



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 1st - 5th September

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

30 September:

QIPP Report final deadline



Childcare Careers Fair Day

Cavan County Childcare Committee is hosting a Childcare Careers Fair to connect students, job seekers, and childcare professionals.

Wednesday, 24th September 2025, from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the Kilmore Hotel, Cavan.

Who will attend:

- **Students from Cavan Institute, seeking work placements for the year**
- **Students from CMETB**
- **DSP clients exploring career opportunities**

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) will provide an overview of programmes available to childcare practitioners before the event.

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.



Retention of Pre-registration forms

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) have confirmed this week that the retention of this form is no longer a requirement for compliance purposes.

Online Parent Statement

An issue has been identified when printing the 2025/2026 Parent Statement for Partner Services, impacting the Fee Table information from a non-ECCE only Fee Table.

This issue is under review, while we work on fixing the issue, please do not print the full Parent Statement.

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.



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.

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](#).



NCS Compliance Webinar

You are invited to attend an information session on **NCS Compliance 2025/2026**.

The information session has been scheduled for the following dates via Microsoft Teams Webinar:

- Session 1: Monday 15 September 2025 at 2:30pm to 3:30pm
- Session 2: Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 10:30am to 11:30am
- Session 3: Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Please register in advance for the session that suits you best using the registration links above.

In this information session we will cover the following:

- What is a compliance inspection.
- Preparing for a compliance inspection.
- What's new for 2025/2026 programme call.
- The inspection process including the checks conducted, compliance report and rectification actions.

Each session will cover the same material.

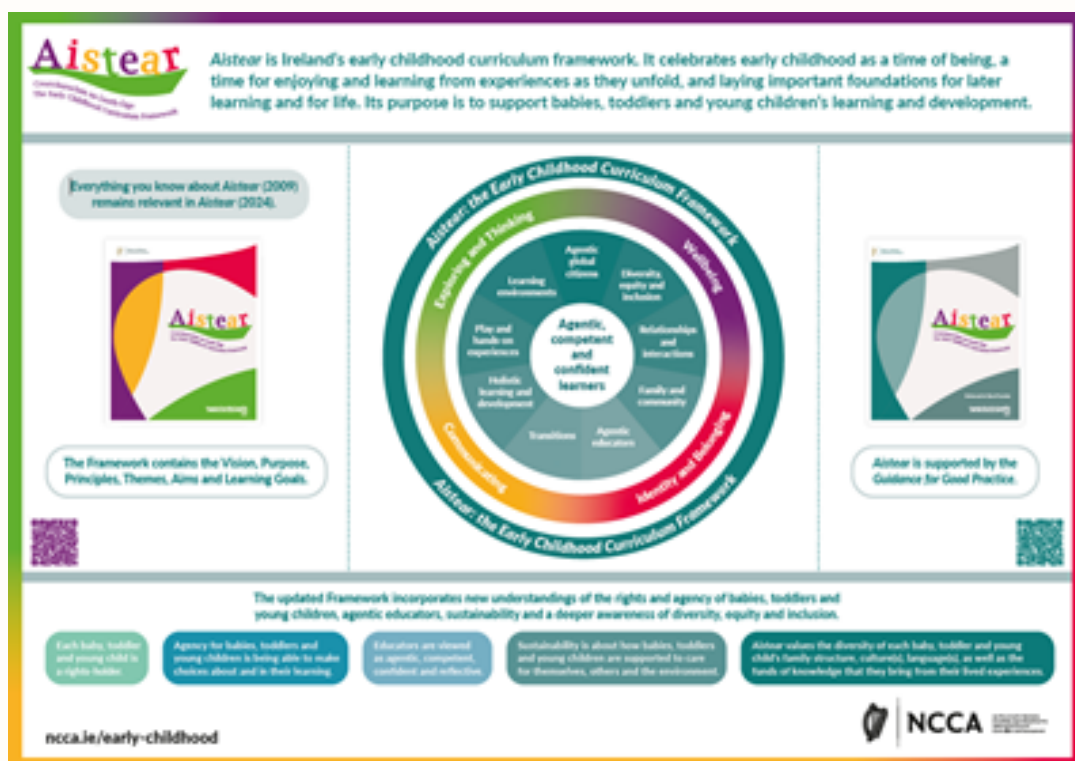
We kindly ask that questions asked on the day are kept to the topic being covered.

Please note: The use of AI-based notetaking or recording tools is not permitted. This helps ensure we remain compliant with GDPR and uphold data privacy standards.

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](#).

Always Children First

Children
First



Thursday, 02nd and 09th October 2025



6.30PM – 9:30 PM

Limited places available!

This is a six hour programme - this programme is facilitated by trainers from Cavan CCC.

A prerequisite of attending this training is that participants have completed the Tusla E-Learning Children First Programme (within the last 12 months) and the Tusla Mandated Persons E-learning. (*The Mandated Person e-learning is a new requirement from 2024*).

The E-Learning Children First Programme can be accessed [here](#)

Mandated Persons e-learning may be accessed [here](#):

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/always-children-first-foundation-level-training-tickets-1668416682209?aff=oddttdtcreator>

**NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &
Childcare Services



 **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>

!!! PLACES ARE LIMITED !!!



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](#)

Positive Interactions with Children Webinar



Leitrim County Childcare Committee are holding a free webinar on 18th September 2025 at 7pm.

This webinar is designed to show you how to move from using negative commands to using positive language. This helps the children make better choices and it boosts their self esteem. This session is ideal for anyone working with children, aiming to enhance their interactions & overall learning experience.

Course Content:

- Explore different techniques that promote positive behaviour in children.
- Develop strategies to handle challenging behaviour
- Understand key elements of positive interactions such as active listening and empathy

If interested in any of this please contact:
nicola@leitrimchildcare.ie



LOCAL



MULLAGH FAIR DAY

SEPT 14TH
12PM TO 6PM

TRUCK PULLING
ATTEMPT

IRISH DANCE
DISPLAY

STORY
TELLING

STRENGTH
AND
ENDURANCE
TESTING

FOOD
STALLS

TRADITIONAL
IRISH MUSIC

WORLD CHAMPION
ACCORA ORCHESTRA

THRESHING
DISPLAY

WILD BIRD
DISPLAY

Belturbet Kids Book Club

SPACES
AVAILABLE!!

First Thursday of every month

Age 9-11



• Fun Quizzes

• Mini Reviews

FREE - Booking essential!



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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

Skills for Life

FREE

Online Know-How: Be Informed, Be Secure

A practical talk by Ceinwen Fergus
Regional Literacy Coordinator for Cavan Monaghan

Johnston Central Library

Thursday 11 Sept at 11.00am

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for Life



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The Skills for Life programme is supported under the Domestic Accounts Action Plan



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.](#)



Clickable
pics



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 a sheep that can sing?

A: Lady Ba-Ba...



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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