



## Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

17 December 2025



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## WEBINARS/TRAINING



### ► Comprehensive Employment Strategy Transitions Pilot Recorded Video & Follow Up for the Inclusion Ireland Webinar on 26th November



Please see the link to the webinar on the Inclusion Ireland YouTube channel , contact information on the panellists for the evening, and further information on post school transitions.

**Link to the 26.11.2025 Inclusion Ireland Connect Family Network Webinar on the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Transitions Pilot Operated by the NCSE in 41 Special Schools:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zNbC1\\_Zols](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zNbC1_Zols)

#### **Contact Information for the Panellists :**

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#### **Further Related Information:**

- [STIAL](#) (Supported Transition Planning Including all Learners)
- [Post School Options](#)
- Comprehensive Employment Strategy [2015-2024 Easy to Read Summary](#) of Final Report
- Inclusion Ireland on [Self Directed Support](#)
- [National Human Rights Strategy for Disability People 2025-2030](#)
- [Post-School Education and Training Options for People with Disabilities](#)
- [HSE Access to Day Services](#)
- [National Framework for Person Centred Planning for Persons in Services for Persons with a Disability](#)
- [Galway City & County School Leaver Booklet 2025](#)

## ► HUGG Volunteer Information Session Friday, January 16th 2026



### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

We're hosting a Volunteer Information Session for those interested in joining our incredible team of volunteers.



**WHEN:** Friday, 16th Jan  
10.30-11.00am

**WHERE:** Zoom

**WHY:** Learn more about volunteering opportunities and how we can support you

**Register on**  
**eventbrite**

HUGG have NEW volunteering opportunities.

We will hold a LIVE Volunteering Information Session online on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10.30am – 11am. Our information sessions provide a brief background on HUGG, and details on everything involved in volunteering with HUGG including what opportunities are available, and what training and supports we offer. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. This session will NOT be recorded.

### Can you help others who have also been bereaved by suicide ?

Connecting and being among others who understand grief after suicide can be life-changing for some.

If it has been at least three years since your loss and now feels like the right time for you to join us in our mission to provide hope after suicide, we would love to welcome you into our incredible team of volunteers.

We provide full training, mentoring support and resources for selfcare.

“ HUGG has supported me and given me hope following the loss of my son to suicide. I am immensely proud that I can now offer that compassion and encouragement to others. ”

Phyllis, HUGG Volunteer



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and you haven't already joined a HUGG suicide bereavement support group, we encourage you to experience it for yourself.

Visit [HUGG.ie](https://www.hugg.ie) to register

To learn more about volunteering opportunities email [volunteer@HUGG.ie](mailto:volunteer@HUGG.ie)



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### WHO WE ARE

HUGG is the national suicide bereavement organisation.

### WHAT WE DO

We provide 'Suicide Postvention' services. These are initiatives and activities designed to reduce risk after a suicide occurs and in time promote hope and healing.

- Suicide Bereavement Support Groups
- Information and Resources on grief after suicide
- Telephone Support
- Signposting to other support services
- Public Events and Webinars
- Research & Advocacy

### HOW TO CONNECT

[www.HUGG.ie](https://www.hugg.ie)  
[support@HUGG.ie](mailto:support@HUGG.ie)  
01 513 4048



I'm less alone on my journey

Volunteering has allowed me to grow and develop as a person

I wish I had found HUGG sooner

I'm grateful to have HUGG as part of my life

There is a great sense of companionship

**Registration link:**

<https://bit.ly/HUGGVolunteerInfoSessionJan2026>

## ► Webinar launch of the Public Health Strategy 2025-2030



The HSE launched its new [Public Health Strategy 2025 – 2030](#), setting out an ambition vision for the best possible health and wellbeing for everyone in Ireland. It will provide a clear roadmap to improve health outcomes, reduce inequalities, and strengthen Ireland's public health system over the next five years.

The strategy, developed in close consultation with a diverse range of stakeholders, local government and community partners, aims to deliver a high quality, integrated public health service, and foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and evidence-informed practice. Central to the new strategy is a commitment to population health and prevention, protecting health, and health equity.

The launch webinar is now available on our [YouTube](#) channel.



## EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



### ► Wexford Town Library Events

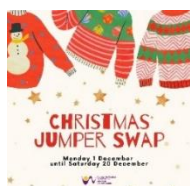


#### **LEGO Free Play in Wexford Library. Every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm**

LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11am to 3pm. Join us. Free to attend!

LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative!

This session is suitable for ages 5yrs +. **No Booking Required.**



#### **Christmas Jumper Swap Day –6<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December 10:30-5:30pm**

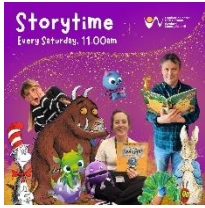
Wexford Library is delighted to host our first Christmas Jumper Swap! Why not bring last year's jumpers in and swap them for a new to you jumper?

From Monday 1 December until Saturday 20 December, you can donate or swap your festive jumpers. We would encourage everyone to take part be it by donating swapping or simply selecting cheerfully festive jumper.

Let's make this Christmas a little greener!

All jumpers should be clean and in good condition. All sizes welcome.

Merry jumper swapping everyone! **No Booking Required.**



### **Story Time at Wexford Library every Saturday morning at 11am -11.30am**

Rhyme Time takes place in Wexford Town Library every Wednesday at 11.00 am.  
Suitable for 0-3 year olds.

Please note that children must be supervised at all times. Should you require additional supports to attend this event please contact Wexford Library 053 919 6760 or email [wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie)

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](mailto:wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie).

**Registration is required**



### **Recycled Reindeer Portrait Craft – Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm**

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph are all waiting impatiently for their portraits to be made for Santa's wall of fame in Santa's North Pole workshop. So, children of Wexford, put on your favourite Christmas outfit and join us for an exciting "Make a (recycled) reindeer portrait" session! We'll send a picture to Santa!

Suitable for ages 8-12 years.

**Booking is essential.** Please book for child only.



## ► 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.



### **Just Read! Junior Book Club – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 to 4.00pm**

Join Shane for our Just Read! Junior Book Club for ages 9-12 years. If you are interested in joining the book club, please telephone the library on 053 9375466.



### **Festive Storytime - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 to 11.40am**

As part of our Family Time at Your Library programme, join us for a fun festive storytime for ages 3 to 7 years. **No need to book - all welcome!**



### **Festive Movie Magic - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15 to 3.45pm**

Join us for a festive movie for the family, perfect for ages 5+. **No need to book – all welcome!**





### **Sensory Friendly Hour Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm,**

Sensory Friendly hour will be observed in Buncloody 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](http://wexfordcoco.libcal.com).

## **► Enniscorthy Library Events**



### **Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday at 11am**

Join us in Enniscorthy Library 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**



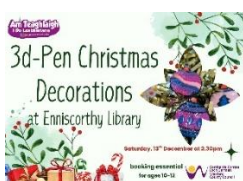
### **Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am**

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.**

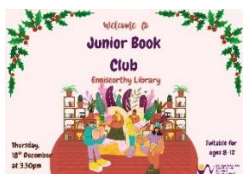


### **3D-Pen Christmas Decorations - Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2.30pm**

Get into the festive spirit with a creative STEM workshop. Beata will guide you in designing and crafting your own 3D-pen Christmas decoration. Perfect for adding a personal touch to your holiday season.

Suitable for ages 10-12

**Please register here:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461970>



### **Junior Book Club - Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @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/4461981>

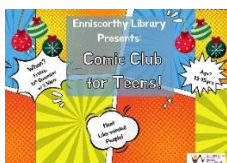


### **Christmas Storytime with Mrs Claus - Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

Join Mrs Claus in Enniscorthy Library for a magical Christmas Story Time filled with festive stories and songs.

Perfect for 3-6 years old, but fun for everyone!

**Please register here:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461975>



### **Comic Club for Teens - Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @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/4322872>



### **Flossie McFluff Saves Christmas - Craft and Story Time - Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am**

Christmas is coming and the animals in the wood are getting excited. But when a storm blows in, the river rises and the creatures have nowhere to sleep. Can Flossie help her friends find somewhere safe and dry before a special visitor comes their way?

Meet illustrator Audrey Dowling. She will read the latest delightful adventure from everyone's favourite Irish Fairy, and teach you how to draw Santa and Flossie to make a lovely Christmas card!

**Suitable for children age 5-10**

**Please register here:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4322516>



### **Christmas Family Movie - Saturday, December 20th @ 2.30pm**

Take time out this December and join us for a Christmas 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.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461977>



### **Free Play Christmas Creation Station -**

#### **Monday and Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 11.30am to 5pm**

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

All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity!

**All welcome and no booking required**

## **► New Ross Library Events**



### **New Ross Library Rhymetime – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 11-11:30am**

Join us in New Ross Library every Thursday at 11.00am for a fun-packed session with lots of stories, rhymes and songs!

**Booking for this event is no longer required.** A parent or guardian must stay for the duration of the event.



### **Christmas Magic LEGO Event – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11-12pm**

Let's get building with our Christmas LEGO event and get ready to build some Christmas magic!

Bring your creativity and create everything from gingerbread houses to sleighs and snowmen. We'll provide the bricks you bring the imagination.

Perfect for families and young builders looking for some Christmas fun.

Ages 5+

[Booking essential.](#)



### **Fabulous Festive Storytime with Helena the Storyteller – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 3pm**

Join Helena the Storyteller for a magical morning of interactive storytime, with fabulous Irish Folk Takes, Festive Games and Songs and Fun for all the Family!

Helena's storytelling will have both children and grown ups on the edge of their seats and up on their feet.

This event is suitable for 4-6 year olds with family, when booking please book spaces for all attending.

[Booking essential](#)



### **Elf Craft and Movie Time – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 11-12pm**

Join us for a fun filled festive event.

Children can make and decorate their very own Elf for their shelf while enjoying a Christmas movie.

Ages 5+

[Booking essential](#)



### **Mrs Claus Reads a Christmas Story – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-3:30pm**

Get into the festive spirit and join us for a very special storytime...

We are very excited to have Mrs. Claus visit New Ross Library. She will read a Christmas favourite plus Mrs. Claus

will have a 3D printed surprise for you to take home!

This event is suitable for ages 5+.

**[Booking essential](#)**

For more info or to book events, please telephone 051 421877 or book online at [wexfordcoco.libcal.com](http://wexfordcoco.libcal.com).

## **► Gorey Library Events**



### **Christmas Favourites with Craicin' Tunes - Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> , 7-8pm**

Join the Craicin' Tunes choir for some of our favourite Christmas tunes and carols at Gorey Library!

Craicin' Tunes are a mixed voice community choir that meet weekly to share songs and sing together.



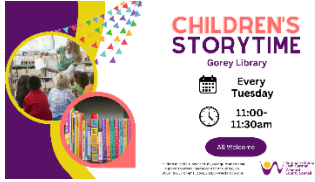
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Helena's storytelling will have both children and grown ups on the edge of their seats and up on their feet.

This event is suitable for 4-6 year olds with family, when booking please book spaces for all attending

**Registration is required**



**Storytime at Gorey Library – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 11-11:30am**

Storytime at Gorey Library In-Person

Drop in to storytime at Gorey Library! Every week, we will have a fun session of stories, rhymes and songs.

This event is suited to children aged 2-4 years, but we encourage all the family to join in! No need to book, just call in.



## DSGBV SUPPORT



### ► DSGBV Video for New Ross

YouTube link : [Services in New Ross for those affected by domestic violence](#)



### ► Too into You



#### What is Too Into You?

Women's Aid runs the Too Into You project to teach young people, in particular young women, aged 18-25 about intimate relationship abuse.

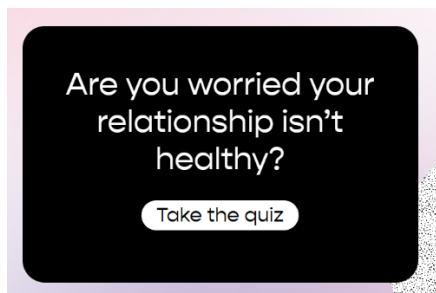
Intimate relationship abuse is abuse by a partner or ex. This can include emotional, physical, sexual, online, economic abuse and coercive control.

Abuse is common. 1 in 5 young women aged 18-25 have been subjected to abuse by a current male partner or ex in Ireland.

#### What we do:

- Teach young people about the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Provide an instant messaging support service for anyone worried about their own relationship or a friends relationship
- Run awareness campaigns on the red flags of abuse
- Carry out research on intimate relationship abuse in Ireland

Please share with your friends and family:



We're here to Support you

Our [instant messaging support service](#) is **private** and **confidential**. Chat to us if you are worried about yourself or a friend.

Call the Women's Aid 24Hr national freephone helpline on 1800 341 900.

## LITERACY & RESOURCES



### ► Adult literacy research



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**Adult  
Literacy  
for Life**

Did you know

- almost 1 in 2 adults with poor health have literacy needs (49%)?
- over half of adults with poor health have numeracy needs (57%)?

We have learned this and much more about adult literacy in Ireland, from the findings of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Survey of Adult Skills 2023.

NALA has put together **five factsheets** to highlight key findings like this from the survey. You can read them here:

- [NALA factsheet on education – OECD Survey of Adult Skills](#)
- [NALA factsheet on age, gender and country of birth – OECD Survey of Adult Skills](#)
- [NALA factsheet on employment – OECD Survey of Adult Skills](#)
- [NALA factsheet on health, happiness and social outcomes – OECD Survey of Adult Skills](#)
- [NALA factsheet on comparisons – OECD Survey of Adult Skills](#)

Kind Regards

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### ► NALA's free books and workbooks for adult learners

You can [order free books and workbooks for adults](#) through our online form.