

## **Wexford CYPSC Newsletter**

**26 September 2025**

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[Wexford CYPSC](#)

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access on [Facebook](#)



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## EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

### ► National Breastfeeding Week

# WEXFORD CELEBRATES NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2025

"Hold Me Close: the Power of Skin to Skin Contact"



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Wednesday

October 1st

10:30-12:00

Presentation Arts Centre

Enniscorthy

Y21X889

Monday

October 6th

10:30-12:00

Brandon House Hotel, New Ross

Y34KR62

Friday

October 3rd

10:30-12:00

Clonard Community Centre,

Shamrock Room, Wexford,

Y35YV0F

Wednesday

October 8th

10:30-12:30

Gorey Library

Y25K4P1



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Caring Support for Parenthood



La Leche League of Ireland  
Breastfeeding Help & Information



## ► Wexford Town Library : Services for Primary Schools



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

## ► Wexford Town Library Events

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

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

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

Our Afterschool Junior Chess Club has moved to Saturday mornings for the new school term! Junior Chess Club will run from Saturday, 13th September to Saturday, 18th October at 11:30am – 12:30pm. Suitable for all player levels. Strictly for ages 8-13 yrs. One booking required. This will reserve all six weekly sessions. Booking is essential as places are very limited. If you have booked a session for your child and are unable to attend on that day, please contact us and we can offer that place to another child on our waiting list. Important Notice: Parents & guardians must stay in the library building for the duration of this event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ► Bunclody Library Events

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

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



### **Baby Playtime - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 11.00am to 12.00pm**

Join us for our baby sensory playtime morning. We will provide lots of fun sensory toys and story sacks. Come along and meet other parents and babies in a comfy environment! **No booking required.**



### **Young Adult Book Club for ages 13 to 15 years – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 4.15 to 5.00pm**

Join us for the Bunclody Library YA book club! New members are always welcome.



### **Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 to 11.40am**

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



### **Music Session with Junior Comhaltas Group and Helena Dunbar – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30 to 3.30pm**

Join us this afternoon for a fantastic musical hour with the Junior Comhaltas group led by Helena Dunbar. Come along and support some amazing local musical talent. **Booking essential.**





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

Kind regards,

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► Coffee morning with bite size learning for everyday life



- This is a FREE event.




[Register here for this event](#) or contact Edel on 086 084 5354 / [edelfinan@wwetb.ie](mailto:edelfinan@wwetb.ie)

This coffee morning is open to everyone, and we welcome anyone who wants to learn more about digital literacy in a supportive and friendly setting.

**When:** Tuesday, 30 September 2025

**Time:** 9.30am to 1.00pm

**Where:** Ardmore Lounge – The Tower Hotel, Waterford







Waterford and Wexford  
**Regional Adult Literacy Coalition**


**Coffee morning with bite size learning for everyday life**

**When:** 09:30 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 30 September 2025  
**Where:** The Tower Hotel, Waterford – Ardmore Lounge

**Stop Think Check**




 Learn where to find health information you can trust.




 Get tips on how to manage your money.

 Find out how to spot fake news and misinformation.

[Click here to book your place, OR](#)

- Scan the QR code,
- Telephone 086 084 5354 or
- Email [edelfinan@wwetb.ie](mailto:edelfinan@wwetb.ie)





### ► Join Us for Kinship Care Day!

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

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

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

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



### Dietary Requirements:

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

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

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

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



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

**Online Workshops:**

**Distance Creates Winter Saturdays (Ages 6–8)**

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

**Distance Creates Winter Saturdays (Ages 9–12)**

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

**Youth Autumn Camp – Online (Ages 13-16)**

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

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



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

Dear colleagues,

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

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

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

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

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

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

## WEBINARS & TRAINING

### ► Healthy Living for Everyday Life

Please see below and attached details of [Healthy Living for Everyday Life](#) – a series of **FREE** health information seminars at your local library, delivered by trusted professionals, to help you live well every day. Sessions take place in each library and topics include:



**Healthy living for everyday life**  
Trusted information for better health

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**At your local library**  
Every Tuesday morning from September to December  
10:30 am – 12 pm

Join us for a series of health and wellbeing talks at your local library, delivered by trusted professionals.

You will learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices, that will benefit you and those around you in everyday life.

To book and for more information  
(053) 919 6760  
[www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library](http://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library)

We will explore the cycle of change together.



Logos at the bottom include: HE ht, Wexford County Council, Quality Action, Irish Heart Foundation, Mental Health Ireland, Health to Wellness, European Union, SOLAS learning works, and All Ireland Library for Life.

Download the Healthy Living for Everyday Life Poster [here](#)

- Alcohol Awareness
- Movement Matters
- Understanding Smoking & Vaping
- Healthy Eating
- Cancer Risk Reduction
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing

People can book for just one or all six sessions. See below for details and individual posters for each library.

- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Poster](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Bunclody](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life New Ross](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Enniscorthy](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Wexford](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Gorey](#)

Booking for all sessions are with the libraries - online, over the telephone, or by calling into the library.

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Healthy  
**Wexford**

  @HealthyWexford  @HealthyWexford  @healthywexford

## ► Digital Skills for Everyday Life



Here's a booking link to **Free Digital Skills for Everyday Life** sessions which are currently running in **Wexford Library** from **September – November**.

Sessions are provided by tutor Laura Cullen, WWETB. Join us every Friday in Wexford Town Library in our training suite for relaxed, learner-centred sessions designed to help you build confidence with everyday digital tasks. 10.30am-12.30pm.

Sessions must be booked on a weekly basis. **Booking is essential. Your booking contact details will be shared with the WWETB tutor.**

**Book here:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4409171>

Why not come along and enjoy *free, friendly, confidential digital learning sessions at Wexford library*. You will learn a range of digital skills, from navigating the internet safely to setting up emails etc.

**Approach:** Informal, supportive, and based on your needs. Bring your own device (phone, iPad, laptop) if you have one — if not, **no problem!!**

Many thanks all,

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## ► National Learning Network : QQI Level 4 Major Award in Retail Skills

QQI Level 4 Major Award in

# RETAIL SKILLS

**Duration: 78 Weeks**

This programme provides students with the skills and support necessary for a rewarding retail career. Students will develop essential retail skills, alongside personal growth opportunities including confidence-building, social skills, and job-seeking strategies.

Valuable real-world experience is provided through work placements. A dedicated team will assist students in exploring career options and creating personalised plans to achieve their goals, encompassing employment, further training, or higher education.

**Contact Us Now**  
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wexford@nln.ie  
nln.ie  
The Swan Training Centre,  
The Faythe, Wexford

## National Learning Network Wexford

Think *Possible*

**Modules:**

- Communications
- Retail Sales Techniques
- Information Technology
- Work Experience
- Stock Control
- Customer Service
- Retail Payments Procedures
- Digital Media
- Word Processing
- Personal & Interpersonal Development
- Workplace Safety
- ICD



**FREE** life changing courses  
& supported **training**

► NVR Ireland – Widening The Lens Webinar



The poster features a dark green rectangular area in the upper center containing the NVR Ireland logo and name. To the left of this area is a pink and orange starburst graphic with text. Below the logo area, the text 'INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR & AGM' is written in white. The main title 'NVR - Widening the Lens' is in a large, dark green script font, with the date and time 'THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 9.30AM TO 12.30PM' in pink below it. The speakers' names are listed in a smaller green font. A pink and orange circular graphic contains the text 'SCAN TO BOOK' and a QR code. The website 'WWW.NVRIRELAND.IE' is at the bottom right. The background is a light blue and green geometric pattern.

*Save your place.  
Register now!*

 **NVR  
Ireland**  
Non Violent Resistance

INVITES YOU TO A WEBINAR & AGM

***NVR - Widening the Lens***

**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 9.30AM TO 12.30PM**

**WITH SPEAKERS**

Dr Gary Byrne, Senior Clinical Psychologist, HSE  
Katie Foy, NVR Therapeutic Support worker, ISPCC  
Sharon McCormick, Manager, Barnardos  
A parent speaking of their NVR experience

**SCAN TO BOOK**



**WWW.NVRIRELAND.IE**

## ► HUGG : Healing Untold Grief Groups



### HUGG'S Annual Suicide Bereavement Remembrance Event

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

**Sunday, 9th November, 2pm**


**Dublin Unitarian Church & streamed live**

**St. Stephens Green, D02 YP23**

## ► Meitheal Training

This training is available to any practitioner employed in the statutory or community/voluntary sector, who is working with children/young people and/or their families and is willing to become a Meitheal lead practitioner. The overall aim of Meitheal Standardised Training is to equip you with the skills necessary to apply the Meitheal Model in practice.

**Applications :** If you/or anyone on your team is interested in attending, please complete the application form attached and return it to me [Sinead.cronindaly@tusla.ie](mailto:Sinead.cronindaly@tusla.ie)

			
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Module 1 eLearning</b> <b>Sent 10 days before virtual session</b> <b>(complete in own time)</b>	<b>Module 2 Virtual Classroom 1</b> <b>(10.00 – 13.30)</b>	<b>Module 3 Virtual Classroom 2</b> <b>(10am– 12.30)</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Module to be completed online prior to virtual classroom session</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025</b>
<b>** (All 3 Modules must be completed to receive a certificate) **</b>			

## PARENT SUPPORT

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

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



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

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

Engaging and interactive presentations throughout the day will also explore play and recreation opportunities outside of the traditional playground space.

We hope that you can accept this invitation and join us in person. Further details on the final schedule for the day and venue specific information will be shared closer to the time.

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

Please feel free to share this invitation with any relevant colleagues or contacts. Apologies for any cross-posting of this invitation.

Registration is now available from this link:

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

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


Kind regards,

Deirdre Reidy Assistant Principal Officer

## ► Tipperary Parent Hub Webinar Series

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

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




### Free Webinars for Parents

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

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

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

Scan the QR code for more info:



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

Kind Regards

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*Ferryhouse*

*Clonmel*

*E91RF38*





Dear Stakeholders,

There are **only 5 days left** to take part or spread the word, if you haven't already, for our major national [study](#) examining how care-experienced young adults aged 18-24 are supported with education, employment and training. We have extended the deadline to this Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**How You Can Help:**

- **Take Part** by clicking [here](#) if you are a care-experienced young adults aged 18-24\*\* or support care experienced young adults.
- **Share this** email invitation and flyers (attached) with your colleagues, networks and care-experienced young adults aged 18-24.

**Who Can Take Part:**

- All young adults aged 18-24, who have experience of the care system in the Republic of Ireland\*\*
- All staff or management of services supporting care-experienced young adults aged 18-24 in the Republic of Ireland, in any way, with their education, employment or training.

We want to hear from everyone who can take part. However, **certain voices are very under-represented** in our data, and we greatly appreciate any assistance in reaching out to them:

- Care-experienced young *men*
- Care-experienced young adults *not* in education, employment or training
- Care-experienced young adults in emergency or homeless accommodation
- Care-experienced young adults who were in Tusla's care as separated children seeking international protection
- Further education and training service providers
- Employment service providers.

**Why Your Help Matters:**

This research will inform recommendations to the government and services on how to improve supports for care-experienced young adults aged 18-24, and we want you to be part of it!

Plus, care-experienced young adults who take part have the chance to receive vouchers worth between **€25 - €100**.

**Want to Know More:**

Check the flyers with this email, visit our [website](#) or watch back our information event on [YouTube](#).

Your help and participation are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karl at [kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org](mailto:kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org)

Kind regards,

Karl McGrath.



## YOUNG PEOPLE

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

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



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

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

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

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### ► New Government Campaign on School Attendance



### Minister McEntee launches national campaign on school attendance

- From: [Department of Education and Youth](#)
- Published on: 24 September 2025
- Last updated on: 24 September 2025

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

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

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

For full article please click [here](#)

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

## HEALTH

### ► RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and Immunisation

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



Protect your baby  
against Respiratory  
Syncytial Virus (RSV)

**Protect your baby against RSV**  
You can now protect your baby against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

**What is RSV and why should I protect my baby against it?**  
RSV is a common virus that causes respiratory infections in young babies. Babies under three months old get sicker with RSV than older children.

Each winter in Ireland one in two babies will get RSV and many will need medical care from their GP or the emergency department of a children's hospital. Four out of a hundred babies are hospitalised due to RSV, with some babies needing special treatment in intensive care units.

Nirsevimab is the best way to protect your baby from RSV.

### Useful documents / links

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

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

Please come back to me if you have any questions.

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

*Kind regards,*

**Patricia McQuillan,**

Stiúrthóir Altranais | Clár Vacsaíne Réigiúnach | Sláinte agus Folláine

Director of Nursing | Regional Vaccination Programme | Health & Wellbeing

## LITERACY

### ► International Literacy Day Partner Pack

We are sharing over the '[partner pack](#)' for this year's International Literacy Day campaign, which will "go live" on the 8 September this year. We are launching a national and regional awareness-raising campaign focused on Media Literacy that will take place across September (8 -21 September) and again in October 24-31 for Global Media and Information Literacy Week.

You will find attached the partner pack. It includes:

- **Information about the campaign**
- **Key messages**
- **Events that are taking place all over Ireland**
- **Social media tags**
- **A link to download campaign assets**

We wish to thank all our partners who have helped us in developing this year's campaign.

We hope you will be able to support the campaign and share the campaign messaging widely.

Kind Regards,

ALL Team

**Adult Literacy for Life**

**National Programme Office**

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### ► Children's Active Play Fund – Closing 10 October

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## What is the Children's Active Play Fund?

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

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

This includes:

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

Applicants can join one of our application clinics on Wednesday 24 September 2025 and Wednesday 1 October 2025. These one-hour webinars will provide information on fund eligibility and the application process and offer an opportunity to answer any questions you have. Register for an application clinic here:

- Wednesday 24 September at 11am - Register [here](#)
- Wednesday 1 October at 11am - Register [here](#)

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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