

Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS/TRAINING

► Social Pedagogy in Relationship-Centred Practice Course



Certificate in Social Pedagogy introduces students to *social pedagogy* — a **holistic, relationship-centred framework used in social care, education and community work**. It focuses on how to build meaningful, reflective and ethical professional relationships with individuals, groups and communities of all ages. The course helps learners develop a clear, practical framework for building meaningful professional relationships, improving reflective practice, and responding thoughtfully to complex human situations. It is particularly valuable for those seeking to enhance their effectiveness, confidence and well-being in caring or people-focused roles.

More information on the course can be found here - [SETU | Certificate in Social Pedagogy in Relationship-Centred Practice](#)

An online application can be made here - [Part-Time Courses Application Form](#)

The course is €450 and the first class is onsite in Wexford and the rest of the course is online.

HEALTH

► Supporting Pregnant Women to Quit and Stay Quit



► Growing up smoke-free



► QR code for South East Stop Smoking Referral Form



SURVEY

► **Invitation to Participate in National Stakeholder Survey:
Understanding community needs and preventing drug and alcohol use
and related harm**



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhise Sláinte
Health Service Executive

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is undertaking a National Needs Assessment for the Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol in Ireland, coordinated by the National Health Improvement Team (Public Health). As part of this work, they are inviting professionals and organisations from across sectors to complete a short online survey.

The survey seeks to capture the perspectives of those working with children, families, young people, communities, and underserved groups, including those whose work focuses on health, wellbeing, education, community development, and social support.

<https://secure.bandasurvey.ie/WebProd/Interview/6WT1ME0VZQ79CY6W6WT04ADK2OX49AR7>

All responses will be treated anonymously and reported in aggregated form by our research partner, Ipsos B&A, and will be used solely for research purposes to inform future initiatives. We greatly appreciate your contribution to this important work. The **deadline for completing the survey is 12th January 2026**

Please follow the link below to complete the survey:

<https://secure.bandasurvey.ie/WebProd/cgi-bin/askiaext.dll?Action=StartSurvey&SurveyName=BB25-0...>

LITERACY

► Adult Literacy For Life (ALL) Collaboration & Innovation Fund 2026 is open



Calling all community groups working to create literacy-friendly spaces!

The #AdultLiteracyForLife (ALL) Collaboration & Innovation Fund 2026 is open! If you have a collaborative and innovative partnership initiative that could benefit adults with unmet #FinancialLiteracy, #Literacy #FamilyLiteracy or #DigitalLiteracy needs, you can apply to the Fund. Find more information about how to apply at www.adultliteracyforlife.ie/fund. **Applications close on Thursday, 22 January 2026 at 12 pm.**

The Adult Literacy For Life (ALL) Collaboration and Innovation Fund provides funding to collaborative and innovative projects and activities that:

- support adults to improve their literacy, numeracy and digital literacy, and
- help organisations and services to be literacy aware and friendly.

In Ireland, 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading, writing, or basic tasks like filling in forms, understanding health information, or helping their children with homework. This fund helps create projects that make a real difference in people's lives.

In the last 3 years, this funding has allowed organisations that work in the public, not-for-profit, community and voluntary sector to support thousands of learners. There have been over 250 projects supported through the ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund.

[Read about the range of previous projects here.](#)

If you have a project that you would like to discuss please contact me.

Kind Regards

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FUNDING

► Rethink Ireland has launched Impact Fund 2025



New Rethink Ireland fund to invest €1.1 million in community-led change across Munster and **Wexford**

24 November 2025: Rethink Ireland has launched Impact Fund 2025, a €1.1 million initiative designed to support innovative, community-led projects across Munster and **Wexford**. The fund, established by Rethink Ireland in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, as well as a suite of philanthropic donors, will back up to eight high-impact projects strengthening social inclusion, wellbeing, and environmental resilience at a local level across the south of Ireland.

Applications are now open at rethinkireland.ie/open-funds/ and will close on Friday 16 January at 1pm. Rethink Ireland is the national funding body supporting the most innovative non-profit organisations and social enterprises working to create a more just, equal and sustainable Ireland.

Impact Fund 2025 is created by Rethink Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, in partnership with the Parkes Family, Limerick; the Estate of Mary Coffey c/o Pat Toomey, Tipperary; the Hospital Saturday Fund; The Luan Fund, Cork; **Ed Murphy, Wexford**; Turas Nua and The Ireland Funds.

To be eligible to apply for Impact Fund 2025, projects must meet the following criteria:

- The project must address a critical social issue
- The project proposed must be innovative in an Irish context
- The project must be based on the island of Ireland and must make its main impact in Munster or county **Wexford**
- The project must have potential and a desire to scale or replicate in Ireland
- The project must provide evidence that it is up and running, or has been tested at least in a minimal way
- Applicants must come from an entity with a not-for-profit legal form, e.g. a company limited by guarantee, a co-operative, a trust or a charity

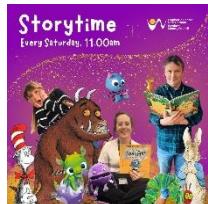
[Full Article on Rethink Ireland Impact Fund 2025](#)

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

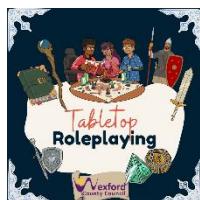
► Wexford Town Library Events



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.



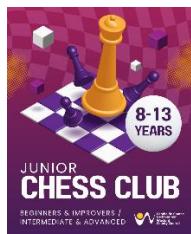
Story Time every Saturday, 11.00am-11:30am, Suitable for children aged 3–7 years.
Join us for Story Time in Wexford Library every Saturday morning. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. **No booking required.**



Tabletop Roleplaying Club: Dungeons & Dragons, Tuesday, 13 January, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

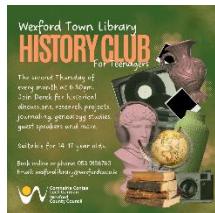
Are you ready to embark on an epic adventure? 🎲🐉 Well then, join us at Wexford Library for tabletop role-playing gaming and unleash your imagination. The sessions will take place the second Tuesday of every month from 6.30-8.30 pm. **Booking is essential.**

Suitable for ages 12–17 years.



Junior Chess Club at Wexford Town Library for 8-13 years, 14 January - 25 February, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Come along to our Junior Afterschool Chess Club. The club will run from Wednesday 14th of January to Wednesday 25th of February, 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. Only one booking is required, as this will reserve all 7 weekly sessions. Please note that parents/guardians must remain in the library building for the duration of this event.



History Club for Teenagers at Wexford Town Library, Thursday, 15 January, 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.



The Chatterbooks Book Club 9-12yrs, Tuesday, 20 January, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Come along and enjoy some chat on all things books and some arts and crafts too. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20 January. The book we will chat about is The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman and graphic novel Beastie Bros by David O'Connell. Booking is essential.



Baby Tummy Time in Wexford Library, Tuesday, 27 January, 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. Free event.



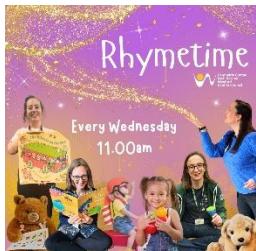
Teen Comics Club, Thursday, 29 January, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Join our new teen comics club! Suitable for 13 - 15 years. Booking is essential.

Regular Weekly Events

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.

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!



Winter Colouring Station, Saturday 10th January 2-3.30pm

Pop into the library for our fun winter colouring station event. This is a fun activity for all the family to participate in. All materials will be provided. No need to book – all welcome.



Winter Creatures Creation Station, Saturday 17th January, 2-3.30pm

We invite all the children in the area to come into the library and create a winter creature. All materials will be provided. This event is open to all (no need to book)

To book events, please telephone 053 9375466 or book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com.

► Enniscorthy Library Events



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday at 11am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library 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.

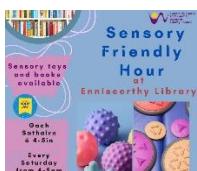


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

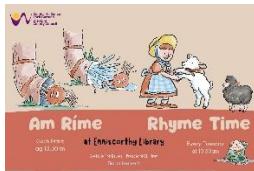
No Booking Required



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

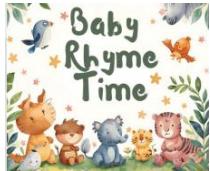
Join us in Enniscorthy Library for songs, stories and rhymes!

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.

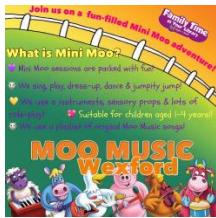
► New Ross Library Events



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.



Moo Music Saturday 10th January 11-12pm Join Mairéad for some festive songs and dances! It promises lots of fun.

This interactive music class for babies, toddlers and preschool aged children with singing, moving, playing and learning, we love it!

Suitable for 0-4 years. **Booking essential.**

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

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

► Gorey Library Events



Nollaig na mBan Womens Christmas Coffee & Craft Circle
Tuesday 6th January 3:30-4:30pm



Alzheimer Society Art Exhibition Launch
Tuesday 13th January at 7:00pm



Film Club: Robert Redford Month
Thursday 8th January 2:30-5:00pm



Irish Language Poetry Book Launch with Éire Ní Fhaoláin
Thursday 22nd January: 7:00-8:00pm



North Wexford Historical Society Talk: History of Food
Thursday 29th January at 7:00pm



New Year New Baby Tummy Time & Baby Handprinting
Monday 26th January 10:30-11:30am

Bedtime Storytime
Thursday 15th January at 6:00pm



Winnie the Pooh Day Storytime and Craft
Saturday 17th January at 3:00pm

Children's Storytime: Every Tuesday at 11am

Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday from 10:30 - 12:30

Saturday Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4pm

YA Unreal Bookclub: Thursday 15th at 4:30pm

La Leche Breastfeeding support: Wed 14th 11:00am

Book of the Month Bookclub: Tuesday 27th Jan

Online Bookclub: Wednesday 28th Jan

Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: Wed 14th 11:00am

Film Club: Thursday 8th January 2:30-5:00pm

Ciorcal Comhrá: Monthly: Tue 6th Jan at 7:00pm

Short Story Reading Club: Thursday 15th at 7:00pm

English Conversation Circle: Monthly Sat 3rd 2:30pm

Lifting the Lid: Monday 5th 2.30-5.30pm

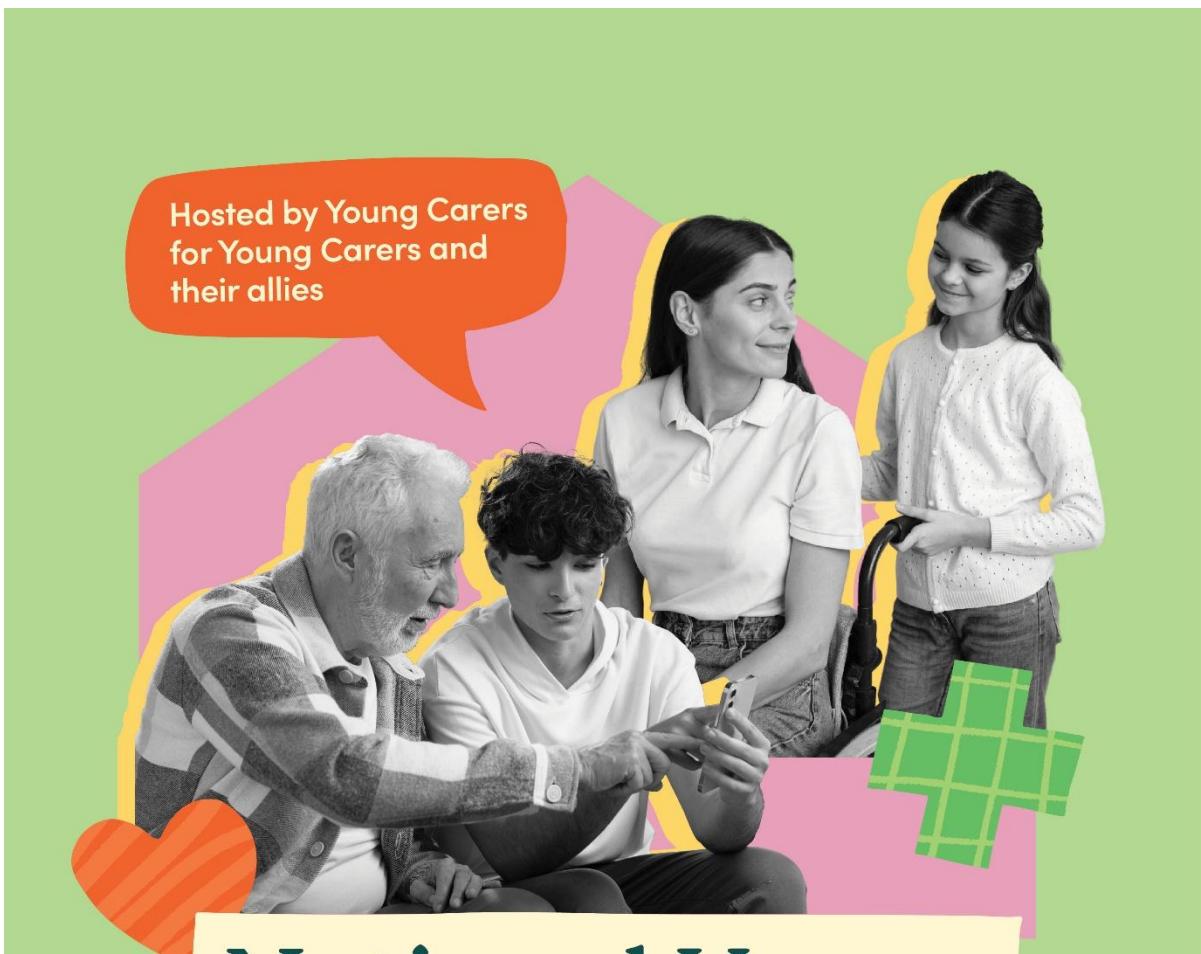
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday from 2pm

Knitting Circle: Every Friday from 11am

Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday from 7pm

Philosophy Club: Tuesday 13th & 27th Jan 7:30pm

► National Youth Carers Conference



Hosted by Young Carers for Young Carers and their allies

National Young Carers Conference

March 7th
11:00 – 16:40

2026

O'Reilly Hall
UCD

Young Carers
Children and young people under 25 who support a family member with a disability, illness, long term injury or mental health challenge including addiction or trauma

Join us!
Tickets are free and free transport is available. Follow the link to register for tickets and transport

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Who is a Young Carer?

This is a very difficult question to answer, in the 2022 Census, 4800 young people under age 15 were self-identified as being Young Carers, research by Family Carers Ireland however estimated in 2020 that the number is over 66,000 young people, and the conference project team believe this figure is underestimated.

Young Carers are deemed as young people under the age of 18

Young adult Carers are aged 18-24

This conference is for both young carers and young adult carers. We do suggest that no one under the age of 12 attends unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, due to the nature of some of the content.

[National Young Carer Conference 2026 - BY Young Carers FOR Young Carers. Tickets, Sat 7 Mar 2026 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Please view this video to understand the role of a Young Carer

<https://youtu.be/6miJJXdWUVQ> There is no minimum threshold for the amount of responsibility a young person has to be considered a Young Carer. It is unique to everyone.

Feel free to contact us as YCCONF26@GMAIL.COM for more details

Young Carer Conference Outline

BOOK FREE TICKETS HERE [National Young Carer Conference 2026 - BY Young Carers FOR Young Carers. Tickets, Sat 7 Mar 2026 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Background and Team

The project is funded via Erasmus+ KA154 Youth Participation funding and is led by Shannika Greene and Saoirse Hayden, both 19 year old young carers from Roscommon and Leitrim. They lead a team of 8 young people aged 13 – 21, who were all members of the Roscommon Young Carers Project.

The project coach is Faye Hayden who is the Director Services at CAIM Empowers Social Change and Inclusion Consultancy and was the Roscommon Young Carers Coordinator from 2020 – 2023.

The first of its kind, National Young Carers Conference is supported by the Office of the Children's Ombudsman and will be attended by Dr Niall Muldoon, and Professor Philip

Jaffe who is the Vice Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. We aim to reach 400 people at the event.

The event will be opened by President Catherine Connolly and will include the voice of the young carer, and research presentations from Dr Sarah Donnelly of UCD (Carer Harm) and Professor Breda Maloney of UL (Impact of being a Young Carer on Senior Cycle Participation).

The event is operated by young carers for young carers (see separate sheet for description of young carers) and is also open to key decision makers in the lives of young carers, including educators, youth/social/health care workers, politicians and parents/guardians. The event MC will be well known youth advocate, Cara Darmody.

Additionally, there will be information stands hosted by Spunout, Children's Ombudsman, Family Carers Ireland, Carers Alliance, Leargas, and many fun activities for young people, including an appearance by The Kabin Krew, VR activities, photo booth and much more – including a goody bag for every young person.

Event Details

11 – 4.30pm - Saturday March 7th at the O'Reilly Hall University College Dublin.

Free Transport is available.

Target Audience:

Young Carers aged 12-17 and Young Adult Carers aged 18-14

Families of Young Carers

Politicians: Government Ministers, Opposition TDs Spokespeople, County Councillors

Public Service Leads: – Tusla, HSE, DES, DCEDIY, ETBs, ETBI.

Youth/Social Care Services: E.G ETBs, CYPSC, FRCs, NYCI, IYF, Family Carers Ireland Youth Team, Carers Alliance, Foroige, Youthwork Ireland.

Media

Theme:

'The Real Young Carers of Ireland'

To present an accurate picture of life as a young carer, exploring topics that are 'hard to hear' and not openly discussed, whilst also celebrating the important role that young carers lay and the positive skills they develop and experiences they have.

Raising awareness of the challenges faced and taking an action focused approach at the conference to how to mitigate and resolve those challenges. Securing commitments from key decision makers.

Topics:

- Impact of Caring on young people in education (primary to third level), health, social life.
- Adultification of young carers
- Violence in the home (sibling to sibling and parent to child in cases of disability/illness e.g Autism, ADHD, Dementia, Brain injury)
- poverty and Deprivation
- Mental Health Challenges
- Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Caring in the EU – welcoming groups of young carers from the 3 other countries participating in the NEXUS project. [Nexus – connecting research, policy and practices to support young carers](#) Italy, Estonia, Greece.