



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS/TRAINING

► Comprehensive Employment Strategy Transitions Pilot Recorded Video & Follow Up for the Inclusion Ireland Webinar on 26th November



Please see the link to the webinar on the Inclusion Ireland YouTube channel , contact information on the panellists for the evening, and further information on post school transitions.

Link to the 26.11.2025 Inclusion Ireland Connect Family Network Webinar on the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Transitions Pilot Operated by the NCSE in 41 Special Schools:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zNbC1_Zols

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- Limerick Midwest School for the Deaf,
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Further Related Information: (please see attached documents and below:)

[STIAL](#) (Supported Transition Planning Including all Learners) is a project that has developed a transition portal to assist the development of post-school pathways for young people with disabilities moving from compulsory education to Further/ Higher Education and Training and to the world of work.

Inclusion Ireland [Post School Options](#) Video series on Planning, Education, Employment, and Community with links to many supports in Ireland.

Comprehensive Employment Strategy [2015-2024 Easy to Read Summary](#) of Final Report

Inclusion Ireland on [Self Directed Support](#)

[National Human Rights Strategy for Disability People 2025-2030](#)

[Post-School Education and Training Options for People with Disabilities](#) National Council for Special Education information on Post School Options

[HSE Access to Day Services](#)

[National Framework for Person Centred Planning for Persons in Services for Persons with a Disability](#)

[Galway City & County School Leaver Booklet 2025](#) Resource filled with information specific to Galway yet provides information on how services operate in other regions of Ireland, too.

If you may find it useful to receive the Inclusion Ireland monthly newsletter, please contact info@inclusionireland.ie to be added to the mailing list.

If you have further questions, please feel welcome to get in touch.

Kindly,

Petria Malone
Advocacy Project Worker

► Men's Health Webinar: Minding Yourself and Others



We invite you to [register](#) for our upcoming Men's Health Webinar: Minding Yourself and Others, with special guest Keith Donald – on Tuesday 16 December, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. 70 years a musician, Keith has famously played with Moving Hearts, Van Morrison, Sinéad O'Connor, Mary Coughlan, Christy Moore and loads more.

In this webinar, he will share some of his remarkable life story - from childhood abuse, to being a musical icon, to losing close friends in tragic circumstances, to alcoholism, to sobriety and contentment. His challenging story offers insight into his ongoing journey of building resilience, and the need to find - and be willing to accept - help and support. Other guest speakers will highlight resources and supports for men's mental health at what can be a very challenging time of the year for many men.

Register at

https://imsconnect.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LHGxQUnNQvui4bpBC8K9vQ#/registration

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Wexford Town Library Events



Christmas Crafting Afternoon – Saturday 13th December 2:30-3:30pm

Join Angela in Wexford Library for an afternoon of festive crafts.
Suitable for ages 5-8 years.

Booking is essential. Please book for child only.



LEGO Free Play in Wexford Library. Every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm

LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11am to 3pm. Join us. Free to attend!

LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs.
Get Creative!

This session is suitable for ages 5yrs +. **No Booking Required.**



Christmas Jumper Swap Day –6th -18th December 10:30-5:30pm

Wexford Library is delighted to host our first Christmas Jumper Swap! Why not bring last year's jumpers in and swap them for a new to you jumper?

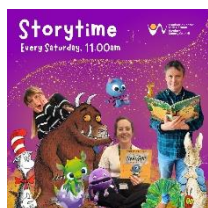
From Monday 1 December until Saturday 20 December, you can donate or swap your festive jumpers. We would encourage everyone to take part be it by donating swapping or simply selecting cheerfully festive jumper.

Let's make this Christmas a little greener!

All jumpers should be clean and in good condition. All sizes welcome.

Merry jumper swapping everyone!

No booking required.

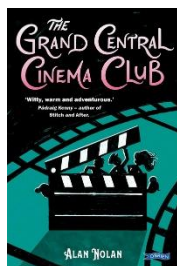


Story Time at Wexford Library every Saturday morning at 11am -11.30am

Rhyme Time takes place in Wexford Town Library every Wednesday at 11.00 am. Suitable for 0-3 year olds.

Please note that children must be supervised at all times. Should you require additional supports to attend this event please contact Wexford Library 053 919 6760 or email wexfordlibrary@wexfordcoco.ie

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.



The Chatterbooks Book Club. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4pm in Wexford Library. 9-12 years

Come along and enjoy some chat on all things books and some arts and crafts too! 9-12 yrs.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th December. The book we will chat about is ***The Grand Central Cinema Club* by Alan Nolan.**

Feel free to mention the book club to any child that you chat with during the day, or feel free to send them our way, as it'd be really great to have more members. Why not bring a friend along!

[Registration is required](#)



Interactive Storytime with Ornella – Wednesday 17th 2:30-3:30pm

Interactive Christmas stories for energetic families! Including lots of movement, and Christmas action songs. Who said storytime is for sitting!

Suitable for ages 2-4 years.

Booking is essential. Please book for all those attending.



Recycled Reindeer Portrait Craft – Thursday December 18th 3:30-4:30pm

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph are all waiting impatiently for their portraits to be made for Santa's wall of fame in Santa's North Pole workshop. So, children of Wexford, put on your favourite Christmas outfit and join us for an exciting "Make a (recycled) reindeer portrait" session! We'll send a picture to Santa!

Suitable for ages 8-12 years.

Booking is essential. Please book for child only.

► 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.



Just Read! Junior Book Club – Friday 19th December, 3.30 to 4.00pm

Join Shane for our Just Read! Junior Book Club for ages 9-12 years. If you are interested in joining the book club, please telephone the library on 053 9375466.



Festive Storytime - Saturday 20th December, 11.00 to 11.40am

As part of our Family Time at Your Library programme, join us for a fun festive storytime for ages 3 to 7 years. No need to book - all welcome!



Festive Movie Magic - Saturday 20th December, 2.15 to 3.45pm

Join us for a festive movie for the family, perfect for ages 5+. No need to book – all welcome!



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.

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



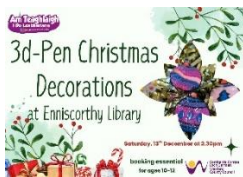
Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

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.

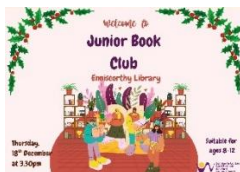


3D-Pen Christmas Decorations - Saturday, December 13th @ 2.30pm

Get into the festive spirit with a creative STEM workshop. Beata will guide you in designing and crafting your own 3D-pen Christmas decoration. Perfect for adding a personal touch to your holiday season.

Suitable for ages 10-12

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461970>



Junior Book Club - Thursday, December 18th @3.30pm

Would your child like to join our free book club here at Enniscorthy Library?

Suitable for ages 8 - 12, the children get together monthly to talk about books in all genres and to share a love of books.

We explore new styles together to encourage reading and to develop a love for books.

This club is about reading for pleasure, making friends and doing some fun activities, drawing or writing too.

If you would like to know more, ask at the desk of the library or ring us on 053 9236055.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461981>

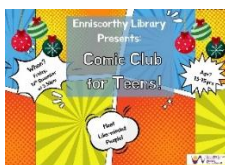


Christmas Storytime with Mrs Claus - Thursday, December 18th @ 6pm

Join Mrs Claus in Enniscorthy Library for a magical Christmas Story Time filled with festive stories and songs.

Perfect for 3-6 years old, but fun for everyone!

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461975>



Comic Club for Teens - Friday, December 19th @3.30pm

Love a good story told in both pictures and words? Want to meet like-minded people?

Join fellow comic book lovers for a discussion, board games and a chat.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 15 years, why not drop in and see for yourself! Take a friend with you.

The library is a relaxed environment where you will be able to chat and share views with no judgement, interesting conversation, and lots of chat & fun!

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4322872>



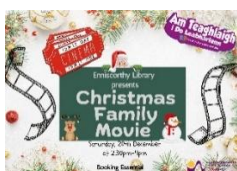
Flossie McFluff Saves Christmas - Craft and Story Time - Saturday, December 20th @ 11am

Christmas is coming and the animals in the wood are getting excited. But when a storm blows in, the river rises and the creatures have nowhere to sleep. Can Flossie help her friends find somewhere safe and dry before a special visitor comes their way?

Meet illustrator Audrey Dowling. She will read the latest delightful adventure from everyone's favourite Irish Fairy, and teach you how to draw Santa and Flossie to make a lovely Christmas card!

Suitable for children age 5-10

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4322516>



Christmas Family Movie - Saturday, December 20th @ 2.30pm

Take time out this December and join us for a Christmas Family Movie at the library. Gather your family and friends and enjoy a heart warming movie in a welcoming setting of the library.

We'll have comfortable seating and fantastic movie that's perfect for all ages.

Best of all, it's free and open to everyone!

Contact the library for more information.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4461977>



Free Play Christmas Creation Station - Monday and Tuesday, 22nd and 23rd December from 11.30am to 5pm

Get into the festive spirit with our drop-in creation station! Kids and families are invited to make Christmas-themed crafts.

All supplies will be provided - just bring your creativity!

All welcome and no booking required

► New Ross Library Events



Creative Dance and Movement with Doulab Circus and Dance: a Little Library Bag Event – Saturday 13th December 11-12pm

Dance your way through a Little Library Bag!

This is an Adult & Child Movement Workshop for ages 4-6 with an accompanying adult.

Join dance artist Juliet Zmorrod from Doulab for Circus and Dance in exploring your library and your Little Library Bag through dance. Stomp your way through muddy puddles on the way to your local library, tip-toe your way through the study section, bounce and get cosy at the beanbag section, dance with a friend and a book, and visit some of the amazing lands that the stories in your local library can take you, all through imagination, improvisation and creative movement.

[Booking essential.](#)



New Ross Library Rhymetime – Thursday 18th December, 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.



Bedtime Stories with Lucija – Tuesday 16th December 6-6:30pm

Join Lucija and snuggle in for a cosy storytime. Listen and enjoy magical bedtime tales, perfect for relaxing after a busy day. Don't forget to wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly bedtime toy.

Ages 4+

[Booking essential](#)



Christmas Magic LEGO Event – Saturday 20th 11-12pm

Let's get building with our Christmas LEGO event and get ready to build some Christmas magic!

Bring your creativity and create everything from gingerbread houses to sleighs and snowmen. We'll provide the bricks you bring the imagination.

Perfect for families and young builders looking for some Christmas fun.

Ages 5+

[**Booking essential.**](#)



Fabulous Festive Storytime with Helena the Storyteller

Join Helena the Storyteller for a magical morning of interactive storytime, with fabulous Irish Folk Takes, Festive Games and Songs and Fun for all the Family!

Helena's storytelling will have both children and grown ups on the edge of their seats and up on their feet.

This event is suitable for 4-6 year olds with family, when booking please book spaces for all attending.

[**Booking essential**](#)



Elf Craft and Movie Time – Thursday 23rd December 11-12pm

Join us for a fun filled festive event.

Children can make and decorate their very own Elf for their shelf while enjoying a Christmas movie.

Ages 5+

[**Booking essential**](#)



Mrs Claus Reads a Christmas Story – Thursday 23rd 3-3:30pm

Get into the festive spirit and join us for a very special storytime...

We are very excited to have Mrs. Claus visit New Ross Library. She will read a Christmas favourite plus Mrs. Claus

will have a 3D printed surprise for you to take home!

This event is suitable for ages 5+.

[Booking essential](#)

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

► Gorey Library Events

Regular Childrens Events

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 18th at 4:30pm**

Regular Adult Events

La Leche Breastfeeding support: **Wed 10th 11:00am**
 Book of the Month Bookclub: **Tuesday 16th Dec**
 Online Bookclub: **Wednesday 17th December**
 Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: **Wed 10th 11:00am**
 Ciorcal Comhrá: **Monthly: Tue 2nd Dec at 7pm**
 Short Story Reading Club: **Thursday 18th at 7:00pm**
 English Conversation Circle: **Every Saturday 2:30pm**
 Lifting the Lid: **Monday 1st 2.30-5.30pm**
 Wordsmiths Writing Group: **Every Friday from 2pm**
 Knitting Circle: **Every Friday from 11am**
 Scrabble Club: **Every Tuesday from 7pm**

Adult Events

Christmas Origami and Paper Craft for Adults
 Wednesday 3rd December: 11am to 12pm

Norman Influence in North Wexford
 Thursday 4th December: 7:00-8:00pm

Alan Maher SFI Financial Supports for Small Business:
 Thursday 11th December at 7:00pm

Yule Log Craft Circle for Adults
 Friday 12th December: 11am to 12pm

Ukrainian Carol Time
 Tuesday 16th December: 7:00pm

Christmas Favourites with Craicín' Tunes
 Thursday 18th December: 7:00pm

Gorey Choral Group Christmas
 Saturday 20th December: 3:00pm



Children/ Family Events

Christmas Bedtime Story
 Thursday 4th December at 6:00pm

Cookie decorating and Movie
 Ages 4- 12 Tuesday 9th December at 3:30pm

Story Moo with Moo Music
 Ages up to 4 Saturday 13th December at 11:00am

Creative Movement with Doulab Circus and Dance
 Ages 4- 6 Saturday 13th December at 3:00pm

Fabulous Festive Storytime with Helena the Storyteller
 ages 4- 6 Saturday 20th December: 11:00am

FUNDING

► Rethink Ireland has launched Impact Fund 2025

RETHINK IRELAND

Our
Social
Innovation
Fund

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](#)

DSGBV SUPPORT

► DSGBV Video for New Ross

YouTube link : [Services in New Ross for those affected by domestic violence](#)

► Too into You



What is Too Into You?

Women's Aid runs the Too Into You project to teach young people, in particular young women, aged 18-25 about intimate relationship abuse.

Intimate relationship abuse is abuse by a partner or ex. This can include emotional, physical, sexual, online, economic abuse and coercive control.

Abuse is common. 1 in 5 young women aged 18-25 have been subjected to abuse by a current male partner or ex in Ireland.

What we do:

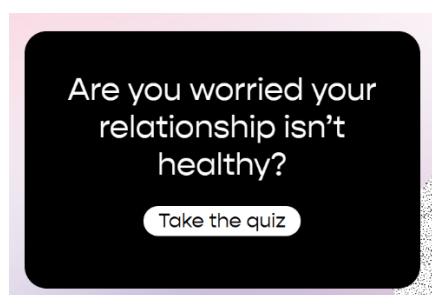
- Teach young people about the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Provide an instant messaging support service for anyone worried about their own relationship or a friends relationship
- Run awareness campaigns on the red flags of abuse
- Carry out research on intimate relationship abuse in Ireland

We're here to Support you

Our [instant messaging support service](#) is **private** and **confidential**. Chat to us if you are worried about yourself or a friend.

Call the Women's Aid 24Hr national freephone helpline on 1800 341 900.

Please share with your friends and family:



PARENT SUPPORT

► National Online Resources Hub for Children with Disabilities and their Families



Families can find it hard to find useful information they can trust and staff members have asked for a national resources hub which they can signpost children and young people with disabilities and families to. As a result the HSE is currently creating a new information service on [Children with disabilities](#) to provide evidence informed, accessible information and resources for children and young people with disabilities and their families.

The first version is now available with 40+ resources on the following topics.

- **Communication** – Tips to support speech, language, and interaction
- **Emotion & Sensory Regulation** – Calming strategies and coping tools
- **Life Skills** – Toilet training, handwriting, and independence skills
- **Play** – Sensory play and activity ideas
- **School** – Preparing for pre-school and building confidence

Over the coming months this resource will expand as more information and resources are added.

STUDENT SUPPORT

► Course & CAO help & guidance



**Wexford
Campus**



Course & CAO help & guidance

**Can't decide on a course?
CAO form difficult to navigate?
Well help is at hand!**

You can book a one-2-one session with Katie Murphy, our Education Liaison Officer at SETU Wexford Campus. Email Katie on katie.murphy@setu.ie to express your interest and a Booking Form will be sent to you, it's that easy!

Don't wait for your future to start, start now, Book a Session.

LITERACY & RESOURCES

► 2026 Collaboration and Innovation Fund video presentation and guidelines



If you would like to know more about our 2026 Collaboration and Innovation Fund please watch this video:

[Video presentation about the fund](#)

and

[Check out our funding page](#) for more information and guidelines..

This [fund is run by the Adult Literacy for Life Office](#) in SOLAS.

The fund is for projects that:

- address unmet adult literacy, numeracy, digital, family or financial literacy needs and/or
- support organisations to create a more literacy friendly society

Local projects can apply for up to €15, 000. National projects can apply for up to €50,000.

The closing date for applications is **12pm on Thursday 22 January 2026.**

[Look on the website](#) and contact me for more information.

It is a **requirement of the funding to discuss your project in details with your Regional Literacy Coordinator.** Please contact me and I will support you as much as possible.

Kind Regards

Edel Finan

Regional Literacy Coordinator, **WWETB and Adult Literacy for Life**

Mobile | Guthán póca: 086 084 5354, www.wwetb.ie , www.adultliteracyforlife.ie

► **Adult literacy and learning in recovery**

NALA's Literacy Opens Doors webinar: Adult literacy and learning in recovery run last Friday is now available on their [YouTube channel](#).

► **NALA's free books and workbooks for adult learners**

You can [order free books and workbooks for adults](#) through our online form.

► Down Syndrome Ireland - Christmas Padlet & Resource-sharing



🎅🌲 Christmas Resources 🌲🎅

Click below for Christmas Resources. Please share with colleagues.

[DSI Christmas Resources](#)

