

Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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RESEARCH

► Help Create Change! Take Part in Our National Study on Care-Experienced Young Adults Education, Employment & Training



CES, in partnership with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) and Tusla, has just launched a major new national study to examine how care-experienced young adults aged 18-24 are supported with education, employment and training.

Why This Matters:

Care experienced young people face unique challenges transitioning to independence. This research will inform recommendations to the government and services on how to improve supports for 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.

How You Can Help:

- **Share this opportunity** with your colleagues, networks and care-experienced young adults aged 18-24.
- **Take Part** if you are a care-experienced young adults aged 18-24** or support care experienced young adults: <https://www.effectiveservices.org/journal/study-on-care-experienced-young-adults>

Want to Know More:

Check the flyers overleaf (available to access at links below). Visit our [website](#) or watch back our information event on [YouTube](#).

- [Flyer for Care Leavers](#)
- [Flyer for Care Providers](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Your Voice, Your Future!

TAKE PART IN THIS VITAL STUDY FOR CARE LEAVERS

What's The Study About?

This research focuses on what **helps** (and what doesn't) to support **18-24 year-old care leavers** with **education, jobs and training**

Who We Want To Hear From?

All Care Leavers (18-24) who experienced any form of Irish state care*



All Care Leavers (18-24)

*All types of care experience count: foster care, residential care, supported lodgings, emergency care, and more

What's Involved? (You choose!)

Quick Survey

- 15-20 minutes online
- For all care leavers (18-24), anywhere, anytime



Interview

- 30-minute chat
- For 10 care leavers (18-24), online or in location of your choice



Why Take Part?

- **Improve services** for care leavers
- It's **quick & confidential**
- Get **your own copy** of the findings
- **Prizes** are up for grabs!



PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

We are giving away vouchers to **care leavers who take part**

- **Survey** and you could win 1 of 7 One4All vouchers worth between €100 & €25
- **Interview** and you will definitely get a €30 One4All voucher

Ready to Make Your Voice Heard?

Don't wait! The deadline is September 19th. Scan the QR code or follow the link to get started now.



www.effective-services.org/journal/study-on-care-experienced-young-adults

Questions? Let's Talk!

Karl McGrath is here to help with any questions:
kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org
087 276 3223

Feel free to reach out anytime - no question is too small!



Who is leading this study?
Led by the Centre for Effective Services as part of the government's Care Experiences Programme, this study aims to create real change in services for care leavers.



Your Voice, Their Future!

HELP SHAPE BETTER SUPPORT FOR CARE LEAVERS

What's the Study About?

This research focuses on **what helps professionals** (and what doesn't) to support **18-24 year-old care leavers** with **education, jobs, and training**

Who We Want To Hear From?

Professionals

who support the education, work or training of care leavers in any way



What's Involved?

Quick Survey

15-25 minutes online



Group Discussion

90-minute online focus group with other professionals



Why Your Voice Matters?

- **Make Real Change:** Your experiences will influence how policies and services are designed
- **Quick & Private:** Completely confidential - your identity stays protected
- **See the Impact:** Get your own copy of the findings to see how your input made a difference

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- [Flyer for Care Leavers](#)
- [Flyer for Care Providers](#)

► Public Consultation on a new National Obesity Strategy in Ireland



Minister of State Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, with special responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy has launched an online public consultation seeking the views and opinions of the public and industry on a new National Obesity Strategy.

Obesity is a complex disease and in 2025, 56% of people in Ireland live with overweight or obesity. The Department of Health is developing a new National Obesity Strategy to enable healthier living and improve supports to prevent and treat overweight and obesity. The new strategy will build on the previous Obesity Policy and Action Plan.

We are seeking the views and opinions of the public on the key objectives for the new strategy and possible approaches to achieve them. The views and opinions collected will be considered and used to inform the further development of the strategy. Please click on the Survey Link below to take part. You will be redirected to the EU survey site where you will be given further instructions on how to complete the survey. We would like to hear from as many people as possible, as this is a health issue that has a widespread impact.

The estimated time to complete the survey is: 10 minutes.

The submissions for this online consultation will close on **18 September 2025**

[Further Information](#) available here.

EDUCATION

► Student Accommodation Assistance for those from Traveller, Roma and Care Experienced Backgrounds : Closing Oct 17



An Roinn Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais,
Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta
Department of Further and Higher Education,
Research, Innovation and Science



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gcuntas díomhaoin
the dormant
accounts fund

For the 2025/2026 academic year, funding is being provided to assist students from Traveller and Roma backgrounds and those with experience of the care system with the cost of accommodation, when living independently while attending third level education.

The aim of the Student Accommodation Assistance is to alleviate the cost of accommodation as a barrier to accessing higher education.

If an application is successful, how much assistance is available?

Amounts will vary depending on the cost of accommodation. The maximum assistance available in an academic or a calendar year is €6,000.

For example,

- If a student is paying €4,000 in rental fees, an application should be made for no more than €4,000 in assistance.
- If a student is paying more than €6,000 in rental fees, an application should be made for the maximum €6,000 in assistance.
- If a student is applying for assistance for just one semester, the maximum assistance is €3,000 however, if paying €2,000 in rental fees for the one semester, application can only be for €2,000 in assistance.

Who can apply?

Students must be a member of one or more of the following groups:

- Traveller Community
- Roma Community
- Have experience of the care system between the ages of 16 and 18 and are not eligible for an aftercare allowance.

How to apply

Contact higher education institution's access/student support office

Closing Date

17th October 2025

Further Information :

[Student Accommodation Assistance](#)

[Student Application Assistance Form for Care Experienced Students](#)

[FAQ for Students](#)

► **Pre-School to Primary School : Free Online Training for Parents from National Parents Council**

NPC
SUPPORTING PARENTS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN

NPC
Early Years

**Pre School to
Primary School**

What the session covers:

- Building independence and confidence
- Creating smooth morning routines
- Encouraging friendships
- Communication between home and school
- Supporting emotions and resilience

**Free Online Training
for Parents**

Helping your child transition
from Pre-School to Primary School

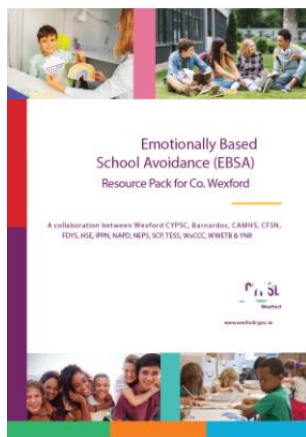
Upcoming Dates

- Monday 11th August – 12pm
- Monday 11th August – 7:30pm
- Thursday 14th August – 12pm

Registration Now



► Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Resources



As we moved into the last few weeks of the Summer holidays and the return to school approaches, the issue of EBSA may emerge as an issue in some households.

An inter-agency group, supported by Wexford CYPSC has developed an EBSA Resource Pack for Co. Wexford. This is available to download from the Wexford CYPSC website.

Access [EBSA Pack for Co. Wexford](#) here.

Access [EBSA Resources Page](#) on Wexford CYPSC website here

EBSA Resources Developed by Other CYPSC

[EBSA resources have been developed by other CYPSC](#) and they can be accessed on the national website.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

► Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in The Classroom - Free Training for Educators



Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is the most prevalent neurodevelopmental condition in Ireland. Despite this, the Irish Government and arms of the State do not recognise FASD as a disability, nor do they have any standard criteria for diagnosis or framework of support. Despite acknowledging the very significant prevalence of the condition, the Health Service Executive (HSE) refuses to acknowledge the need for specific tailored supports for people living with FASD and their families/caregivers. This is where FASD Ireland entered the stage.

FASD Ireland was established on International FASD Awareness Day, 9 September 2021 with a mission to provide education, awareness and support that will in turn work to reduce the prevalence of the condition into the future.

In this workshop, we will cover:

- An overview of FASD
- Recognising symptoms of FASD in the classroom
- How to support children and young people living with FASD to maintain education
- Alternative approaches and strategies to help with teaching.
- What it is like to experience education in Ireland living with FASD
- Best practice when challenges arise
- Where to go for additional help
- Question and Answer Session

Dates: 16 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December

Length: 2 Hours

Suitable for: SET's, SNA's, LSA's, SENCo's, Teachers and School Leadership Team working in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Location: Online via Zoom

Cost: No charge

Presented by: Tristan Casson-Rennie - CEO FASD Ireland

Registration Link: www.fasdireland.ie/training

There is no requirement to have a child or young adult diagnosed with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in your class, school, college or university to be able to attend this workshop. It is often the case that people are living with FASD and are undiagnosed, or have a diagnosis of one of the co-morbid or secondary conditions of FASD.

This workshop is open to anyone working in Education in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The workshop is not recorded, and a copy of the slides will be provided by email after the workshop concludes.

You will be asked to provide your job title, school location and email address when registering for a place. If this information is not provided, or you do not work in education in Ireland, then regrettably your place will be cancelled.

Please note: If you reserve a space on this workshop, please do ensure you attend as spaces are limited. If you are subsequently unable to attend, please let us know so that another person may take your place.

These workshops are delivered during term time only and commence at 18:00 hours. More information on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is available from FASD Ireland – www.fasdireland.ie

FASD Hub Ireland and FASD Hub Northern Ireland which is a free and confidential support service providing signposting and advice for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). There is no requirement to have a firm diagnosis of FASD to access this service.

Monday to Friday - 10am to 4pm by calling:

Ireland: [065 670 3098](tel:0656703098)

Northern Ireland: [02895 682 553](tel:02895682553)



Awareness | Education | Prevention | Support

for everyone living in Ireland with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

► Celebrate FASD World Awareness Day with Us – “FASD in Adulthood” Community Event

FASD Ireland (the national organisation based supporting people across Ireland living with FASD) warmly invites you to a special in person event in honour of World FASD Awareness Day 2025, celebrating the lives and contributions of adults living with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD):

FASD in Adulthood: Celebrating Lives, Building Inclusive Communities



Date: Tuesday, 9th September 2025



Time: 10am until 1pm



Location: Buttermarket, Drumbiggle, Ennis, County Clare



[BOOK: FASD in Adulthood : Celebrating Lives, Building Communities](#)

This event is a celebration of the individuals who live with FASD and a call to action for businesses, employers, community leaders and anyone with an interest to join us in creating more inclusive, supportive environments for neurodiverse adults.

What to Expect:

- * Personal stories from adults with FASD that highlight their journeys and achievements
- * Expert insights into how workplaces and communities can better support neurodiversity
- * Practical tools for improving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
- * Networking opportunities with advocates, professionals, and changemakers

Whether you're an employer seeking to enhance your DEI practices, a service provider, a community member passionate about understanding neurodevelopmental conditions or inclusion, this event offers a meaningful opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate.

Let's come together on World FASD Awareness Day to honour the voices of those with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and build a future where everyone belongs.

Please do circulate this to your teams and networks - your support in promoting this event for our organisation would be great appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you, and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Scott

Scott Casson-Rennie

Director of Operations & Deputy CEO

CAMPAIGNS

► SHINE 16th Annual Green Ribbon Campaign



We are emailing you in advance of the Annual **Green Ribbon Campaign** which is in its 16th year this September. The campaign is delivered by our NGO Partner Shine. Shine aims to empower people with mental health difficulties and their families through support, information and education. The organisation advocates for social change by promoting stigma reduction and social inclusion in its work towards a more compassionate Ireland.

The **Green Ribbon Campaign** is a pivotal opportunity for Shine to lead the way on stigma reduction around mental illness in Ireland. More than a campaign, it is a social movement that highlights our shared responsibility to destigmatise mental health and foster a more compassionate and supportive society. The **Green Ribbon** acts as a symbol of solidarity, encouraging us all to engage in open conversations and break down the barriers surrounding mental illness. Hundreds of thousands of ribbons are distributed nationwide free of charge as part of the campaign and hundreds of different events and activities are organised in September in workplaces and in the community. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness by getting as many people as possible talking about mental health and helping to end mental health stigma. You don't need to be an expert to start talking about mental health or have all the answers. Sometimes the most helpful thing you can do is to let someone know you are there for them and simply listen.

You can support the campaign by wearing the Green Ribbon, by hosting an event or by sharing the campaign on your social media platforms. You can download a supporter's pack via the link below that contains all of the resources that you might need including campaign logos, posters and graphics. <https://www.shine.ie/green-ribbon-supporters-pack>.

We have plenty of Green Ribbons here in the office so please let us know, by email, if you would like us to send some to you.



Join the social movement and Step Up to Stamp Out Stigma



- **Wear** the Green Ribbon to show you are open to talking about mental health
- **Talk** to others about this important campaign; talking about mental health helps to **increase recovery rates**
- **Donate** to support the growth of this movement



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FUNDING

► "What Works" Enhancing Quality Fund 2025 : Closing 22 August 2025



The Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, TD has announced the creation of a new fund under the *What Works* prevention and early intervention initiative, which is funded through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

The *What Works* Enhancing Quality Fund has been established under the Quality strand of the *What Works* initiative. The aim of the Quality strand is to align, enhance and sustain quality in prevention and early intervention as it relates to the development and delivery of policy, provision and practice for children and young people.

The 2025 Enhancing Quality Fund aims to promote continuous improvement and innovation using a process of problem-solving in prevention and early intervention services for children and young people. Successful applicants will support the *What Works* initiative to build on the development of implementation structures and learning harnessed from over a decade of investment in prevention and early intervention to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The fund is open to practitioners and service providers in not-for-profit organisations working with children, young people and their families and who have a strong emphasis on prevention and early intervention. The total value of the fund is €300,000, and organisations may apply for funding up to a maximum of €30,000.

The deadline for applications is **5pm, Friday, August 22nd 2025**. Applications should be submitted to whatworks@dcde.gov.ie. Hard copies delivered via post will not be accepted. Applicants are advised to carefully and thoroughly read the Guidance Note and Terms and Conditions for the Fund before completing and submitting the Application Form. These documents are linked below:

[Guidance Note](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

[Application Form](#)

Applicants should submit any questions about the fund or the application process to whatworks@dcde.gov.ie. Anonymised versions of these questions and the DCDE responses will be published on the following dedicated page:

[What Works Enhancing Quality 2025 Q & A Page](#)

For more information on [“What Works”](#) see the website here.



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Disability and Equality



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► Ireland Against Racism Fund 2025



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt,
Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce
Department of Justice,
Home Affairs and Migration

The Minister of State for Migration Colm Brophy has announced that applications are open for the 2025 Ireland Against Racism Fund. The fund, which is a key part of the National Action Plan Against Racism (NAPAR), will enable non-government and community organisations to provide projects and local initiatives that combat racism and promote racial equality.

There are two streams of funding:

Scheme A will provide grants, ranging from €40,000 to €100,000 to organisations for national and regional projects

Scheme B will provide grants, ranging from €5,000 to €10,000 to organisations for local projects

All applications must be submitted electronically.

Applications for funding will remain open until noon on **Wednesday 27 August 2025**.

Groups can access a detailed guidance document and complete an online application form at the following links.

- [Scheme A](#)
- [Scheme B](#)
- [Guidance Note 2025 IARF.pdf](#)

LIBRARY EVENTS

► Bunclody Library Events

- **Summer Stars Creative Writing with Laura, Thursday 14th August, 11am-12pm. For ages 9-12 years.** Calling all aspiring young authors! Join Laura for a fun creative writing workshop for ages 9-12 years where you will learn how to create your own characters, plot, settings and more. Parents/guardians must remain in the library for the duration of the even. **Booking essential.**
- **Bedtime Storytime for ages 3-5 years, Thursday 14th August, 7:00pm - 8:00pm.** Join us for a special Bedtime Stories event in Bunclody Library. Suitable for 3-5 yrs. Make sure and wear your favourite PJ's and bring along your favourite cuddly toy! **No need to book, all welcome!**
- **Starting School Storytime & Craft, Saturday 16th August, 11am-12pm.** We have special storytime with craft for those starting big-school this September. We will also be giving out a My Little Library Book Bag to those starting school. To help children to navigate starting school, libraries have put together a bag with a book just for them that can be collected from the library. The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. **Booking essential.**
- **Heritage Week Craft: Make Your Own Lighthouse, Saturday 16th August, 2-3pm.** As part of our Heritage Week celebrations, join us in creating a lighthouse craft. This event is suitable for children aged 7-10 years. Parents/guardians must remain in the library for the duration of the event. **Please book for the child only.**

BOOKINGS : To book a space for any events, please ring the library on 05393 75466.

Elaine Hoysted

Senior Library Assistant

Bunclody Library 05393 75466

► August Events at Enniscorthy Library



A wide range of events are taking place in Enniscorthy Library during the month of August. For details of all events for adults, children and young people, access the [Enniscorthy Library August Events Newsletter](#) here.

To see the range of events happening across all library branches and to book events, see the [What's On In My Library](#) Page.