



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 21st - 25th July 2025

National 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

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, 11th 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, 11th October 2025](#)

[10:00 AM – 4:30 PM](#)

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

Recommended completion date for the QIPP end of year report is **Thursday, 31 July 2025**. Please submit the report to www.cfcrrs.ie.

A guidance video is available [here](#).

AIM Level 1

Applications for existing graduates for AIM Level 1 is now open. Guidelines on submitting an application can be accessed [here](#). Applications received by **5pm on Thursday 23 October 2025** will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2025/2026 programme.

Applications received after this date will **not** be backdated. New graduates (i.e. graduating in October 2025) can apply when final exam results have been notified by Mary Immaculate College (expected September 2025).

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**.

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.

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.*

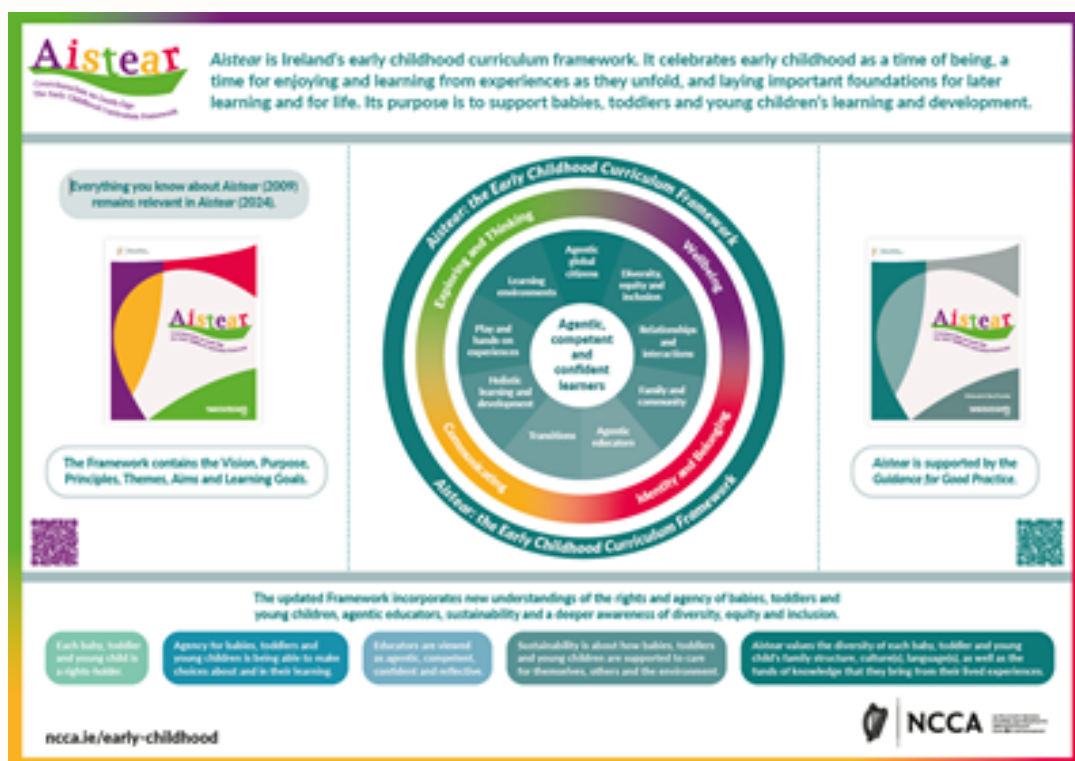
The following now applies:

- 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.

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](#).

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

at Virginia Library

Right to Read

Libraries Ireland

www.summerstars.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

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

FAMILY DAY OUT
TRIP TO THE DUBLIN ZOO

Thursday 14th August 2025

Exact departure time will be confirmed closer to the date.
 Departing from Focus Family Resource Centre

Get ready for a wild day of fun,
 adventure, and family bonding at the
 zoo! Come explore the animal kingdom
 with us - lions, monkeys, elephants
 and more!

Ticket Prices:
 Adults - €18
 Children (ages 3-16) - €14
 Under 3 - FREE (with a paying adult)
 ✓ Perfect for the whole family
 ✓ Hassle-free travel
 ✓ Great memories guaranteed!

To book your place, please contact
 reception 049 436 4065

Spaces are limited - don't miss out on this
 exciting summer adventure!

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- MIND BLOWING EXPERIMENTS!
- BRING YOUR DESIGNS TO LIFE!
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 1st to 6th class who are
 curious to explore, invent
 & make new friends!

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JUN 30TH-JUL 25TH
AUG 5TH-23RD
8:30AM - 6PM

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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 told the nurse I was bitten by a wolf...

"Where?" she asked

No, regular...



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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