

Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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[Wexford CYPSC](#)

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SURVEY

► Disability Pathways Resource for Children and Young People 0-17



CYPSC Wexford is creating a comprehensive, accessible directory of services supporting children, young people, and families with disability-related needs. This resource will be available both online and in print.

If your service supports this community, we'd love your input! Please complete a short survey to:

- Give consent to be included in the directory
- Share accurate details about your service

Participation is voluntary, and your contribution will help ensure families can easily find the support they need.

Click here to access the form (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQPQ299>) and please share with any services that may be interested!

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Garda Recruitment Information Morning – Saturday 4th October



Please find attached poster for the information morning of our recruitment campaign at Wexford Garda Station. Our information morning consists of speakers delivering information from a variety of Garda ranks & units within the division, and will endeavour to answer any questions that potential trainee candidates may have. It is worth noting that the **closing date** for the recruitment campaign is **3pm on 9th of October**, so if there are any queries regarding the application process I'd recommend these are addressed as early as possible. If I can offer any further answers during the day please feel free to get in touch.

Regards,
Stephen

Garda Stephen Kelly | Wexford Wicklow Divisional Headquarters |
Wexford Garda Station, Mulgannon, Wexford, Y35 DH60 |



A Policing Service for the Future



Leadership & Accountability



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Partnerships

► Wexford Town Library : Services for Primary Schools



Access the newsletter outlining the full range of library services, events and resources for Primary Schools [here](#) : Wexford Town Library Services for Primary Schools

► Wexford Town Library Events

The Chatterbooks Book Club. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4pm in Wexford Library. 9-12 years.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th September. Bring your favourite book of the summer! Feel free to mention the book club to any child that you chat with during the day, or feel free to send them our way, as it'd be really great to have more members. Why not bring a friend along! It's a very relaxed and easy going environment, we discuss the book at the start of the meeting, we talk about other books we've read, or a great movie we've seen, and then we do an activity: like origami, watercolour painting, etc.... somewhat based on the book we've read that month. It's great Fun so come along and join us. Previous reads so far in 2025 were: January: Freya's Gold by Fiona February: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown March: Cobweb by Michael Morpurgo April: Tom's midnight garden by Edith (graphic novel adaptation of Philippa Pearce's novel) May: The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle June: Bird Boy by Catherine Bruton. Come and join us and meet other people and share the joy of reading.

Wexford Library Junior Chess Club. Beginners & Improvers / Intermediate & Advanced. Strictly 8-13 years.

Our Afterschool Junior Chess Club has moved to Saturday mornings for the new school term! Junior Chess Club will run from Saturday, 13th September to Saturday, 18th October at 11:30am – 12:30pm. Suitable for all player levels. Strictly for ages 8-13 yrs. One booking required. This will reserve all six weekly sessions. Booking is essential as places are very limited. If you have booked a session for your child and are unable to

attend on that day, please contact us and we can offer that place to another child on our waiting list. Important Notice: Parents & guardians must stay in the library building for the duration of this event.

Wexford Library Teen Club, Wednesday, 24th September, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
Join Wexford Library's Teen club on the last Wednesday of each month for some crafts and chats! Suitable for 13 - 15 years. Booking is essential.

Sensory Hour, Every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Sensory Hour supports library users who have sensory, extra, and/or additional needs. It offers a calm and sensory family friendly environment.

Rhyme Time, every Wednesday, 11.00am-11:30am. Suitable for children aged 0-3 years.

These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.

Story Time every Saturday, 11.00am-11:30am, Suitable for children aged 3-7 years.

Join us for Story Time in Wexford Library every Saturday morning. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.

Lego Free Play every Saturday from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Suitable for ages 5yrs+

LEGO Free Play tables available on our Children's floor area from 11am to 3pm. Free to attend. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No Booking Required.

All events are FREE. Wexford Public Libraries App. Access your library 24/7. Online resources include eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, eComics & Graphic Novels, music, take eLearning or language courses, business, education, and research databases and more. Library membership is Free.

If you would like more information or to book a place at any of our events, please contact Wexford Town Library 053 919 6760 or email wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie.

► Bunclody Library Events

Rhymetime for ages 0 to 5 years - every Wednesday at 11.15am

Join us for Rhymetime every Wednesday when will have lots of fun nursery rhymes and stories suitable for babies and toddlers followed by a Duplo play session. **No booking required.**



Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years – Saturday 11th October, 11.00 to 11.40am

Join us for stories and songs. No need to book, all welcome!



Creative Lego Play – Saturday 11th October, 2.00 to 3.30pm, Suitable for ages 4+

Join us for Creative Lego Free Play, we have Duplo and Lego to let the children's creativity shine! **No booking required.**



Sensory Friendly Hour

Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm, Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Bunclody Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. **No booking required.** All welcome!



Sensory Basket

A sensory basket containing various sensory toys/books available for children to use while visiting the library. Just ask at the desk.

To book events, please telephone 053 9375466 or book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com.

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Kind regards,

Josephine Kehoe,

Bunclody Library, Tel: +353 53 9375466 Web: www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries

► Enniscorthy Library Events



Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Tuesday at 10.30am for songs, stories and rhymes!

Perfect for up to 3 years old but fun for everyone!

Through rhymes children naturally learn essential skills for communicating such as turn-taking and joining in.

All welcome and no booking required.



Halloween Creation Station – from Tuesday 28th October – Friday 31st October

Get into the spooky spirit with our drop-in creation station! Kids and families are invited to make Halloween-themed crafts.

All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity (and maybe a costume!)



Halloween Family Movie – Saturday, 18th October at 2.30pm-4pm

Take time out this October and join us for Halloween Family Movie at the library.

Gather your family and friends and enjoy a heart-warming movie in a welcoming setting of the library.

We'll have comfortable seating and fantastic movie that's perfect for all ages.

Best of all, it's free and open to everyone!

Contact the [library](#) for more information. Booking essential.



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library – every Saturday at 11am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Saturday at 11am for our Interactive Story Time!

Perfect for 3-5 years old.

Through the magic of storytelling, children are transported to far-off lands, introduced to diverse characters, and exposed to a rich tapestry of language, all while developing fundamental literacy skills such as vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, and phonological awareness.

All welcome and no booking required.

Thank you

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Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/enniscorhylib

► SETU Open Day Wexford



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Technological
University



SETU Wexford Campus

OPEN DAY 2025

Wednesday 8th October
Summerhill Rd, Wexford
Y35 KA07

Open Day **10am - 12pm**
TRY Sessions **12pm - 2pm**

Degree Programmes:

- Art
- Business
- Digital Marketing
- Early Childhood Education
- Sustainable Farm Management
- Social Care
- Organic Agriculture
- Tourism & Event Management
- Visual Communication & Design

Masters & PhD's also available

Wexford Campus Provides:

- International Trips
- Erasmus
- Peer Mentor Programme
- Work Placement
- Academic & Learning Supports
- Student Assistance Fund
- Access Programmes
- Careers Officer
- Clubs & Societies
- Counselling



Scan & Book your spot!

This year's event combines our traditional **Open Day** - a morning of programme information stands, with **TRY Sessions** - an afternoon of interactive, hands-on sessions. Talk to lecturers, meet our student ambassadors, and experience first-hand the welcoming community that makes our campus unique.

For further information contact our Education Liaison Officer
Katie Murphy katie.murphy@setu.ie or 053 91 85814

@SETUIreland
#SETUOpenDay

► Join Us for Kinship Care Day!

We are delighted to invite you to our Kinship Care Week celebration, taking place on **October 8th 10am-2pm in The Wood Quay Venue, Dublin 8**. Map to event: [Wood Quay - Google Maps](#)

This event is a wonderful opportunity to bring together kinship carers, professionals, and policy makers to honour and celebrate the vital role kinship carers play in providing loving care.

We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring and enjoyable event, with input from kinship carers, policy updates from the Department of Children, Disability & Equality, and guest input from Dr Joanna Fortune (<https://solamh.com/pages/about-joanna>) , and Sarah Corbett Lynch (<https://sarahcorbettlynch.ie/>)

RSVP is required. Spaces are limited, please [reply to this email](#) to secure your place.



Dietary Requirements:

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Parking: The closest parking option is below and costs €10.40 per 2 hours;

Q-Park
Christchurch
2 Werburgh Street, Dublin, D08 X981

► **FREE Helium Online Workshops for Young People Living with Long-Term Health Conditions**



Bookings are now open for our **FREE Online Autumn/Winter** workshops and camps for children and young people with long-term health conditions.

Online Workshops:

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays (Ages 6–8)

8, 15, 22, 29 Nov & 6, 13 Dec | Online [Book your space HERE!](#)

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays (Ages 9–12)

8, 15, 22, 29 Nov & 6, 13 Dec | Online [Book your space HERE!](#)

Youth Autumn Camp – Online (Ages 13-16)

28 Oct-1 Nov | Online [Book your space HERE!](#)

► **Requesting details of parenting initiatives taking place during October for promotion under the Supporting Parents Communications campaign**



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for continuing to support our promotion of parenting initiatives around the country by informing us of upcoming events in your area.

We are now seeking details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place in October. As with previous months, a selection of these events will be promoted across DCDE social media channels to raise awareness among parents of the supports available to them in their locality. Details of upcoming events can be provided via a short survey by clicking [here](#).

It would be appreciated if details of any upcoming events could be provided by Monday 29 September to allow time for the DCDE Communications team to develop content for sharing across DCDE social channels.

You can check across DCDE social channels for your event and please feel free to like and share our social posts. We also encourage you to circulate this email to any service within your network that may have an upcoming parenting event which they wish to promote.

May we request that information on upcoming events is submitted through the survey link above. However, if you experience any issues using the survey or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email parentingsupport@dcde.gov.ie for assistance.

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

WEBINARS & TRAINING

► What Works Prevention and Early Intervention Webinars 2025



Hope you are keeping well.

In 2025, *What Works* is partnering with [Foundations UK](#) to deliver a series of four 90-minute webinars designed for commissioners, practitioners and anyone interested in applying evidence-based research. These webinars will be available to view [on the *What Works* website](#).

This is a quick reminder that the third webinar, “Improving the home learning environment” will take place on the 03 October 2025.

In this webinar we’ll discuss several evidence-based factors including: the foundations of early learning, especially language learning; the role of parental scaffolding and the home environment; risks to children’s development; and how evidence-based interventions can effectively support children’s early learning at home, from birth to age 5.

[Register for this webinar here](#)

Kind Regards,

The What Works Team

► Expand Your Professional Toolkit – Upcoming Training Sessions from FASD Ireland



FASD Ireland is delighted to offer two impactful training sessions this October, designed to support professionals working with children, young people, and families across health, education, and social care sectors. These sessions are ideal for those seeking practical tools, deeper understanding.

Please share this information with your colleagues and networks.

Introduction to Non-Violent Resistance (NVR)

Date: Thursday, 6 November 2025

Time: 9am - 1pm

Location: Online / Zoom

Suitable for: Practitioners working directly with Families

Presented by: Al Coates Social Worker & NVR Practitioner

Cost: €100 per attendee

Registration Link: <https://wkf.ms/4nXvhCP> an invoice will be sent after the registration form is completed.

Introduction to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Date: Thursday 16 October

Thursday 20 November

Thursday 18 December

Time: 10am – 1:15pm

Location: Online / Zoom

Suitable For: Anyone over 18 years of age living in Ireland or Northern Ireland, who wants to learn more about FASD

Presented By: Tristan Casson-Rennie, CEO FASD Ireland and/or Robert O’Connell, Training & Research Coordinator

Cost:

People living with FASD / Parents / Carers €25.00 plus VAT and Eventbrite fee

General Admission (Clinician/Social Worker/ Therapist/ Researcher/Other) €50.00 (incl. CPD) plus VAT and Eventbrite fee

Registration Link: www.fasdireland.ie/training and select your preferred date

For more information on anything please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Cillian Flynn

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► HUGG : Healing Untold Grief Groups



HUGG'S Annual Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Event

Join us for this special gathering to remember our loved ones. This is a space for reflection, connection and shared hope. Registration not required.

Sunday, 9th November, 2pm

Dublin Unitarian Church & streamed live

St. Stephens Green, D02 YP23

PARENT SUPPORT

► HSE Webinar for Parents on Vaping & Psychoactive Substances



We are circulating for your information, a webinar HSE are holding for parent and guardians on Vaping & Psychoactive Substances.

Webinar Title: Vaping Products & Psychoactive Substances: What You Should Know as a Parent

Date: Tuesday, 7th October

Time: 11:30am – 13:00pm

Registration

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AFEddt9URiWlel1oOOs0pw#/registration

This free online event will focus on HHC, a new psychoactive substance chemically related to cannabis, which was recently controlled after being widely available in shops and online. The webinar is designed to support parents concerned about vaping and emerging drug trends among young people.

Key Topics Include:

- Emerging drug trends and what parents need to know
- The role of parents in guiding healthy decision-making
- Risks associated with cannabis-related substances, including HHC
- Prevention strategies and practical steps for families
- Support services available locally

We believe this session will be of great value to families in your community. Please feel free to share the event details through your newsletters, social media, or any other channels you use to reach parents and carers.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and support parents in navigating this important issue. More information on our work and past webinars can be found here: <https://www.drugs.ie/parents/>

Kind regards,

Drugs Policy, Refugee and Inclusion Health Unit

► 'Perfectly Imperfect Parenting Show' on Dublin City FM - Here's What's Coming Up!



Hi all,

I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone who has been supporting my new radio show every Saturday morning at 11.30am on Dublin City FM!

It is called Perfectly Imperfect Parenting but covers all areas of family life. If you are outside Dublin, the show goes up on Spotify as a Podcast every Sunday evening, you can listen back to past episodes here:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6NKiGSRUNrrGhjZwUX92SF>

To give you a flavour of the show, here are some of the topics we have covered:

Dr Rebecca Quin on Post Natal Anxiety

Lucy Wolfe on Navigating Baby Sleep Without Guilt

Dr Joanna Fortune on the Value of Play

Psychologist Allison Keating on Rediscovering Joy

Hayley Rice on Raising Girls Who Thrive

Dr Aoife Durcan on Raising a Highly Sensitive Child

Two of our recent shows which received a very positive response from parents were on school anxiety. The first featuring Pdraig Danaher, and the second featuring Kate Brennan. If you are a parent of a child who is struggling to go to school, or an educator who would like to learn more, I would highly recommend both episodes:

Padraig:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6AhLd17Kub4JSp7gLANvvX>

Kate:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3rOKX6iCmEGwBfJjU1avG8>

If you are considering giving your child a phone, or are struggling with managing their screen time, I would highly recommend two shows with guests Monica Rowe on what to know before you hand your child a phone, and how to protect your child online with Psychologist Aisling O'Connor:

Monica:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/38v8QCXL5Hhrzlnjh6ciT>

Aisling:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5wfAYowTp12nXygb6aXmQX>

I also wanted to let you know that I will be giving a number of FREE face to face talks this Autumn, covering a range of parenting topics. For example, Supporting Anxious Children and Teens in:

Kilbride National School in Trim, on 7th October

Cavan Town Library, on 21st October

Maynooth Library, on 23rd October

Mountmellick Library, on 28th October

Tullamore Library, on 13th November

Keep an eye on my social media for details of all Talks and Webinars, and info on how to book:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MOKEarlyYears/>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/drmaryokane/>

If you feel some additional reading to support your parenting would be helpful, my first book 'Perfectly Imperfect Parenting: Connection not Perfection' is available at this link:

<https://www.drmaryokane.ie/perfectly-imperfect-parenting/>

and 'Anxious Children in an Anxious World: Facing Fears and Finding Brave' is available at:

<https://www.drmaryokane.ie/anxious-children-in-an-anxious-world/>


Both books are currently 20% off Using the coupon: MARY at the checkout!

Best wishes, Mary

► Tipperary Parent Hub Webinar Series

Please see attached poster with details on Parent Webinar Series across Autumn/Winter 2025. These webinars are free to parents and there will be a presentation on each topic at each webinar and opportunity for parents to ask questions also.

There is no need to register in advance as we want to make them as accessible to parents as possible, just use QR code for [link](#) to more info. These are open to individuals outside of Tipperary also.




Free Webinars for Parents

Tipperary Parent Hub is hosting a series of webinars in the upcoming months covering a range of popular topics for parents.

Join us and experts in the field on the following dates:

- **25th September 7pm-8:30pm** - **Understanding and Supporting Executive Functioning Skills for Children** with Dr. Aine O'Dea
- **22nd October 7pm-8:30pm** - **Childhood anxiety and School Avoidance** with Dr. Coleman Noctor
- **19th November 7pm-8:30pm** - **Impact of Technology on Child Mental Health** with Dr. Coleman Noctor
- **10th December 7pm-8:30pm** - **Psychological Happiness** with Patricia Allen-Garrett
- **14th January 7pm-8:30pm** - **Emotional Happiness** with Patricia Allen-Garrett

Scan the QR code for more info:



Please check the Tipperary Parents Hub for other events scheduled across the county, and you can share any of your events or news also on the parents hub, www.tipperaryparenthub.ie

Kind Regards

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► Invitation to attend 'Planning for Play', a seminar

hosted by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality - 14 October 2025



We are pleased to invite you to attend a one-day seminar entitled *Planning for Play* on the 14th of October in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone.

If you have not yet registered please click on this link to hold your place:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/participation-play-and-recreation-unit>

If you have already registered and can no longer make it, please let us know, as places are limited.

The agenda for the day:

Planning for Play – 14 th of October – Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone		
Time	Speaker	
10.00	Introduction	
10.05	Keynote Speaker – Tim Gill	Tim Gill is an independent scholar, writer and consultant on childhood, and a global advocate for children's play and mobility. He is the author of Urban Playground: How child-friendly urban planning and design can save cities and No Fear: Growing up in a risk averse society.
10.50	Data Analytics Unit of the Department of Children, Disability and Equality	Presentation on Mapping Project to identify all Play and Recreation Facilities
11.05	COMFORT BREAK	
11.15	Make Space York - Abigail Gaines	Abigail Gaines has a background in secondary school leadership and now manages Make Space York. At Make Space York she has led on engagement and co-creation work with teenage girls and now works with others to support similar initiatives
12.00	Natural Playscapes - Helle Nebelong	Helle Nebelong is a Danish Landscape Architect MAA, MDL and Master of Public Management, MPM. Helle is internationally recognized for her special philosophy and as a designer of nature play spaces where children thrive.
12.45	LUNCH	
13.45	Consultation – Facilitated by the Participation, Play and Recreation Unit, Department of Children, Disability and Equality.	Consultation on the new play and recreation strategy
14.45	Presentations showcasing good practice examples from Local Authorities in Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Accessibility in play and recreation</i> Carlow County Council and Monaghan County Council - <i>Playful Communities</i> Waterford City and County Council - <i>Making Spaces for and with Teenagers</i> Input from members of the Youth Evaluation Panel
15.30	Closing Remarks	

The event has been designed with a focus on how children and young people's right to play and recreation can be realised during the Local Authority planning process.

We hope that a cross-sectoral representation of local authority staff and those who work alongside local authorities will come together for a day of inspiration, information sharing, and networking.

Please feel free to share this invitation with any relevant colleagues or contacts.

We hope that you can accept this invitation and join us in person.

We look forward to meeting you at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone on the 14 October.

Kind regards,

Deirdre Reidy Assistant Principal Officer

GROUP SUPPORT



Sláintecare.
**Healthy
Communities**

Do you want to stop smoking?

We Can Quit is a free stop smoking programme, offering group support, one to one support and stop smoking medication.

Have you
tried to quit
before?

**We Can
QUIT**

Do you
want support
to quit?

Make this stop your last stop

Further details

Type of group: Mixed Gender (8 week programme)

Where: LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED.

When: PROGRAMME STARTING SOON

For more information or to register your interest contact Debbie:

Phone: 0863921525

Email: debbie.rocche@fdys.ie



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



Rialtas Áitiúil Éireann
Local Government Ireland



YOUNG PEOPLE

► **National Youth Council of Ireland - Apply Now for Young People's Committee:**

[Apply now! – Young People's Committee 2025](#)



We are very excited to announce the sixth year of the 'Young People's Committee'. Since 2020, The National Youth Council of Ireland's Youth 2030: Global Youth Work Programme has welcomed a group of young people to support a strong youth participation movement around global justice issues that matter to them. The work of the committee will enhance young people's knowledge, understanding, critical thinking, and participation on global justice issues affecting Ireland and the world.

Last year's group had the opportunity to deep dive into economic inequality and financial injustice which has resulted in the creation of a learning tool and artwork. For 2025/26, we will be inviting the Young People's Committee to focus on Youth, Peace and Security, under Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

Deadline to apply: Tuesday 7th October 2025, 5pm

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

► New Government Campaign on School Attendance



Minister McEntee launches national campaign on school attendance

- From: Department of Education and Youth
- Published on: 24 September 2025
- Last updated on: 24 September 2025

Trends highlighted in publication of TESS Annual Attendance Report and Student Absence Report for the 2023/2024 year

Minister for Education and Youth Helen McEntee, in partnership with the Tusla Education Support Service (TESS), has announced the launch of a nationwide multimedia campaign to promote regular school attendance across Ireland. The campaign launch comes as new data from TESS shows more than one in five children and young people at primary and post-primary level miss more than 20 days of their school year.

The TESS Annual Attendance Report and Student Absence Report for the 2023/2024 school year, published today by Tusla, also show that while absenteeism remains high, total days lost and chronic absenteeism have both fallen for the second consecutive year. Minister McEntee said that while the reduction in the total number of days lost was positive, the level of absenteeism in schools remained far too high.

For full article please click [here](#)

Watch the TV campaign here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLsNP4IXOKU>

HEALTH

► RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and Immunisation

The RSV programme is currently running in the maternity hospitals and in the Community. As well as promoting uptake of the RSV immunisation, I want to highlight that the clinics in the Community will **end on 10th October** so time is of the essence in promoting this immunisation for babies born between 1st March and 31st August 2025. The maternity units will continue the programme for newborn babies until **28th February 2025**.



Protect your baby
against Respiratory
Syncytial Virus (RSV)



Useful documents / links

- [The Parent/Guardian RSV leaflet](#)
- A list of clinics for IHA CKTS & IHA WW which are subject to change depending on demand and you can book an appointment by logging on to the booking portal and if some parents cannot book, please advise them they can walk in and we will look after them. <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/>
- A [document about RSV for HCP](#) that highlights the success of the programme that ran in maternity units last year from 1st September 2024 to 28th February 2025.

Many thanks for your support in promoting this programme with your colleagues and with parents of a newborn whether it is the first child or a subsequent child.

Please come back to me if you have any questions.

HSE Press Release - <https://about.hse.ie/news/hse-extends-successful-immunisation-programme-to-protect-babies-from-rsv-this-winter>

Kind regards,

Patricia McQuillan,

Stiúrthóir Altranais | Clár Vacsaíne Réigiúnach | Sláinte agus Folláine

Director of Nursing | Regional Vaccination Programme | Health & Wellbeing

LITERACY

► International Literacy Day Partner Pack



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**Adult
Literacy
for Life**

Hi Everyone,

October is Health Literacy Month

I collaborated with my City of Dublin ETB colleague to create a **health literacy interactive calendar**. Please find the calendar attached [WWWETB's Adult Literacy webpage](#) with all its accessible links including videos, factsheets/information, health literacy awareness courses, reliable health information websites and podcasts/webinars.

I hope you learn lots from it and find it useful.

Do share it with colleagues, family and friends.

Kind Regards

Edel Finnan

FUNDING

► Children's Active Play Fund – Closing 10 October

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What is the Children's Active Play Fund?

We invite applications from charitable organisations delivering innovative projects that encourage movement, activity and social connections, making it easier and more enjoyable for young people to lead active lives.

The fund offers a package of cash grants and non-financial supports for up to eight projects to help them expand and increase their social impact.

This includes:

- A multi-year cash grant worth up to between €130,000 - €210,000 (per successful project)
- The non-financial supports include:
 - o A place on Rethink Ireland's Accelerator Programme.
 - o Business and capacity-building supports designed in consultation with successful projects on topics such as strategic planning, impact management, communications, and fundraising.
- Access to Rethink Ireland's networks.

Applicants can apply to the Children's Active Play Fund via this online application.

Applications are open from Monday, 1 September 2025 to Friday, **Closing 10 October 2025 at 1PM** The full list of eligibility criteria can be [found here on our website](#) as well as details on how to submit your online application

► **NDA Research Promotion Scheme 2025-26 funding call – closing 6 October**



The National Disability Authority (NDA) is inviting proposals for our [Research Promotion Scheme \(RPS\)](#) 2025-26 from researchers, academic institutions, advocacy organisations, Disabled Persons Organisations, service providers or other relevant bodies

The RPS 2025-26 theme is Disability in Marginalised Groups and Communities with particular interest in proposals focused on disability issues in Traveller and/or Roma communities.

We anticipate awarding up to three grants and are open to individual grant applications for varying amounts between €15,000 and €40,000 with the total funding available not exceeding €80,000.

Applications are required to demonstrate meaningful involvement of disabled people in the research process as appropriate to the design of the study.

Proposals and Application Forms : Those interested in applying should review the full Call for Proposals and Application Forms, available for download on the [NDA Website](#).

Deadline for receipt of completed applications is **12 noon on Monday 6th October 2025**. Please address any queries you have to: research@nda.ie

The NDA is the independent statutory body, providing evidence-informed advice and research to Government on disability policy and practice and promoting Universal Design.