



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 3rd- 6th June

National News

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Local News

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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

4 June 2025:

Nurturing skills student portal opens

6 June 2025:

Programme readiness guidance available for ECCE, CCSP and NCS

9 June 2025:

Programme readiness guidance available for Core Funding.

25 June 2025:

Closing date for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)

11 July 2025:

ECCE 2024/25 programme call closes (see below for AIM application information).

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**



NSLF funding for the academic year 2025/2026

The Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) Student Portal opened on **4 June 2025** for students to confirm their eligibility and intention to continue their chosen course.

Confirmation is required to be eligible for NSLF funding for the academic year 2025/2026. Please advise your staff to contact NSLF@pobal.ie if they have any queries.



Nurturing Skills

A new 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/>

AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call

To ensure that children can avail of AIM non-term support over the summer period, AIM non-term applications **must** be submitted **before** the ECCE 2024/25 programme call ends on **11 July 2025**.

Applications made after the closure will not be processed.

Non-term applications must outline the dates for the support. If you have already submitted an application without dates, submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.



Better Start Quality Development Information Webinar

June 12th from 2.30pm – 3.30pm (online)

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

Register here: [Training & Events Archive - Better Start](#)

Programme Readiness Training

Pobal are hosting a programme readiness information session. The session will include programme readiness changes for 2025/26, fee table, parent statement, resources and Q&As.

Please note each session will cover the same training content. To register, please see below links.

Programme readiness training: **9th June @ 10.30am**

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2f873c6a-7881-4bef-bb28-7b6ba5ec7ef5@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Programme readiness training: **10th June @ 2.30pm**

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/5eae9197-aae5-4892-92fa-695ab19aae78@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>





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 Leanai, 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.](#)

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Cruinniú na nÓg
Cavan 2025
Programme of Events

 CreativeIreland @creativeireland X creativeirl creativeireland Creative Ireland

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 & 3.00pm-5.00pm

for kids ages
8-13

cruinniú.gov.ie



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 **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.

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.

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.



LOCAL NEWS



BAILIEBOROUGH URBAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE INITIATIVE June Activity Schedule

ACTIVITY	Date/Time	Location	Cost/Book	Info
Mens Outdoor Circuits Taster	Monday 9 th 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 th 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 th June 6pm-7pm 6 Week Programme	Town Lake, Bailieborough	€20 per teen Book Online: CSP Website	Teen Stand Up Paddleboarding
Adult Paddleboarding	Tuesday 17 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th June - Thursday 3 rd 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 th June and Sunday 29 th 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



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
County Childcare
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