Building Children's Futures

Invitation to participate in
Training in Children's Rights Impact Assessments

What are Children's Rights Impact Assessments?

- Child Rights Impact Assessments, or **CRIA**s for short, are a tool that helps ensure children's rights are kept at the heart of all key decisions.
- CRIAs can be used to examine the potential impacts on children and young people of laws, policies, budget decisions, programmes and services.
- CRIAs have been used by decision-makers and policymakers in a number of countries across Europe and have proven to be an effective, proactive way of protecting children's rights when developing new laws or policies.
- Child Rights Impact Assessments, when applied at the start of the decision-making process, can support weighing up the impact that a measure will have on children and young people and help prevent further issues emerging later.

Who is providing CRIA training?

- Training in Children's Rights Impact Assessments is being offered by the Children's Rights Alliance as a key part of the *Building Children's Futures: Using Children's Rights to Recover from the Global Pandemic* project. This project is funded by the EU Commission. It is being led by the Children's Rights Alliance in partnership with the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth, Tusla, Ireland's Child and Family Agency and Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC), Eurochild, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre University of Galway, and Foróige. Using Ireland as a case study, the project's overall aim is to explore how a child rights-based approach, utilising Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIAs), can be embedded in decision-making in times of emergency.

Who is the training for and why do the training?

- Training is now available for professionals, practitioners, managers, leaders in any organisation or service that has an impact on the lives of children and young people.
- Knowing how to use a CRIA will help you decide whether a decision that is being considered may have a distinct and significant impact on children's rights.
- Knowing how to use a CRIA will help to inform and assist all decision making, not just decisions in times of crisis.

- Learning how to use a CRIA will lead us to a better realisation, understanding and application of children's rights.

What's in the training?
A central part of the Building Children's Futures project is to train key professionals and practitioners in how to use CRIAs in their work. The half day training will provide participants with:
- An in-depth knowledge of Children's Rights Impact Assessments (CRIAs)
- Practical step by step guidance on how CRIAs can be used in everyday work
- Best practice examples of how CRIAs can be used.

The training is interactive and will include delivery of presentations, videos, and group work exercises. A key aspect will be to bring the lived experiences of children and young people into the training content. Training participants will have access to a pre-training CRIA video to support a fundamental understanding of children's rights and how the role of CRIA's is situated within a children's rights framework, prior to taking part in the training. All participants will receive a training toolkit to support them rolling out the learning from the training in their everyday work.

When and where is the training taking place?
Training is available across Ireland, and you can register for any date/venue that suits you. Training venue will be notified to registrants.

Date	Time	Venue	Date	Time	Venue
11/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Cork City	25/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Kilkenny City
19/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Limerick City	26/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Naas
21/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Dundalk	27/06/2024	9.45am – 2pm	Sligo City

How do I register for the training?
You can **REGISTER HERE** – click on the link.

I have a question, who should I contact?
If you have any queries about the CRIA training, please send an email with "CRIA Training" in the Subject Line to **cypsc@tusla.ie**