



## Wexford CYPSC News and Resources Update

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For information on services and supports for children, young people and families see  
[www.wexfordcypsc.ie](http://www.wexfordcypsc.ie).

For information on supports for parents, see **Wexford Parents Hub** at  
[www.wexfordcypsc.ie/wexford-parents-hub](http://www.wexfordcypsc.ie/wexford-parents-hub) and on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/wexfordparentshub/](https://www.facebook.com/wexfordparentshub/).

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## UKRAINE SUPPORTS

### ○ Children First and Responses to Ukraine Crisis

As you may be aware since the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine, the DCEDIY, along with a number of other Departments and Agencies, is working as part of the whole-of-Government response to meet the immediate accommodation needs of those fleeing the conflict.

#### **Children First Information & Guidance;**

Could we take this opportunity to remind you of the responsibility on all Government Departments to ensure that children and young people are kept safe while accessing services provided or funded by each department. This includes any new services developed as part of the response to the Ukraine crisis. It is also the responsibility of departments to ensure that all staff in the department itself, the sectors and agencies under the remit of the department and the services funded by the department are aware of and comply with the obligations contained in the Children First Act 2015 and the Children First National Guidance. The website that was developed late last year as part of Children First Awareness Week contains useful basic information about Children First, including links to the Act and National Guidance [gov.ie/childrenfirst](http://gov.ie/childrenfirst)

Tusla has developed helpful resources on statutory obligations as well as safeguarding best practice for organisations working with children and young people. These are available on their website <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/organisations/>. Resources include *Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement* and *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice* <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/organisations/what-is-a-child-safeguarding-statement/how-do-i-develop-a-child-safeguarding-statement/>

#### **Children First eLearning Programme;**

You might also consider if there would be merit in encouraging your own departmental and agency staff to complete the Children First eLearning Programme, particularly where they will be in direct contact with families and children from Ukraine. The programme is at an introductory level and covers topics including recognising and reporting child abuse, the role of mandated persons and the responsibilities of organisations working with children and young people. The online training programme is available on the Tusla website at <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>.

#### **Child Protection Concerns;**

Anyone with a child protection concern should contact their local duty social work office, details are available on the Tusla website at <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/contact-a-social-worker3/> or through the Tusla online portal at <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/web-portal/>. In cases of emergency, where a child or young person appears to be at immediate and serious risk, An Garda Síochána (AGS) should be contacted.

#### **Human Trafficking;**

Human trafficking involves the use of deception, threats or physical force to move a victim from one place to another in order to exploit them. In the case of children, no force is required - the very act of transporting a child into exploitative conditions constitutes trafficking. You can read more about the different types of human trafficking, including warning signs that can help you to identify victims, on the Government's anti-human trafficking website, [blueblindfold.gov.ie](http://blueblindfold.gov.ie). If you are concerned that a

child or young person may have been trafficked, you should report your concerns to AGS without delay at 1800 666 111 or 999/112 or [blueblindfold@garda.ie](mailto:blueblindfold@garda.ie).

CFIDIG members are requested to bring this information to the attention of your departmental and agency colleagues and sectors/services under the remit of your department who are involved in the Ukraine response.

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## PARENTING SUPPORT

### “Understanding Anxiety and Supporting My Child”: Archways



Archways is a national organisation working in collaboration with local and national agencies. Based in Clondalkin, we research, develop, and promote evidence-based programmes for children, young people, parents and the professionals that support them.

At Archways, we are delighted to invite parents and guardians to attend a free live webinar “**Understanding Anxiety & Supporting my Child**”, taking place on **Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022**.

This 90 minute webinar will take place twice on this date, in the morning from **10am – 11.30am**, and in the evening from **7pm – 8.30pm**, so if you are interested in attending, you can register for the time that suits you best.

To book a place at the morning webinar taking place from **10am to 11.30am**, please click [here](#)

To book a place at the evening webinar taking place from **7pm – 8.30pm**, please click [here](#)

The webinar aims to help parents and guardians of children from birth to 18 years to:

- Understand the difference between worry, stress and anxiety
- Develop an understanding of how worry, stress and anxiety can affect children and young people
- Develop tools and strategies to support children and young people
- Better understand factors which affect and influence children’s development
- Explore self-care tools and strategies

This will be hosted via Zoom webinar, and a link to access the webinar will be emailed to attendees in advance of the date.

This webinar is kindly funded by [basis.point](#).

Kind Regards,

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Programme Coordinator / Facilitator

To access the Archways website click [here](#).

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## WEBINARS & TRAINING

### o Kinia : STEAM and Digital Media Training Opportunities Available



Through the Creative Technologies programme funded by Creative Ireland (STEAM and digital media) we have some online training opportunities starting **next week**. It would be great if you could circulate this with your network, you may have people in mind that would be interested in taking on training.

This training will be running online in 2 two-hour sessions over two weeks. Online participants must be available for **both of these sessions** to complete the training.

The training is available to **staff or volunteers** working with young people in out of classroom settings (e.g. youth work organisations, school completion programmes, family resource centres, etc.). Individual participants can avail of **one** of these funded courses.

There are 3 different training types with the dates listed below:

#### **Training Type: Computer Science - Introduction to BBC Microbit**

**Online** Mon 30th May and Wed 8th June - 10am to 12pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

#### **Training Type: STEAM - Circuits and Maker activities**

**Online** Tue 31st May and Tue 7th June - 10am to 12pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

#### **Training Type: Digital Creativity - Introduction to Mobile Filmmaking**

**Online** Wed 1st June and Wed 8th June - 10am to 12pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

This is an automated booking system and the links above will direct people to their preferred training choice.

To register:

- Add +1 ticket for the '**Funded Training Opportunity**'
- Complete the form adding details contact and organisation
- We will be in touch ahead of the course with the links for online training

If you have any queries or difficulties with booking you can get back to me at [paulamond@kinia.ie](mailto:paulamond@kinia.ie) or by phone on 086 1535787. Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis'. If places are filled we will arrange training for applicants for a later date. Looking forward to hearing from you.

More opportunities for in-person and online training are planned and we will be in touch soon.

Many thanks,

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○ **“Plugged In Switched Off” Online Safety Programme : Barnardos**



Supported by Google.org, our webinar is aimed at **principals, parents and professionals working with children**. You'll hear input from the Barnardos online safety programme, schools, young people, the tech industry and a representative from the Department of Education. This aims to be a practical, solution focused webinar about what cyberbullying looks like nowadays and what can be done to prevent it.

This conference will be recorded so you can watch it back if you can't attend on the day.

**Agenda:**

10.00 Welcome, Anton Savage (MC)

10.05 Suzanne Connolly, CEO **Barnardos** / Clíodhna Purdue, **Barnardos Online Safety Programme**

10.20 **Webwise**, Youth Advisory Panel

10.35 An interview with Home School Community Liaison teacher, James Hayden, **Balbriggan ETNS**

10.45 Judith Lyons, Principal Officer, **Department of Education** (Chair of steering committee to update bullying guidance to schools)

10.50 Iain Bundred, **YouTube** Public Policy Manager/ Susan Moss, **Tik Tok** Public Policy Manager

11.05 **Panel discussion** with representatives from Barnardos, Tech industry and the Webwise youth panel

## Our Partners

Since September 2019, with support from Google.org, we are rolling out a 5 year online safety programme across the country, with the aim of reaching 1,000 schools and 82,000 students overall with our workshops in schools. Our Plugged in Switched off webinar series, aimed at parents and professionals, is also due to their support. As part of this Barnardos/Google partnership, we signpost to [Be Internet Legends](#), a free multifaceted programme designed to teach younger children (age 7-11 year olds) about online safety. There are family guides for parents and lesson plans for teachers and can be used as a 'before' or 'after' teaching resources to our workshops.

**Registration** : To register for this event, click [here](#).

To access the Barnardos website, click [here](#).

## ○ Social Inclusion Forum 2022 | CWI / EAPN Preparatory Workshops

### **Maintaining Momentum : Implementing the Roadmap for Social Inclusion**

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) is one of the structures that supports the development and implementation of policy to address poverty and social exclusion as outlined in the current strategy, Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025.

### The theme of SIF 2022 is **Maintaining Momentum: Implementing the Roadmap for Social Inclusion**

SIF 2022 will be held on **June 22nd in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan** and provide an important opportunity to engage with the midterm review of the Roadmap, as well as engaging with a number of the issues relevant to those experiencing poverty and their representative organisations.

#### **SIF 2022 will focus on:**

- Core essentials – the Cost of Living and Income Adequacy
- Supporting Communities
- Social Inclusion and Children
- Social Inclusion and People with Disabilities

### **CWI/EAPN Ireland Preparatory Workshops**

Community Work Ireland and the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland will hold a series of preparatory workshops that will provide an overview of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion and the workshop themes, and provide the opportunity for civil society, communities and stakeholders to discuss the issues. Feedback from the workshops will be presented to the opening Plenary of SIF 2022.

#### **Workshop # 1**

Date: Tuesday May 31st 11am-1pm

Location: Online

Theme: Core Essentials & Social Inclusion and Children

Register: [Here](#)

#### **Workshop # 2**

Date: Thursday June 2nd 2pm-4pm

Location: Galway City Partnership, 3 The Plaza, Headford Road, Galway

Theme: All themes

Register: [Here](#)

#### **Workshop # 3**

Date: Wednesday June 8th 10.30am-1pm

Location: F2 Centre, Rialto, Dublin

Theme: All Themes

Register: [Here](#)

#### **Workshop # 4**

Date: Friday June 10th 11am-1pm

Location: Online

Theme: Supporting Communities & Social Inclusion and People with Disabilities

Register: [Here](#)

EAPN Ireland and the CWI would like to encourage the participation of people with direct experience of issues that emerge from the preparatory workshops at the Social Inclusion Forum in Dublin. A small budget is available to support the participation costs of a number of people from the preparatory workshops from unfunded or under-funded groups and unwaged individuals to attend the SIF. There will be further information on this at the workshops.

For more information, please contact [info@cwii.ie](mailto:info@cwii.ie)

To access the Social Inclusion Forum website, click [here](#)

## o Survey on the impacts of COVID-19 on adults aged 18-29 years old living in Ireland- Participants Needed!



We are currently inviting adults aged 18-29 years living in Ireland to take part in an international research study exploring perspectives on the impact of COVID-19. This study is being conducted by Dr Lindsay Sullivan, a Lecturer in the Discipline of Children's Studies at NUI Galway in collaboration with researchers at 79 other sites across the globe. This research project has been reviewed and approved by the NUI Galway Research Ethics Committee

Be part of it by completing this 40-60-minute anonymous survey: [https://tilburgss.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0d2z9qu8Uixdh9Y](https://tilburgss.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0d2z9qu8Uixdh9Y). This anonymous survey assesses the impact, perceptions, and experiences of COVID-19 on young people, including on individual's overall wellbeing, identity, coping strategies, and behaviours. You may also invite your family and friends within this age group to participate in this study. Your responses to this survey are very important and will help further our understanding of the COVID-19 experiences of adults aged 18-29 years old around the world.

Deadline to complete the survey: July 31, 2022

For additional information about the study, please contact Dr. Lindsay Sullivan via email at [LindsayMarie.Sullivan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:LindsayMarie.Sullivan@nuigalway.ie). Thank you for your time and consideration.