

## Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

1 August 2025

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## WEBINARS & TRAINING



### ► Information Technology Applications Course

Please find [Course Profile for our Information Technology Applications Course](#) (Beginners), due to commence **01.09.2025 until 07.11.2025** (10 Weeks Duration), in the Waterford Training Centre. I would be extremely grateful for your assistance in the promotion of same and if you could share with all your networks and any clients that may meet the profile.

- Our Information Technology Applications Course is a Basic Computer Fulltime Course, with 4 ½ Days per week attendance.
- No Formal Education is Required. Please see Link to Apply below or for your contacts to obtain additional information:

[Skills To Compete - Information Technology Applications L3 - Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board](#)

We request ***all interested clients*** provide:

Evidence of Photographic ID in one of the following formats – EU Driver's Licence, PPS Card or an EU Passport.

**Non-EU citizen clients** must also provide evidence of one of the following:

- 1) A Current Stamp 4 Card **or**
- 2) A Current Permission Letter from the Minister of Justice & Equality to Access the Labour Market **or**
- 3) A Current Temporary Protection Letter valid up until **04.03.2026** as per the suggested link [Registration renewal – Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection - Immigration Service Delivery](#)

Please feel free to reach out, should you have any questions or require additional information.

**Linda Ryan | Linda Ni Riain**

Course Recruitment Officer |

Oifigeach Earcaíochta Cúrsaí

Waterford Training Centre | Ionad Oiliuna Phort Láirge

Waterford Industrial Park | Páirc Thionsclaíoch

Phort Láirge,

Cork Road | Bothar Chorcaí, Waterford | Port Láirge, X91 PX02


Phone | Fón: 051 301500

Press 3 for Course Recruitment.

Mobile | Guthán póca: 086 084 5376


## ► FASD (Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder) in Adulthood: Celebrating Lives, Building Inclusive Communities



 **Date:** Tuesday, 9th September 2025

 **Time:** 10am until 1pm

 **Location:** Buttermarket, Drumbiggle, Ennis, County Clare

 **BOOK:** To book a place for the [FASD “Celebrating Lives, Building Inclusive Communities”](#) event, click here

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.

For more information on the work of [FASD Ireland](#), visit their website here



## 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 in order 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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



ciste na  
gcuntas díomhaoín  
the dormant  
accounts fund

## ► 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](#)

## SEMINARS/ EVENTS

### ► Join an Information Event: National Study on Care-Experienced Young Adults Education, Employment & Training - August 5<sup>th</sup>



This Information Event is for a major national study about how care-experienced young adults aged 18-24 are supported in education, employment and training. We would love for you to join the event to learn what it's about, why it's relevant to you, and to ask us any questions you might have.

**The information event is open to everyone** and will be of particular interest to care-experienced young people, service providers and policy-makers, so please pass on the link to everyone you think might be interested.

The study is being led by the Centre for Effective Services (CES), with support from Advisory Groups with key stakeholders and care-experienced young adults. It is part of the [Care Experiences Programme](#) by the government's Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE), with help from Tusla. Data collection starts on **5th August**, so we're also holding the information event to launch data collection and let you know what it's all about. **We're looking for....**

- **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 look forward to seeing those of you who have registered. If you haven't already, there's still time to register and share this invitation with:

- Care-experienced young people aged 18-24
- Colleagues and service providers
- Anyone supporting care-experienced youth.

#### **Event Details**



**Date:** Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>



**Time:** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM



**Platform:** Microsoft Teams: [Register here](#)



### **Questions or Need Assistance?**

**Contact:** Karl McGrath, Lead Researcher, [kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org](mailto:kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org)

**Can't attend live?** We'll provide a recording to all registrants within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

**Karl McGrath**

Project Specialist

[Check out our new strategy](#)

27 Fitzwilliam Street Upper, Dublin 2, D02 TP23, Ireland

Tel: 087 276 3223



The Centre  
for Effective  
Services

## TENDERS

### ► Tender to Develop a Disability Pathways Resource for Children and Young People in Co. Wexford – Closing 5 August



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 5<sup>th</sup> August** to [sheila.barrett@tusla.ie](mailto:sheila.barrett@tusla.ie).

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

**Please share this link with your contacts as appropriate.**

## ► RSA “Check It Fits” : Wexford Dates



According to research, as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can result in serious injury or a fatality in the event of a collision.

Our 'Check it Fits' roadshow offers a full-time, nationwide, free service. Our team of experts will not only check that your child's car seat is fitted safely, they will also give a demonstration and answer any questions you might have.

CHECK IT FITS IS COMING TO:

**WEXFORD**

26/08 - Tesco Extra Townparks  
27/08 - Top Oil O'Briens Londis Barntown  
28/08 - Happy Baby Gorey

Visit [www.rsa/checkitfits](http://www.rsa/checkitfits) to find out more.

The poster features a background image of a baby in a car seat. A blue rounded rectangle contains the word 'WEXFORD'. At the bottom, there is a circular logo with a car seat icon and the text 'CHECK IT FITS' and 'RSA'.

See [www.rsa/checkitfits](http://www.rsa/checkitfits) for more information.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### ► Bunclody Library Events



- **Rhymetime for 0 to 5-year-olds - 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.**

- **Creative Lego Play – every Monday in August, 2.00 to 5.00pm**

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

- **Summer Stars Creation Station – every Tuesday in August, 2.00 to 5.00pm**

Drop 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. All materials will be provided. **No need to book.** All welcome!

- **Summer Stars Colouring Station – every Wednesday in August, 2.00 to 5.00pm**

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

- **Kids' Board Games Afternoon every Thursday in August, 2.00 to 5.00pm**

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

- **Sensory Afternoon - every Friday in August, – 2.00 to 5.00pm**

Every Friday in August we will have our Sensory Collection on display in the meeting room for families to come in and view. The items we have include a dark den, sensory books, lego & Duplo, story sacks, sensory basket and much more. **All are welcome.**

- **Summer Stars Craft for ages 9 to 12 years - Fri 8th Aug, 11.00am to 12.00pm**

Join library staff for a fun craft event for children ages 9 to 12 years. **Please book for the child only.**

- **Summer Stars: Grown Ups & Me Storytime & Craft for ages 4 to 7 years – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Aug, 11.00am to 12.00pm**

Join us for a storytime and craft session for parents/guardians and their children ages 4 to 7 years. Together, we will read some stories and create a little craft to bring home.

**Booking essential** as spaces are limited.

- **An introduction to Micro:Bits and VR Headsets for 9 to 12 year olds – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2.30 to 3.30pm**

Join us to learn about Micro:Bits and how to create a simple game programme! We are also excited to introduce our VR Headsets - explore the ocean, get up close to wild animals and much more. Places are limited so **please book for the child only.**

- **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).

Bunclody Library, Mill Wood, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.Y21 E970

Web: [www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries](http://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries)

## Children / Family Events



**Summer Stars** is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the start of June until the end of August. All children are invited to join the adventure. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

To join Summer Stars Reading Adventure visit your local library.

**We have prizes for every participant!**





## **Silly Stories and Craft**

Friday, 8th August at 4pm-5pm

Join us for a fun-filled session of silly stories, giggles and craft - perfect for children aged 4-7!

As a special treat, we'll also be giving out Little Library Bags to children who are starting Junior Infants in September.

Come along for stories, creativity and a great start to your reading journey!

Booking essential

Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



### **Family Movie Bonanza**

Saturday,

9th August at 2pm-3.30pm for ages 6+

16th August at 2pm-3.30pm for ages 4+

23rd August at 2pm-3.30pm for ages 9+

Take time out this August and join us for Family Movie Bonanza at the library. Gather your family and friends and enjoy a heart warming movie in a welcoming setting of the library.

Best of all, it's free and open to everyone!

Contact the library for more information. Booking essential. Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book 9th August](#)

[Book 16th August](#)

[Book 23rd August](#)



# Ready to Read Story Time at Enniscorthy Library

Join us for a story time session with special information on early literacy skills, skills that Teachers say are important to help your children be ready to learn.

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August  
at 3pm - 3.45pm**

If your child is starting school why not pick up your little library bag at this session.

**WORD  
ROW**

Narrative Skills

For ages 4 years to 5 Years

**Booking essential**

Comhairle Contae  
Loch Garman  
Wexford  
County Council

## Ready To Read Story Time for ages 4-5

Thursday, 14th August at 3pm-3.45pm

Join us for a story time session with special information on early literacy skills, skills that Teachers say are important to help your children be ready to learn.

Suitable for ages 4-5 years

Booking essential

Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



## Toddler Shenanigans

Friday, 15th August at 11am

Make friends, sing songs, and have lots of fun at our Toddler Shenanigans meeting. This event will be filled with music, shenanigans and sensory playtime, awakening children's imagination, and curiosity.

Booking essential

Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



## Craft for Kids

Thursday, 21st August at 3.30pm-4.30pm

Join us at the library for a creative crafting session just for kids!

Children ages 7-12 will enjoy making colourful and imaginative table centrepieces to take home.

All materials are provided and no experience necessary.

Booking essential

Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



### **Romanian Language Story Time**

Saturday, 23rd August at 4pm

Come enjoy a special Story Time in Romanian!

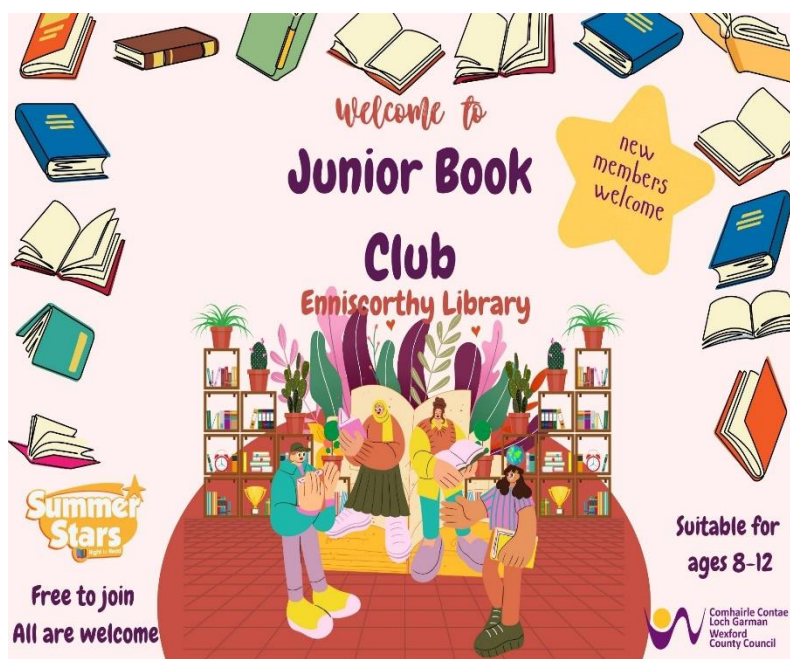
Children ages 3 to 7 are invited to enjoy charming stories and favourite songs all in Romanian. It's a wonderful way to explore the language and foster a love of reading.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Booking essential. Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



### Junior Book Club

Thursday, 28th August at 3.30pm

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

Suitable for ages 8 - 12, the children get together monthly to talk about books in all genres and to share a love of books. We explore new styles together to encourage reading and to develop a love for books.

This club is about reading for pleasure, making friends and doing some fun activities, drawing or writing too.

If you would like to know more, ask at the desk of the library or ring us on 053 9236055.

Booking essential. Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



### Comic Club for Teens

Friday, 29th August at 3.30pm

Love a good story told in both pictures and words? Want to meet like-minded people?

Join fellow comic book lovers for a discussion, board games, and creative drawing activities.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 15 years, why not drop in and see for yourself! Take a friend with you!



Booking essential. Please register for your place below

[Read more](#)

[Book now](#)



## Regular Events



Comhairle Contae  
Loch Garman  
Wexford  
County Council

**Am Ríme**

Gach Máirt  
ag 10.30am


**Rhyme Time**

at **Enniscorthy Library**

Suitable for Babies – Preschool Children

This is a free event

Every Tuesday  
at 10.30am



### Rhyme Time

Twist and turn every **Tuesday at 10:30am**. We are delighted to welcome parents and guardians with their little ones for fun rhymes, stories and songs.

Suitable for 0-3 year olds.

All the family is welcome to come along.



### Story Time

Every Saturday at 11.00am

Together we can begin to develop and nurture your child's love of books, music, and the library.  
For some children, this may be their first group experience.

Perfect for 3-5 years old but fun for everyone!

All welcome and no booking required.



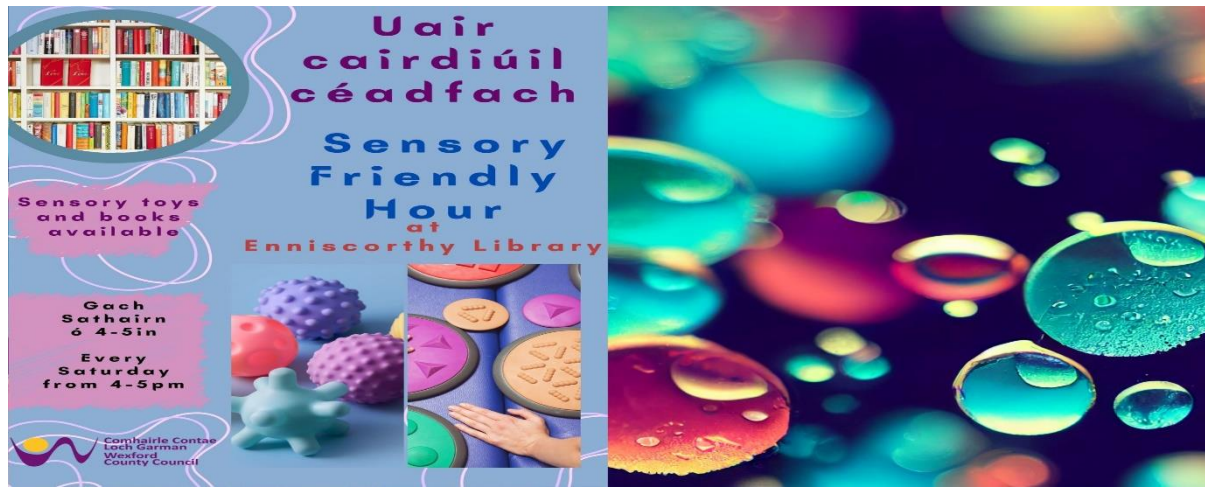


### LEGO Free Play

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+.

No booking required. All welcome!



### **Sensory Friendly Hour**

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!

## Other Services



### Mobile North Library Service

**Services the North of County Wexford  
and brings the library to you...**

- We carry a range of books for adults, teenagers and children.
- We also provide DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and large-print books.
- If there is a book or other item that you would like to request, just ask Joanne or Pat, or call us on 087 4175810.

**Pop in next time you see us to  
browse our selection.**

If you don't have the opportunity or ability to  
access your local library, click below  
and find your closest stop.

[Mobile North Summer Schedule](#)



The Sensory Toys and Assistive Resources (STAR) collection holds over 100 items and was developed to support children and young people with additional needs. Items such as toys, special aids and literacy apps can be borrowed from all libraries in County Wexford.

[Click and Browse STAR Catalogue](#)





### Home Energy Saving Kit

The Home Energy Saving Kit can be borrowed from Enniscorthy Library.

The Kit contains six simple tools to help you assess how energy efficient your home is and identify possible problem areas for improvement.

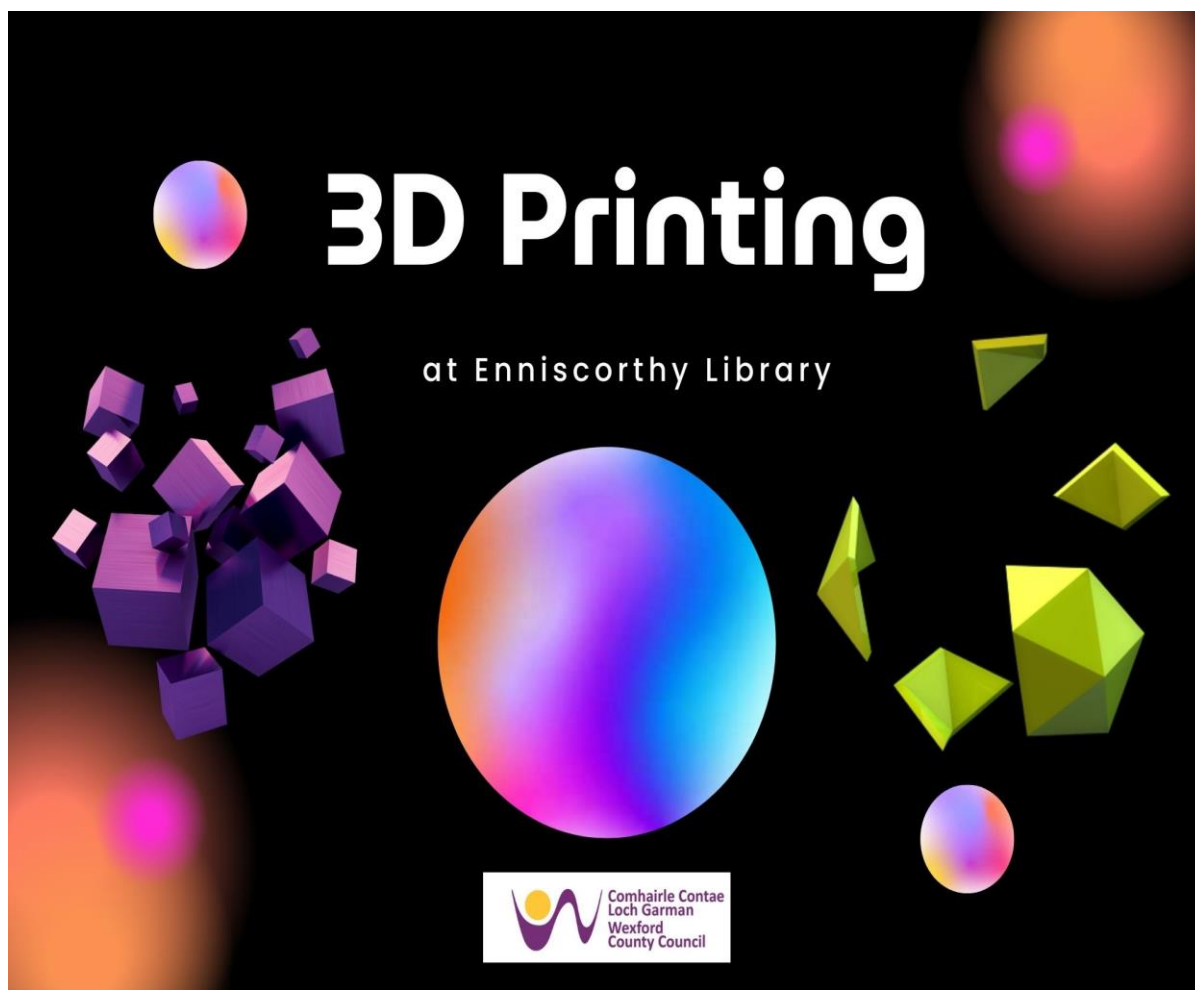


### Radon Monitor

To test your home for radon you can borrow a Digital Radon Monitor from Your Local Library.



**For more information contact  
Enniscorthy Library.**



### **3D Printing at Enniscorthy Library**

Enniscorthy Library offers a free 3D printing service!

Members of the public and particularly primary and secondary school students can imagine, design and make their own concepts and ideas.

You'll be able to pick a design from Thingiverse or design your own by using Tinkercad.

Talk to our staff about how to get your designs to the printer.



**Wexford Public Libraries App**  
**Access your library 24/7.**

The app offers access to the library catalogue and to the library user's account, so you can reserve and renew items from anywhere once you have Internet access.

Families with numerous cards can keep the entire family's account details in one place, with loans and requests for everyone available at a glance.

Available on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google Play



## Just a minute

We welcome JAM Card holders

Wexford Libraries are proud to be Jam Card Friendly Libraries.

What is a JAM card and who is it for?

A JAM Card lets people with a communication barrier discreetly tell others that they need 'Just a Minute' (JAM).

How do you get a JAM card?

Visit JAM Card website to apply for your free JAM Card.

If you need help applying, ask a member of our staff in any Wexford Libraries branch.

[Apply for JAM Card here](#)



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### **Enniscorthy Library**

**Email:** [enniscorthylibrary@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:enniscorthylibrary@wexfordcoco.ie)

**Phone:** 053 9236055

### **Opening Hours**

Monday 10.30am - 5.30pm

(closed 1pm to 2pm)

Tuesday 10.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 10.30am - 8.30pm

Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 10.30am - 5.30pm

(closed 1pm to 2pm)

Closed Saturday & Mondays of bank holiday weekends

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