



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 5th - 8th August 2025

National News

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national news this week!](#)

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

Career Fair Day

Expressions of Interest for
Career Day

01 – 31 August:

Core Funding Review &
Confirm

11 August 2025:

CCSP program commences

30 September:

QIPP Report final deadline

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**



Core Funding August Review & Confirm

To ensure your Core Funding payments can commence at the start of the programme year, you are required to submit the August Review & Confirm ***before August 31st***.

Your base rate will be capped at the approved August Review & Confirm base rate value. It is *vital* that you review the grant values on the Summary Funding page and make sure all information is accurate before you submit the August Review & Confirm.

More details are available in the Announcement section of HIVE.

CCSP

The programme commences **11 August 2025** and runs until **7 August 2026**. Please note the pre-registration form *must be retained* for the 2025/26 programme year for compliance.

You can find further information on [CCSP here](#).

Staff Funding Additional Contribution

This new funding allocation will be released if and when the new Employment Regulation Orders (ERO) are agreed or on 1 September 2025, whichever is later.

In preparation for this, Partner Services are asked to have the application information up to date for the 2025/26 Core Funding programme year and ensure the most recent Core Funding application is at an 'Approved' Status. Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.

NCS 2025/26 Funding Agreement

The new National Childcare Scheme (NCS) year begins on 18 August 2025.

You must activate the NCS 2025/2026 funding agreement before the current agreement ends to ensure ongoing participation, as claims on NCS CHICKs will be registered across both programme years.

Funding cannot be backdated, so please submit this application promptly. For further guidelines, visit [Early Years Hive](#).

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

The final deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is **Tuesday 30th September 2025**. Services who have not yet submitted their report can so do so via www.cfcrrs.ie. A guidance video is available [here](#).

Preschool to Primary School Transition training for parents

National Parents Council is offering free online training for parents on the topic of helping children transition from Pre-school to Primary School. Please see flyer attached.



NPC
SUPPORTING PARENTS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN

NPC
Early Years

Pre School to Primary School

Free Online Training for Parents
Helping your child transition from Pre-School to Primary School

Upcoming Dates

- Monday 11th August – 12pm
- Monday 11th August – 7-30pm
- Thursday 14th August – 12pm

Registration Now



What the session covers:

- Building independence and confidence
- Creating smooth morning routines
- Encouraging friendships
- Communication between home and school
- Supporting emotions and resilience





Updated Garda Vetting

There is a **new** Garda Vetting process in place for ELC/SAC services since **1st February 2025**, and *it can take over 2 months to complete.*

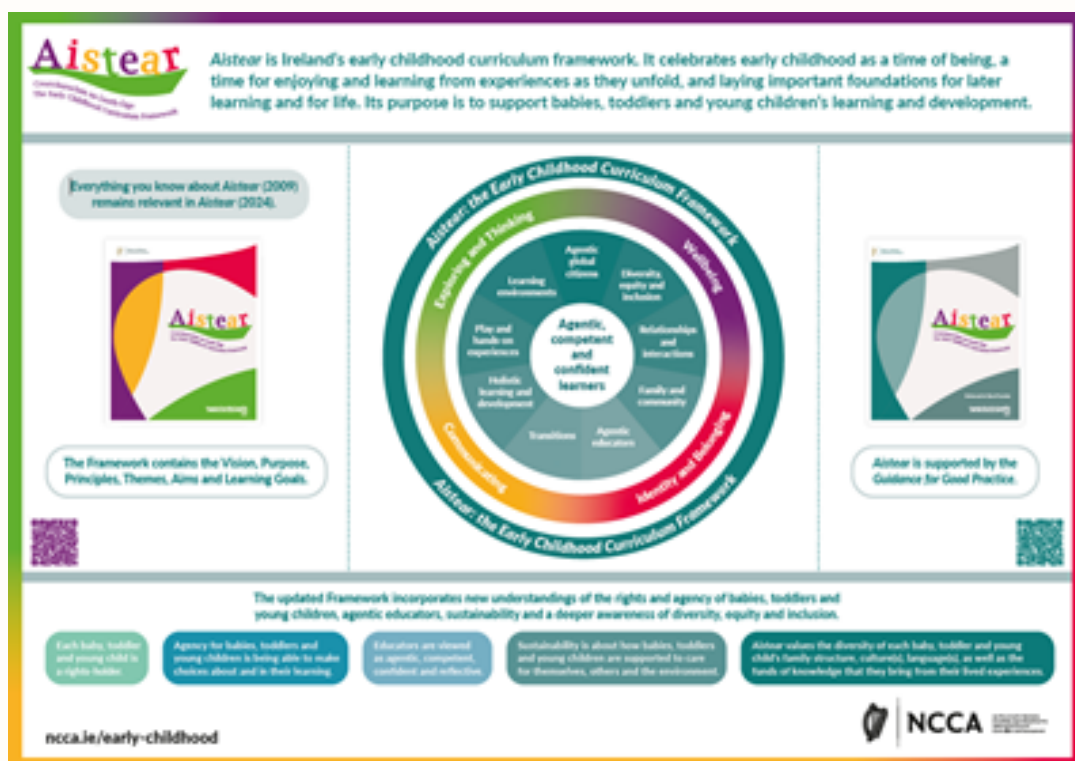
The following now applies:

- TUSLA manage Garda Vetting services for registered providers, including childminders, as well as Chairpersons of Boards of Management (where they are the registered provider) and board members who have access to children. Further information is available [here](#).
- Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) manage Garda Vetting services for all employees in ELC and SAC services. For more information, go to the [ECI website](#).
- Barnardos no longer provide vetting services.

New Aistear Poster for Early Learning & Care Settings!

We're excited to announce a new poster designed especially for Early Learning & Care settings on Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework.

The poster is available in Cavan CCC offices.



All of the original graphics featured in the Framework and the Guidance for Good Practice are now available as individual posters! These can be downloaded and printed to support your setting's learning environment. You can access the posters [here](#).



Order Packs for Beep Beep Day



National Beep Beep Day 2025 will take place on **Friday, 10 October**, during Irish Road Safety Week.

In *early September*, the online ordering facility will be open through www.rsa.ie. It is important that childcare providers place their orders for RSA Beep Beep Day packs *without delay* to have them in time for National Beep Beep Day.

Preschools can order high visibility vests this year as well as Simon and Friends booklets and posters all of which are invaluable when practicing basic road safety skills with the children.

If you have a larger service you can try and order [here](#) as numbers are limited and different sizes may be out of stock.



Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every three years. The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the Early Years Register or the School Age Register.

Please note the following key points:

- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- Reregistration can be completed up to 6 months in advance of your expiry date.
- The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register, and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service. Additional information on re-registration can be found [here](#).

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>

Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Each childcare provider is encouraged to host a *More Precious Than Gold* playday at their facility to raise funds and awareness for kids affected by cancer.

Childhood Cancer Ireland will provide creches with all the necessary materials related to gold: gold scavenger hunt ideas, gold sensory play guide, and many more.

It's the perfect time to sprinkle some magic and turn playtime into vital support while boosting sensory integration, colour recognition, tracking & tracing skills, and emotional intelligence.

They'll send you:

- ✦✦ Printable gold-themed colouring templates
- ✦✦ Glitter-paint sensory guide
- ✦✦ Treasure-hunt ideas to help children search for "gold" coins
- ✦✦ Gold Glitter & Face Makeup Ideas – for an extra touch of sparkle!

How to sparkle:

Pick any day (or the whole week) from **22 – 26 Sept 2025**.

Encourage children to wear yellow.

Ask families for a "gold coin" donation.

To register please click [here](#).



Health & Safety Workshop

Cavan CCC has collaborated with the Cavan Enterprise Offices to offer **Health and Safety Training** to support you/your team and/or board in developing a *Safety Statement* and carrying out a *Risk Assessment* for **Wednesday 22nd October @ 2.30 - 5pm** in the Cavan Innovation & Technology Centre, H12 R6D6.

The course will focus on:

- Drafting of a Safety Statement and carrying out Risk Assessment.
- Interactive workshops on risk assessment.

Participants will leave with a clear knowledge of their legal duties, the legal contents of a safety-statement and how to draft one and the confidence to carry out and document robust risk assessments.

This is a FREE Training event and it is open to potential, new and existing Early Learning & Care and School Age Childcare Services.

For more information and to book please click [here](#)

LOCAL NEWS

FREE!
Summer Stars
Right to Read
Libraries Ireland
www.summerstars.ie
www.cavanlibrary.ie

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

Play a boardgame

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

COMMUNITY COLOUR RUN
SAT, 16TH AUGUST
START 11.00AM
TULLACHONGAN RESOURCE CENTRE
OPEN TO ALL AGES
REGISTRATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY FROM 6-8PM IN TULLACHONGAN RESOURCE CENTRE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
LET'S BRING SOME COLOUR AND FUN INTO YOUR COMMUNITY
Tel: Sharon / 086 7791685

NATIONAL HERITAGE DAY
AT GALLONRAY HOUSE MAUDABAWN H16 X409
CELEBRATE IRELAND'S CULTURAL, BUILT AND NATURAL HERITAGE
AUGUST 24TH
KIDS CORNER
AUTO JUMBLE 11AM
TRACTOR & VINTAGE CAR RUN 1PM
HERITAGE WALK 1:30PM
VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA 2-4PM
LIVE IRISH MUSIC 3-4PM
WOOL SPINNING WITH SEAMUS KIRWAN
WEAVING TRADITIONAL SÚGAN CHAIR SEAT WITH DAMIAN SPAIN
Refreshments Available
Bring your family and join us for a day full of heritage, history, and unforgettable memories!

Cavan Tidy Towns Appreciation Day
Saturday 23rd August @ 11am
Cavan Tidy Towns invites you to our appreciation day. Thank you for all your hard work.
Venue: Green Lough Eco Park
Family Fun Day
Face Painting
Nature Trail
Kids Activities
Food and Refreshments
Free Tidy Towns Pads

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 weeks 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 kind of shoes do frogs wear?

A: Open Toad sandals...



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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