



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 25th - 29th August 2025

National News

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national news this week!](#)

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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

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**





NCS Sponsor Claims

NCS sponsor applications will be unable to be submitted from **5.30pm Friday 29 August** until **9.30am Sunday 31 August 2025** due to Department of Social Protection essential maintenance.


Core Funding August Review & Confirm



To ensure that Core Funding payments commence at the start of the 2025/2026 programme year, you are required to submit the August Review & Confirm before **31 August**.

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 The Hive.



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 Core Funding application information up to date for the 25/26 programme year and ensure it is at an 'Approved' Status.

Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

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



Bia Blasta

The Department for Children, Disability and Equality announced the launch of Bia Blasta (Delicious Food), the pre-school nutrition programme to provide daily lunches for pre-school children in disadvantaged areas.

The full press release can be found [HERE](#).

Bia Blasta is being provided to all Equal Start Tier 1 and Tier 2 designated services that provide ECCE, and to other ECCE sessional services with the highest concentrations of disadvantage, as identified by the Equal Start Identification Model.

ECCE Programme services that have not been invited by email to participate in Bia Blasta, cannot apply to participate, at this time.



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](#).



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.

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.

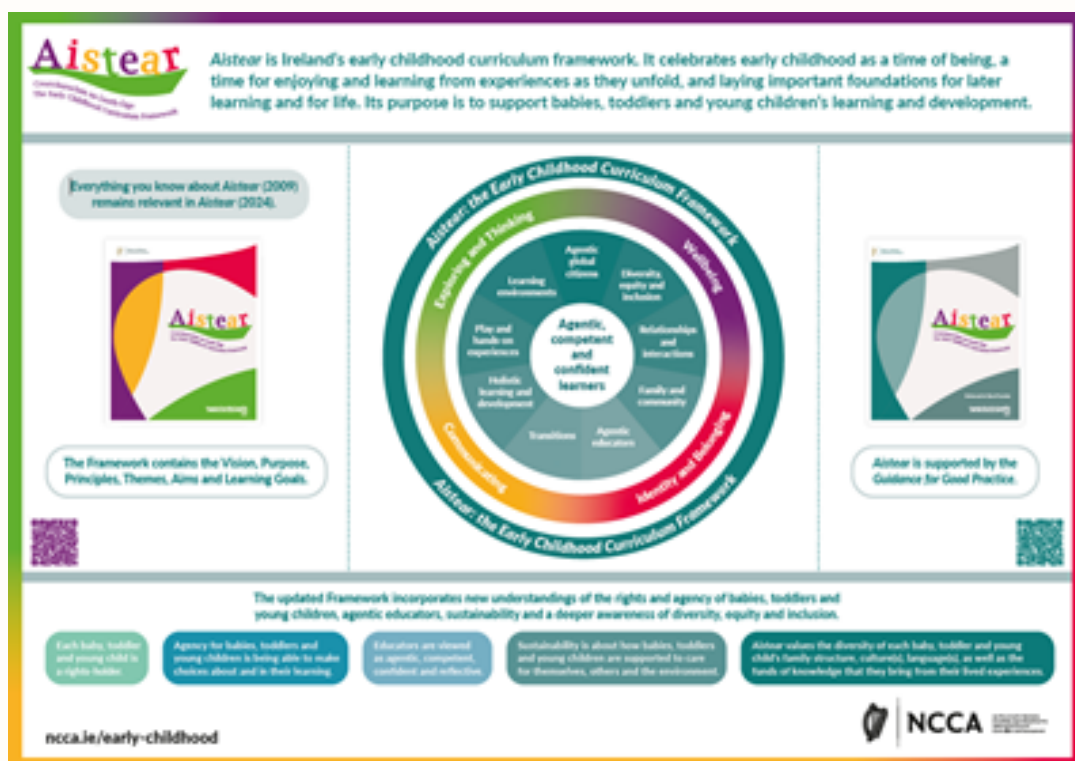
Ask families for a "gold coin" donation.

To register please click [here](#).

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.



 **REGISTER NOW**

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>



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](#)



SPACES AVAILABLE

BALLYCONNELL LIBRARY KIDS BOOK CLUB

Age Category: 9 - 11yrs

Meet every 6 weeks on Wednesdays at 7pm

To register your child please let Helen know at the desk or call 049 952 6844

Logos: Ballyconnell Library, Libraries Ireland, Cavan Community Centre

Unmasking Nature - Sensory Walk - 10th September 2025

To book your place at the 'Unmasking Nature' Sensory Walk at Cavan Burren Park please fill in the form below.

'Unmasking Nature' is a creative project that brings together neurodivergent communities, environmental awareness, and the healing potential of the natural world.

'Unmasking Nature' explores how neurodivergent people connect with nature through stimulating and sensory experiences. We invite participants to explore the more-than-human world—including plants and animals—through an inclusive, neurodivergent lens.

In this event, you will explore the Cavan Burren Park through a guided walk, stopping off at 'deep dive' points to experience our project artist's creative responses to the landscape and its sensory delights.

Please arrive at the Cavan Burren Park by 5.30pm.
There will be a short reception and remarks in the Interpretive Centre at 6:00pm.

September in Teach Oscail

Monday

Family Support Drop in Clinic 10am-12 noon
Men's Social Group 2-4pm (Fortnightly)
Family Addiction Support Network (FASN) 7-9:30pm

Tuesday

CAPS 10-11:30am (Once a Month)
Baby & Toddler Group - 10-11:30am
Wonder Womens Group - 2-4pm (Fortnightly)
Narcotics Anonymous Group 7-8pm
Movie Review Group - 7-8:30pm (Fortnightly)

Thursday

Crochet Group -10-11am

Belturbet Kids Book Club

SPACES AVAILABLE!!

First Thursday of every month
Age 9-11

- Fun Quizzes
- Mini Reviews

FREE - Booking essential!

Right to Read at your library cavan
Libraries Ireland
Ph: (049) 952 2683
cmaguire@cavancoco.ie

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 do you call this colour? ➡



A: Black to the Fuschia..

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:
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Regards, Cavan
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