

Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

January 10th 2025

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Wexford CYPSC

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YOUNG PEOPLE

► National Youth Council of Ireland: SPARK Youth Arts Festival 2025 – Save the Date!



We are delighted to announce that the SPARK Youth Arts Festival 2025 will take place from February 24th – March 1st next year!

SPARK Youth Arts Festival is a national event to explore, discuss and celebrate the inspiring world of youth arts practice in youth work in Ireland. Take part and spark your interest in developing youth arts activities with young people and embedding youth arts practice in your work!

The thematic focus of the 2025 festival is celebrating and promoting active youth participation in youth arts. Our programme will feature: a webinar with panel discussions & case studies, a youth arts training event; a Youth Arts SPEAKS event to promote creative youth consultation led by young people and The Ripple Effect Resource; an FAQ event for the Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme 2025; a showcasing event for young people and their youth arts projects and the SPARK Mini-Grant scheme 2025!

Join us from February 24th – March 1st 2025 for a celebration of youth arts in youth work!

Further information and event registration will be available in January from the <u>National</u> Youth Arts Programme webpage.

For more information, contact Rhona Dunnett at rhona@nyci.ie

Click here to access more information

WEBINARS & TRAINING

► LGBT Training and Supports

LGBT+ Awareness Training available both in-person or online:



Access the LGBT+ Awareness Training Poster here

Free of charge

Three-hour training programme online

Four-hour training programme in-person

We respond to requests for training also, if there are a minimum number of 10 staff interested.

Resources and certificates provided following completion of training and opportunity to do a follow-up Train the Trainer full-day course following completion.

All training information and content covered is available on the attached poster, with contact details to sign up.

Please see information posters below and overleaf, available to download

LGBT+ Support and Services in South-East, access here

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WEXFORD	PHONE	EMAIL
FDYS (Wexford)	087 134 0906	emma.whitty@fdys.ie
Gorey Youth Needs (Gorey)	085 861 2670	karen.mccann@gyng.ie
Youth New Ross (New Ross)	O51 425 415	info@ynr.ie
Wexford Pride (County-wide)	www.wexfordpride.ie	wexfordpride@gmail.com
WATERFORD	PHONE	EMAIL
LG8T+ Health Waterford (Adults)	083 013 6136	lgbthealth@wstoys.ie
ChiliOUT Waterford (14-17 yrs)	086 021 8941	chillout@wstays.ie
ChillOUT West Waterford (young people)	086 604 5817	dungarvanoyp@wstoys.ie
ChillOUT Minis (10-13 yrs)	086 021 8941	chillout@wstays.ie
ChillOUT+ (18-24 yrs)	086 021 8941	chillout@wstoys.ie
KILKENNY	PHONE	EMAIL
Open Door (13-18 yrs)	087 387 3724	rflanagan@ossoryyouth.com
Sliding Doors (18-25 yrs)	087 387 3724	rflanagan@ossoryyouth.com
Translife Kilkenny + Carlow LGBT+ Network	086 452 7856 (Beoky)	Transfife Kilkenny on Facebook
CARLOW	PHONE	EMAIL
MUI (Carlow Youth Services 13-17 yrs)	085 272 2379	marcella@carlowys.ie
MUI+ (Carlow Youth Services 18=25 yrs)	085 272 2379	marcella@carlowys.ie
SOUTH TIPPERARY	PHONE	EMAIL .
Tipperary Clonmel Pride	085 854 1514	tippolonmelpride@gmail.com
ChillOUT South Tipp (14+ yrs)	O83 149 4112	olonmeloyp@wstoys.ie

LGBT+ Supports and Services available nationally, access here



Some online training dates have been set but we can schedule in extra training sessions if people are interested.

Emma Whitty

LGBT+ Project Health Worker/ LGBT+ Awareness Trainer

FDYS, Wexford, 087 134 0906

► National Learning Network Open Day: 23rd January

Do you know someone who is looking to:

- Gain new skills and qualifications?
- Increase their confidence and independence?
- · Explore career options and achieve their goals?

National Learning Network (NLN) provides person-centred training and support in an inclusive environment to help individuals achieve their full potential.

Join us at our Open Day on Thursday, January 23rd from 10am to 3pm.

Learn more about our range of training programs, meet our friendly staff and students, and see our fantastic facilities.

Can't make it on the day?

No problem! Contact me directly at 0874145495 or <u>Vivienne.brady@nln.ie</u> to discuss how NLN can support.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Vivienne Brady Centre Manager National Learning Network



Download the Information Poster here

► Certificate in Family Literacy – final few places remaining!







Waterford and Wexford Regional Adult Literacy Coalition

Certificate in Family Literacy

This FREE offering of a NFQ Level 6, 10 Credit, Certificate in Family Literacy introduces participants to the theory and practice of family literacy, in order to support adult learners with literacy difficulties. The programme will enable participants to recognise and understand the literacy needs of adult learners accessing support services through ETB's and other providers. Throughout the programme, participants will reflect on, recognise and learn from their own experience in the light of relevant theory. The personal and professional development of each participant, located in Waterford / Wexford is a priority, in an environment of peer group support. The participant for this programme needs to be a community leader with access to a group to deliver a family learning activity as part of the assignment.



setu.ie







Certificate in Family Literacy

This NFQ Level 6, 10 Credit module aims to provide participants with an understanding of the relationship between social interaction and acquiring literacy and they will be enabled to develop appropriate strategies to promote family literacy and develop effective family literacy programmes.

The programme is delivered over four Thursdays from 16th January - 6th February 2025 where the mode and venue of delivery will be decided upon application

How do I apply?

Online application forms are available at www.setu.ie/ldc or Literacy.WD@setu.ie.

Programme Leader

Catriona Warren E: Literacy.WD@setu.ie

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PARENTS / PARENT SUPPORTS

► Jigsaw Survey for Parent/Guardians

Over the next 3 years, Jigsaw is delivering **Neart—a programme of mental health supports for post-primary schools** (in partnership with National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)/ Department of Education). Please see the Minister's press release at this link: https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/057c4-minister-foley-announces-jigsaw-as-successful-bidder-to-deliver-new-programme-to-support-wellbeing-and-mental-health/

At Jigsaw, we also provide a range of supports for parents/guardians more widely through our local Jigsaw services, our website and in the community.

We want to provide the most relevant information, advice, support and practical strategies for you as a parent/guardian, to enable you to support your young person's mental health. To help us do this, we would like to hear from you about the youth mental health issues you are most concerned about/interested in by completing a very short survey at this link https://jigsawymh.typeform.com/to/GyFrkdtd

The survey should take no longer than 4 minutes to complete. Within the survey, there is also an opportunity for you to sign up to participate in a follow-up consultation process with us where we are very keen to have further discussions with parents/guardians about the mental health areas you are most concerned about. Please note, the survey will close on <u>5th</u> **February 2025.**

We look forward to hearing from you and to partnering with you to ensure that parents/guardians across the country are receiving the best possible range of information and supports in relation to youth mental health.

Kind regards

Siobhán McGrory

Director of Mental Health Promotion

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Help us to make sure that every young person's mental health is valued and supported.

The National Centre for Youth Mental Health trading as Jigsaw is a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity. CRO number 421016. Registered charity number 20064846. Charity revenue number 17439.

► Online information session for Tusla Fostering



Our colleagues in the fostering department for the South-east region are hosting an information session on fostering, for CYSPC partners, who may be considering fostering or could help us to spread awareness of the need in the area.

With over 5,000 children in foster care in Ireland, the need for more foster carers to provide loving, safe and stable homes in all our local communities is ever more present.

In this one-hour online presentation, the session will dispel some of the misconceptions about who can foster, explain the process of becoming a foster carer, the supports available, and a foster carer will share their personal journey and experience. There will also be an opportunity for questions and suggestions that may support our campaign efforts.

The online session is scheduled for <u>Tuesday the 28th of January from 12:30pm-1:30pm</u>. Please complete the form below to register for this session.

https://forms.office.com/e/3dUXXtuzW2

Yvonne Lowry

Regional Fostering Campaign Coordinator

National Fostering Recruitment Team

Tusla, Strawhall, Carlow, R93 X9C2

Mobile: 087 1742672

► Anxious Children in an Anxious World : Free Webinar with Dr. Mary O'Kane



Thursday 23rd January at 7pm

All children worry at times, but for some children it can be a real challenge to manage their anxieties. As parents, when your child is anxious it can be difficult to know how best to support them. In this talk Mary explains how anxiety impacts children's brains and bodies and offers parents practical advice on how to support their children during difficult times, helping them to manage their fears and find the bravery we know they have within them.

Places are free but limited. To reserve a space please click <u>here</u>.

This presentation is part of the Waterford Healthy Ireland at your Library initiative. For more information, please go to our website, <u>here</u>.

#HealthylrelandatYourLibrary #HealthyWaterford #KeepWell #BeWell

Dr Mary O'Kane is a Lecturer in Psychology and Early Childhood Education teaching with the Open University. Popular for sharing her expertise in a warm and relatable way, Mary is a regular contributor to Ireland AM on both parenting and early childhood education issues. She gives public talks on a range of topics related to child wellbeing, parenting, and education, and is well known for her humorous down to earth approach.

For more information phone 051 849974 or email library@waterfordcouncil.ie

► DCEDIY : Requesting details of parenting initiatives taking place during January/February 2025



Dear colleagues,

Wishing you a happy new year from all in the Parenting Support Policy Unit (PSPU). We are very much looking forward to continuing the promotion of the fantastic range of initiatives in operation around the country which work to support parents during the year ahead.

Of course, we cannot do this work without your support and We are now seeking details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place during January/February 2025. Details of programmes running beyond this period but that require registration in January are also welcome.

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 any upcoming events could be provided by Friday 24 January 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 event which they wish to promote.

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

Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

VOLUNTEERS

► HUGG Volunteers Sought

HUGG have NEW volunteering opportunities.

We will hold a LIVE Volunteering Information Session over Zoom on **Thursday 16**th **January 2025 at 11am – 11.30am.** Our information sessions provide a brief background on HUGG, and details on everything involved in volunteering with HUGG including what opportunities are available, and what training and supports we offer. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. **This session will NOT be recorded**.

Please find attached an image(s) for social media, a flyer on volunteering with HUGG and below the **registration link for Eventbrite**. We are seeking volunteers nationwide. I would greatly appreciate if you could share the registration link with your networks and on social media channels if possible.

Registration link:

https://bit.ly/HUGGVolunteerInfoSessionJan2025

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Sandra Anderson HUGG Groups Administrator

(Please note I work part time hours)

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HUGG Support Groups:

Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Limerick, Louth, Monaghan, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow and Online (General and Parents)

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Have you been bereaved by suicide?

You are welcome to join one of our HUGG Suicide Bereavement Support Groups Every second Tuesday 7:30pm - 9:30pm In person or online.

Our groups are free and led by volunteers who have been bereaved by suicide.

Volunteering with HUGG

If you're further along in your bereavement journey, you may want to consider volunteering with us to become a support group facilitator.

To learn more about our support groups or volunteering, please visit our website or give us a call.





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About HUGG

HUGG is a national suicide bereavement charity. We support adults who have been bereaved by suicide by reducing isolation and stigma and promoting resilience and healing. We offer support groups, information and resources on our website and telephone support.

Our support groups are led by trained volunteers with lived experience of suicide bereavement.

We provide a free, non-judgemental, safe and confidential space where people bereaved by suicide can share their experiences and feelings and receive and offer support to each other.

To learn more about our support groups or volunteering, please visit our website or give us a call.





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Access the **HUGG** information poster here

FUNDING

► Grants Available for Training Networks : The Wheel "Training Links"



<u>The Wheel</u> is delighted to share some good news! <u>Training Links</u>, a workforce development funding and support programme, is now open for applications. Since 2005, Training Links has funded the training and upskilling needs of staff, volunteers and board members in the community and voluntary sector. This year we see a record total fund of €575,000.00 available for sector upskilling.

Application Process

Training Networks with a minimum of 10 members are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00. Applications are welcome from new, existing, previously funded networks who have completed their programme or previously unsuccessful networks. The application deadline is **Friday, 7 February 2025 at 5pm.**Find Out More

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available through Training Links, <u>check</u> <u>out our website</u>. You can contact us by emailing <u>traininglinks2025@wheel.ie</u>.



► Collaboration and Innovation Fund is Open - Closing date Friday 7 February 2025



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, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs and projects that support organisations to be literacy friendly.

We will be sharing a partner pack shortly that will include information you can use to publicise the fund.

Organisations can apply for up to €25,000 to fund a local project, or up to €50,000 for a national project. All the details are on our <u>website</u> but here is a summary of what you need to know about the fund:

Aim of the fund	The purpose of the fund is to pay for collaborative and innovative	
	projects that:	
	 support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs, and 	
	create a more literacy friendly and equal society.	
Funding	In 2025, the total funding available in the Collaboration and	
available	Innovation Fund is €1 million.	
	The funding will be divided into two strands as follows: €750,000 for local and national projects that provide innovative and collaborative ways to:	

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	€250,000 for local and national projects that support innovative		
	and collaborative ways to:		
	 improve financial literacy skills for adults with unmet 		
	literacy, numeracy and digital literacy needs, and		
	 create a more literacy friendly approach to accessing 		
	financial services.		
Why has the	Ireland's first National Financial Literacy Strategy will be published		
fund been	in 2025. To support this, the Consumer and Competition Protection		
divided?	Commission (CCPC) has given €250,000 for projects on financial		
	literacy. Financial literacy is the financial awareness, knowledge,		
	skills, attitudes and behaviours that people need to help them to		
	make sound financial decisions and ultimately achieve individual		
	financial well-being. ¹		
	¹ 2020 OECD Recommendation on Financial Literacy		
	The fund is open from 17 December. The closing date is 5 pm on		
dates	Friday 7 February 2025.		
Who can apply	There must be at least two organisations in the application. These		
	must be from the public, not-for-profit or community and voluntary		
	sector.		
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How do I apply	You must speak with your local Regional Literacy Coordinator		
	before you apply.		
	You need to complete and submit an online application form. You		
	will also need to upload a number of documents.		

	Please read the <u>Guidelines on how to apply</u> before you start your application.
Project examples	In 2024, €1 million was allocated to over 100 innovative projects and partnerships. You can read about some of the projects that have been funded previously here: www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund/
Further information and	Please contact your Regional Literacy Coordinator in one of the 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs) – see list at the end of this
questions	email and on page 18 of the <u>Guidelines</u> .

You can find more information about the fund here:

https://www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund/

Kind regards,

From all the team at the

Adult Literacy for Life National Programme Office









RESOURCES

► Electoral Division Health Profiles (Census 2022)



The CSO have profiled heath related information for every ED in the country from a health perspective, taking into account the social determinants of health (socio-economic status etc.). A goal of the project was also to profile EDs in such a way as to allow comparison with their Administrative Counties and the State as whole. Click on an ED in the map below to access links to html and pdf reports for every Electoral Division. The html reports are summaries and do not contain data tables or maps, whereas the pdf reports are detailed and contain data tables and maps, while also being print-friendly. The data these profiles are based on is available in the Census Mapping Tool here.

This is an experimental and first-time compilation of statistics - while effort has been made to ensure it is error free, there may be some. Contact tomas.kelly@cso.ie for any further information. Sources for map below: OSI, Ireland; OpenstreetMap; Leaflet.

Access the **Health Profile Map** here.

► Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Newsletter



Issue 3 of the <u>ALL Newsletter</u> is available to access here.

It can also be accessed through the QR Code below.

Adult Literacy for Life Newsletter: Issue 3 - December 2024

Read the Adult Literacy for Life Newsletter to find out more about what is happening around the country:



CAMPAIGNS

► National Grief Awareness Week January 27^{th -} February 2nd 2025



#BeGriefAware #NGAW #NGAW2025

Grief is a natural response to the death of someone close. It is a deeply personal experience that varies widely from person to person. A person's experience of grief is influenced by many things, such as the relationship with the deceased, the circumstances of their death, and a person's support system, among many other factors.

Many people, although painful, will cope with loss with support from their family and friends. For lots of different reasons, some will need additional support to cope from people outside their social network. Understanding grief and learning how to navigate it can be helpful not only for those directly experiencing loss but also for those supporting them.

What Is National Grief Awareness Week?

This is the fifth year Irish Hospice Foundation is running a national grief awareness campaign. Originally hosted in November to coincide with the Good Grief Trust (UK) national campaign, this campaign now takes place in January — a time which can be difficult for many people, including those who are grieving.

Through National Grief Awareness Week, we hope to encourage a more open, supportive, and understanding approach to grief—helping both the bereaved and those around them navigate this challenging part of life with greater empathy.

For more information, see the <u>Irish Hospice Foundation</u> website here.