



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS/TRAINING

► Strong Not Tough – 20th March

Resilience Training for Community Volunteers

Strong Not Tough

‘Strong Not Tough’ is the adult version of the international FRIENDS programme, developed in Australia.

This training will provide individuals with a toolbox of evidence-based approaches designed to enhance their emotional resilience and manage stress more effectively.

These tools will help individuals improve their self-awareness, enhance their emotional literacy, empathy skills and improve peer relations.

Healthy Wexford are offering this course to community volunteers/ leaders across County Wexford. The learning and concepts of the programme using the CBT approach provides an invaluable skillset for themselves and to share with the wider communities, in their homes, clubs etc.

Supported by:



Healthy
Wexford



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



The Healthy Ireland Fund supported by the Department of Health

Course delivered by



20th March 2026
10am to 5pm

Riverside Park Hotel
Enniscorthy

Pre-Booking required:

Expressions of interest to

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MENTAL HEALTH/ GRIEF SUPPORT

► HSE and Togetherall launch online mental health peer-to-peer platform for people aged 16 to 30



The HSE has announced a new expanded partnership with Togetherall, a free online peer-to-peer mental health support community where people aged 16 to 30 can connect with others who understand what they're going through. Launched by Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler, TD, the initiative builds on the proven success of Togetherall's work with third-level students in Ireland, which is also supported by the HSE. The service aims to increase access to mental health support for young people who may not otherwise engage with traditional services.

Togetherall is a 24/7 anonymous online community that is clinically moderated by registered mental health professionals. It offers a safe, non-judgmental space for people to share experiences, connect with others, and access peer support. The community is available day and night, providing this safe space to people who are experiencing issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, loneliness and isolation.

Togetherall provides a range of supports designed to meet people where they are:

- **Peer-to-peer community** – A safe, anonymous online space where members can give and receive support. Users can share thoughts and feelings through writing or digital art, participate in chat groups, or join role-based subgroups with others who are facing shared challenges. Anonymity helps facilitate access.
- **24/7 clinical moderation** – The platform is moderated around the clock by registered mental health professionals. All content is reviewed using a combination of clinical expertise and technology to ensure safety.

- **Self-guided courses** – Members can access a range of text-based, self-directed courses focused on building coping skills and confidence.
- **Local and additional resources** – Togetherall includes links to local mental health resources, clinically validated self-assessments, a private journaling tool, and a wide range of mental health articles.

More info available by visiting <https://togetherall.com/ireland>



Signpost to Togetherall

It's a safe online peer-to-peer support community dedicated to helping people aged 16 to 30 in Ireland with their mental health. The service is moderated 24/7, 365 days a year by licensed and accredited mental health professionals, who manage risk within the community.

Community members can:

- Benefit from peer-to-peer support** - write posts anonymously, share experiences, respond on topical group forums and design artwork to express feelings.
- Start personal growth** - explore over 100 psychoeducational articles on a wide range of topics to help strengthen coping strategies and mental resilience.
- Self-manage mental health** - take self-guided courses and assessments, write journal entries and set personal goals.

Safety on Togetherall
The community benefits from 24-hr, clinically led and proactive safeguarding by highly skilled mental health professionals. Individuals have continual access to 1-1 professional support as the clinical team work around the clock to monitor, engage and respond to members. Where risk is detected, the clinical team will assess and escalate, if needed, to local or crisis services.

togetherall.com

1 in 4 identify as being from an ethnic minority background

2 / 3 shared something on Togetherall they had never previously shared with friends/family

82% joined Togetherall to find support for depression or anxiety

65% access when most other support services are unavailable

Who can benefit from Togetherall?

- People coping with everyday challenges such as stress, loneliness, isolation or worry, through to individuals diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and other mental health conditions.
- Those on a waiting list for treatment.
- Individuals looking for immediate support whilst engaged in treatment services.
- Those post-discharge from treatment.
- As part of relapse prevention plans.
- Those who are often reluctant to seek help or face barriers to accessing community services or treatment.

Enable support seeking and remove barriers for young people

Large, vibrant community	> Reduces loneliness and isolation using empathetic peer support
24/7 risk management	> Ensures everyone is safe and supported
Always available - 24/7, 365.	> Access outside of 9-5 office hours
Immediately accessible	> No waiting or appointments necessary
Interact anonymously	> Removes stigma and encourages the sharing of lived experience
Choice and flexibility	> Ability to personalise experience dependant on individual needs

I have an account...

My area is registered

... from a university or college

How do I encourage SELF-REFERRAL?

Commissioned by The Health Service Executive (HSE), everyone aged 16-30 in Ireland with access to the internet can use Togetherall and self-register for access.

1. Share the following web address: www.togetherall.com/ireland
2. Advise individuals to select 'Join for free' and ask them to input their home Eircode to begin registration.

83% of surveyed individuals have found Togetherall helpful for their mental health

Togetherall member

"Talking about what I'm going through with the community is so helpful and reduces loneliness for me as I find lots of people are feeling something similar to what I'm going through - someone does understand me."

togetherall.com ★ Download promotional materials Watch a demo Contact us

► HUGG – Grief Support



Help Shape the Future of HUGG Support

Have you used our **telephone support service** or attended a **support group** recently or in the past?

We've **partnered** with **University College Cork** to evaluate our services to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of adults bereaved by suicide.

We invite you to take part in a **15-minute confidential interview**, by phone or online. Your participation is voluntary, feedback is anonymised, and you can withdraw at any time.

Register

- [HUGG Telephone Support Service Evaluation - Participant Registration](#)
- [HUGG Support Groups Service Evaluation – Participant Registration](#)

Questions? Email support@HUGG.ie

Your feedback is important to us and we would be grateful for your participation.

**Register for Telephone Support
Participation**

Register for Support Group Participation

Find Connection & Support

Dedicated Suicide Bereavement Support Groups Nationwide* Tuesday's 7.30pm

Athlone	Carlow	Cavan
Cork	Donegal	Dublin
Kerry	Kildare	Kilkenny
Limerick	Monaghan	Sligo
*Virtual	Waterford	Wexford

How do I get more information on Support Groups?

You can email support@HUGG.ie or call: [01 513 4048](tel:015134048) (monitored answering machine) or visit: www.HUGG.ie and a member of our team will be in touch.



PARENT SUPPORT

► Supporting Parents 2026 Key Initiatives



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



Supporting Parents:

A National Model of Parenting Support Services
(2022-2027) | **Implementation Plan Year 5**



Vision

That all parents are confident and capable in their parenting roles, helping to achieve the best outcomes for children and families.



Goals

Greater Awareness of parenting support services

Greater access to parenting support services

More inclusive parenting support services

Needs led and evidence informed parenting support services

Key Initiatives 2026



Quarterly meetings of National Model Parenting Support Steering Group (1)

Biannual Meetings of National Model Implementation Advisory Group (2)

Cross-Government Parenting Support Network events (3)

Collaborative working: Tusla and HSE National Parenting Support Leads (4)

Parenting Support priorities considered in each CYPSC 3 Year Child & Young People's Plan (5)

Enhanced signposting to services (6)

Develop and publish approved list of effective parenting support programmes (15)

2025/26 Parents Peer Support Fund rolled out (7)

Enhance the role of CFSN Coordinators in signposting to parenting supports (8)

Reviews of support services and development of agreed approaches (9)

Cross Sectoral Programme of Research (13)

Development of Best Practice Guidelines for Consulting with Parents (10)

Parenting support information and services in ELC and schools (12)

Online Communications Plan for National Model (14)

Establish a network of dedicated Tusla Parenting Support Advisors (16)

Establish an annual area-based parenting support awareness fund (17)

Provision of information on services at key contact points with health services (18)

2025 Annual Progress Report Published (19)

Promote a standardised approach across sectors to the collection of parenting support activity and outcomes data and publish an annual cross government report on activity levels and future development plans. (20)

Biannual survey of parents (21)

Develop and maintain outcome indicators to monitor progress of the National Model (22)

YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORT

► Want to Talk? - A New Resource to Support Young People Experiencing Domestic Abuse

Want to Talk?

Website for young people experiencing domestic abuse at home or in dating relationships

Accessible information and support about domestic abuse

Practical safety tips

Support

Live Chat
Talk to a real person
Monday - Friday

Built in safety features including a quick exit button

Scan here

wanttotalk__ wanttotalk_1 www.wanttotalk.ie

SURVEY

► Wexford Community Safety Survey



Our online portal is now open and we are asking people across County Wexford to share their views on community safety. The portal will remain open until March 25th, 2026.

Please click on the link below:

[**Community Safety Survey | Wexford County Council Online Consultation Portal**](#)

Forms are also available in your local Library.

► National online survey on ELC and SAC available until 12th March



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

We wish to share information with you relating to a National online survey of ELC and SAC settings currently being conducted by the DCDE. We urge you to share this information within your networks.

On 4 February Minister Foley launched an online survey as part of the [National Conversation – the First 5 Years and School-Age Childcare](#). The survey can be accessed via gov.ie [here](#). It will run until March 12th.

This survey looks at the key priorities for early learning and care, school-age childcare and childminding, including what should change or stay the same, and how to make these settings better for babies, young children, and young people. This will form part of a broader public consultation process on the future of ELC and SAC being undertaken by the DCDE, as well as informing the developing of Phase 2 of the *Shaping the Future Action Plan* and the successor to the *First 5 Strategy*.

We want to hear from parents, early years educators, school age childcare practitioners, childminders, providers, and all those interested in the future of early learning and care and school age childcare. This National Conversation represents a rare opportunity to reshape the future of education, including early years education, in our country, and we want to ensure that as many voices as possible are included.

Thank you

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

GARDA YOUTH AWARDS

► Launch of County Wexford Garda Youth Awards 2026



Launch of Wexford Garda Youth Awards 2026

An Garda Síochána in Wexford in association with Wexford County Council are delighted to launch the Annual Wexford Garda Youth Awards for 2026. The launch of these annual awards is to acknowledge the achievements of young people who are making a difference in their own lives and in their communities within the Wexford Garda Division. They also acknowledge the endeavours of young people who have faced and overcome challenges in their lives.

The awards will be presented in four categories:

- **Individual Award** - Making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.
- **Group Award** - Group of two or more, making a positive contribution to their community, making it a better place to live.
- **Special Achievement Award** - Overcome difficult circumstances, defied all the odds and whose commitment deserves recognition.
- **Community Safety Award** - Through a crime prevention or safety initiative/innovation, have made their community a safer place to live.

Anyone can nominate a young person between the age of 13 and 21 years for an award. Nominations will be completed through an online process; this is available through the following link: [Garda Youth Awards 2026 | Wexford County Council](#)

Closing date for nominations will be **Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 4.00pm**. If anyone requires further information, they can contact the Superintendent's Office at WW.WexfordSouth.CE@Garda.ie, 053 9165280 or through their local Garda Station.

GRANT'S SCHEME

► 2026 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme Now Open

The 2026 Grants Programme is now open, and organisations are invited to apply.



The 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme, Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF), is a collaboration with [Community Foundation Ireland](#) (CFI) and the [Sunflower Charitable Foundation](#) (SCF), and aims to support organisations working with young children and their families in areas of high socio-economic need, who may not reach their potential due to the corrosive impact of poverty.

The 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme is a promise from KHF to provide financial and other supports to selected organisations, to support and develop the potential of the children engaged with the organisations.

The Programme will build on the powerful work taking place at community-level to address child poverty with funding of up to €1,500,000 in financial and non-financial supports over its duration 2026-30.

In the first three years of the 'Children's Promise' Grants Programme (2023 – 2025), **54 projects were supported** within organisations across Ireland based in communities most affected by social inequality. These organisations work with a wide range of complex issues, but all have a common objective: **to harness the childhood potential in communities with high socio-economic need, through supports for pregnant mothers, young children, and their families.**

For further information and to apply please visit our [website here](#)

The closing date for all applications is 19 March 2026 at 1pm.



All queries should be made by email to info@khf.ie

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Wexford Library Service :Cubbie Sensory Hub



Wexford Library Service Cubbie Sensory Hub

The new Wexford Town Library Cubbie Sensory hub is a pod designed to help with **regulating sensory experiences**

Users can customise their experience by changing:

- Lights
- Sound
- Visuals



Users can create a calming or stimulating environment, depending on what they need

The Cubbie is **free** to use for library patrons and members of the public

Supported by:



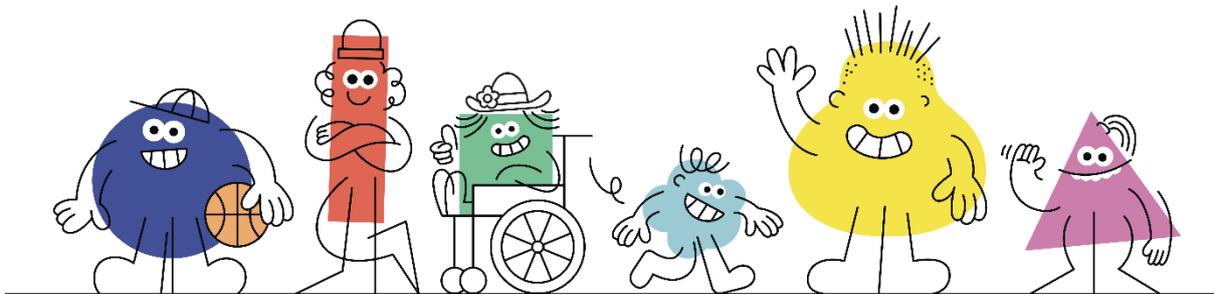
The Healthy Ireland Fund supported by the Department of Health

Cubbie is a smart multi-sensory management pod designed to help people **regulate their sensory experiences** in various environments.

It provides a customisable space with adjustable lighting, sound, and visuals, allowing users, especially those with sensory sensitivities, to find comfort and focus.

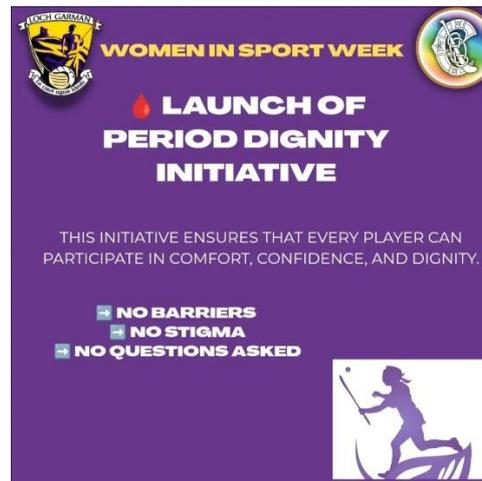
Proven to reduce stress and anxiety by up to **80%** in under **15 minutes**, Cubbie adapts to provide either stimulating or calming environments based on the user's needs, helping them regulate their senses and return to participating with confidence.

► New Ross Playful Streets



A new **New Ross Playful Streets** initiative is being rolled out by Sports Active Wexford, supported by the Healthy Ireland Fund through Healthy Wexford. Communities can now express an interest in getting involved. See more details here [A Playful Street, New Ross | Wexford County Council](#) or Sports Active Wexford social media. We would ask you to please read the information and share to communities in New Ross who may be interested in getting involved in this exciting new initiative

► Wexford Camogie - Period Dignity Project



Wexford Camogie is delighted to announce that funding has been successfully secured from Leinster Camogie Council to support the rollout of our countywide Period Dignity initiative. As a result, each of our 42 affiliated clubs will receive their Care Packs in the coming weeks. This important programme was officially launched last night during Women in Sport Week.

Inspired by the national 'Period Power' campaign introduced by the Camogie Association under its Player Welfare programme, Wexford Camogie identified the opportunity to build on existing work already taking place locally through Wexford County Council and their Period Dignity Project, which provides FREE period product locations across County Wexford.

The need for initiatives such as this is clear. The Healthy Ireland Survey 2022 highlighted that 24% of eligible respondents experienced at least one cost-related challenge in accessing period products:

- 10% struggled to afford period products
- 14% improvised with materials not intended for use
- 8% asked to borrow products they could not afford
- 10% changed to less suitable products due to cost

Free period products are now provided by Wexford County Council, supported by the Department of Health, to help address these challenges within our communities. Wexford Camogie will introduce a countywide scheme that promotes dignity, accessibility and wellbeing for all female players and members across our 42 clubs. This initiative aligns fully with the objectives of the national Period Power campaign: To foster an open and supportive environment and to ensure necessary resources are available as part of the overall health and wellbeing of females in sport in County Wexford.

► Join Us in Supporting Focus on Foster Care 2026



Coffee Mornings & Get Togethers

We have coffee mornings & get togethers taking place next week across the country. You can find out more [here](#).

Share and Amplify the Campaign

You can support Focus on Foster Care by:

- Sharing IFCA social media posts throughout the week
- Using the hashtag #FocusOnFosterCare
- Tagging colleagues or partner organisations who may wish to engage
- Encouraging conversations about fostering within your organisation or community

Every share and endorsement helps broaden public understanding and reinforces the message that foster care must be recognised, valued and supported.

Messages of Support

We would warmly welcome video messages of support from stakeholders. Simply record a short 30-second video sharing how much you value and appreciate the work of foster carers and send it to media@ifca.ie. With your permission, we will share these messages across our digital platforms during Focus on Foster Care week.

We are grateful for your continued partnership and commitment to foster care and improving outcomes for children and young people in care. We look forward to working together to make Focus on Foster Care 2026 a meaningful and impactful national initiative.

Warm regards,

The IFCA Team
Irish Foster Care Association

► **Anew Support Services Interactive Workshop - Visual Voices**
#IWD2026



Anew would like to invite you for an engaging interactive event to mark International Women's Day, that exhibits the collective Visual Voices of women with lived experiences of homelessness. The collective Visual Voices have been produced by women with lived experiences of homelessness across seven European countries as part of an Erasmus+ project entitled Women's Voices. The Visual Voices feature photographs and reflections which explore women's lived experiences of safety and lack of safety, providing a curriculum for learning about responding to women's safety needs.

The event aims to raise awareness of the gender-specific dimensions to women's homelessness and encourage participants to think critically about the lived realities of safety/lack of safety as experienced by women in homelessness. A key objective is to promote critical dialogue and action towards ensuring more gender-responsive homelessness and related services for women in Ireland.

The event also introduces the model of support offered by Anew as an example of how we aim to meet the safety and related needs of pregnant women and new mothers experiencing homelessness.

It will be on 12th March in the Ashling Hotel from 11am to 3pm.

The Eventbrite link is shown below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1982894176861?aff=oddtcreator>

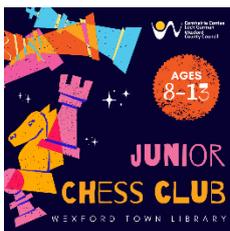
► Wexford Town Library Events



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.



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.**



Junior Chess Club at Wexford Town Library for 8-13 years, Wednesday, 4 March, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Come along to our Junior Afterschool Chess Club! The club will run from Wednesday 4th of March to Wednesday 25th of March, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Suitable for all player levels and strictly for ages 8-13 years. Booking is essential, as places are very limited



3D Printing Workshop for ages 9-12yrs, Saturday, 7 March, 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Discover how ideas become real objects through 3D printing. In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how 3D models are created using CAD software and transformed into physical objects using a 3D printer. The session includes a live demonstration, practical insights into the technology, and inspiration for those interested in design, engineering, and creative problem-solving. Suitable for ages 9-12yrs. Booking is essential.



Baby Tummy Time, Thursday, 12 & 31 March, 11:00am - 11:45am.

Join us for a Baby Tummy Time session in Wexford Library. According to the HSE, Tummy time helps to strengthen baby's head, neck, and back muscles. Your baby can begin tummy time as a newborn and continue to do it throughout their first year. We will provide books for babies and there will also be books on parenting available to borrow. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and babies. Booking is essential.

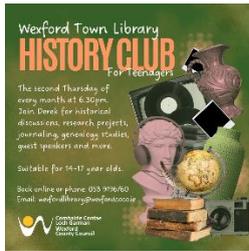
Sensory Hour, Every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

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.



History Club for Teenagers, Thursday, 12 March, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Join Derek on the second Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for historical discussions, research projects, journaling, genealogy studies, guest speakers and more. The club is suitable for 14-17 year olds. Booking is essential.



Gruffalo Storytime and Craft, Monday, 23 March, 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

Join us at Wexford library to take a stroll into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with a fox, an owl, a snake...and a hungry Gruffalo! Together we will create some wonderful woodland crafts, find a recipe for scrambled snake and of course read some Gruffalo tales together. Suitable for ages 4-6 years. Booking is essential.



Teen Comics Club, Thursday, 26 March, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Join us in Wexford library on the last Thursday of the month for our teen comic book club, where stories come off the page! Each month we'll dive into a new graphic novel - from superhero sagas and fantasy adventures to slice of life tales and manga masterpieces! Suitable for 13 - 15 years. Booking is essential.

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.**

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library>

► Bunclody Library Events



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.



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.



Saturday Storytime every Saturday at 11am

Join us every Saturday morning at 11am for stories and songs for ages 3-7 years. No need to book - all welcome!



Mother's Day Creation Station - Saturday 14th March, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Pop into Bunclody Library to create a fantastic card that you can give to someone special on Mother's Day. This 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!



An introduction to Micro:Bits and VR Headsets for 9 to 12 year olds - Saturday 7th March, 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. This pop-up event is suitable for **ages 9+**. All welcome, no booking required.

► Enniscorthy Library Events



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Saturday at 11am for our Interactive Story Time! Perfect for 3-5 years old but fun for everyone! Through the magic of storytelling, children are transported to far-off lands, introduced to diverse characters, and exposed to a rich tapestry of language, all while developing

fundamental literacy skills such as vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, and phonological awareness. **All welcome and no booking required.**

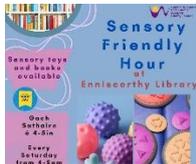


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

Enniscorthy Library invites you and your family to join us for a session of LEGO Free Play, LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. This session is suitable for ages 5+.

Please note we're closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm.

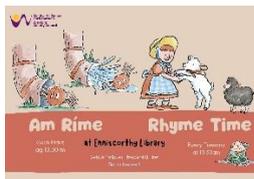
No Booking Required



Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library - 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!



Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library for songs, stories and rhymes!

Perfect for up to 3 years old but fun for everyone!

Through rhymes children naturally learn essential skills for communicating such as turn-taking and joining in.

All welcome and no booking required.

► New Ross Library Events



New Ross Library Rhymetime – Every Thursday, 11-11:30am

Join us in New Ross Library every Thursday at 11.00am for a fun-packed session with lots of stories, rhymes and songs!

Booking for this event is no longer required. A parent or guardian must stay for the duration of the event.



The Almost Every Saturday LEGO Club – Saturday March 14th, 11-12pm

The Almost Every Saturday LEGO club is here! You asked for it and we eventually listened.

Join us most Saturday for a bit of LEGO fun, whether it's free play, LEGO Mystery Cards, LEGO Bingo, LEGO Robotics or some other type of LEGO events, you will be sure to have a great time.

Suitable for ages 6-12 years

Booking is essential, just so we can manage the space and the quantity of LEGO required, so please book in below!

For more info or to book events, please telephone 051 421877 or book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com.

► Gorey Library Events



Storytime at Gorey Library – Tuesday March 10th, 11-11:30am

Drop in to storytime at Gorey Library! Every week, we will have a fun session of stories, rhymes and songs.

This event is suited to children aged 2-4 years, but we encourage all the family to join in! No need to book, just call in.



La Leche League Winter/Spring Sessions, Wednesday 11th March, 11-1pm

Join the La Leche League for a monthly meeting at Gorey Library.

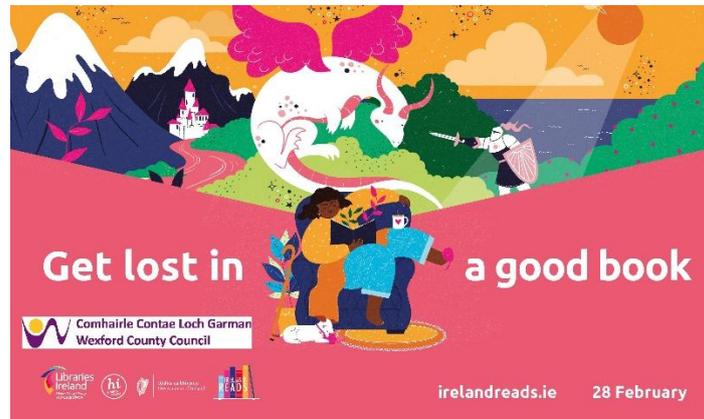
La Leche League of Ireland is a voluntary organisation which provides free information and support to all those who want to breastfeed or give their babies human milk.

Our Mission is to help mothers worldwide to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, information, encouragement, education, and to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother.

All La Leche League Leaders are volunteers who have enjoyed nursing their own babies and who see the importance of helping other mothers develop a happy breastfeeding relationship. They have completed an internationally accredited training programme and continue to attend regular training.

Our Leaders are familiar with breastfeeding techniques as well as current research. They organise monthly meetings and can be contacted at any time by telephone or via various social media channels. La Leche League Leaders also give talks at antenatal classes, sit on breastfeeding committees and are available as a reference source for medical professionals.

► Ireland Reads 2026: ‘Get Lost in a Good Book’



Ireland Reads 2026 takes place on Saturday, 28 February. This national campaign, led by Libraries Ireland as part of Healthy Ireland, encourages everyone to “Get Lost in a Good Book.”

Ireland Reads is the national campaign to promote reading as a beneficial, accessible, and enjoyable activity for all, supporting wellbeing, sparking creativity, and connecting people. It is a campaign that highlights the role of libraries in supporting literacy, wellbeing, and community connection.

Libraries across Ireland will promote their services, host events and share book recommendations to help people rediscover the joy of reading.

Our library will play a key role in promoting reading as a powerful tool for wellbeing, creativity, and connection.

Here’s how you can help:

- Follow our social media and online activity and share our campaign messaging on your social media channels using #IrelandReads and #TellMeToGetLost.
- Highlight our events and book recommendations in branch and online.
- Encourage people to visit the local library as part of the Ireland Reads campaign.
- Participating in Ireland Reads events.

For those of you interested in actively promoting the campaign, bilingual social media video assets with template messaging are available.

Through Ireland Reads, we promote the benefits of reading and library services, encouraging library visits, people to take the opportunity to borrow reading material from a library, and to engage with library programmes. The campaign aims to increase awareness and visibility of our librarians, people in our communities who are friendly, approachable and knowledgeable in providing reading recommendations.

Thank you for helping us make Ireland Reads 2026 a success!

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

► **Call for Abstracts | UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre 12th Biennial International Conference | 11-12th June 2026**



Call for Abstracts

🕒 Final days to submit — don't miss the abstract deadline on March 6th at 5:00pm!

Shifting Power: New Frontiers in Youth Participation

Follow the conversation at [#newfrontiersyouthparticipation](#)

Across research, policy and practice, youth participation in decision-making is widely accepted as a core principle. While participatory and co-production mechanisms are in place, many have been criticised as consultative or sometimes tokenistic in nature. The extent to which young people are fully engaged as partners remains a challenge. In response to a call from UNESCO (2023) member states were tasked to, “take existing youth arrangements to the next level, create new opportunities and arrangements where they do not yet exist and ensure that youth participation is effectively resourced”. A central focus of this conference will be on power and influence, to explore the ways in which meaningful youth engagement is understood, actioned and evidenced. Participants will be invited to chart the next steps in developing pathways for impact in their everyday practice, based on genuine power-sharing with young people.

In practice, youth participation is supported through a range of structures, processes and methods across formal and informal settings including youth work, education, child protection and welfare and youth justice services among others. Across these settings, areas for exploration include context-specific approaches (e.g. working with

different population groups); systems and institutional factors and types of participation models (e.g. co-produced or youth-led). As a future facing conference, it will identify gaps and challenges in existing participatory strategies and methodologies and identify, highlight and promote sustainable practices. Key insights and participant perspectives from the conference will be disseminated and utilised to inform future direct engagement with policymakers, practitioners and other key audiences.

Proposals are now welcome from delegates to present their work at the conference parallel sessions in presentation, poster or an interactive workshop format. Abstracts are invited from the practice, policy, research and academic communities in relation to the conference themes:

- Adulthood, power imbalances and resistance to youth participation.
- Barriers to participation (incl. structural, cultural, language and other challenges).
- Benefits and impact of meaningful youth participation.
- Ethical issues (incl. the risk of harm).
- The role of adult allies.
- Equity (incl. knowledge equity), access and inclusion.
- Proven methodologies and approaches to measuring youth participation.

The active participation of young people in presenting your work is encouraged, where appropriate. Although we are calling for contributions under these sub-themes, other relevant topics are welcome, but all submissions must reflect the overarching theme of the conference. Abstracts must be submitted by March 6th, 2026, and will only be accepted if completed using the [template](#) provided. Further details on presentation types and the time allocated can be found on the submission template.

Abstracts will undergo a peer-reviewed process with successful applicants notified by **April 1st, 2026**. Please note that all presenters are required to register for their attendance at the conference.

Submit your abstract [here](#).

For regular updates and registration visit the [conference website](#).



Important Dates:

- Deadline Abstract Submission: March 6th, 2026, at 5pm
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: April 1st, 2026
- End of registration at a reduced fee: April 30th, 2026

LITERACY

► NALA's new reading, writing and spelling workbooks



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**Adult
Literacy
for Life**

NALA's new reading, writing and spelling workbooks

- If you are working with adults who have unmet literacy or English language needs, you may find these resources useful.

NALA has four new Level 1 to 2 literacy workbooks for Adult literacy and ESOL learners:

- [Health and well-being - NALA](#)
- [Clothes and the weather - NALA](#)
- [Places in the town - NALA](#)
- [Free time activities - NALA](#)

The workbooks are for any adult who wants to improve their reading and writing skills at Level 1 to 2.

You can [order copies of the workbooks for free](#) or you can [download PDF versions](#) from our website.

You can learn new words and practice how to use them in sentences. Exercises in the workbooks help you practice reading, writing, and spelling skills. You can use the workbooks on their own or with the support of a tutor.

Please visit the [Adult Literacy for Life Workplace Calendar Resource here](#).

► Online Book Club with Wexford Library Service



Wexford Library Service Online Book Club

When	Wednesday, 25 March 2026 Last Wednesday of each month
Time	11 am to 12 pm
Where	on Microsoft Teams
Contact	jan.doran@wexfordcoco.ie

**Wexford Library Service
Online Book Club**

March's Book
Book Lovers
by
Emily Henry

Wednesday,
March 25th at 11:00am
on TEAMS

11:00am-12:00pm

Open to all readers
in Wexford County

For info or to join
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