book Online: CSP Website	Teen Kayaking Suitable for All Abilities
Adult Kayaking	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm-7pm 6 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€25 per person Book Online: CSP Website	Adult Kayaking Suitable for All Abilities
Try a Tri	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 7pm-9.30pm 4 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€20 per person Book Online: www.cavansportpartnership.ie	Try a Triathlon Programme for Adults. Suitable for Beginners
Learn to Cycle	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1pm-2pm 4 Day Camp	Bailieborough Community School, Bailieborough	€15 per child Book Online: CSP Website	Learn to Cycle programme for children Age 5 - 11 years
Forest Camps	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 1 Day Camps	Castle Lake, Bailieborough	€12 per child Book Online: CSP Website	3 Hour Forest camps for children aged 5-12 years

Limited places available and pre registration required for programmes

[www.cavansportpartnership.ie](http://www.cavansportpartnership.ie)

#lakefestcavan

## 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 Ríoghnán**  
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)

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

**FLEADH EVENT**  
Junior Session & Armagh Rhymers  
7:30pm - 8:30pm  
Fleadh Gig Rig, Main Street (H12 D5C9)

**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)

**Killeshandra**  
30th May - 2nd June

**T: 087 900 2567**  
**E: lakefestcavan@gmail.com**  
**eventbrite**

**Killeshandra**  
Cill na Seánrátha

## 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  
County Childcare  
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