

## **Wexford CYPSC Newsletter**

**5 September 2025**

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[Wexford CYPSC](#)

For information on parenting supports and programmes, see [Wexford Parents Hub](#) or  
access on [Facebook](#)



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## WEBINARS & TRAINING

### ► Suicide Bereavement and ASIST Training, SPACES AVAILABLE

There are places available on our planned Suicide Bereavement and ASIST Training programmes this September. Please see the details below and feel free to share with your networks or anyone that may be interested in attending. You can contact the office on the number below should you require any further information.

#### **‘One day workshop for professionals and key contacts that are supporting people bereaved by suicide’**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 9th

**Time:** 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

**Venue:** Carrick on Suir Primary Care Centre, E32 DK66

You can book a place on this training programme [HERE](#)

#### **‘ASIST, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training’**

**Dates:** Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th and 25th

**Time:** 9 am to 5 pm each day

**Venue:** St. John’s Pastoral Care Centre, Waterford, X91 HW9D

You can book a place on this training programme [HERE](#)

Warm regards,

Tracy Nugent (she/her) Bainisteoir Seirbhíse/**Service Manager**

**The HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office, Front Block, Waterford Residential Care Centre, St Patrick’s Way, Waterford X91 KX25**

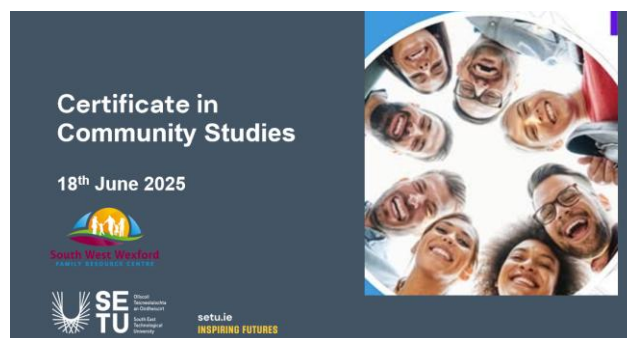
087 927 1041 | 051 874 013

To access free online suicide prevention training, *Let’s Talk About Suicide*, please visit <https://traininghub.nosp.ie/>

To book a place on suicide, self-harm or suicide bereavement training, please visit [www.bookwhen.com/sro](http://www.bookwhen.com/sro)

[www.connectingforlifesoutheast.ie](http://www.connectingforlifesoutheast.ie)

## ► Certificate in Community Studies (SETU) Opportunity



The Certificate in Community Studies (SETU) will be delivered locally at South West Wexford Family Resource Centre, Ramsgrange, on Friday mornings from September 2025 – June 2026. This is university-level education delivered through an outreach model in an FRC setting, making it a rare and highly accessible opportunity for volunteers, community workers, and those active in supporting children, young people, and families.

We are delighted to confirm that the **first module is fully funded**, meaning participants can begin at no cost, and we are confident that support can be sourced for the remaining two modules.

### Key details ;

- **Certificate in Community Studies (SETU)**
- Delivered in Ramsgrange (South West Wexford FRC) – Sept 2025 to June 2026, Friday mornings
- Covers *Community Development, Groupwork & Facilitation, and Personal Development*
- **First module fully funded** – participants start at no cost
- Apply to **Rose Hearne** ([rhearne@wit.ie](mailto:rhearne@wit.ie)) by **Monday, 1st September 2025**
- Poster and application form attached

This programme offers a wonderful opportunity for individuals involved in **community and voluntary work with children, young people, and families** to gain accredited skills and to learn alongside peers in the sector.

### Attachments:


- [Certificate in Community Studies Poster](#)
- [Application Form – SETU](#)

**Sharon Kennedy, Company Manager**

South West Wexford Family Resource Centre  
The Ramsgrange Centre, Ramsgrange , New Ross,  
Wexford , Ireland

## ► Meitheal Training

This training is available to any practitioner employed in the statutory or community/voluntary sector, who is working with children/young people and/or their families and is willing to become a Meitheal lead practitioner. The overall aim of Meitheal Standardised Training is to equip you with the skills necessary to apply the Meitheal Model in practice.

			
Schedule	Module 1 eLearning <b>Sent 10 days before virtual session (complete in own time)</b>	Module 2 Virtual Classroom 1 (10.00 – 13.30)	Module 3 Virtual Classroom 2 (10am– 12.30)
Dates	Module to be completed online prior to virtual classroom session	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
<b>** (All 3 Modules must be completed to receive a certificate) **</b>			

**Applications :** If you/or anyone on your team is interested in attending, please complete the application form attached and return it to me [Sinead.cronindaly@tusla.ie](mailto:Sinead.cronindaly@tusla.ie)

**N.B.** Applying for training is not a guarantee of a place. Spaces are limited and you will receive an email confirming your application and I will be in touch thereafter to inform you if you have received a place on the training course.

## ► Fast Track to Employment : National Learning Network

A flyer for the National Learning Network's 'Fast Track to Employment' program. The top left features a graphic of overlapping blue and purple circles. The title 'Fast Track to employment' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. To the right, 'National Learning Network' is in a smaller font, with 'Wexford' in purple and 'Think Possible' in a script font. Below the title, two paragraphs describe the program: one about meeting individual needs and career aspirations, and another about the blend of on-the-job and in-centre training. A list of modules is provided, including Workplace Safety, Work Experience, Communication, Information Technology Skills, Understanding Interculturalism, Personal Effectiveness, Digital Media Technology, Health Related Fitness, Teamwork, Food & Nutrition, and ICDL. A 'Contact Us Now' section lists Mary Power as the Fast Track to Employment Coordinator, with her phone number, email, and address. A large blue banner at the bottom right says 'FREE life changing courses & supported training'. The background of the flyer shows three young people (two women and one man) in a celebratory pose, raising their arms, against a light blue background with a faint grid pattern.

I'm reaching out to introduce you to our *Fast Track to Employment* programme — a dynamic initiative designed to support students in developing the skills, experience, and confidence they need to succeed in today's workforce.

This programme is tailored to meet each student's unique needs and career goals, combining in-centre learning with hands-on work experience in their chosen area of interest. With support from our dedicated Fast Track to Employment Coordinator, students receive personalised guidance every step of the way. Through this blended approach, participants build essential workplace skills.

If you're interested in learning more about how we support students — or if you're open to hosting a student for work experience — I'd be happy to share further details.

We would also be very grateful if you could share our [Fast Track to Employment flyer](#) with any colleagues you feel this course would be of interest to, or hanging it in the office/foyer noticeboards, if possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

**Una Lynn**

**Admin, Wexford Centre National Learning Network, The Faythe, Wexford, Y35 YR53**

[NLN Wexford Digital Brochure](#)

► **Ombudsman for Children Child and Youth Focused Event on UNCRC : 29 October**



The OCO is holding a child- and youth-focused event on Wednesday, the 29th of October, at the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), and will be focused on the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). This is the beginning of a significant new phase of advocacy for the office: promoting the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Irish law.

Please find attached [information pdf](#) (also overleaf) and video link - [child-friendly video](#).

If you think you would like to attend on the day, **along with child and youth participants**, we would appreciate indication of this by the **16th of September**.

Young people do not need to be accompanied to attend the event, but the OCO's office will need a point of contact from the organisation supporting the young person for liaising.

The OCO office will cover costs for transport to and from the event.

Finally, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to come back to me.

Timmy Hammersley

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Ombudsman for Children

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# It's time to Make Rights Meaningful

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**The Ombudsman for Children's Office protects the rights of every young person under 18 living in Ireland.** Rights are all the things you need to be happy, healthy and safe.

Even though the Government have promised to protect your rights, **they still haven't put them all into Irish law!**

**We want this to change.**

On **29th October 2025**, we're kicking off a national campaign to finally write children's rights into Irish Law.

**At our interactive event, you'll...**

- meet other young advocates from across Ireland
- hear from inspiring speakers
- **share what you have to say** through tons of activities
- have lots of fun!!

If you want to help create an Ireland where everyone's rights are respected and protected, **let your youth worker know today.**

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Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to find out more:



► Invitation to attend 'Planning for Play', a seminar hosted by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality - 14 October 2025



We are pleased to invite you to attend a one-day seminar entitled *Planning for Play* on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone.

The event has been designed with a focus on how children and young people's right to play and recreation can be realised during the Local Authority planning process.

Engaging and interactive presentations throughout the day will also explore play and recreation opportunities outside of the traditional playground space.

We hope that you can accept this invitation and join us in person. Further details on the final schedule for the day and venue specific information will be shared closer to the time.

We hope that a cross-sectoral representation of local authority staff and those who work alongside local authorities will come together for a day of inspiration, information sharing, and networking.

Please feel free to share this invitation with any relevant colleagues or contacts. Apologies for any cross-posting of this invitation.

Registration is now available from this link: <https://www.ticketsource.com/participation-play-and-recreation-unit>

We look forward to meeting you at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone on the 14 October.

Kind regards,

Deirdre Reidy  
Assistant Principal Officer

## ► Healthy Living for Everyday Life Programme

The programme comprises of a series of health and wellbeing talks in each of the 5 libraries in Co Wexford; delivered by trusted professionals from the HSE, Sports Active Wexford, Mental Health Ireland and the Irish Heart Foundation.

### Healthy living for everyday life

Trusted information for better health

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### At your local library

Every Tuesday morning from September to December  
10:30 am – 12 pm

Join us for a series of health and wellbeing talks at your local library, delivered by trusted professionals.

You will learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices, that will benefit you and those around you in everyday life.

To book and for more information

 (053) 919 6760

 [www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library](http://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library)



### Topics include

- Alcohol awareness
- Movement matters
- Understanding smoking and vaping
- Healthy eating
- Cancer risk reduction
- Five ways to wellbeing





All of the talks have been carefully designed, with the support of an adult literacy for life coordinator, to ensure that the health promotion information being shared is accessible, practical and easy to understand.

The talks are an ideal starting point for people who would like to make healthier choices to benefit their everyday health, but do not know where to start. With the assistance of the trusted professionals delivering the talks, participants will be given information on how to access the many support programmes available in the county to help them along their journey to better health.

This programme provides a gentle introduction to topics including smoking, alcohol awareness, healthy eating, exercise and mental health, without the need for people to commit to any programme or referral for supports, so is a good first step for participants to access helpful information.

Further information of the programme details, dates and booking process can be seen in the leaflets and poster and I also have printed copies of these available to share, so please let me know if you would like some.

- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Poster](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Wexford](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Enniscorthy](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life Bunclody](#)
- [Healthy Living for Everyday Life New Ross](#)

Thanks for taking the time to read this information and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Elaine

**Elaine Banville**

**Oifigeach Cothú & Feabhsú na Sláinte | Health Promotion and Improvement Officer**

**FSS Phort Láirge agus Loch Garman | HSE Waterford Wexford**

## ► “What Works” Prevention and Early Intervention Webinars 2025



In 2025, *What Works* is partnering with [Foundations UK](#) to deliver a series of four 90-minute webinars designed for commissioners, practitioners and anyone interested in applying evidence-based research. These webinars will be available to view on the *What Works* website.

The first webinar took place on Friday 11 July 2025 and had 57 attendees. The title of the webinar was “The value and purpose of different research designs for understanding what works” and it aimed to explain just why different kinds of research are needed to understand how interventions work, and why robust trials are needed to understand what works. It explored the advantages and limitations of different kinds of research evidence; the difference between evidence strength, evidence standards and evidence hierarchies; and why experimental evidence is typically prioritised for identifying ‘what works’.

You can view the webinar and the slides on the What Works website linked below:

[What Works/Foundations Prevention and Early Intervention Webinars 2025](#)

The next webinar, “10 Steps for Evaluation Success: Turning science-based theories into effective interventions”, will take place on the 19 September 2025. [You can register here.](#)

Kind regards,

The What Works Team

## PARENTING

### ► Supporting Your Child's Transition from Preschool to Primary School - September 2025



**Dear Parents,**

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

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

#### **Why Attend?**

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

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

**Session Details:**

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

**Session Dates and Times:**

- Monday 8th September 10am and 7.30pm
- Tuesday 9th September 10am
- Wednesday 10th September 10am
- Thursday 11th September 10am and 7.30pm
- Friday 12th September 10am

**How to Register:**

Simply register using the link below. Spots are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6ssbLEg4nu>

[Register Here](https://forms.office.com/e/6ssbLEg4nu)

Whether you are a parent or an early childcare provider, these sessions are an excellent opportunity to learn more about making this transition as smooth and positive as possible for the children in your care.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our sessions!

Warm regards,  
National Parents Council

## MENTAL HEALTH

### ► World Suicide Prevention Day

The international theme of [World Suicide Prevention Day \(WSPD\)](#) on **Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025** is '*Changing the Narrative on Suicide*'. Suicide is a serious global public health issue, with over 700,000 lives lost each year. Its impact extends far beyond the individual, deeply affecting families, communities, and societies at large. This year's theme calls on people, communities, organisations and government to foster open, honest conversations about suicide. By initiating these vital conversations, we can break down barriers, raise awareness, and create better cultures of understanding and support.

**#WorldSuicidePreventionDay #StartTheConversation #WSPD2025 #WSPD**

#### Key messages this World Suicide Prevention Day

The HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office is sharing five key messages about World Suicide Prevention Day 2025.

1. Reach Out and Check In – Take time to connect with people around you. A simple check-in can bring hope and make a real difference.
2. Your Words Matter – Speak with kindness and empathy when talking about suicide. Everyone affected, whether they've lost someone or struggled themselves, deserves dignity and respect.
3. Be Safe Online – Share information about suicide or self-harm responsibly and supportively. Help create a safer, more sensitive online space for everyone.
4. Let's Talk About Suicide – Build your suicide prevention skills. Learn how to spot signs and support someone, you could help save a life (please see below for information on upcoming suicide prevention training in the region).
5. Know Where to Get Help – Familiarise yourself with local and national supports and services. Knowing where to turn can make a meaningful difference.

[Download a Slide Deck containing more information about these messages, and suggested social media posts](#)

We have planned two events (detailed below) and we are also supporting community based groups and organisations across the five counties with advice and resources to host their own activities and events. The organisations involved are all members of our regional, inter-agency, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Working Group under *Connecting for Life*.

## Together at Every Age and Stage – Community Mental health and Wellness Event

**Date:** September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1.30 pm to 5 pm

**Location:** Cill Barra Hall, Waterford

The HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office in collaboration with Waterford Area Partnership is hosting a mental health and wellness event to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This event aims to bring services, supports and the community together to showcase what help is available for our mental health. The afternoon will be filled with talks, workshops, information stands and outdoor activities. You can book to attend via this link: [Community Mental Health and Wellness Event](#)

## Conversation to End Stigma

**Date:** September 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11 am to 12.30 pm

**Location:** Online

To mark World Suicide Prevention day, the HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office, SHINE and Mental Health Ireland will host an online *Connect Café*. In parallel to WSPD, we are also promoting the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Ribbon Campaign across the region. This is the national stigma reduction campaign delivered through our NGO partner, Shine. During this event, we will hear from a Green Ribbon Ambassador and we will connect in conversation to end stigma. You can book to attend via this link: [Register for Conversations to End Stigma](#)

## Training

The HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office delivers a suite of training programmes relating to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Everyone can start to build their skills in this area by completing *Let's Talk About Suicide*, this programme is available from <https://traininghub.nosp.ie/>.

Throughout the month of September we are offering the following training programmes:

- September 4<sup>th</sup>, *safeTALK* (Suicide Alertness Training), Waterford  
<https://bookwhen.com/sro/e/ev-sx4k-20250904093000>
- September 6<sup>th</sup>, *safeTALK* (Suicide Alertness Training), Carlow  
<https://bookwhen.com/sro/e/ev-sa9x-20250906093000>

- September 9<sup>th</sup>, *Suicide Bereavement Training*, Carrick on Suir  
<https://bookwhen.com/sro/e/ev-skun-20250909093000>
- September 17<sup>th</sup>, *Understanding Self-Harm*, Kilkenny <https://bookwhen.com/sro/e/ev-s7a6-20250917091500>
- September 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> *ASIST* (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), Waterford  
<https://bookwhen.com/sro/e/ev-ssce-20250924000000>

## ► Online Connect Café

In support of Green Ribbon month and in acknowledgment of World Suicide Prevention Day we are delighted to invite you to a Connect Cafe, *Conversations to End Stigma*, co-hosted by Mental Health Ireland, Shine and HSE Regional Suicide Resource Office.

**WEAR THE GREEN RIBBON**

Join us **online** in a conversation to end mental health stigma

Shine's Green Ribbon campaign is the national mental health stigma reduction programme for Ireland, and 2025's slogan is **Step Up to Stamp Out Stigma**

Zoom  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Sept  
11am

Connect Cafés are organised events that bring people together to connect and start conversations

Scan the QR code to register

World Suicide Prevention Day

connect café

Mental Health Ireland

Follow us at [www.shine.ie](http://www.shine.ie) and on social media

@ShineOnlineIE

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Download [Conversation to End Stigma poster](#) here

## Conversation to End Stigma

**Date:** September 11th

**Time:** 11 am to 12.30 pm

Book your place here: [Register for Conversations to End Stigma](#)

Join us for 90 minutes where we will listen to the experience of a Green Ribbon Ambassador and then enter a lightly structured discussion on what stigma means to us. We will round up with some details of national and local supports available and a gentle grounding exercise.

Please share.

Kind regards,

*Sarah*

Sarah Hearne

**Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention |** Oifigeach Acmhainní um Féinmharú a Chosc

Oifig Acmhainní Féinmharaithe Réigiúnach FSS, Bloc Tosaigh, Cúraim Chónaithe Phort Láirge,  
Bealach Phádraig, Port Láirge X91 KX25

## LITERACY

### ► International Literacy Day Partner Pack



We are sharing over the [‘partner pack’](#) for this year’s International Literacy Day campaign, which will “go live” on the 8 September this year. We are launching a national and regional awareness-raising campaign focused on Media Literacy that will take place across September (8 -21 September) and again in October 24-31 for Global Media and Information Literacy Week.

You will find attached the partner pack. It includes:

- Information about the campaign
- Key messages
- Events that are taking place all over Ireland
- Social media tags
- A link to download campaign assets

We wish to thank all our partners who have helped us in developing this year’s campaign.

We hope you will be able to support the campaign and share the campaign messaging widely.

Kind Regards,





ALL Team

**Adult Literacy for Life**

**National Programme Office**

[www.adultliteracyforlife.ie](http://www.adultliteracyforlife.ie)

► A coffee morning with bite size learning for everyday life







Waterford and Wexford  
**Regional Adult Literacy Coalition**


## Coffee morning with bite size learning for everyday life


**When:** 09:30 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday, 30 September 2025  
**Where:** The Tower Hotel, Waterford – Ardmore Lounge

**Stop Think Check**




 Learn where to find health information you can trust.





 Get tips on how to manage your money.

 Find out how to spot fake news and misinformation.

**[Click here to book your place, OR](#)**

- Scan the QR code,
- Telephone 086 084 5354 or
- Email [edelfinan@wwetb.ie](mailto:edelfinan@wwetb.ie)





## VOLUNTEERING

### ► HUGG have NEW volunteering opportunities



We will hold a LIVE Volunteering Information Session over Zoom on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 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/HUGGVolunteerSessionSept2025>

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

Kindest regards,

Helena

**Helena Collazo**

HUGG Groups Operations and Administration

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w: [www.HUGG.ie](http://www.HUGG.ie)

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### ► Children's Events in Bunclody Library

#### **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.**



#### **Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00 to 11.40am**

Throughout the month of September, join us every Saturday morning for stories and songs. **No need to book - all welcome!**



#### **Creative Lego Freeplay – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 to 3.30pm, Suitable for ages 4+**

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



### **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.

## ► Wexford Library Events

**Heritage Week: Falconry Talk with Jim O'Connor, Thursday, 21st August, 11:00am - 12:00pm and 2:00pm - 3:00pm.**

To celebrate Heritage Week at Wexford Library we are delighted to welcome master falconer, Jim O'Connor. Jim will introduce you to an array of amazing birds. This is a family event, truly not to be missed. Suitable for ages 5+. Booking is essential as places are very limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event will take place in the library garden.

**Éist: Scéalta & Sound Workshop with Alison Ní Mháirtín, Saturday, 23rd August, 11:00am - 12:00pm.**

Cén sórt fuaimeanna a dhéanann uaimh? Cé chomh fada a thógann gáire amháin? Tabhair cluas dúinn le haghaidh ceardlann speisialta ag ceiliúradh clos-scéal ó pháistí i Loch Garman agus bain triail as do thuras sonach féin a chruthú. Aoisraon: 6-12

What sounds does a cave make? How long is a laugh? Lend us your ears for a listening party workshop featuring a new audio story from the children of Wexford and learn how to map your very own sonic adventure. Booking is essential.

**Wexford Library Teen Club, Wednesday, 27th August, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.**

Join Wexford Library's Teen club on the last Wednesday of each month for some crafts and chats. Suitable for 13 - 15 years. Booking is essential.

**Sensory Hour, Every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.00pm.**

Sensory Hour supports library users who have sensory, extra, and/or additional needs. It offers a calm and sensory family friendly environment.

**Rhyme Time, every Wednesday, 11.00am-11:30am. Suitable for children aged 0–3 years.**

These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.

**Story Time every Saturday, 11.00am-11:30am, Suitable for children aged 3–7 years.**

Join us for Story Time in Wexford Library every Saturday morning. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.

**Lego Free Play every Saturday from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Suitable for ages 5yrs+**

LEGO Free Play tables available on our Children's floor area from 11am to 3pm. Free to attend. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No Booking Required.

All events are FREE. Wexford Public Libraries App. Access your library 24/7. Online resources include eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, eComics & Graphic Novels, music, take eLearning or language courses, business, education, and research databases and more. Library membership is Free. 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).

**► Enniscorthy Library Events**



[Enniscorthy Library Events – September 2025](#)

## RESEARCH, CONSULTATION & EVENTS

### ► Deadline Approaching - Help Shape the Future for Care Experienced Young Adults - Research Invitation

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part or spread the word so far about our major national study examining how care-experienced young adults aged 18-24 are supported with education, employment and training. Your voice and support are greatly appreciated and will help us make informed, quality recommendations to the government and service providers.

There are **2 weeks left** to take part and spread the word. The deadline is Friday 19th September, and **we need your help** to reach everyone who is eligible to take part.

#### How You Can Help:

- **Take Part** by clicking [here](#) if you are a care-experienced young adults aged 18-24\*\* or support care experienced young adults.
- **Spread the word:**
  - **Share this email invitation and flyers** (attached) with your colleagues, networks and care-experienced young adults aged 18-24.
  - **Share our social media** posts on Linked ([1](#), [2](#)), X/Twitter ([1](#), [2](#)) and BlueSky ([1](#), [2](#))

#### 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.

We want to hear from everyone who can take part. However, **certain voices are significantly under-represented** in our data, and we greatly appreciate any assistance in reaching out to them:

- Care-experienced young *men*
- Care-experienced young adults *not* in education, employment or training
- Care-experienced young adults in emergency or homeless accommodation
- Care-experienced young adults who were in Tusla's care as separated children seeking international protection
- Further education and training service providers
- Employment service providers.

### **Why Your Help Matters:**

This research will inform recommendations to the government and services on how to improve supports for care-experienced young adults aged 18-24, and we want you to be part of it!

Plus, care-experienced young adults who take part have the chance to receive vouchers worth between **€25 - €100**.

### **Want to Know More:**

Check the flyers with this email, visit our [website](#) or watch back our information event on [YouTube](#).

Your help and participation are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karl at [kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org](mailto:kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org)

Kind regards,  
Karl McGrath.

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***\*\*Please Note:*** During the Q&A section of our recent information event, we mistakenly said that 'informal kinship care' is an eligible form of care experience for this study. However, private family arrangements (like informal kinship care) and those who are adopted (but have no prior experience of formal state care) are outside the scope of this study and are ineligible unfortunately.

*To participate, young people aged 18-24 must have been in formal state care where the state was their legal guardian, for any period of time before turning 18. This includes foster care, relative foster care, residential care, supported lodgings, special care, and special emergency care.*

*Apologies for any confusion caused and please contact Karl McGrath at [kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org](mailto:kmcgrath@effectiveservices.org) if you have any questions*

## ► Public Consultation on a new National Obesity Strategy in Ireland



The Department of Health has today published a Public Consultation on a new National Obesity Strategy in Ireland. This consultation provides an opportunity to feed into the development of a new obesity strategy that is being developed by the Department. We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey (please find the link [here](#)) and please feel free to share with any colleagues/partners/stakeholders that may be interested in completing the survey also.

Many Thanks,

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**Cian O'Rourke**

*Health and Wellbeing Programme*

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## ► Fostering – Community Event Sept 13 2025

We are reaching out to all public reps, community leaders and everyone that has supported helping us to raise awareness in Becoming a foster carer with TUSLA.

Please see below a community event that we are running on Duncannon Beach on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see the community support this event. Everyone is welcome to join us, the more the merrier!!! Would you mind advertising this event through your different networks? We would love if the network members would also oblige and advertise this within their own local communities and/or services!



You are invited to join us on Duncannon Beach, Wexford, for a special sand art event with the Waterford/Wexford fostering team of staff and families, and directed by The Sand Art.

Together, we'll create the largest-ever foster care appeal in the sand. Turn up, grab a rake and help us spread the word that more foster carers are needed in Wexford and Waterford.

<b>What:</b>	Help us write the largest-ever foster care appeal in the sand. Meet foster families and hear first-hand how rewarding it is to foster a child.
<b>Where:</b>	Duncannon Beach, Wexford
<b>When:</b>	Saturday 13 September. Arrive at 3pm. Sand Art starts at 3.30pm



**The writing may fade with the tide...but the impact of your support lasts a lifetime.**