



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
30th June -
4th July 2025**

National News

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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

You can see all the up to date
vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

Career Fair Day

Expressions of Interest for
Career Day

11 July 2025:

AIM 2024/2025 closing date
(see below for further
information)

31 July 2025:

QIPP	Report	Template
recommended		completion
date		



Childcare Careers Fair Day

Wednesday 24th September - 10am – 2.30pm

in the Kilmore Hotel Cavan

Cavan County Childcare Committee is planning to host a Childcare Careers Fair Day on Wednesday, 24th 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 24th September. Even if you can only do the morning/or from 12pm onwards that's fine.

**JOB
FAIR**



Equality Diversity & Inclusion Training

This training will introduce the diversity, equality and inclusion charter and guidelines for the Early Years sector. It will focus on providing an inclusive environment and using the anti-bias approach, support given to develop inclusion policy. As part of your ECCE contract (in the AIM appendix 2 Level 1) providers must participate in the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines.

Schedule for the following training:

Saturday 27th September 9.30 – 4pm with lunch included

Tuesday 30th September 6.30 - 9.30 with light refreshments

Tuesday 7th October 6.30 – 9.30 with light refreshments

Please note: Full attendance at all three sessions is required in order to complete the training.

If the training is oversubscribed, priority will be given to services who have not yet completed any DEI training.

Please follow this link to register for all three sessions:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/825024108317?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Always Children First

Saturday, 1st October 2025

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The Always Children First Foundation training raises awareness of Child Protection and Welfare in the Early Years sector. This six-hour session, facilitated by Cavan CCC, helps participants understand safeguarding and reporting concerns.

Prerequisite: Participants must complete the Tusla E-Learning Children First Programme (within the last 12 months) and the Tusla Mandated Persons E-Learning (new from 2024).

Certificates must be sent to CCC before training.

Access training here:

[Children First E-Learning](#)

[Mandated Persons E-Learning](#)

Follow this link to register:

[Saturday, 1st October 2025](#)

[10:00 AM – 4:30 PM](#)

AIM 2024/2025

Ensure all AIM applications including AIM Plus and Non-term are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE 2024/2025 programme call on 11 July 2025.

Any applications in 'Draft' or a 'Referred Back' status will be **deactivated** when the programme call closes.



AIM Plus & Non-term 2025/2026

AIM Level 7 Plus & Non-term applications are available now on the Early Years Hive.

Services are reminded to submit *any* relevant AIM application ***at least three months prior*** to a child's planned start date in ECCE.

Further guidance and 'how-to' videos are available on the Early Years Hive; [AIM Level 7 - Service Provider Portal](#)

NCS Reminder

NCS subsidies can *only* be paid once a CHICK has been *registered* and the parent/guardian has *confirmed* that all details are correct on the NCS parent portal.

Please review any unconfirmed claims for your service and request parental confirmation where necessary.

Transition for Preschool to Primary School Information session for Parents

National Parents Council are offering information sessions for parents to support a smooth transition between pre-school and primary school.

The free online webinars will run during the week of 30 June 2025. Please share the poster attached with relevant parents.



Aistear Síolta Practice Guide

The updated and newly designed Aistear Síolta Practice Guide is now available on the Nurturing Skills website; [Aistear Síolta Practice Guide | Nurturing Skills](#).

This online resource helps educators to use the two early childhood frameworks, **Síolta** and **Aistear** together to develop, reflect on and enhance the quality of their practice with babies, toddlers and young children.

It offers practical suggestions, ideas, and examples to guide educators in using the frameworks to inform and enrich children's learning and development.

Please note that the **Aistear Síolta Practice Guide** is now **only** accessible through the Nurturing Skills website.

To access the Practice Guide, please go to the Resources tab and click on The Aistear Síolta Practice Guide.

Tusla Registration Renewal

All services are encouraged to check Early Years Register or School Age register or your current Tusla certificate to confirm your registration date.

Services are required to complete a registration renewal **every 3 years**, *at least 2 months before the expiry* of the current registration date. Tusla will allow registration renewals up to 6 months in advance.

Due to the change in Garda Vetting procedures, the process may take extra time so make sure you apply for updated Garda Vetting in plenty of time.

You can access details of the new Garda Vetting procedures [here](#). Further information on the registration renewal process can be accessed on the [Tusla early years registration renewal webpage](#).

Attached please find a useful checklist when preparing for your 2025 registration renewal with Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate.





Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership for Not For Profit with TU Dublin (Springboard) 2025

Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership for Not For Profit which has been designed in partnership with Carmichael and TU Dublin.

The programme runs over one-year, from September 2025 to May 2026, fully online through TU Dublin. It is a 30 credit (ECTS) Postgraduate Certificate at Level 9.

Find out more information click [here](#).

Information session (online) June 25th 8.30am.
Register [here](#).

This course is funded under the Springboard+ initiative in 2025. Applications should be made via the [Springboard+ website](#), subject to meeting the [eligibility criteria](#).

For further information, please contact the team at springboard@tudublin.ie.



LOCAL NEWS

FREE!



at Virginia Library

Sat 5 July 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Family Treasure Hunt
Solve riddles and clues to uncover a sweet treat!
Children of all ages - must be accompanied by an adult
No Booking - just come along

Fri 11 July 11.00am - 1.00pm
Discover the Power of Play
Explore, create & imagine with play & activities.
Children of all ages - must be accompanied by an adult
Booking Essential

Thurs 17 July 10.30am-12.30pm
LEGO Spike Workshop
Build and program a Lego robot!
For children 6-12 yrs - must be accompanied by an adult
Booking Essential

Tues 22 July 10.30am-12.30pm
Claymodelling Workshop
Imagine and create a clay character vase.
Suitable for children 7-12yrs
Booking Essential

Storytime
Every Saturday
2.30pm
Suitable for children aged 3-7
but all the family are welcome
No booking - just come along

Boardgame Bonanza
Every Saturday
11.30am - 1.00pm
Family fun with
boardgames & puzzles.
No booking - just come along

LEGO Freeplay
Every Friday
3.30pm - 4.30pm
We provide the LEGO and
kids bring their imagination!
No booking - just come along

24 July & 28 Aug 2.15pm - 5.00pm
Sensory Toy Family Sessions
Book a 30 minute slot for family playtime.
Try out a selection of toys and aids from our Sensory Toy Collection
or the Magic Table Sensory Experience in a quiet, private room.
Booking Essential.

Wed 30 July 10.30am-12.30pm
Painting Workshop
Create a masterpiece with acrylic paint.
Suitable for children 7-10yrs
Booking Essential

Thurs 31 July 2.30pm-3.45pm
Bluey BASH!
We're celebrating Bluey and friends with
Storytime, colouring and craft
No Booking - just come along

Sat 16 Aug 2.30pm
Storytime with Maggi
Celebrating the My Little Library
Book Bag Initiative
No Booking - just come along

Rhyme Time
11.30am - 12.00pm
4th & 18th July
8th & 22 Aug
Suitable for children 0-3 yrs
No booking - just come along

During your visit to
Virginia Library
you can...
Colour a picture
Play LEGO
Explore our Sensory Toys
or escape to
another world
by **READING**
of course!

Join the Summer Stars Reading Challenge

Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries each summer.

Register to get started and receive your Reading Card, Bag & Bookmark.

Suitable for children 5+
Just ask a member of staff
Continues through July and August

A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to all children who complete the programme and everyone will be entered into a free draw for our annual prize!

For information and booking contact

Virginia Library at 049 8548456 or email virginialibrary@cavanoco.ie

Keep up date with news at Virginia Library at

facebook.com/cavanlibrary www.cavanlibrary.ie

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-15 WITH A DISABILITY

THURSDAY 8TH & 9TH AUGUST
COOTEHILL HARPS FC GROUNDS
11AM-1PM

Kids Summer CAMP
21 - 23 July
10a.m. - 1 p.m.
Virginia Show Centre
Art & Craft • Sports
Sign up and register now
086 0766790, Natalia

STEAM SUMMER CAMPS

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BOOST CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS - ALL WHILE HAVING GREAT FUN DISCOVERING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART & MATHS!

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BRING YOUR DESIGNS TO LIFE!
HIGH TECH KIT!

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Boys & Girls entering 1st to 6th class who are curious to explore, invent & make new friends!
The kids who like to be the best at what they do and want to make something out of their ideas!

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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 their summer newsletter.](#)





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**

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK!!

Q: WHAT DO YOU CALL A CAN OPENER THAT DOESN'T WORK?

A: A CAN'T OPENER...



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
County Childcare
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