



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

► RSV Mop-Up Clinics Week of 24th November 2025



Date	Venue	Time
Monday 24/11/25	Dungarvan PCC, Co. Waterford, X35 X236	11am – 3pm
Monday 24/11/25	Wexford PCC, Wexford Y35 DA39	9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 26/11/25	Waterford Vaccination Base, Old St. Martin's School, Kilcohan, Waterford X91 EY73	10am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 27/11/25	Gorey Health Centre, Co. Wexford, Y25 N5K6	2pm – 5pm
Thursday 27/11/25	Carlow Vaccination Base, Grounds of St. Dympna's Hospital, Carlow R93 X7TV	10am to 4pm
Friday 28/11/25	Tipperary South Vaccination Base, St. Luke's Hospital, Clonmel E91 PR83	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 28/11/25	Newpark PCC, Kilkenny R95 HAC4	10am – 4pm

The RSV Pathfinder 2 Programme mop-up campaign will run from 17th November to the 12th December for babies born between the 1st March & 31st August 2025 - the booking portal for the clinics is now live on <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/>

Further information on RSV and the immunisation is available at:
<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/>

WEBINARS/TRAINING

► In conversation with Parental Advocacy and the Legal Aid Board - Care Orders: Interim Care Order

Dear All,

In the next episode of the new webinar series by The Barnardos Parental Advocacy and Information Service and the Legal Aid Board

we will be exploring Interim Care Orders.

The webinar will take place on **Thursday 27th of November from 1pm to 1:30pm.**

You can join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1eenAClpRf2-h3QKb17ulg

You can watch our previous webinars here: [In Conversation – Barnardos Parental Advocacy & Information Service - YouTube](#)

We look forward to welcoming you on the webinar.

Kind Regards,

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IN CONVERSATION:

Barnardos Parental Advocacy & Information Service for Parents of Children in Care, and the Legal Aid Board - Care Orders: Interim Care Order

WHAT?
A live webinar exploring what is meant by interim care orders, the rights of the parent(s), the nuances of consent, and the next steps.

WHEN?
Thursday, 27th of November from 1 pm to 1:30pm

WHERE?
Zoom – link to join in caption.

Barnardos
Because childhood lasts a lifetime

An Bord Um Chúnamh Dílthiúil
Legal Aid Board
Providing access to justice since 1779

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► 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
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

► 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

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

Hello all,

We've the official invitation to register for our annual learning and sharing event, which is now live for you to share widely.

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 safe food Food Environment Campaign Presented by Aileen McGloin, safe food.
- Keynote Presentation: TOPCHILD Research (TBC)

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

- Aileen McGloin, safe food
- 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.

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► HUGG - Volunteer Information Session

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 to register

To learn more about volunteering opportunities email volunteer@HUGG.ie



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Dear Colleagues,

HUGG have NEW volunteering opportunities.

We will hold a LIVE Volunteering Information Session over Zoom on **Monday, 24th November 2025 at 11am – 11.30am**. 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.**

Please find attached an image(s) for social media, a flyer on volunteering with HUGG and below the **registration link for Eventbrite**. We are seeking volunteers nationwide. I would greatly appreciate if you could share the registration link with your networks and on social media channels if possible.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/HUGGVolunteerInfoSessionNovember2025>

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

Kindest regards,

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The flyer is a teal-colored graphic with rounded corners. At the top, there is a white line-art icon of a computer monitor and a smartphone. Below the icon, the text 'VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath this, in smaller white text, it says 'We're hosting a Volunteer Information Session for those interested in joining our incredible team of volunteers.'



The HUGG logo features the word 'HUGG' in a bold, dark blue font, with a pink, cloud-like or smoke-like graphic behind it. Below the word 'HUGG', the words 'SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE' are written in a small, dark blue, sans-serif font.

WHEN: Monday, 24th Nov
11am-11.30am

WHERE: Zoom

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

Register on
eventbrite

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Invitation to "Connected Journeys" Booklet Launch

Dear Friends and colleagues,

You and your colleagues are invited to join us for the launch of an awareness raising booklet entitled -

Connected Journeys: Stories of Trust, Fear, and Hope

Using stories of Travellers experiences to work for change

This booklet has been developed out of a Traveller Visibility Project we worked on through 2025 and is intended to support our ongoing work to create a better future, where Travellers and Tusla can understand each other more fully.

Please join us

In - The Horse & Hound Hotel, Ballinaboola, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford, Y35 TW08

On - Tuesday 9th December

For - Launch 11.30 - 12.30, followed by light lunch in the function room

RSVP - Please let me or Emma know if you can make it emma@arcfrc.ie



► ‘Not Around Us’ Campaign



What is ‘Not Around Us’?

Wexford’s ‘Not Around Us’ initiative is an invitation from young people to consider your activity in spaces where there are children and young people, in order to provide smoke/vape free environments for our young people and to help de-normalise smoking and vaping for the next generation. **Not Around Us** is another step **Towards a Tobacco Free Wexford**.

The purpose of ‘Not Around Us’ in Wexford is fourfold:

- Helping to **protect** children and young people from second-hand smoke exposure
- Contributing to the **de-normalisation** of smoking for children and young people
- **Raising awareness and support** amongst all stakeholders in the county on tobacco/vape free Ireland and everyone playing a part in supporting it
- **Signposting** to HSE Quit services

Who should get involved?

Primarily we are asking all **not for profit and public organisations** who have children and young people engaged with their facility/space to get involved and become Not Around Us supporters. **See more here.**

In addition, we are asking those **running events and activities where children and young people are likely to attend** to support the campaign. Find out how to make your event a **Not Around Us Supporting Event** [here](#).

For More Information Contact: Annette Dupuy, Healthy County Coordinator, Wexford County Council

Email: annette.dupuy@wexfordcoco.ie

Phone: 053 9196525

► Wexford Town Library 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.

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.

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

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.

► Buncloidy 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 22nd November, 11.00 to 11.40am

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



Christmas Tree Decorations Creation Station – Saturday 22nd November, 2.00 to 3.30pm

We invite all the children in the area to come into the library and create a decoration for our Christmas tree. All materials will be provided. This event is open to all - **no need to book.**



Sensory Friendly Hour

Every Saturday from **4.00 to 5.00pm**, 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!

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



Just Read! Junior Book Club – Friday 28th November, 3.30 to 4.15pm

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.



Creative Lego Play – Saturday 29th November, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Join us for Lego Free Play, perfect for ages 4+. We have Duplo and Lego to let the children's creativity shine! No need to book. All welcome.



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

► 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!

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.



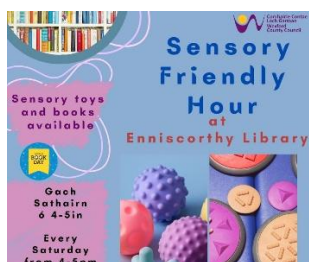
LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library

Enniscorthy Library invites you and your family to join us for a session of LEGO Free Play, every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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



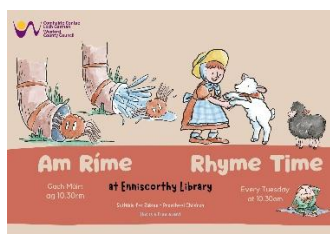
Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library

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No booking required.

All welcome!



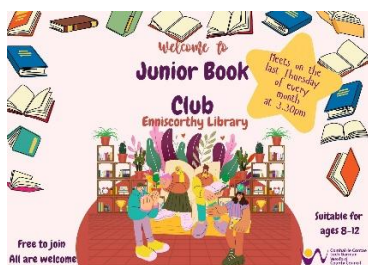
Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library

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.



Junior Book Club

Thursday, November 27th @3.30pm

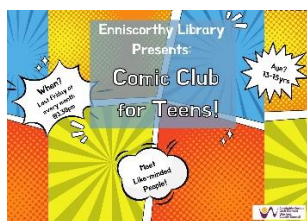
Would your child like to join our free book club here at Enniscorthy Library?

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/4451819>



Comic Club for Teens

Friday, November 28th @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/4322871>

► Gorey Library Events



Opening Hours

Monday	10:30- 17:30	Lunch Closures: Monday and Saturday only from 1:00- 2:00pm
Tuesday	10:30- 21:00	
Wednesday	10:30- 17:30	Closed on the Saturday of any Bank Holiday Monday
Thursday	10:30- 21:00	
Friday	10:30- 17:30	
Saturday	10:30- 17:30	



Ask us about
My Open Library
at Gorey Library

Contact Us

053 9483820

goreylibrary@wexfordcoco.ie

Events: www.wexfordcoco.libcal.com



Gorey Library

November 2025 Events



Sign up for our monthly email newsletter
to be the first to know about upcoming
events and groups at the library

Or stay up to date on our website
or the Wexford Library App!



Regular Childrens Events

- Children's Storytime: **Every Tuesday at 11am**
Tuesday 11th **Science**
- Baby Rhyme Time: **Every Thursday at 10:30am**
Thursday 13th **Science**
- LEGO Freeplay: **Every Saturday from 10:30- 12:30**
Saturday 15th **Science**
- Saturday Sensory Hour: **Every Saturday at 4pm**
- YA Unreal Bookclub: **Thursday 20th at 4:30pm**

Regular Adult Events

- Scrabble Club: **Every Tuesday from 7pm**
- Knitting Circle: **Every Friday from 11am**
- Wordsmiths Writing Group **Every Friday from 2pm**
- English Conversation Circle: **Every Saturday 2:30pm**
- Lifting the Lid: **Monday 3rd November 2.30-5.30pm**
- Ciorcal Comhrá: **Monthly: Tue 4th Nov at 7pm**
- Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: **Wed 12th Nov at 11:00am**
- La Leche Breastfeeding support: **Wed 12th Nov at 11:00am**
- Short Story Reading Club: **Thursday 20th at 7:00pm**
- Book of the Month Bookclub: **Tuesday 25th at 7pm**
- Online Bookclub: **Monthly: Wed. 26th at 11am**
- Retro Movie Matinée: **Saturday 29th at 3:30pm**

Adult Events



Healthy Living: Five Ways to Wellbeing for Mental Health
Tuesday 4th November: 10:30am to 12



Public Libraries Consultation - We Want to Hear from You!
Tuesday 4th November: 7:00-8:00pm



Exhibition Launch 'Forms that Breathe Invisible'
by Valerieu Cazacevski
Thursday 6th November at 7:00pm



Historical Talks
with
Paul Byrne
Historian in Residence

The Ballad of 1925
Tuesday 11th November: 7:00pm
Remembering Harry Furniss
Thursday 20th November: 7:00pm
The Irish Civil War Aftermath
Tuesday 25th November: 7:00pm



General Interview Preparation with Alan Maher
Thursday 13th November: 7:00pm



Book Launch "Enchanted to a Stone" by Brian Ó Cléirigh
Tuesday 18th November at 7:00pm



NWHS Talk: Kynoch's of Arklow by Michael Fitzgerald
Thursday 27th November at 7:00pm

Children/ Family Events



Chemistry and the Celts with Scientific Sue
Saturday 15th November: 10:30-11:15am OR 11:30-12:15





St Nikolas Day
Saturday 22nd November:
Book one of five 30 minute sessions from 2:00pm to 4:00pm




Mermaids, Vampires and Lighthouses:
Creative Writing Workshop with Caroline Busher (Ages 8-12)
Friday 28th November at 3:30pm

► 16 Days of Action - STOP Gender – Based Violence



STOP Gender-Based Violence
FREE to Attend Event
5th December 2025, 11am - 1pm
Wexford Town Library



Find out how gender-based violence affects the lives of women and girls in Wexford.

Speakers Include:
Catherine McCurdy
Director of Services
Wexford Women's Refuge
Clare Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Wexford Rape Crisis Centre

Sorooptimist International Wexford ORANGE the World!
The 25th November marks the UN International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women, and the start of 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence which ends on 10th December (Human Rights Day).

Confidential help
and advice available...



FREEPHONE:
+1800 220 444



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+1800 330 033

Every year we support the campaign, **16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls**, which starts on 25 November and goes through to 10 December, encompassing:

- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November)
- World Human Rights Day (10 December)

This year, we have developed a campaign for all Soroptimists around the globe.

The focus for our 2025 campaign is preventing online violence and creating safer online spaces.

The 2025 campaign will focus on ending online violence against women and girls by promoting key strategies for prevention — including raising awareness of how online abuse happens, sharing tools for digital safety and support, and encouraging actions that help create safer, more respectful online spaces.

Orange the World

End Violence Against Women & Girls

16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence

25th November - 10th December

Confidential help and advice available...

Wexford Women's Refuge: FREEPHONE: +1800 220 444

Wexford Rape Crisis: FREEPHONE: +1800 330 033



Orange the World

32,144

Calls to Women's Aid in 2024

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► The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network

Free public talk. 'Grief in the Family'

- Understand how grief affects the family unit
- Help families navigate their responses to loss
- Facing the challenges of grieving together



Wednesday 26 November 7.30pm
Galway Education Centre, Wellpark, Galway, H91 R284



Feel free to contact us if you would like more information icbn@hospicefoundation.ie

[Register here](#)

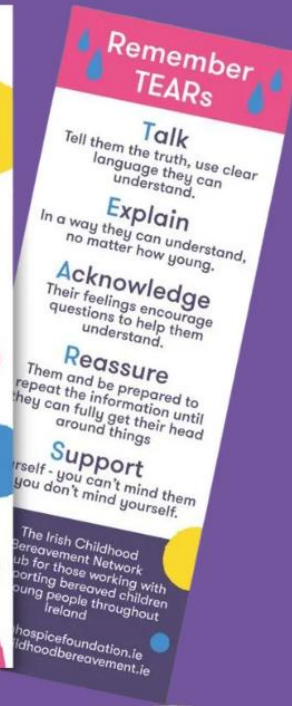
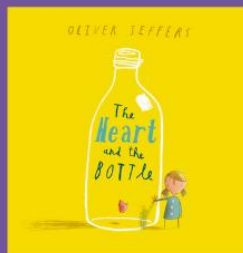
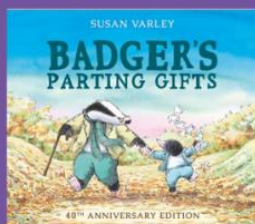
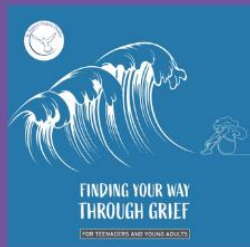
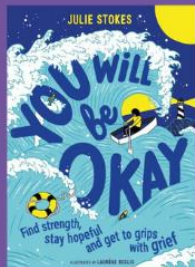
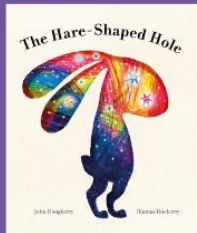
Children Grieve Too, is a vital reminder that children experience loss deeply and with the right support, they can learn to live with their grief in healthy and hopeful ways.

We were delighted to collaborate with [Children's Books Ireland](#) to include some of their recommendations from their Grief and Loss Reading List in our new Recommended Reading List and Web Page.

Another highlight are two books that have been translated to Braille; *You Will be Ok* by Julie Stokes and *The Invisible Leash* by Patrice Kaarst.

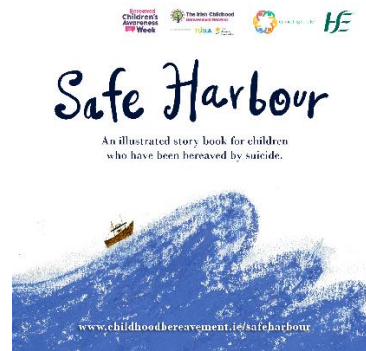


Books for Grieving Children & Young People



Bereaved Children's Awareness Week
Children grieve too

► Safe Harbour



Bereaved Children's Awareness Week 2025 is this week, from 17th to 23rd November.

It provides an important opportunity to highlight the needs of children who are grieving and to raise awareness of supports available to them and their families.

This week, we're spotlighting [Safe Harbour](#) – a suite of resources developed by the HSE and partner agencies to support children bereaved by suicide, as well as their parents and carers.

Safe Harbour is an illustrated storybook and accompanying set of materials designed to help a child navigate grief following the death of a parent by suicide. Developed by bereavement experts – including professionals and people with lived experience – Safe Harbour helps children understand and talk about death and suicide in an age-appropriate way.

The story is told from the perspective of a young child whose parent has died by suicide. It uses relatable words and illustrations to describe their journey through grief.

Two versions of the storybook are available – one in which the child's father dies and one in which their mother dies. Each version is supported by a guide and other resources to help parents, carers, and professionals engage with children and support open, compassionate conversations.

These resources are also valuable for professionals who may encounter children or families bereaved by suicide in the course of their work.

Visit www.childhoodbereavement.ie/safeharbour for more information about Safe Harbour, to download the books, or order free copies for delivery.

LITERACY

► Accessible Numbers podcast - season 1 - seven episodes



A podcast you might find relevant to your work and or personally interesting.

Accessible Numbers podcast season 1 with Laura Parker

Laura Parker is a UK based senior content designer with dyscalculia. She writes about living with dyscalculia and maths anxiety. She created a project called accessible numbers to help service teams present numbers clearly.

According to Sean Driver, plain English Editor and Trainer with NALA "Laura's Accessible Numbers approach and research shines a spotlight on how we can design content and services to make dealing with numbers simpler for us all."

Podcast Description

From banking apps to yoga classes, every service includes numbers in some way. But half of UK adults need help with numbers (National Numeracy). This is a show about designing services for people with dyscalculia and maths anxiety. Laura speaks to researchers, designers, accessibility specialists and data scientists about presenting numbers clearly in services. You can join her campaign for accessible numbers (accessiblenumbers.com) and follow her on LinkedIn and Bluesky accessible numbers.

7 episodes covering design, accessibility, inclusion and vulnerability.

1. [Dyscalculia in adulthood](#) with [Peter Cherry](#).
2. [Accessibility and intersectionality](#) with Priyanka
3. [Trauma informed design](#) with [Jane McFadyen](#) and [Rachel Edwards](#).
4. [Poverty and digital inclusion](#) with [Ray Newman](#).
5. [Inclusive design systems](#) with [Geri Reid](#).
6. [Accessible health information](#) with [Sheena Campbell](#).
7. [Debt and financial vulnerability](#) with [Colin Trend](#).

► A 10-week Financial Wellbeing Programme created by An Cosan for tutors and learners



What is DOING W€LL?

[DOING W€LL is a 10-week Financial Wellbeing Programme](#) created by An Cosán to help people feel more confident and in control of their money. It was designed especially for people who may have faced challenges with money, education, or access to digital tools. DOING W€LL combines financial know-how with wellbeing, critical thinking, and real-life skills because money isn't just about numbers, it's about what matters to you! We are proud to deliver Doing W€LL in partnership with Bank of Ireland (BOI), whose funding and support made the development and delivery of the programme possible.

The programme is all about the ABCs of Financial Wellbeing:

A – Assessing What Is Looking at where you're at with money, your habits, and what matters to you.

B – Building Capacity Learning practical skills like budgeting, saving, spotting scams and building confidence as you go.

C – Creating a Path Forward Setting goals, planning ahead, and thinking about your future.

We've designed DOING W€LL to be:

- **Mindful**– focusing on your values, not just numbers.
- **Supportive** – grounded in community, trust and connection.
- **Literacy Friendly** – using plain English, visuals, and examples that make things easier to understand.
- **Flexible for all learners** – following Universal Design for Learning (UDL), with options to listen, read, discuss, try things out, and learn in the way that suits you best.
- **Empowering** – helping you build real-life skills, not just knowledge.

This programme is for those who:

- Want to feel less stressed about money

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- Would like to try planning ahead, saving for an upcoming event
- Want to reduce the cost of their regular bills
- Have had a hard time with money in the past and want to be armed with knowledge and skills to deal with future challenges
- Are ready to learn in a safe, supportive space
- Would like to plan for theirs and their family's future.

Kind Regards,

Edel Finan

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Regional Literacy Coordinator, **WWETB and Adult Literacy for Life** | Comhordaitheoir

Réigiúnach Litearthachta

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► NALA webinar series for the community and voluntary sector



The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) is hosting a free four-part webinar series for people working and volunteering in the community and voluntary sector. All events will be online.

This webinar series will explore different aspects of adult literacy, from research on adult learning in Ireland to how peer support can help adults learn.

Two more to go - [Register for the webinars](#)

You can find out more details on the remaining webinars and [register through this link](#)

Webinar 3: Literacy friendly in the community – Friday 28 November, 10am – 11am

Webinar 4: Adult literacy and learning in recovery – Friday 5 December, 10am – 11am

For more information, contact Derv in NALA at dryan@nala.ie or on 01 255 1868.

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FUNDING

► Coming soon: Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2026



Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2026 is coming very soon.



Do you have an idea to support people with unmet literacy needs or to support your organisation become more literacy friendly?

It's time to put some shape on your idea, find your partners to work with and get ready to submit your application to the Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2026.

For inspiration and to support the development of your idea please go to <https://www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund/> to explore other projects from 2024 and 2025.

Call for Applications
Expected to be open
from late November
2025 to mid/late
January 2026

You can contact me for advice and support – email: edelfinan@wwetb.ie or tel: 086 084 5354

I will send final details and guidelines as soon as they are available.

Please note your project should:

- support the aims of the ALL Strategy: address unmet adult literacy, numeracy, digital, family or financial literacy needs and/or support organisations to create a more literacy friendly society.
- have at least two organisations involved. All organisations must be public or not-for-profit.
- be new or innovative, that is, not work that is already happening.
- have clear positive outcomes for adults with unmet literacy needs, including making Ireland more literacy friendly.
- have the potential to be mainstreamed or rolled out by you or your partners and/or another region or service.
- show that it is good value for money.

Kind Regards

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PARENT SUPPORT

► Supporting Parents Communication Campaign



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

Dear colleagues,

Is it too early to mention that most wonderful time of the year? Not for us, as we are now seeking details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place during December. Of course, information on any Christmas related events is welcomed.

A selection of 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 Friday 28 November to allow time for the 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@equality.gov.ie for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT

► FDYS Francis Street NEETS Group



FDYS are starting a new NEETS group on Fridays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in FDYS Francis Street.

This group is for young people aged between 16 and 25 who are not in employment, education or training.

It is an opportunity for young people to socialise and connect with other young people.

A light lunch will be provided to participants.

Young people will be supported to explore their employment, education and training options if they would like to.

They will be supported with accessing their rights and entitlements if they require such support.

Life skills and wellbeing programmes will be offered to any interested participants.

Kind regards,

Avril O'Sullivan

Youth Information Officer

Wexford Comhairle na nOg Coordinator

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Wexford Active Youth Service Friday/Saturday Groups!

Francis Street NEETS

**Ages 16-24 from
1:30-3:00**

**A group aiming to support
young people that are
not in employment,
education, or training.**

FUN FRIDAYS!

**Ages 10-12 from
3:30-4:45**

**Ages 13-15 from
5:00-6:15**

**Activities led by young
people, a space for young
people to chill out after
a week at school!**

CREATIVE SATURDAYS!

**Ages 10-12 from
12:30-1:30**

**Creative activities such as
drawing, painting, creative
writing, character creation,
and badge-making!**

Saturday Teen Drop in

**Ages 13-15 from
2:15-3:15**

**A space to have chats, play
pool, and have fun! Feel
free to bring your friends!**

**Located at FDYS Francis Street Y35PR84
For more info call: 086 785 3708**

**Contact our youth workers:
James.obrien@fdys.ie**