



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

→ RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Fund



The **RTÉ Toy show Appeal** is open for applications on **Monday 12th February** until Thursday 14th March.

Children and family charities working at local, regional and national level can apply for a grant under one of the following thematic strands:

- Addressing Essential Needs
- Improving Health and Wellbeing
- Creativity and Play

Community Foundation Ireland will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday 14th February at 3.30pm to run through the criteria and share tips and advice on how to apply for funding. Register for the webinar

here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HeJPciYyTO2pk8faMICVzQ

We recommend joining this webinar to find out whether you are eligible and for how to apply.

To access the Community Foundation for Ireland website, click [here](#).

→ International Protection Integration Fund 2024



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

- **€1,500,000 will be made available to community based organisations to carry out integration projects at a national, regional or local level to support the integration of International Protection Applicants.**
- **Grants of €30,000 to €100,000 will be allocated to successful Scheme A integration initiatives.**
- **Grants of €2,000 to €10,000 will be allocated to successful Scheme B integration initiatives.**

The Minister of State for Integration, Joe O'Brien, today approved €1,500,000 in funding under the International Protection Integration Fund 2024.

Now in its third year, the International Protection Integration Fund celebrates rich cultural diversity and enables community based organisations across Ireland to play a greater role in supporting the integration of International Protection Applicants. Successful Scheme A organisations stand to receive grant funding of €30,000 – €100,000 to support large scale integration projects. Successful Scheme B organisations stand to receive grant funding of €2,000 – €10,000 to support smaller integration initiatives.

Welcoming the announcement, Minister of State O'Brien said:

'The less reported stories these days relate to the literally hundreds of communities over the last two years that have welcomed International Protection Applicants to their locality. I was glad that last year we were able to support such efforts with this fund and I'm eager to get that support out again to communities this year as soon as possible'.

How to apply:

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

- [Scheme A – €30,000 to €100,000](#)
- [Scheme B – €2,000 to €10,000](#)

The closing date for receipt of applications is **12 pm on 6 March 2024**.

Purpose of projects/activities

This call is open to community based organisations and centres around 6 key themes to support the integration of International Protection Applicants:

- Employment
- Educational Awareness
- Language
- Civic and Legal Supports
- Health and Wellbeing
- Intercultural Awareness
- Children and Young People
- Transportation
- LGBTQI+

As this Fund is intended to support the integration of International Protection Applicants, including both adults and children. IP applicants should therefore be the primary target group for all submissions. While other individuals may benefit from the project, IP applicants must encompass the vast majority of participants in a project.

The table below outlines definitions of IP applicants, Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, and Programme Refugees:

<p>International Protection Applicants</p>	<p>International Protection applicants are persons who have sought asylum in Ireland and are awaiting a decision on their protection claim. There is a statutory obligation on the State to examine the claims of all persons seeking protection and to provide accommodation and supports in line with the Recast and Reception Conditions Directive (SI 230 of 2018)</p>
<p>Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)</p>	<p>Under the terms of the EU Temporary Protection Directive (European Council Directive 2001/55/EC), those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine are eligible for temporary protection in Ireland and are thus entitled to access a range of State supports and services. This may include either Ukrainian nationals or people from other countries who were resident in Ukraine before the start of the conflict on 24 February 2022.</p>
<p>Programme Refugees</p>	<p>Persons who participate in the Irish Refugee Resettlement Programme are known as ‘Programme Refugees’. Under this Programme, persons who have continued fear of war or persecution are granted asylum abroad and are subsequently resettled in Ireland as permanent residents.</p>

→ HSE National Lottery Grant Scheme



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

HSE National Lottery grants are available to health and social care projects.

Community groups and voluntary organisations can apply.

You must provide health or social care services to the community. For example, you might help people with a disability, older people, carers or disadvantaged groups.

Public bodies, including the HSE, cannot apply for this funding.

Important Dates;

- Wednesday 17 January 2024 - applications for 2024 funding opens.
- Friday 16 February 2024, midday - the deadline for applications.
- Friday 31 May 2024 - we will contact all applicants to let them know the outcome of their applications.

Further Details : Click [here](#) for further details on eligible projects and the application procedure.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

→ “Understanding Youthwork” Module

- Provisional Programme start date 11/03/23.
- The venue will be provided in Enniscorthy by FDYS.
- Programme delivery will be face to face training of four hours per week in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- The proposed day of delivery is every Wednesday morning from March – June and Sept – Dec 09:00am – 13:00pm .
- Minimum of 12 learners.
- The proposal is that we will commence the pilot with 5N1366 Understanding Youthwork.
- The QQI guided learning hours are 150 for each module with the breakdown in this case are 50 hours classroom time and 100 hours self-directed learning .
- Examinations and skills demonstrations where applicable will take place in a classroom setting.
- Assignments and projects must be typed by the learners so IT skills are essential.
- All Assignments and projects will be submitted on Moodle and filtered through Turnitin.
- On successful completion of 5N1366 Understanding Youthwork module, we will deliver on 5N1385 Working with Young People module and on a module per module basis thereafter.
- Each module is a standalone component award of credit value 15ECTS at Level 5.

For further details / queries : Contact Kieran Donohoe at fdyswexford@gmail.com

PARENTING

→ Treoir : Supporting Unmarried Parents



Treoir is an organisation that promotes the rights and best interests of unmarried parents and their children through:

- Providing specialist information
- Raising awareness on issues affecting unmarried parents
- Campaigning for change

Treoir is the National Specialist Information Service for unmarried parents and their children providing clear and up-to-date information **free of charge** to parents who are not married to each other and to those involved with them. Treoir is also a charity with CHY number 8877

When relationships breakdown parents are faced with many challenges. Treoir can offer information regarding family law, social welfare entitlements, and supports on shared parenting.

- Click [here](#) to access information on mediation
- Click [here](#) to access information on shared parenting and supports
- Click [here](#) to access information on the “Lets Work It Out” Programme.

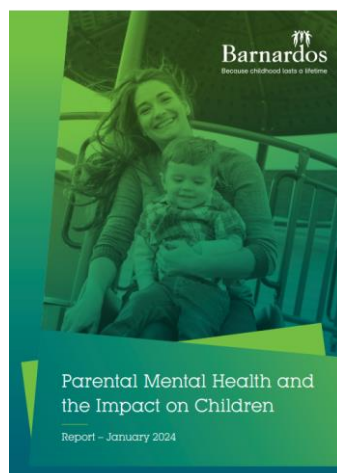
Animation Videos

Treoir has produced animation explainer videos provide information on Custody and Access, Guardianship Rights, Unmarried Fathers information and Child Maintenance. The videos include audio, subtitles and Irish Sign Language.



Click [here](#) to access the animation videos. Click [here](#) to access the Treoir website,

→ Barnardos New Report: One in Five Parents Experiencing Poor Mental Health



To access the full Parental Mental Health Report, click [here](#).

Barnardos children's charity launched a new report outlining the prevalence of poor parental mental health and the impact it has on children across the country.

- One in five (20%) parents said they are currently experiencing poor mental health
- Almost one quarter (23%) reported feeling anxious most of the time, one in five (19%) feel overwhelmed most of the time, one in ten (9%) feel depressed most of the time and one third (31%) feel burned out/exhausted most of the time.
- 48% of parents who experienced poor mental health said it had a moderately negative impact on their children and worryingly more than one in ten (12%) said it had a considerable negative impact on their children.
- Findings based on nationally representative survey conducted by Amarach Research of over 300 parents, and 15 one to one interviews with parents.

Parents Barnardos spoke to said their mental health issues could lead children to: develop difficulties regulating emotions; struggle with routines; become more insecure and/or withdrawn; begin attention-seeking behaviour.

The report's findings demonstrate a substantial number of parents in Ireland are experiencing mental health issues, a significant proportion of whom will have had their parenting impaired as a result. Without support, this jeopardises the quality of thousands of childhoods across the country, as well as future adulthoods, particularly those families facing numerous adversities and disadvantages. Support must be available immediately for these children and their families to mitigate and reduce the potential harm and negative impacts because childhood lasts a lifetime.

To access the Parental Mental Health Report, click [here](#).

→ spunout: Action Panel Volunteers Sought



Would you like to have your voice heard? Or make a change for health and social issues across Ireland?

spunout are recruiting young people, aged 16-25, who would like to join the Action Panel and build their skills and experience in the areas listed below:

- Sharing your thoughts and experiences on issues that matter to you
- Guide and influence spunout campaigns
- Help us reach more people on social media by making sure we are up to date with the latest trends
- Training, communication skills, leadership opportunities and confidence building
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The Action Panel is divided into regional panels and a specialised Action Panel for BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) young people. Our meetings, four times a year, are a mixture of online and in person.

Here's what one of our volunteers, Denise, had to say about [being on the Action Panel](#).

Application : If you or anyone you know would be interested, you can [find the application form here](#).