



## Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

28 November 2025

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## HEALTH & WELLBEING

### ► Launch of the Public Health Strategy “Best Possible Health for Everyone in Ireland 2025-2030”



Our colleagues in HSE Public Health invite you to [register](#) for the launch of the HSE Public Health Strategy 2025-2030, on Thursday 11 December, 9:15am – 10:30am.

This strategy sets out the vision, mission and priorities for Public Health over the next five years, which aims to protect our population, prevent disease, promote good health and wellbeing, and improve health services. During the launch you will:

- Learn about the background and development of the strategy;
- Hear from key leaders and stakeholders on its significance within Public Health and the wider HSE reform under Sláintecare;
- Discover the strategy’s objectives and how they will be achieved over the next five years.

The strategy, a first for Public Health in the HSE, was a key recommendation of the Crowe Horwath Report on the Role, Training and Career Structures of Public Health Physicians in Ireland, the Report of the Public Health Reform Expert Advisory Group; and the World Health Organization Report on the Essential Public Health Functions in Ireland.

## WEBINARS/TRAINING

### ► 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 is the date of the next briefing session planned.

Month	Date	Time	Zoom link to register
<b>December</b>	<b>Thursday 4th</b>	<b>10am-11.30 am</b>	<a href="#">Meeting Registration - Zoom</a>

If you have any questions, please direct them to [eli@ncirl.ie](mailto: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](mailto:info@hubnanog.ie)

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:annette.dupuy@wexfordcoco.ie)

Phone: 053 9196525

## ► Wexford Town Library Events



**Story Time takes place in Wexford Library every Saturday at 11:00am. Suitable for 3-7 year olds.**

If you have any queries please call the library on (053) 91 96760 or email [wexfordlib@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:wexfordlib@wexfordcoco.ie). **Booking not essential.** Please note that children must be supervised at all times.

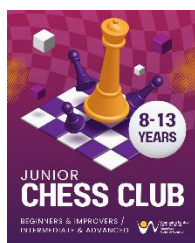


**LEGO Free Play in Wexford Library. Every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm**

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.**



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

Afterschool Junior Chess Club will run from Saturday, 8th November to Saturday, 13th December at 11:30am – 12:30pm. There will be no chess on Saturday, 15th November. Suitable for all player levels. Strictly for ages 8-13 yrs.

One booking required. This will reserve all five 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.

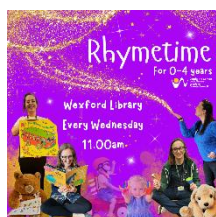
**Important Notice:** Parents & guardians must stay in the library building for the duration of this event.



### **Integration Support Services Information/Drop-in-LAIT – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2-4pm**

Wexford County Council's Local Authority Integration team are dedicated to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals navigating international protection (IP Applicants), those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status, Programme Refugees, and Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) will guide you to services you need to integrate into the community.



### **Rhyme Time at Wexford Library – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11-11:30am**

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).

## ► 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.



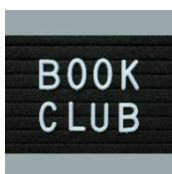
### **Baby Playtime for ages 0 to 2 years – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am to 12.00pm**

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 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 4.15 to 5.00pm**

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



### **Festive Storytime - Saturday 6<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!



### **Christmas Card Creation Station – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 to 3.30pm**

As part of our Family Time at Your Library programme, join us for our Christmas Card Creation Station. This fun festive family 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 Bunclody 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



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.



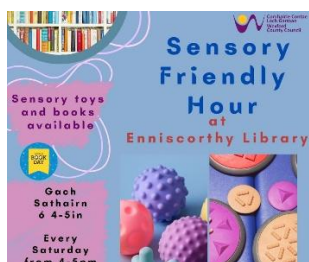
### LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library

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



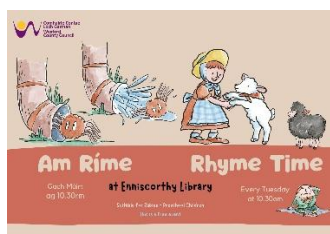
### **Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library**

Every Saturday from 4-5pm, Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Enniscorthy Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library.

No booking required.

All welcome!



### **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.

For more info or to book events, please telephone 053 9236055 or book online at [wexfordcoco.libcal.com](http://wexfordcoco.libcal.com).

## ► New Ross Library Events



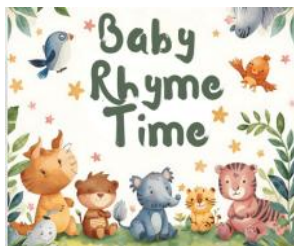
### **Handprint Christmas Wreath Craft – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 3-4pm**

Make Your Own Christmas Wreath

In the mood for a Christmas craft? Get into the festive spirit with our Handprint Wreath Workshop. This hands on activity is ideal for kids aged 5+ but will be fun for all the family.

Kids will trace, cut and decorate festive paper handprints to assemble a unique Christmas wreath they can take home and hang with pride. We'll provide the materials, just bring some festive creativity!

**Booking is essential.**



### **New Ross Library Rhymetime – Thursday 4<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.



### **New Ross Library Junior Book Club – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-4:30pm**

The New Ross Library Junior Book Club is the place for young book lovers, aged 9 to 12, to share their love of stories with others.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month for an hour of bookish chatter and activities and we'd love you to join us.

Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the library.

[Register here](#) or phone on 051 421877.



### **Christmas Arts & Crafts – Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:00pm**

Join us for a morning of Christmas crafts, which will be sure to get you in the festive mood.

We will be making our own wreaths using wool and we will also be making Christmas cards and will demonstrate two different techniques for this.

This craft morning is in association with Wexford Local Development (WLD) and we will Natalia Rusinova here to answer any questions you might have about what the WLD does.

**[Booking essential.](#)**

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

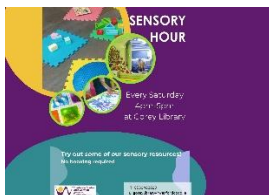
## ► Gorey Library Events



### **LEGO Freeplay at Gorey Library – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:30pm**

Calling all Master Builders! Come along to Gorey Library every Saturday for two hours of LEGO Fun.

No need to book, but if you need assistance attending, contact 0539483820 or email <mailto:goreylibrary@wexfordcoco.ie>



### **Sensory Hour at Gorey Library – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm**

Try out some of our Sensory Resources, use the Magic Table and browse the Sensory Catalogue in our dedicated Sensory Hour.

All are welcome.

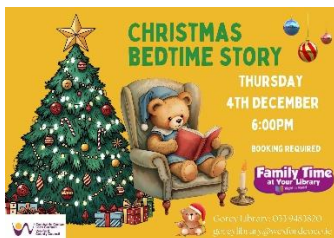


### **Storytime at Gorey Library – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11-11:30am**

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.



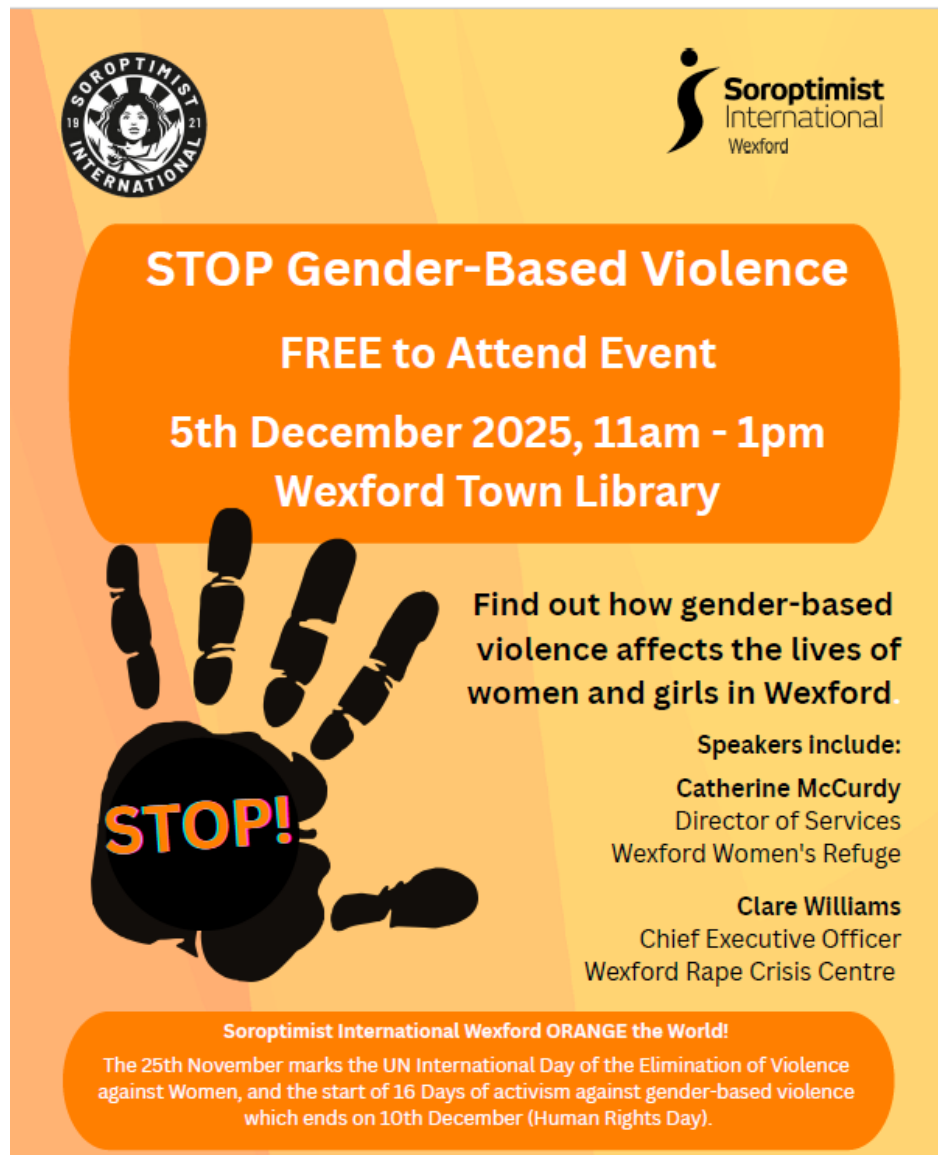
### **Christmas Bedtime Story – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6-7pm**

Get in the Christmas mood with lovely festive bedtime stories. Wear your pajamas and bring your favourite teddy!

No booking required just come along on the night!

For more info or to book events, please telephone 053 483820 or book online at [wexfordcoco.libcal.com](http://wexfordcoco.libcal.com).

## ► 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

**Soroptimist 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...

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

  
**Wexford Rape Crisis**  
Services for Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence Est. 1995  
**FREEPHONE:**  
**+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.



## ► The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network

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.



## 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](https://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***

**Edel Finan | Edel Ní Fhionnáin**

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

Réigiúnach Litearthachta

WWETB agus Litearthacht Aosach ar feadh an tSaoil

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

For more information, contact Derv in NALA at [dryan@nala.ie](mailto:dryan@nala.ie) or on 01 255 1868.

Kind Regards

*Edel Finan*

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## FUNDING

### ► Apply now for the 2026 Collaboration and Innovation Fund

We are now accepting applications for the [2026 Collaboration and Innovation Fund](#)

We would be grateful if you would share this email with your networks and any other contacts you think might be interested in collaborating on projects that;

- support adults with unmet literacy needs; or
- support organisations to be literacy friendly.

Organisations can apply for up to €15,000 to fund a local project, or up to €50,000 for a national project. All the details are on our [website](#) but here is a summary of what you need to know about the fund:

#### Key Details

- **Aim:** To finance innovative projects that support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital, and financial literacy needs, promoting a more equal society
- **Total Funding:** €1 million for 2026 .
- **Strands:** The fund is split into three strands:
  - **€700,000:** General literacy, numeracy, and digital literacy projects .
  - **€100,000:** Family literacy projects engaging parents .
  - **€200,000:** Projects improving financial literacy skills, funded by the CCPC to support Ireland's National Financial Literacy Strategy .
- **Eligibility:** Requires at least two organisations working in partnership.
- **Dates:** Open from November 24, with a closing date of 12 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2026 .
- **Application Process:** Involves watching an informational video, reading guidelines, contacting a Regional Literacy Coordinator (or [cif@solas.ie](mailto:cif@solas.ie) for national projects), and [submitting an online form](#) .

Kind regards,

The Adult Literacy for Life National Programme Office  
*Edel Finan*

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WWETB agus Litearthacht Aosach ar feadh an tSaoil

## ► Rethink Ireland has launched Impact Fund 2025

# RETHINK IRELAND

Our  
Social  
Innovation  
Fund

New Rethink Ireland fund to invest €1.1 million in community-led change across Munster and **Wexford**

24 November 2025: Rethink Ireland has launched Impact Fund 2025, a €1.1 million initiative designed to support innovative, community-led projects across Munster and **Wexford**. The fund, established by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, as well as a suite of philanthropic donors, will back up to eight high-impact projects strengthening social inclusion, wellbeing, and environmental resilience at a local level across the south of Ireland.

Applications are now open at [rethinkireland.ie/open-funds/](https://rethinkireland.ie/open-funds/) and will close on Friday 16 January at 1pm. Rethink Ireland is the national funding body supporting the most innovative non-profit organisations and social enterprises working to create a more just, equal and sustainable Ireland.

Impact Fund 2025 is created by Rethink Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, in partnership with the Parkes Family, Limerick; the Estate of Mary Coffey c/o Pat Toomey, Tipperary; the Hospital Saturday Fund; The Luan Fund, Cork; **Ed Murphy, Wexford**; Turas Nua and The Ireland Funds.

### **To be eligible to apply for Impact Fund 2025, projects must meet the following criteria:**

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and must make its main impact in Munster or county **Wexford**
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- Applicants must come from an entity with a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. a company limited by guarantee, a co-operative, a trust or a charity

[Full Article on Rethink Ireland Impact Fund 2025](#)

## PARENT SUPPORT

### ► National Online Resources Hub for Children with Disabilities and their Families



Families can find it hard to find useful information they can trust and staff members have asked for a national resources hub which they can signpost children and young people with disabilities and families to. As a result the HSE is currently creating a new information service on [Children with disabilities](#) to provide evidence informed, accessible information and resources for children and young people with disabilities and their families.

The first version is now available with 40+ resources on the following topics.

- **Communication** – Tips to support speech, language, and interaction
- **Emotion & Sensory Regulation** – Calming strategies and coping tools
- **Life Skills** – Toilet training, handwriting, and independence skills
- **Play** – Sensory play and activity ideas
- **School** – Preparing for pre-school and building confidence

Over the coming months this resource will expand as more information and resources are added.

## ► Cross Government Parenting Support Network - The Non-Violent Resistance Model - A Response to Child to Parent Violence and Abuse



**Do you develop policies that impact on parents?**

**Do you want to consult with or communicate with parents?**

The Parenting Support Policy Unit is here to help!

Join us **online** on **Thursday, December 11th, 11:30 – 12:30** for our next network event to hear about the prevalence of **Child to Parent Violence and Abuse** in Ireland, and the **Non-Violent Resistant Model** that is emerging as an effective response to it.

Our speakers will be:

**Dr Tara Kelly**

*Dr Tara Kelly has worked with parents and children for more than 30 years. She currently manages a team of Social Workers and Social Care Workers in Springboard (Tusla) who provide a wide range of therapeutic family support services in south Dublin. Her main areas of research and practice are with child to parent violence and abuse, child and adolescent anxiety and school avoidance. Tara is the current Chair of Non-Violent Resistance Ireland which promotes NVR across Ireland.*

### **Madeleine Connolly**

*Madeleine has over 20 years of experience of working with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services where she was based prior to being recruited by TUSLA in the past 6 months. She is a Systemic Family Psychotherapist working with Children in Care teams, Foster Carers and Birth Families based in The Therapeutic Hub, Dublin North City. Madeleine provides reflective practice spaces for Social Workers and Social Care Workers who are working with children in care and those on the 'edge of care'. She also provides therapeutic parenting and family services to Foster Carers, children in care and birth families. Madeleine also provides consultations to the assessment and intervention teams and Children in Care Teams.*

**Click the link below to register**

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ce986c6d-d9e9-443f-9c9d-d99947ff70dd@cffd37b1-d416-411b-938d-3d3a61c6be29>

## 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,

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Youth Information Officer

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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**

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[James.obrien@fdys.ie](mailto:James.obrien@fdys.ie)**