



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
14th - 18th
July 2025**

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

Career Fair Day

Expressions of Interest for
Career Day

22 July 2025:

AIM Level 1 applications open

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 Level Plus and Non-term applications

Please note, additional information is now required when submitting an AIM Level 7 Plus and/or Non-term application for the 2025/2026 programme call.

New questions have been added under the 'Session ratio questions' section. See the [AIM Hive Guides](#) for support.

AIM Level 1

Applications for existing graduates will open on the **22 July** for AIM Level 1. Guidelines on how to submit an application can be found [here](#).

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 deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is **Thursday 31 July 2025** on www.cfcrrs.ie.

A guidance video can be found [here](#).



Late-evening and weekend school-age childcare

Under the 2025/2026 Funding Agreement, school-age childcare provided after 7pm on working days and weekend school-age childcare **will no longer qualify for NCS subsidies**.

Exceptions may be granted at the Department's discretion. Providers should contact their local CCC for details.

Tusla Registration and NCS subsidies

A child within a service transitioning from ECCE to Junior Infants, will **not** be regarded as a School-Aged child *until they have commenced school*.

When registering a child, there will be an automatic system check to ensure that you hold the relevant Tusla certification for the child's education stage: early years and/or school-age childcare.



Weather Guidance

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate has issued comprehensive guidance for early years services to ensure children are kept safe and comfortable both indoors and outdoors in all weathers. The document is available [here](#).

Be Summer Ready information is also available for schools, early learning and childcare, and the workplace [here](#).



Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2025

Applications for the Learner Fund Graduate Bursary and the Learner Fund Childminder Bursary will be accepted from 15 September 2025 to 17 October 2025.

More details are available [here](#).



Tusla Registration Renewal

All service providers are encouraged to check the Early Years register or the School Age register, and to confirm their re-registration date.

Please note the following key points:

- Re-registration can be completed up to *6 months* in advance of your expiry date.
- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- Please be mindful of recent changes to **Garda Vetting Procedures** and ensure you have adequate time.

Failure to re-register 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](#).





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.

Nurturing Skills website

The Nurturing Skills Website is your go-to place for exploring how the Government is supporting your profession, discovering ways to grow your skills, planning your career path, and finding out how to get started in the field.

- **Career Development:** Tools and guidance to support professionals in setting goals, advancing careers, and accessing funding.
- **Recognised Qualifications:** Information on accredited qualifications designed for childcare and early years practitioners
- **Learning Hub & Resources:** A rich library of online modules, webinar recordings, practical guides (e.g., nutrition, wellbeing, inclusive practice), and video resources to support continuous professional development





Survey for Services supporting Ukrainian Families

Early Learning and Care (ELC) services across Ireland are invited to take part in a short survey exploring experiences in supporting Ukrainian families displaced by conflict.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access the survey here:

www.research.net/r/ELC25





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.





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.



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 7-12 yrs
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

For information and booking contact
Virginia Library at 049 8548456 or email virginialibrary@cavanoco.ie

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!

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AUG 5TH-23RD
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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 this weeks newsletter.](#)





Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



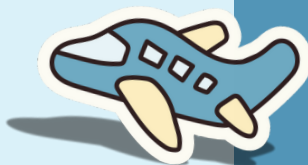
**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK!!

I'm starting a plane company for bald people...

What are you calling it?

Receding Airlines...



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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