



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 12th to 16th January 2026

National News

Click here to read all the
national news this week!

Local News

Click here to read all the
local news this week!

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/](https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/)



Deadlines and Important Dates

Still taking applications for
EAP Programme

20th February @5pm

Parent & Toddler Grant
Deadline



Employee Assistance Program

Cavan CCC are delighted to pilot an Employee Assistance Program, to support the wellbeing and welfare of staff teams working in the ELC & SAC sector in Co. Cavan.

At a minimal cost per service, this programme will cover the period of 2026. Services who would like to avail of this benefit for their employees, can click the link below to express their interest. We will be in touch after that with further details.

Expressions of Interest in participating from service providers only:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UiLE71ckxM>

Parent and Toddler Grants 2026

Minister Norma Foley has announced the launch of applications for €350,000 in Parent and Toddler Group Grants.

This funding will assist groups in providing toys, books, activities, and courses for parents, while promoting inclusion for families of all backgrounds.

Contact us for an application admin@cavanccc.ie or give us a call on 049 4365856

For more information, read the full press release [here](#):

My Future Funds Pension Scheme

Auto-enrolment for the My Future Funds pension scheme commenced on **1 January 2026**. A recording of the EY My Future Funds webinar for the ELC and SAC sector is available [here](#).

Core Funding Year 4 (2025/26) Financial Management Tool

The Financial Management Tool Year 4 (2025/2026) is now available on the Hive under Resources - Core Funding Documents and can be found [here](#).

Tusla Dedicated Contact Points

The Dedicated Contact Points (DCP) have changed to reflect new structures and networks within Tusla. Some old DCP numbers may remain in use until all changes have been finalised. The DCP's for Cavan are:

Hampton Court, Cootehill Road 049 436 9800
Cavan. H12 YY84

The full contact details for DCP's at county level can be found [here](#).

Aim Level 1 2025

It is still possible for services with new and existing Graduates of LINC to submit your AIM Level 1 application.

As AIM Level 1 is an annual application, all services who currently have a qualified LINC Graduate as an Inclusion Coordinator and have not submitted an AIM Level 1 2025 application are encouraged to apply for the 2025/2026 programme call.

AIM level 1 funding will commence from the Monday following approval of your application. Applications must be submitted via the Early Years HIVE portal. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](#).

New action plans for the Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Sector

Two new action plans for the early learning and care and school-age childcare sector have been published by Minister Foley.

The 'Shaping the Future: Early Years Action Plan' commits to actions in 2026 to make services more affordable, accessible and improve quality.

The 'Simplify and Support: Action Plan for Simplification' will streamline administration and regulation, helping providers, educators, practitioners and parents navigate the system more easily.

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](#).

Tusla update

Tusla have updated Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector on their website. The documents can be access from Early Years Provider Resources page or directly on the new Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector page.

There is an updated and revised A Practical Guide to Developing Policies, Procedures and Statements in Early Years Services

Tusla have advised that:

- Anyone making a *new application* should consult the updated documentation before they make their application to register and ensure their policies align with this guidance.
- There is no expectation for existing services to redevelop policies immediately- services may decide to gradually review and update each policy over time or to make a plan to review and update all when they are considering their policies on next annual review.
- Existing registered providers should familiarise themselves with guidance notes as they look and read differently, even if same core requirements as per the Quality & Regulatory Framework.

LOCAL

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KILLESHANDRA TRADFEST 2026

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THURS 29th JANUARY - MON 2nd FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 29th

Trad Session with Killeshandra CCE & friends The Lough Bawn: 9pm

FRIDAY 30th

Session Trail in all pubs

Hillside Tavern: Curran family
The Lough Bawn: Tiarnán Kellegher & friends
The Shamrock Bar: McGovern Family
Kelly's Bar: Ruairi Griffin & friends

SATURDAY 31st

Tiam: Tradfest Workshops

Venue: Killeshandra Community Hall
Fiddle: Mairéad Mitchell. Flute: Ellen O'Brien.
Banjo: Stephen McKee. Accordion: Gary Curley.
Concertina: Claran Hanna. Bodhrán: Daire Smith.
Song Singing: Niall Hanna.

1pm: Come & try all instruments

Venue: Killeshandra Community Hall

2pm: "The Big School Session"

Venue: Killeshandra Community Hall

3pm: TEENAGE SESSION

Venue: Killeshandra Community Hall

6pm: Junior Tradfest Concert Doors 5.30pm

Featuring The Big Band & Cullcagh Ensemble

+ Local young musicians & fleadh medal winners.

Venue: Killeshandra Community Hall

Session Trail in all pubs

Hillside Tavern: Ellen O'Brien & Friends The Lough Bawn: Niall Hanna & Friends The Shamrock Bar: Gary Curley and Friends Kelly's Bar: Aaron Glancy & Friends.

SUNDAY 1st

11.15am Tradfest Mass St. Brigid's Church

12 noon: "Session Tunes" workshop with Dave Sheridan

1pm: Mórshúil Fhéile Bhride (St. Brigid's Festival Procession)

Assemble at Lakeland Dairies Canteen car park. Followed by refreshments and Séan Níos dancing in Arthur Martin Hall.

7pm: Tradfest Concert Doors Open 6.30pm

Featuring Gary Curley & Stephen McKee, Niall Hanna,

Lauren O'Neill, Aaron Glancy & Meabh Connolly.

Session trail: open sessions, all musicians welcome.

MONDAY 2nd

12pm: Lunchtime recital with Ellen O'Brien & friends

Venue: Fika33



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Parenting When Separated Parent Plus

A free online programme for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

Topics include: Helping your children cope with the separation, the impact of separation on children and dealing with challenges. Personal coping and stress management, communicating with your child's other parent.

Date: 3rd February-10th March 2026 (Once a week for 6 weeks)

Time: 7pm-9pm (Tuesday evenings)

Venue: Online via Zoom

Reserve your place, visit www.parentingcavan.ie scroll down and click on programmes and send an enquiry form.

Email parentingcavan@ccld.ie or contact Joanne on 0877529948.

ParentsPlus

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A trading name for
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CYPSC
Cavan Youth Partnership
Cavan

Child and Family
Support Network

COOTEHILL YOUTH CITIZENSHIP PROJECT
is supporting the Barnardos gift appeal!

Charity Fundraising



Your contribution, no matter how small, has the potential to make a big difference.

You can drop your unwanted gifts into our Foróige office in Cootehill!

Barnardos
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AINE: (086) 8311 390
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Join us for a nostalgic trip back to the 1980s!



Reminiscence Time

Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Johnston Central Library, Cavan Town

Don't miss out!

Bring your favourite throwback items!

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**



Did you know we are now on Instagram? Follow us for all the updates!

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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