



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS/TRAINING

► My Place To Play: Upcoming Briefing Sessions



We are delighted to announce funding has been secured once more to roll out the My Place to Play (MPTP) programme. MPTP is aimed at professionals working with families who have babies and toddlers living in emergency accommodation and cramped living conditions. There are two main parts of the programme;

a) Briefing sessions for professionals; A once off 90 minute session introducing MPTP concepts, materials, and guidance on how to support families using them.

b) Ordering packs; to provide families with the MPTP play mat and materials which promote language development, communication and play. The packs enable parents to create a dedicated space or time for play with their young children and support their development.

Expectations of Professionals taking part in the Programme:

Engage in online information session before distributing the materials to the families, thereby ensuring that they have:

- Knowledge and practical skills around the importance of play in physical development
- Skills to promote parental engagement in their baby's learning through the packs
- Familiar with the materials and benefits of each toy
- Talk the families through the materials highlighting the use and benefits of each toy.
- Check back in with the family after two weeks to assess the benefits of the materials for the children involved and see if additional support is needed
- Complete an online survey and encourage the parent to do so if possible for them.

How can you register to take part?

Here are the dates of the next two briefing sessions planned.

Month	Date	Time	Zoom link to register
November	Wednesday 12th	2pm-3.30pm	Meeting Registration - Zoom
December	Thursday 4th	10am-11.30 am	Meeting Registration - Zoom

If you have any questions please direct them to eli@ncirl.ie.

My Place to Play team, Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland

► Last chance to register! Barnardos Online Safety Event Friday 14th November 1.00pm

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- A chance to connect with others working to create safer online spaces
- Light lunch provided, registration from 12.45pm

This in-person event is designed for:

- Professionals working with children and young people
- Primary & Secondary School Teachers and Principals
- Parents, Families & Community Groups

Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues or networks who may be interested.

This event is FREE but you must register for a ticket and places are limited.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

We hope to see you there,

Online Safety Programme Team

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Register Now!



Barnardos
Online Safety
Programme

Plugged In, Switched Off: Parent & Carer Involvement in the Online World of Children



Friday, 14th Nov 2025, 1pm



The Foundry, Google HQ, Dublin



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Parenting Webinars November 2025



Tues 11th Nov 7pm - 8:30pm Therapeutic Parenting Using Play with Carol Duffy. Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist & Play Therapist

Specialising in the areas of attachment, trauma and play, Carol will provide practical tips and opportunity for experiential learning in this workshop.

Engagement in experiential segment is optional, to join in you will need:

2 balloons, 2-4 empty toilet rolls, scissors, markers, masking tape and 3 sheets of toilet paper

Tues 25th Nov 7pm - 8:30pm Responding to Child & Adolescent Anxiety - what a parent can do with Dr. Tara Kelly. Co- founder New Authority Parenting & MSC/ Doctoral Researcher

This webinar will explore the impact of child and adolescent anxiety on children and parents. It will highlight some of the pitfalls for parents when trying to support their anxious child. Parents are welcome to bring questions to the session.



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An Roinn Leanaí, Michumais
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Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

► Early Access to Hub na nÓg's eLearning Course | Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-making



Hub na nÓg are delighted to invite you to be among the first to complete the new, free Introductory eLearning Course on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-Making. This important course was developed by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) and Hub na nÓg, in close partnership with key stakeholders across the public service, and alongside valuable input from Child and Youth Advisory Groups.

Why is it important?

This course provides comprehensive information, as well as good practice guidance and tools, to support you in realising children and young people's fundamental right to participate in decisions that impact them.

What you'll gain

- An understanding of children's and young people's participation in decision-making and its benefits.
- A deeper understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Irish policies, laws and guidance that support participation for children and young people in decision-making.
- Practical skills and resources to use the National Framework for Children and Young People's Participation in decision-making in your role.
- Further resources and information on children and young people's participation in decision-making.

The course is designed with tailored learning modules, good practice video examples, and interactive quizzes to help really embed the learning while ensuring an engaging and accessible experience for all.

Access the course and start your learning today: <https://learning.hubnanog.ie/>

For more information, please contact info@hubnanog.ie

► Substance Use Information and Awareness Session



Andy Hargreaves, Drug Education Officer with the HSE Substance Misuse Service will be facilitating a 1 hour information and awareness session on Substance Use.

Some of the topics that will be covered are:

- What is a drug?
- What do drugs look like?
- Why do some teenagers and adults take drugs?
- Some signs and symptoms of drug use
- Understanding some of the causes of drug-related problems
- Some of the consequences of taking drugs
- Practical ways that professionals/loved ones/friends can help
- Communication between adults and teenagers regarding substance use (SAOR Programme)
- Contact details of local confidential help available

The session will be informal, and you are encouraged to ask questions and join in as much as you are able to.

Date and Venue : This training will take place online using Microsoft Teams. Two sessions are available

- Tuesday 11 November at 2pm
- Wednesday 12 November at 11am

Registration : Please complete a registration form online to indicate your date of choice.

Complete the [Registration form Substance Use Information Session](#). You will be sent the appropriate link for the event.

SAOR Training

If the above information and awareness session was of interest to you, and you would like more in-depth skills, you can then participate in SAOR training. The SAOR training helps professionals and volunteers to effectively raise the issue of drug use with members of their respective target groups. You will be able to support the person, ask about their drug use, assess their level of drug use, offer assistance and refer them to appropriate services.

The SAOR training involves a 1 hour online training course and 3 hours in-person training.

There is no cost for any of the above training.

► Suicide Prevention Training in Wexford

Dear Colleagues,

I'm emailing to let you know there are spaces available for upcoming safeTALK and ASIST from the HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office in Kilcannon Garden Centre, Enniscorthy. Please follow the links below.



safeTALK (Suicide Alertness Training)

Friday 14th November 9.30am to 1pm

Register [here](#).



Understanding Self-Harm

Thursday 20th November 9.15am-4.30pm

Register [here](#).

To view our full training schedule : www.bookwhen.com/sro

To learn more about suicide prevention trainings from the HSE: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/connecting-for-life/training/types-of-training/>

If you have any queries relating to training, please contact me on the numbers below.

Kind Regards,

Niamh O’Gorman

Oifigeach Forbartha agus Oiliúna | Development and Training Officer

087 1800766 | 051 874013 | www.connectingforlifesoutheast.ie

The HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office, Front Block, Waterford Residential Care Centre, St Patrick's Way, Waterford X91 KX25

To access free online suicide prevention training, *Let's Talk About Suicide*, please visit <https://traininghub.nosp.ie/>

To book a place on any of our suicide prevention, self-harm or suicide bereavement training programmes, please visit www.bookwhen.com/sro

► Healthy Weight for Children Annual Learning and Sharing Webinar Event Invitation; Tuesday 25th November 10 - 12.30 pm

Hello all,

We invite you to [REGISTER](#) for an engaging webinar featuring a series of presentations focused on nutrition in the early years, culminating in a keynote on the recently published TOPCHILD research and a panel discussion with leading experts.



Programme Highlights:

- Update on resources and supports from HSE for parents introducing family foods to their baby
- Nutrition Support in Early Years and Education Presented by Kathryn O’Riordan, Department of Children, Disability, and Equality.
- Food Reformulation Roadmap Focus on commercially available complementary foods, presented by Sinead O’Mahoney, Food Safety Authority of Ireland.
- Update on the safefood Food Environment Campaign Presented by Aileen McGloin, safefood.
- Keynote Presentation: TOPCHILD Research (TBC)

Following the presentations, a panel discussion will explore key learnings from the TOPCHILD research, featuring contributions from:

- Aileen McGloin, safefood
- Fiona Ward, Department of Health
- Dr Abigail Collins, National Healthy Childhood Programme, HSE

We look forward to your participation in this important conversation on early years nutrition.

Veronica Conti Project Manager – Healthy Eating Active Living Programme

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EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Last chance to register! Barnardos Online Safety Event Friday 14th November 1.00pm

Last chance to register for **Plugged In, Switched Off 2025**, Barnardos' annual online safety conference, supported by Google.org.

Date: Friday, 14th November 2025

Time: 1:00–3:00pm GMT

Location: The Foundry, Google HQ, Barrow Street, Dublin

Register here: [Plugged In, Switched Off 2025 Tickets, Fri, Nov 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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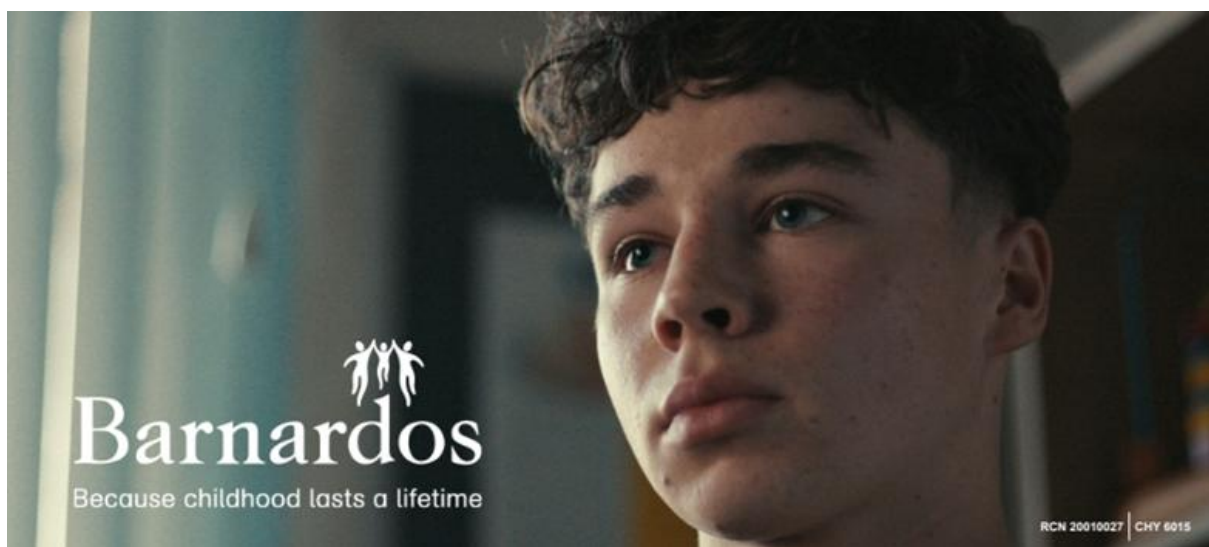
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► Wexford Town Library Events



History Club for Teenagers, 2nd Thursday of every month, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Join Derek on the second Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for historical discussions, research projects, journaling, genealogy studies, guest speakers and more. The club is suitable for 14-17 year olds. Book online or phone: 053 9196760. Should you require additional supports to attend this event please contact Wexford Library 053 919 6760 or email wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie.

The Chatterbooks Book Club. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4pm in Wexford Library. 9-12 years. Tuesday, 21st October, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st October. The book we will read is The ghosts of magnificent children by Caroline Busher.

Books read 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!

Weekly Events

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 we 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 - Saturday 15th November, 11.00 to 11.40am

Join us for stories and songs. **No booking required.**



Science Week: Bubbly Science with Caroline Ainslie for ages 4 to 8 years – Saturday 15th November, 2 sessions, 10.30 to 11.30am and 11.45am to 12.45pm

Riddle me this – why does our breath blow up a balloon silently, but a loud POP is heard when the balloon bursts? Our breath can also transport bubbles – what incredible

creatures we are! Join Caroline Ainslie as she takes the whole family on a scientific adventure into the world of Bubbles. Let science show you how to make the perfect bubble, explain how and why they pop! Help Caroline make bubbles of every size and shape – even big enough for a person to fit into. **Booking essential.**



Science Week: Nutty Scientists Chemical Reactions Party for ages 8+ – Saturday 15th November, 3.00 to 4.00pm

Join the Nutty Scientists for an exciting and interactive science show exploring the wonders of chemical reactions. Discover how everyday materials can create amazing colours, bubbles, and bursts of energy in this fun, educational event for all ages. Please **book for the child only.**



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.

► 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



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.

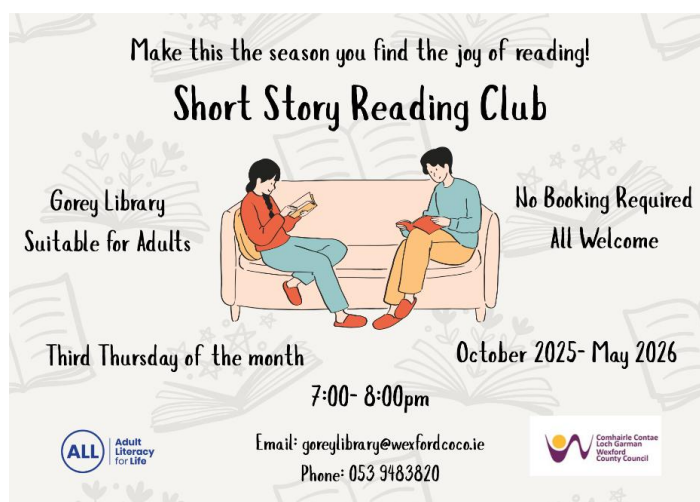
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► Gorey Library Events

Short Story Reading Club, 3rd Thursday every month until May 2026

Gorey library's new season of the Short Story Reading Club starts on Thursday 16th October, with further sessions scheduled for the **third Thursday every month until May 2026!**



The dates are as follows:

Thursday, 18 December 2025
Thursday, 15 January 2026
Thursday, 19 February 2026
Thursday, 19 March 2026
Thursday, 16 April 2026
Thursday, 21 May 2026

All are welcome to join us in finding the joy of reading this Autumn. The group will read all-new short stories, share ideas on them and build confidence in reading- together!

It is perfect for

- native and non-native speakers who are ready to read for pleasure.
- people who have fallen out of the habit of reading (or never really got into the habit in the first place).
- people who would like to build their confidence in reading aloud
- people who would like to share the experience of reading with other people

Please feel free to share this message among your network, learners, family and friends.

Mary Kearney | Executive Librarian | Gorey Library

► New Ross Library Events



New Ross Library Baby Rhymetime Every Thursday morning from 11-11.30am in the library.

Join us for a fun filled morning of nursery rhymes and stories suitable for our younger library patrons and we encourage parents to join in too!



Step into the shoes of a Forensic Scientist - A Science Week Event.

4:15pm Thursday, November 13, 2025 - 5:00pm

An after school work shop for 9+.

In this hands-on science workshop, young Scientists will learn two real life forensic Science techniques, they will analyse evidence, and solve a make-believe crime scene.

With science as their secret weapon, children will uncover the truth while having tons of fun cracking the case.

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4456161>



Dr Ken Science "It's all done with mirrors"- A Science Week Event

10:30am Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 11:15am

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4456163>

11:45am Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 12:30pm

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4456165>

2:15pm Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 3:00pm

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4456166>

Dr Ken blends spectacular magic, illusions, and stunts with the wonders of science and engineering. Is it trapdoors, mirrors... or pure science? Everyone can have their own theory! Whatever you discover — there's always more to be revealed! Quirky stunts. Dazzling tricks. Science uncovered. Engineering explored.
Family Event, ages 6+



Family Puppet Show with puppeteer Julie-Rose: a sensory friendly session

12:00pm Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 12:45pm

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4457209>

Family Puppet Show with puppeteer Julie-Rose

2:30pm Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 3:15pm Saturday

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4457210>

Come and join us for a day of puppetry with Julie-Rose.

You will be treated to a festive themed double bill with characters such as Mr Punch, Santa, Belle, Beast and more!

You will also get to meet Cheeky Monkey, and see what hijinks he gets up to!

Julie-Rose McCormick has performed in Ireland and abroad for over 35 years for festivals , schools , parties etc .

Puppeteer on the Lassie Movie , Winner of best representation of Molly & Leopold for Bloomsday with giant puppets .

Yahoo (Gulliver) Prize winning show Casablanca .

Thomas Maher, Executive Librarian

► **Invitation to the Launch of the Evaluation of the Parental Advocacy and Information Service delivered by Barnardos**



Dear All,

We're delighted to invite you to the Launch of the Evaluation of the Parental Advocacy and Information Service delivered by Barnardos.

Speakers include:

- Dr Clive Diaz, Professor of Social Work, Swansea University
- Tanya Ward, CEO, Children's Right Alliance
- Francis Chance, Chairperson of the Project Oversight Group
- Niamh McCarthy, Head of Parental Advocacy and Information Service delivered by Barnardos Ireland
- Representative from Tusla
- Parents who have used the service

Please register your attendance via [Eventbrite](#)

Kind Regards,

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► **The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network. Bereaved Children's Awareness Week will take place from 17th to 23rd November**



This year's Bereaved Children's Awareness Week will take place from 17th to 23rd November. We would love for you to get involved in your workplaces and communities.

The theme this year is a powerful reminder: **Children Grieve Too**. We want to help parents, carers, and supporters to feel empowered and to encourage curiosity in our communities about children's grief. Throughout the campaign, we'll be shining a spotlight on the healing power of books — how stories can help children and young people understand and express their grief.

We're inviting you to be part of a powerful movement to support grieving children across Ireland. This year's theme, **Children Grieve Too**, is a vital reminder that children experience loss deeply and with the right support, they can learn to live with their grief in healthy and hopeful ways.

Here's how you can make a difference:

- Host a stand or display in your workplace.
- Put up a poster on your local notice board.
- Organise a viewing of one of our webinars with colleagues.
- Share our website with families who may benefit.

- Join the conversation on social media.

You can order your [free resource pack here!](#)

Please note: packs are standardised and we're unable to fulfil personalised orders.

If you're planning a public event, we'd love to help spread the word by featuring it on our website. Just email the details to info@childhoodbereavement.ie.

Together, we can ensure that every grieving child feels seen, supported, and understood.

[More Information](#)

PARENT SUPPORT

► HSE Webinar for Parents on Vaping & Psychoactive Substances



Dear Childcare Committee / CYPSC / Parent Hub,

My name is Margaret Bolger, and I am the Early Years Manager at the National Parents Council (NPC).

As part of our ongoing work to support parents and enhance children's early learning and wellbeing, we are excited to invite you to partner with us in offering free, high-quality parent training workshops in your area.

With **Mental Health Month** taking place this October, it's an ideal time to promote positive mental health and wellbeing within our communities.

What We Offer:

Supporting Your Child's Positive Mental Health

This interactive workshop is designed to help parents support and nurture their child's mental health from an early age. It can be delivered **online or in person**, depending on your preference and capacity.

NPC is happy to collaborate with:

- **Childcare Committees/Parenting Hubs/CYPSC groups** to deliver training to local families
- **Early Years providers** to offer tailored sessions for the families they support

- **Communities of Practice** (if applicable) – I would be delighted to attend a session to present NPC's full training offering

We would love to work with you to host a session during or around Mental Health Month, but we are also available year-round.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to arrange a session. I look forward to the possibility of working together to support parents in your area.

Kind Regards

Margaret Bolger ,**Early Years Services Manager**, 01-8874484, mbolger@npc.ie

LITERACY

► Financial Literacy-Free Community Event - Managing and Keeping your Money Safe

Managing and keeping your money safe

Free community event



When: Wednesday 12 November 2025
10am – 12pm
Refreshments from 9.30am

Where: Whites Hotel, Wexford
The McClure Suite

Do you want to learn how to manage your money and keep it safe?

Then come along to hear guest speakers at our free information event on Wednesday 12 November 2025.

We will talk about:

- Keeping your money safe from fraud
- Budgeting
- Preparing for financial emergencies
- The supports that are available locally

How do you register to attend?

- Call Keith on 086 786 1828
- Register on the day at the event

There will be:

- A questions and answers session and
- Local organisations will have stands at the event



► Literacy Conference & Workshops



Family Learning Conference - November 20:

NALA is hosting a Family Learning conference in Dublin on Thursday 20 November. The location is The Richmond Centre, Dublin 7. Time: 10.00 to 3.15.

You can [register here](#)

Numeracy Meets workshops:

There are still places available for the 2nd and final in-person **Numeracy Meets**

Workshop 2 taking place on **Wednesday 19th November from 10am - 1pm.**

Participants can attend the workshop in Dublin, Athlone or Cork. *Morning coffee and lunch will be provided on the day.*

[Numeracy Meets - Series 3 REGISTRATION In-person workshop 2 – Fill in form](#)

Workshop venues:

Cork - Room 66: Cork College of FET, Bishopstown Campus, Rossa Avenue, Cork, T12 EE94

Dublin- Room B12: Ballymun Road, Dublin 11, D11YK4H (Located near Ballymun Library)

Athlone - Room TBC: *College of Further Education and Training, Clonown Road Campus, Athlone , Co. Westmeath, N37 T6X0.*

Feel free to contact Fiona Faulkner for further information -

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PUBLICATIONS

► Review of the Children and Young People's Services Committees Initiative



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

- From: [Department of Children, Disability and Equality](#)
- Published on: 30 October 2025
- Last updated on: 3 November 2025

This report is a review of the [Children and Young People's Services Committees](#) initiative, conducted by the Centre for Effective Services (CES).

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) bring together a diverse group of agencies across the statutory, community and voluntary sectors in local county areas to engage in joint planning of services for children and young people.

As local multi-agency, interagency structures with a remit to improve outcomes for children and young people, CYPSC develop a profile of children and young people their county/area to support a shared understanding across multiple organisations and agencies regarding the support services currently available, including service gaps.

Policy and strategic direction for the CYPSC initiative is provided by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality. In late 2023, the Department commissioned CES to review how well CYPSC is working. It is expected that the findings and recommendations of the CES review will inform the future policy and strategic direction of CYPSC.

The report is an independent review of the initiative that does not necessarily reflect the Department's positions.

[Review of Children and Young People's Services Committees \(CYPSC\) - Final Report for the Department of Children, Disability and Equality \(May 2025\)](#)