



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

# Weekly Newsletter 8th - 12th September

## National News

[Click here to read all the  
national news this week!](#)

## Local News

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local news this week!](#)

## Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to

[mary@cavanccc.ie](mailto: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

### 15 September

The Learner Fund Bursary  
for Graduates and  
Childminders

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> September. Even if you can only do the morning/or from 12pm onwards that's fine.



# The Learner Fund Bursary for Graduates and Childminders



The Learner Fund Bursary will open for applications for Graduates and Childminders on **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. This year, changes to eligibility and selection criteria of the Learner Fund Bursary will be introduced to align the scheme rules with those of the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF).

The Learner Fund Bursary amount for 2025 will remain set at €1000 however where the demand for Learner Fund exceeds funding allocations successful applicants will be selected based on the new eligibility and selections criteria. The rules have been amended to reflect an alignment with the NSLF scheme in relation to the eligibility criteria (and the selection criteria in case of excess demand).

For more information, including the rules for the above schemes, please visit the following page on the new Nurturing Skills website: [Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2025 | Nurturing Skills](#).

For an application form please contact Cavan CCC.

## 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](http://www.cfcrrs.ie). A guidance video is available [here](#).

## Online Parent Statement

An issue was 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 now rectified so services can print the full Parent Statement.

## Minister Foley launches public consultation on the regulation of school-age childcare

The Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, **Norma Foley - TD** has today announced the launch of a public consultation on legislation and regulations governing school-age childcare.

Read the full press release here:

<https://brnw.ch/21wVHnF>

## Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 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.
- 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Staff Funding Additional Contribution

This new funding allocation will be released if and when the new Employment Regulation Orders (ERO) are agreed. Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.





# NCS Compliance Webinar

Pobal are undertaking NCS Compliance sessions covering 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.

Please register in advance for the session using the link. Each session will cover the same material.

- 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



 **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:nicola@leitrimchildcare.ie)



# LOCAL NEWS



**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**

## 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

**Culture Night Cavan town**  
**TOWNHALL STREETFEST**  
**FREE**

**CIRCUS**  
**DANCE**  
**ART**  
**MUSIC**

Friday 19 September  
3:00 - 7:30PM  
Family Event  
Townhall St. - Market Sq.

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Cavan Arts  
Cavan Public Participation Network

**THE CHANGING LIVES INITIATIVE**  
FLOURISH & THRIVE

**Thinking outside the box**  
How Different Brains Learn & Grow

**Free Workshop For Parents and Caregivers**

Raising a child who learns differently brings both joys and challenges. This workshop helps parents understand how children's brains grow and adapt, with simple strategies to support learning at home.

Whether your child has a diagnosis, is waiting, or you're just beginning to wonder, this session offers knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies you can use straight away.

**In this workshop you can expect:**

- ✓ Parent-friendly information on how children's brains learn
- ✓ Everyday strategies to support your child
- ✓ A focus on strengths as well as challenges

**Event Details:**

25TH SEPTEMBER 2025  
10:30AM - 12:00PM  
Johnston Central Library  
Farnham Street H12  
A311 Cavan

**SCAN HERE**

A project supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).  
Delivered by Archways as part of The Changing Lives Initiative: Flourish & Thrive

## 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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

### **BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK!!**

Q: What does a baby computer call its father?

A: Data...



### **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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)

Regards, Cavan  
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