



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

17 July 2026

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

► Deadline Extended - “Girls Get Active” invitation for Expressions of Interest



Wexford CYPSC together with Gorey Youth Needs Group and Wexford Sports Active, Local Sports Partnership are offering groups the opportunity to participate in the “Girls Get Active” programme in Autumn 2026. This programme is funded through the Healthy Ireland Fund.

This programme is targeted at girls aged 12-16 years. It will be rolled out in Autumn, aiming to start during the month of September 2026. Details of the programme are available in the [Expression of Interest form](#) which is available here. This form includes information on eligibility criteria etc.

Groups who are interested in participating should submit **P.3 and P.4** of the EoI form together with the [Costings Form](#).

Submission Date : Expression of Interest forms must be returned to Nicola.collins@wexfordcoco.ie by **Friday 23rd of July** by **5pm**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Adult Sensory Collection Launch in New Ross Library

Adult Sensory Collection Launch in New Ross Library, Wednesday July 22

Wexford Library Service have developed a collection of assistive resources for adults. These resources are age friendly but also intended for people with visual impairment, sensory needs, acquired brain injury and those living with dementia. The items have been chosen to aid various skills such as fine motor skills or sensory processing development.

Adult Sensory Collection



The collection has been developed through discussions with other stakeholders, such as the Wexford County Council Age-Friendly Coordinator, DESSA (Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency), the Central Remedial Clinics in Waterford and Dublin, Enable Ireland, the Waterford Memory Technology Resource room and the HSE.

This collection of assistive resources is a further expansion of the existing [Sensory Toys and Assistive Resources \(STAR\)](#) collection for children, young people and adults with extra needs.

The collection is currently available in the branches and visible on our library catalogue for borrowing.

The items are in carry case bags the same as the STAR collection for children. Users will need to get a STAR card to borrow the items and be over 18. The collection is for adults and not suitable for children.

A lending library of equipment and technology available from our public libraries will help those living with dementia and their carers to try a variety of resources to ascertain what might best meet their needs, therefore assisting with the person's independence and promoting their overall wellbeing.

► Sports Active Wexford Fun in the Sun 2026

A vibrant yellow poster for 'Sports Active Wexford Fun in the Sun 2026'. It features four inset photos: a girl in a maroon jersey running, a boy batting in cricket, a group of children playing with a large colorful umbrella, and a group of children playing with balls. The text 'LOCH GARMAN GNÍOMHACH TRÍ SPÓIRT SPORTS ACTIVE WEXFORD' is written in green, with 'SPÓRT ÉIREANN' below it. A large red speech bubble contains the text 'FREE FUN IN THE SUN 2026'. A smaller red speech bubble on the right says 'Age 6 to 13 yrs'. A large yellow sun with a face is in the top right corner.

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FREE **FUN IN THE SUN 2026** **Age 6 to 13 yrs**

July 22nd Enniscorthy Sports Hub

July 23rd Riverchapel Community
Complex

July 24th New Ross Town Park

July 25th Rosslare Recreation Centre

July 28th Bunclody GAA Grounds

July 29th Duncannon Beach

July 30th Wexford Town (St. Mary's GAA)

11am to 2pm (Registration from 10.30am)
Pre-register online through Eventbrite Link

For more information or if your child has any special requirements, please
contact us on 087 6937764 or email sports.active@wexfordcoco.ie



July 22nd Enniscorthy Sports Hub

July 23rd Riverchapel Community Complex

July 24th New Ross Town Park

July 25th Rosslare Recreation Centre

July 26th Bunclody GAA Grounds

July 29th Duncannon Beach

July 30th Wexford Town (St. Mary's GAA)

► Gorey FRC Summer Camp Fun for Children (Ages 6–12)

Join one of our summer Camps and get ready for three unforgettable days of creativity, discovery, and adventure! From jewellery making, arts & Crafts with Caroline Bergin, clay & pottery fun, exciting science experiments with the Nutty Scientist, games, creative stone painting and plenty of laughter.

Children will make new friends, learn new skills, and take home their own handmade creations. Every day is filled with imaginative activities designed to inspire creativity and build confidence in a fun, welcoming environment.

Contact Anne on 089 2732388 or email anne@goreyfrc.ie to book a place.



nutty scientist

SUMMER CAMP

GOREY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Get ready for a summer packed with fun, friendship, creativity, and adventure! Our exciting Summer Camp welcomes children aged 6–12 years, with age-appropriate activities designed to keep every child engaged, active and smiling.

2 X 3-DAY CAMPS

6–12 YEARS

For our older adventurers, every week brings something new! From jewellery making, arts & crafts with Caroline Bergin, exciting science experiments to pottery & clay fun, and action-packed games, there's something for every interest and imagination.

TIMES: 11.00am – 12.30pm • 2.30pm – 4pm

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN & DISCOVER
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- STAY ACTIVE & HAVE FUN
- CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Cost: €20 per week

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
21st - 23rd July	28th - 30th July

Contact Anne on anne@goreyfrc.ie or call/text 089 2732388 to book a place.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Cost €20 per week.

BOOK TODAY!

► Wexford Town Library Events



Summer Stars Arts and Crafts: Clothes Peg People with Loretta Rose - July 18th - 2.30pm-3.30pm. Suitable for ages 7-12.

This arts and craft workshop is for children aged 7-12 years old. In it we'll make a fabulous doll person out of clothes pegs and turn it into a keychain ring for you to show off on your backpack or even sports jersey!

Suitable for ages 7-12.

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4547342>



Art in the Open - Making the most of your Sketchbook - July 25th 2.00pm-3.45pm. Suitable for ages 12-17

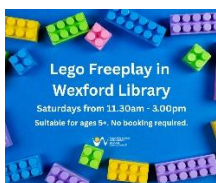
Join talented watercolour artist Sebastian Thommen for a fun, hands-on workshop designed to help young creatives unlock the full potential of their sketchbooks.

In Making the Most of Your Sketchbook, participants will learn how to turn simple sketches into vibrant, expressive works of art. Through guided exercises and playful experimentation with watercolour, students will discover techniques for observing the world around them, developing ideas, and building a daily sketching habit.

Perfect for budding artists aged 12–17, this workshop is all about creativity, confidence, and enjoying the process of making art.

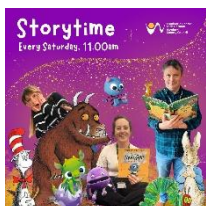
Sketchbooks will be provided for all participants, so all you need to bring is your imagination!

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4555073>



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.**



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.**

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.

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.**

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library>



Summer Stars Craft - July 30th - 3.00pm-4.00pm. Suitable for ages 6-10

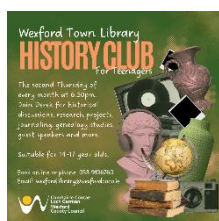
Treasure Maps and Magic Book Doors: a Craft Adventure for Young Readers!

Celebrate Summer Stars with this fun craft workshop for ages 6-10.

Create your very own treasure map, filled with exciting places inspired by the books you love!

When you find the treasure chest, you'll uncover a magical book door - your passport to any world you can imagine!

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4564459>



History Club for Teenagers, every second Thursday- 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Suitable for ages 14-17

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.



Baby Tummy Time, every second Friday - 11.00am-11.45am.

Join us for a Baby Tummy Time session in Wexford Library.

According to the HSE, Tummy time helps to strengthen baby's head, neck, and back muscles. Your baby can begin tummy time as a newborn and continue to do it throughout their first year.

We will provide books for babies and there will also be books on parenting available to borrow. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and babies.

► Buncloidy Library Events

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2026

Registration for our Summer Stars 2026 Reading Adventure is now open. We will have lots of fun activities and rewards throughout the summer and encourage all the children in the area to come into the library with their parents/guardians and sign up. Call into the library to find out more.



Summer Stars: Grown Ups & Me Storytime & Craft for ages 4-7 years

Join us for a storytime & craft session for parents/guardians and their children ages 4-7 years. Together, we will read some stories and create a little craft to bring home.

Booking essential as spaces are limited. Please book for the child only.

Parents/guardians must remain with the child during this event. **To book a space, please visit:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4564293>



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.



Sensory Afternoon- Every Friday 3-5pm in July, Sensory Friendly hour will be observed in Buncloidy 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.



Colouring Station – Every Monday in July, 3.00 to 5.00pm

Pop into the library for our Summer Stars colouring station each Monday in July. This is a fun activity for all the family to participate in. All materials will be provided. **No need to book - all welcome!**



Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years - Saturday 11th July, 11.00 to 11.40am

Join us every Saturday morning for stories and songs for ages 3 to 7 years. **No need to book - all welcome!**



Crafternoon At Bunclody Library

Saturday 25th July, 2.30-3.30pm. For ages 7+. Booking required:

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4564291>



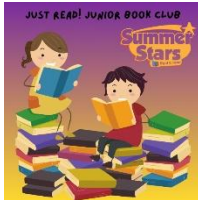
Lego Free Play – Every Tuesday in July, 3.00 to 5.00pm

Join us for Lego Free Play afternoon every Tuesday in July. Perfect for ages 4+, we have Duplo and Lego to let the children's creativity shine! Parents/Guardians must remain in the library for the duration of the event. No need to book. All welcome.



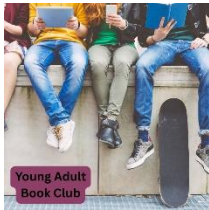
Summer Creation Station- Every Thursday from 3-5pm in July.

Family Creative Event. All welcome.



Junior Book Club, Friday 31st July, 3.30pm

Join Shane for our Just Read! Junior Book Club for ages 9-12 years. If you are interested in joining the book club, please ring the library on 05393 75466.



Young Adult Book Club, Friday 7th August, 4.15pm

Join us for the Bunclody Library YA book club! This book club is for ages 13-15 years. New members are always welcome.

► Enniscorthy Library Events



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Saturday at 11am for our Interactive Story Time! Perfect for 3-5 years old but fun for everyone!

All welcome and no booking required.



LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

Enniscorthy Library invites you and your family to join us for a session of LEGO Free Play, LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. This session is suitable for ages 5+.

Please note we're closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm. No Booking Required

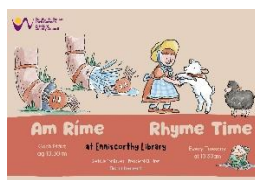


Family Movie, Saturday, July 18th @2.30pm

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

Gather your family and friends and enjoy a heart warming animated adventure all in the 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.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4562584>



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

Join us in Enniscorthy Library 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.



Community Services Family Day, Thursday, July 23rd @12pm

Bring the whole family and discover what happens behind the scenes at your local Garda Station, Library, Fire Station and Civil Defence.

- Meet the people who make our community a safer and stronger place
- Collect a stamp at each stop on your Community Passport
- Activities throughout the day
- Free fun for all ages

All welcome, no booking required



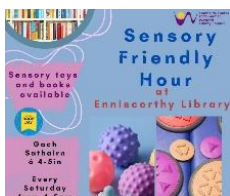
Higgle - Creative Workshop for Children, Friday, July 24th @11am and 12.30pm

Join us for a Higgle Creative Workshop, designed to inspire children to explore materials, collaborate with others, and develop problem-solving skills through art. Grace Brennan, founder of Higgle, personally leads each workshop. Her sessions nurture curiosity, imagination, and creative confidence, encouraging children to experiment with a wide range of recycled and accessible materials.

Please register here:

11am session for ages 6-8: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4562642>

12.30pm session for ages 9-12: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4562643>



Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library - Every Saturday from 4-5pm

Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Enniscorthy Library.

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



Imagination Station, Tuesday, July 28th - Thursday, July 30th from 11am to 4pm

Join us at the library this summer for a series of free drop-in play sessions for children and families. Each day offers something little different, with spaces design for children to relax, explore and create at their own pace.

Cosy Reading Room - Tuesday, 28th July from 11.00am-4pm

Step into our cosy reading room filled with lovely selection of books and story sacks.

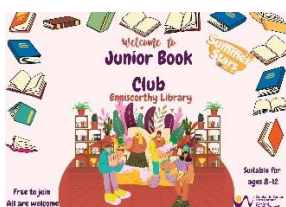
Sensory Play Room - Wednesday, 29th July from 11.00am-4pm

Our sensory play room will be full of activities including LEGO, sensory toys, play dough and drawing.

Harry Potter Craft and Create Room (for ages 9+) - Thursday, 30th July from

11.00am-4.00pm. Get creative with our free play Harry Potter craft session where children can experiment with materials and make their own creations to take home.

All welcome, no booking required.



Junior Book Club, Thursday, July 30th @3.30pm

Would your child like to join our free book club here at Enniscorthy Library?

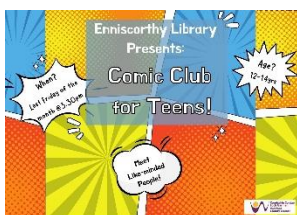
Suitable for ages 8 - 12, the children get together monthly to talk about books in all genres and to share a love of books.

We explore new styles together to encourage reading and to develop a love for books.

This club is about reading for pleasure, making friends and doing some fun activities, drawing or writing too.

If you would like to know more, ask at the desk of the library or ring us on 053 9236055.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4562625>



Comic Club for Teens , Friday, July 31st @3.30pm

Love a good story told in both pictures and words? Want to meet like-minded people?

Join fellow comic book lovers for a discussion, board games and a chat.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 15 years, why not drop in and see for yourself! Take a friend with you.

The library is a relaxed environment where you will be able to chat and share views with no judgement, interesting conversation, and lots of chat & fun!

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4538453>

► New Ross Library Events

Dates for Regular Library Events

Grúpa Comhrá Gaeilge: First Tuesday of the month at 19:00. Also on the third Wednesday of the month at 14:00

Board Games Night for Adults: First Tuesday of the month at 18:30.

Creative Writing Group with Local Author Tina Callaghan: Second Tuesday at 18:00.

Adult Book Club: Second Tuesday of the month at 19:00.

Scrabble Club: Every Wednesday, 15:00 to 17:00.

Emergent Readers Book Club: Second and Last Thursday at 15:00.

English Conversation Hour: Last Friday of the Month 10:30 - 11:30.

Knitting & Crochet Circle: Meet this month on Tuesday, 14 & 28 July, 15:00 - 16:00.

Regular events for kids!

Rhymetime.

Every Thursday, 11:00 - 11:30.

Join us for a fun-packed session for babies and toddlers with lots of rhymes and songs!

No need to book, just pop in and join the fun!



Most Saturday's - July 4, 11 & 25



Monthly

- All events are free to attend and we look forward to welcoming you.
- Please note that booking is essential for most of our events.
- A Parent or Guardian must supervise children at all times.

Should you require additional supports or further information, please contact the library on 053 9196722 or email newrosslibrary@wexfordcoco.ie.

New Ross Library July Newsletter

If you would like make a booking or get more information call 053 9196722.
Booking is essential to attend events.

Adult Events



Birding in Wexford Across the Seasons with Cian Cardiff.

Tuesday, 21 July, 19:00 - 20:00.

Booking Essential.



Deep Time Walk with artist and ecologist Rachel Sweeney.

Tuesday, 23 July, 14:00 - 16:00.

Booking essential.



with Bernard Browne

The Palatines in County Wexford: a local history talk with Bernard Browne.

Tuesday, 28 July, 19:00 - 20:00.

Booking Essential.



The 1926 Census of Ireland with genealogist Bernie Walsh.

Tuesday, 18 August, 19:00 - 20:00.

Booking Essential.



Summer of Story Time with crafts & activities

Wednesdays from July 15th, 11:00 - 12:00.

For ages 3-6 years.

Chess Classes with chess master Jurica

Saturdays in July, 14:00 - 15:30

For ages 6-12 & 12-16 years

Camping Light Workshop with Craft Central, Saturday, 18 July,

11:00 - 12:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4545156>

For ages 9-12 years

Wool Bracelets Craft, Monday, 20 July,

11:00 - 12:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4566719>

15:00 - 16:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4566408>

For ages 9-12 years

Children & Family Events
 Booking is essential to attend events.

 Peg Person Art Workshop with Loretta Rose. Saturday, 11 July, 10:00 - 11:00. Saturday, 11 July, 11:15 - 12:15. Ages: 6-12.	 Chess Classes with Chess Master Jurica. Saturday, 4, 11, 18 & 25 July, 14:00 - 15:00. Ages: 6-17.	 Make Wool Bracelets. Monday, 20 July, 11:00 - 12:00. Monday, 20 July, 15:00 - 16:00. Ages: 9-12.	 Hot Air Balloon Craft. Tuesday, 21 July, 15:00 - 16:00. Ages: 5-8.
 Summer Stars LEGO Event. Tuesday, 14 July, 15:00 - 16:00. Ages: 6-12.	 Summer of Storytime with crafts and activities. Wednesday, 15, 22 & 29 July, 11:00 - 12:00. Ages: 3-6.	 Weaving our Footsteps: learn creative moves from around the world! Friday, 24 July, 11:00 - 12:00. Ages: 3-7.	 Myth, Mayhem and Magic: Dance Workshop. Friday, 24 July, 15:00 - 16:00. Ages: 8-12.
 Junior Board Games. Thursday, 9, 16, 23 & 30 July, 15:30 - 16:30. Ages: 8-12.	 Make a Light up Camping Lantern with Craft Central. Saturday, 18 July, 11:00 - 12:00. Ages: 8-12.	 Treasures from the Shore Art Workshop. Monday, 27 July, 11:00 - 12:00. Ages: 6-9.	 Scan here to book our events or call 053 919 6722.

Weaving our Footsteps: learn creative moves from around the world with dancer and choreographer Rachel Sweeney, Friday July 24,

11:00 - 12:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4566406>
For ages 3-7 years

Myth, Mayhem and Magic: Dance Workshop, Friday, 24 July,

15:00 - 16:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4566718>
For ages 8-12 years

Treasures from the Shore Art Session, Monday, 27 July,

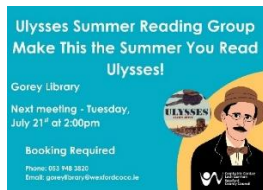
11:00 - 12:00 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4566717>
For ages 6-9 years.

Hot Air Balloon Craft, Tuesday, 21 July,

15:00 - 16:00 [Click here to book and for more details](#)
Ages 5-8 years

► Gorey Library Events

One-off Adult Events for July:



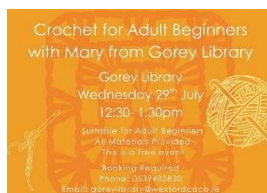
Summer Ulysses Reading Group:

Tuesday, July 21st 2:00pm



Free Cyber Safety Workshop:

Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30am



Crochet for Adult Beginners:

Wednesday, July 29th at 12:30pm

Children's One-Off Events for July:



Children's Chess Workshop

Saturday, July 11th at 11:00am. Ages 8-14



Peg Doll Making Workshop:

Saturday, July 18th at 11:00. Suitable for Ages 7-12



Nature Explorers Craft Session

Tuesday, July 21st at 3:00pm

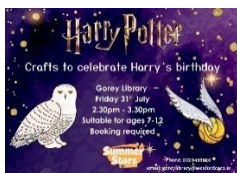
Age: 8-10



Three Books Before Bedtime Story and Craft

Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30pm

Age: 3-5



Harry Potter's Birthday Crafts

Friday, July 31st at 2:30pm

Ages: 7+

Regular Adult Events



Lifting the Lid Public Piano: First Monday of the Month at 2:30pm



Ciorcal Comhrá: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm

AND NEW: Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:00pm



English Conversation Circle: First Saturday of the Month at 2:30pm



Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: Second Monday of the Month at 11:00am



La Leche League Breastfeeding Support: Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am



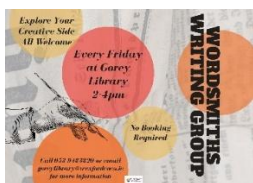
Gorey Library Film Club: Second Thursday of the Month at 2:30pm



Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm



Knitting Circle: Every Friday at 11:00am



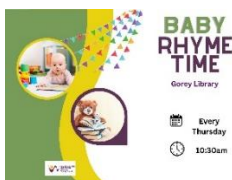
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

Regular Children's Events:



Children's Storytime: Every Tuesday at 11:00am

Age: 3-5



Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

Age: 0-3



LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday at 10:30am

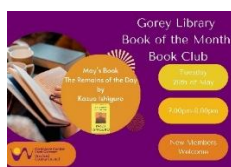


Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

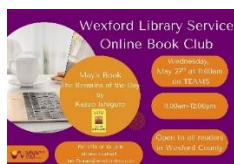
Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



Short Story Reading Club: Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm

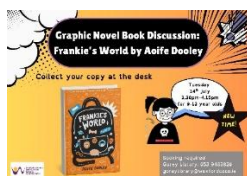


Book of the Month Book Club: Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



Wexford Library Service Online Book Club: Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



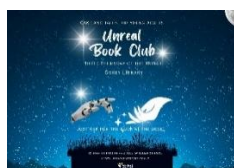
Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



Book Worm Book Circle: Last Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



YA Unreal Book Club: Third Thursday of the Month at 4:30pm

Age: 12-15

► **AI and Accountability: Keeping Children Safe Online**



On 24 May, following our AGM, we held a timely event focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Accountability.

The event was chaired by our Online Safety Coordinator, Noeline Blackwell, and Tech and Democracy Strategist, Liz Carolan, delivered a keynote address.

Following this input, a high-level discussion took place on the need for platform accountability and stronger regulation with contributions from a political panel; **Malcolm Byrne TD (Fianna Fáil), Keira Keogh (Fine Gael), Councillor Hazel Chu (Green Party), Councillor Fiona Connelly (Labour), Paul Murphy TD (People Before Profit), Ruairí Ó Murchú TD (Sinn Féin), and Aidan Farrelly TD (Social Democrats).**

You can watch the full recording on our YouTube channel [here](#).

You can read our press release [here](#).

If you wish you to share on social media, you can tag the Alliance on LinkedIn [@Children's Rights Alliance](#).

If you have any questions about our online safety campaign work, you can contact our Campaigns and Communications Director Emma at emma.archbold@childrensrights.ie

The Children's Rights Alliance Team

► **Share Your Learning with the Sport Ireland Learning Exchange**



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We are developing the Sport Ireland Learning Exchange, a series of short, interactive ‘lunch and learn’ webinars running from September to May and we would love to hear from you.

The series will bring together people from across sport, physical activity, research, health, education, youth, disability, and community sectors to share practical experiences, research insights, and learning that can help increase participation in sport and physical activity. While each session will focus on a specific topic area, discussion on the experiences and participation of people aged 16–26 will be a consistent feature throughout the series, in response to the gaps identified in the Irish Sports Monitor 2025.

We are looking for contributors to deliver short presentations on topics such as:

- Youth participation
- Women in Sport
- Disability inclusion
- Coaching and volunteer development
- Older adults
- Inclusion and disadvantaged communities
- Outdoor activity
- Other relevant areas

We are particularly interested in examples of:

- Successful programmes, initiatives, or ideas
- Research that has informed practice
- Effective partnerships or collaborations
- Lessons learned from challenges and how they were addressed

Whether you work in sport, physical activity, health, education, youth work, community development, research, or a related field, we would welcome your contribution.

If you are interested in presenting or attending, submit a response to this form – [Sport Ireland Learning Exchange – Expression of interest](#). Please forward this email to relevant organisations or groups who may wish to engage with this series.

Please don't worry if your idea is still developing, we are happy to work with contributors to shape sessions and identify the best fit for the series.

We encourage everyone to submit ideas and nominations and help us create a Learning Exchange that showcases the best thinking, practice, and innovation from across the sector.

If you have any queries, please contact:

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► Women's Aid: Centre for Learning and Practice Development-Open Sessions 2026



Centre for Learning and Practice Development – Open Sessions 2026

At Women's Aid Centre for Learning and Practice Development, we are committed to transforming how society understands and responds to domestic abuse and coercive control. Through evidence-informed training, collaboration, and support our centre empowers professionals and employers to respond safely and effectively to everyone harmed by domestic abuse and coercive control.

About our open sessions

The open sessions are designed for professionals who wish to improve their skills in responding to victim-survivors of domestic abuse in their practice. Up to 4 individuals from one organisation are welcome in one open session. Each participant must book separately by creating their own account on our Learning Platform. If you wish to enquiry about group trainings please fill out an enquiry form: <https://www.womensaid.ie/get-training/service-providers-programme/womensaid-organisational-training-enquiry-form/>

The open sessions are divided into two programmes: the Service Providers Programme (SPP) and Employer Engagement Programme (EEP). Within each programme, the sessions are divided into levels according to the role of the participant in their organisation.

If you are unsure what programme would best suit you, you can complete our Training Needs Assessment Questionnaire to get a course recommendation: <https://www.womensaid.ie/get-training/self-assessment-questionnaire/>

Course content

Every session is comprised of two parts. The first part consists of a set of self-paced eLearning modules. The second part is a live online practice session where participants will gain confidence applying what they learnt in the eLearning modules.

Every practice session is designed around Women's Aid groundbreaking OARS framework:

OARS

O – openness to the possibility of domestic violence and abuse

A – approaching and asking the question
R – responding according to role
S – signposting, safety, self-care

This programme is designed for professionals working in mainstream services, whose Participating in any of these courses is easy. Please follow these steps to get access.

1. Sign up to the Centre for Learning and Practice Development learning platform here: <https://courses.qedon.com/?tenant=womensaid>
2. Click on “Learning Catalogue”
3. Browse the Learning Catalogue – find the desired course and click on it
4. Pay the fee for your course

For more information on any of the courses sign up to our Learning Platform and browse our Learning Catalogue: <https://courses.qedon.com/?tenant=womensaid>.

If you have any questions, please email us at training@womensaid.ie

[Open Sessions](#)

► Free Online Summer Recovery Education Program



Recovery College South East is delighted to invite participants to our new Summer Online Recovery Education Programme. Our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by individuals with lived experience working alongside professional expertise—"the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession."

We are delivering a series of short, independent online workshops, each focused on a specific aspect of promoting good mental health. These sessions provide participants with practical tools and strategies to help foster and sustain positive mental and emotional well-being.

July 2026 Online Workshop Schedule

(Tuesdays, 10:30am – 12:30pm):

- July 7th: Challenging Unhelpful Thinking Patterns – Learn to recognize and challenge patterns like all-or-nothing thinking and overgeneralization.
- July 14th: Dealing With Worry – Explore practical strategies to manage and reduce worry for a greater sense of balance.
- July 21st: Creating Healthy Habits – Discover how habits are formed and learn to build routines that support overall well-being.
- July 28th: Let's Talk Procrastination – Explore why we procrastinate and gain strategies to take action on what matters most.

Key Information:

- Cost: All workshops are FREE and open to everyone.
- Format: Interactive workshops delivered via ZOOM.
- Flexibility: Workshops are interconnected but independent; participants can attend one, multiple, or all sessions based on interest.

How to Enrol:

To register for any of these workshops, please follow these simple steps:

Email: Contact us at info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com to request an enrolment form.

Phone: Call us on [086 1746330](tel:0861746330) to enrol over the phone.

For more detailed information on the workshops, please visit the Workshop Section of our website at www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com.

[Online Summer Workshop Timetable](#)

► How to Approach Talking to Families about Weight - Lunchtime Webinar - 21 October 2026

Please see information below and attached on lunch time webinar on the **21st October 2026 from 1-2 pm** on 'How to approach talking to families about healthy weight' facilitated by Dr. Cathy Looney, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Paediatric Obesity Service, CHI Temple St. and hosted by the RCNME Dublin and South East in collaboration with the South East Healthy Weight for Children Implementation Group.

This webinar will be of interest to all staff working with children and young people in the South East . Registration is via [HSEland](#). **Please note the webinar will not be recorded.**



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LUNCH TIME WEBINAR

How to Approach Talking to Families about Weight

Aim: To support healthcare professionals to initiate person-centred conversations with children and families about healthy weight.



DATE Wednesday 21st October 2026



TIME 1pm – 2pm



PRESENTER Dr Kathy Looney,
Senior Clinical Psychologist, Paediatric Obesity Service,
CHI Temple St and Assistant Clinical Professor
at the School Psychology, UCD



Available to all healthcare professionals involved in the care of children and young people in the South East.



REGISTRATION VIA HSELAND
Search **RCNME-SE-166**



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SURVEY

► Details of Primary School and Shared Parenting Survey



We wish to share details of a national survey which is being operated by One Family and the Separation Network for promotion among your networks.

The survey is seeking to better understand the supports and opportunities that exist within schools, as well as the challenges when working with children and families navigating a change in their family form.

The findings of the survey will be used to inform the development of new national guidelines aimed at strengthening supports for children experiencing parental separation, divorce, or shared parenting.

The project consists of two separate surveys as follows:

1. A survey for any parent/carers who are sharing parenting of their children in some way.
2. A survey for primary school staff.

The surveys should take less than 10 minutes to complete, and they will remain open until Friday 31 July. Further information is attached and links to access both surveys is available [here](#).

This research is being funded by the DCDE What Works initiative.

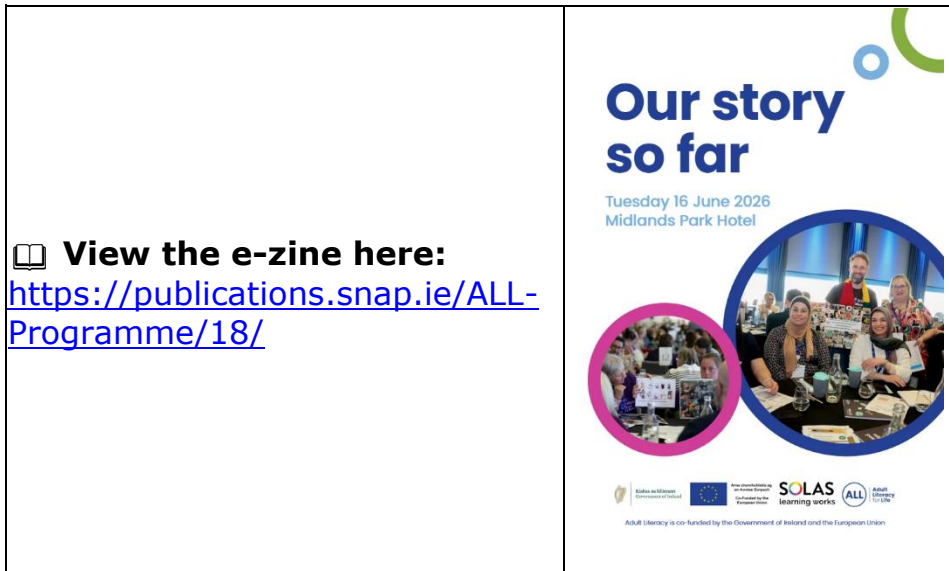
Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

LITERACY

► Adult Literacy for Life: Our story so far

The e-zine developed to commemorate our recent ALL Showcase event, *Our Story So Far*, which took place in Portlaoise



The showcase brought together learners, staff, partners, employers, community organisations and supporters to reflect on the journey of the ALL Programme, celebrate achievements, and explore opportunities for future collaboration.

The e-zine above captures the spirit of the day, featuring highlights from the event, participant stories, key milestones, and reflections on the impact of the ALL Strategy to date.



As we look ahead, I am keen to continue strengthening connections across the region and to explore opportunities to collaborate with organisations, community groups, employers and stakeholders who share our commitment to supporting people with unmet literacy needs.

I hope you enjoy reading the e-zine and learning more about our journey so far.

FUNDING

► Social Enterprise Funding



LEADER
Development led by local communities



LEADER Funding for Social Enterprises

A total of €240,000 is available to support the development of new and existing social enterprises delivering projects that contribute to the local economy and help create or sustain employment. Funding of up to €45,000 per project is available to successful applicants.

Interested social enterprises should complete and return an Expression of Interest (EOI) form. Further information & EOI form available from:

WLD's Website



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