

Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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[Wexford CYPSC](#)

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TENDERS

► Tender to Develop a Disability Pathways Resource for Children and Young People in Co. Wexford



The [Wexford CYPSC](#) Disability Pathways Task Group would like to create a resource that documents the pathways to services and supports for disabled children & young people across health, social services and education. The target group is 0-17 years. This resource will be primarily targeted at parents and caregivers.

Wexford CYPSC is seeking a suitable consultant to develop the resource. The tender has been advertised on Activelink. The [link for the tender](#) is available here.

Time Frame : Wexford CYPSC requests that the resource developer be available to start as soon as possible and requests that tenderers specify their start and projected completion dates. The project must be completed by the end of November 2025.

Closing Date : Tenders must be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday 5th August to sheila.barrett@tusla.ie.

Full details are available on [Activelink here](#).

Please share this link with your contacts as appropriate.

PARENT SUPPORTS

- **Supporting Your Child's Transition from Preschool to Primary School**



The transition from preschool to primary school is one of the most significant milestones in a child's early years. At the National Parents Council (NPC), we are committed to supporting parents and childcare providers in helping children navigate this change with confidence and ease.

We are excited to offer **free online information sessions** to help you prepare for this important transition. These interactive webinars are designed to provide practical advice, tips, and resources to ensure a smooth journey for your child.

Why Attend?

Our sessions will empower parents and childcare providers with practical knowledge and strategies, including:

- How to emotionally prepare children for the transition.
- Building resilience and confidence in children.
- Strengthening the relationship between parents, providers and children during this time.

Session Details:

Each session lasts approximately **70 minutes**, including time for an interactive Q&A, where participants can ask questions and get personalised advice from our experienced facilitators

Session Dates and Times:

- Monday 30th June to Thursday 3rd July- 10am and 7.30pm each day

How to Register:

Simply register using the link below. Spots are limited

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Transition_Preschool_to_Primary_School_Week_of_30June2025

► Let's Get Ready



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



Dear Parents,

Have you heard of Let's Get Ready? Well, it's a fantastic website run by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) that has all the information that families need.

Let's get Ready has tonnes of useful information on:

- Starting pre-school.
- Starting primary school.
- Information for families with children who have disabilities.
- Information resources.

Visit [Let's Get Ready](#) for all your information needs.

DO YOU NEED FUN-FILLED THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER?

GOV.IE/LETSPLAYIRELAND
HAS EVERYTHING YOU
NEED & MORE!



We have fun &
creative indoor &
outdoor play ideas
for young children!

ACTIVITIES:

- Storytelling
- Painting
- Blanket Forts
- Reading & Writing
- Music & Dance
- Scavenger Hunts
- Puppets



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► Young Mothers Group : Gorey / Courtown

ARE YOU 24 OR UNDER?
ARE YOU A MOM?
DO YOU WANT A COFFEE
MORNING?
IF SO
 MESSAGE PAULA ON
089 481 3144
(FDYS COURTOWN/GOREY)



YOU ARE SUPERWOMAN







► **Requesting details of parenting initiatives taking place during July/August -
Closing Date for Submission of Information Today : June 27**



School's out for summer!

Yes, believe it or not, it's that time of year again and parents will no doubt be searching for information on parental supports along with events to keep their children active and entertained during the summer months. With this in mind, we welcome details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place during July or August.

As with previous months, a selection of events will be promoted across DCEDIY 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 upcoming parenting initiatives could be provided by **Friday 27 June** to allow time for the DCEDIY Communications team to develop content for sharing across DCEDIY social channels.

You can check across DCEDIY 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 initiative 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 particular queries, please do not hesitate to email parentingsupport@equality.gov.ie for assistance.

We wish to sincerely thank you for your continued support of the Supporting Parents communications campaign.

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

TRAINING

► Solihull Approach to Infant Mental Health : Facilitator Training – Closing Date Today : 27 June 2025



Solihull Approach Training is all about supporting emotional health and wellbeing with a focus on relationships and nurturing connected, sensitive and responsive interactions. The Solihull Approach was founded in practice and is also evidence-based, developed by psychologists, child psychotherapists, Health Visitors and practitioners. It is a way of thinking and working with families, groups or one-to-one that transcends professions and communities. The Solihull Approach is also about understanding brain development to understand behaviour, communication and emotional health.

The Solihull approach uses a cascade model of training whereby practitioners having completed a two-day foundation training can train in specialist training, for example fostering, adoption and social training, ante natal training and trauma informed training. Practitioners can also train in a large variety of parenting groups using the Solihull approach, for example understanding your child groups, antenatal programmes and programmes specifically for foster carers. Solihull also provides a suite of online training parents can be guided through with a practitioner or complete on their own in their own time.

In 2024 the National Infant Mental Health Network working group published 'Frameworks for Foundation Level Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Professional Development'. This framework outlines the importance of facilitating training to advance and embed the theory into practice following up on the National Healthy Childhood Programme IMH eLearning modules available on HSELand.

From a theoretical and practice perspective the Solihull Approach was identified as a suitable model, compatible with the Infant Mental Health masterclass training, to provide a foundation level training in IECMH and reflective practice.

There are three elements to this implementation across Ireland over the next 12 months:

- The roll out of the 2-day Solihull Approach Foundation course to staff across the early childhood workforce in Ireland through the training of foundation course trainers across the country. **We are currently looking for facilitators for the two-day foundation course. If you work with infants, young children and families, have facilitation experience and have the capacity to deliver this training as part of your work role, please contact Debbie at the email address below to learn more.**

- The second element involves the implementation of the Solihull Approach in supporting all families in Ireland, through access to a multiuser licence offering various resources and online courses for families. This evidence-based, self-paced learning is available online anytime, anywhere, helping parents and caregivers understand brain development, emotional health, and fostering wellbeing.
- The third element involves training practitioners in Solihull Approach parenting courses. Solihull Approach Parenting Group Facilitators' Training prepares practitioners to effectively deliver the 10-week 'Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager' group for parents, the antenatal 'Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby', postnatal 'Understanding your baby', and Postnatal Plus groups.

Further Information on Facilitator Training : contact Debbie Scales at scalesdebbie@hotmail.com

- The [Expression of Interest Form](#) can be accessed here.
- The closing date for submitted EOIs is **27 June 2025**
- To read more about the Solihull Approach to infant mental health, access the [Solihull website](#) here.

SURVEYS

► Migrant Integration Strategy for Co. Wexford

As you may know Wexford County Council are currently developing a Migrant Integration Strategy for the county. We have been engaged as consultants to carry out the consultations and assist with developing the strategy. We have carried out 8 focus groups to date with people of a migrant background and community groups supporting them in different areas of the county. We would now like to hear the voices of service providers / stakeholders who are involved in supporting migrant integration/inclusion in Co. Wexford.

We have developed a survey, which includes both closed and open-ended questions. These will assist us in seeing the perspectives of service providers and the potential actions / responses that would be useful to include in the strategy. Where you provide contact details, we may follow up with you. All responses will be treated with confidentiality, and we will not use any names / identifying information of individuals from the survey data in any reports/ draft strategy. We will only use the names of organisations to describe their roles / potential actions as agreed with them.

The link for the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/r/dZUgeHuRvg>

We would appreciate if you could complete it by **Monday 7th July**.

Please feel free to forward this to your contacts involved in supporting migrant integration in Co. Wexford.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about the survey or the process.

Kind regards,

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AWARDS

- **Media Literacy Ireland (MLI) Awards**



If you or your organisation have helped to empower citizens, especially within communities, with the skills to use, understand, create and participate in media, then enter the MLI Awards to have your work recognised. Projects or initiatives may take any form including training, research, outreach, resource development, advocacy, network-building or provision of funding.

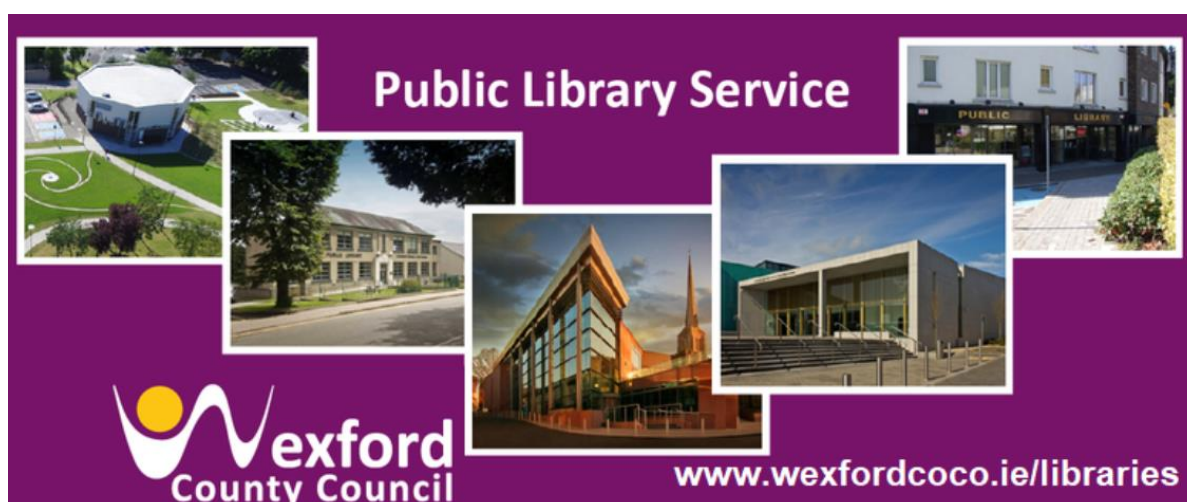
There are **five** categories

- **Best Media Literacy initiative for Young People** - open to any organisation, individual or collaboration who delivered an initiative (including projects, resources, training, research or campaigns) aimed at empowering children or young people under 18 with the skills to use, understand, create or participate in media
- **Best Media Literacy initiative for Older People** - open to any organisation, individual or collaboration who delivered an initiative (including projects, resources, training, research or campaigns) aimed at empowering older people with the skills to use, understand, create or participate in media.
- **Best Community-Based Media Literacy Initiative** - open to any initiative (including projects, resources, training, research or campaigns) that helped to empower people living within a particular community (either geographic or community of interest) with the skills to use, understand, create or participate in media
- **Best General Media Literacy Initiative** - open to any initiative (including projects, resources, training, research or campaigns) which helped (directly or indirectly) to empower people with the skills to use, understand, create or participate in media
- **Best Media-Led Media Literacy Initiative** - open to any media organisation, media professional or media collaboration which has consistently supported the work of MLI and/or promoted media literacy messages via their channels, in an empowering and engaging way to the public.

The deadline for entries for the **2025 MLI Awards** is 14 July.

[Apply - Media Literacy Ireland](#)

LIBRARY EVENTS



► Bunclody Library Events

- **Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2025**

The Summer Stars Reading Adventure runs from June to the end of August. All children welcome to join. Rewards and incentives given throughout the summer. Call in and register today!

- **Summer Stars Colouring Station – every Monday in July, 2-5pm**

Pop into the library for our fun Summer colouring station event. This is a fun activity for all the family to participate in. **No booking required.**

- **Creative Lego Play – every Tuesday in July, 2-5pm**

Join us for Lego Free Play. We have Duplo and Lego to let the children's creativity shine. **No booking required.**

- **Kids' Board Games Afternoon – every Wednesday in July, 2-5pm**

Pop into the library every Wednesday afternoon in July to play some of our favourite children's board games. This is a family event. **No need to book** – all welcome!

- **Summer Creation Station – Thursday 3rd July, 2-5pm**

Pop into Bunclody Library to create a summer craft. This is a family-led creative event where we invite families to sit down, relax and make some wonderful creations together. **No booking required.**

- **Bunclody Library Adult Book Club, Thursday 3rd July, 7.30pm**
Our Adult Book Club meets the first Thursday of every month. This month we will be discussing Cormac McCarthy's No Country for Old Men. New members are always welcome.
- **Baby Play Time, Friday 4th July, 11am-12pm**
Join us for our baby sensory playtime morning. Ideal for ages 0-2 years. All welcome
- **Summer Stars: Weekly Junior Book Club, every Friday in July, 3-4pm**
Join us each week for a pop up Junior Book Club for ages 9-12 years as part of our Summer Stars programme. Meet the librarians and talk about your favourite books or get recommendations for your summer of reading. **No need to book** - all welcome!
- **Kids' Movie Morning, Saturday 5th July, 11am-12.45pm**
Join us for a fun children's movie this morning, suitable for ages 7+. **No need to book**. All welcome! Parents/guardians must remain in the library for the duration of the event.
- **Sensory Afternoon, Saturday 5th July, 2-5pm**
From 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm we will have our Sensory Collection on display in the meeting room for families to come in and see. Amongst the items we have are a dark den, sensory books, Lego & Duplo, story sacks, sensory basket and much more. All are welcome.

► Wexford Town Library Events

- **Integration Support Services Information/ Drop-in session, Wednesday 2nd July, 2:00pm - 4:00pm.**
Drop-in Information Service for new residents of Wexford. Service provided by the Local Authorities Integration Team. For more information on this service, please contact the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) on integration@wexfordcoco.ie
- **Wexford Library Junior Draughts Club, Wednesday, July 2nd, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.**
Come along to our Junior Draughts Club. Suitable for all player levels. Strictly for ages 8-12 yrs. Booking is essential as places are very limited.
- **Page to Screen Movie Night, Thursday, July 3rd, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.**
Join us in Wexford Library for a book to film movie night. Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy, and escape reality for a few hours. Booking is essential for this event.
- **Loretta Rose Drama Workshop for Children aged 6-8 years, Saturday, July 5th, 2:30pm - 3:30pm.**
Join us for a fun, creative workshop. Sparking imagination with a range of drama games, activities, exercises and assortment of props and tools, such as hand and finger puppets. Children will explore the delightful world of drama, and real-life experiences. Learning about different types of story-telling, folk tales, fairy tales, and traditions. This workshop is suitable for children aged 6-8 years. Booking is essential.
- **Happy to Chat Conversation Hour, Tuesday, July 8th, 11:00am - 12:00pm.**
Join us in Wexford Library for an hour of conversation and knitting. All adults are welcome from beginners to fluent English speakers. Please feel free to bring whatever knitting piece you're working on. Attendees can swap patterns, share tips and help beginners, and have a chat of course while working on your pattern. Beginners are very welcome. Booking is essential.
- **Wexford Reading Circle, Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm.**
Ready to take the next step in your reading journey? We read together, chat, and learn from each other – no perfect English needed! Come, meet new people and enjoy short stories in a relaxed, friendly space. Booking is essential.

- **History Club for Teenagers, Thursday, July 10th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.**
Join Derek on the second Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for historical discussions, research projects, journaling, genealogy studies, guest speakers and more. The club is suitable for 14-17 year olds. Booking is essential.

- **“Fragments from the sea” The Wexford Whale and circular mosaics on Wexford bridge wall, Thursday, July 10th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm.**
The visual presentation will explore the creation of the Chanie mosaics and the incredible stories behind the shipwreck pottery. Fragments from shipwrecks from 150 years ago were Collected on local beaches by Rosslare native Ann borg. Ann collected pieces from age 7 years -70 years. Booking is essential.

- **Éist: Cúpla Focal Workshop with Alison Ní Mháirtín, Saturday, July 12th, 11:00am - 12:00pm.**
What are your favourite Irish words? What are the sounds from your favourite place? Join us for an exciting workshop using sounds and a story map to devise a new audio story using your words this summer. Facilitated by writer Alison Ní Mháirtín. Age range: 6-12. Booking is essential.

- **Adult Chess Evenings Weekly - every Tuesday 7.00pm - 8:30pm.**
Join our chess club for adults, suitable for intermediate and advanced chess players. Booking is essential for individual weekly sessions.

- **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.

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