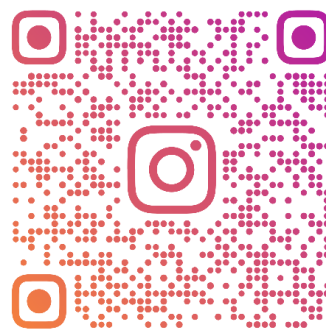




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Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

18 September 2026

For information on services and supports for children, young people and families see [Wexford CYPSC](#)

For information on parenting supports and programmes, see [Wexford Parents Hub](#) or access on [Facebook](#)



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EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Kinship Care Week October 5th-9th



Kinship Care Week

October 5th-9th





WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?

Kinship care is when children are raised by relatives or close family friends.

Keeping children connected to family, community and identity.



10,000-12,000

children in Ireland are growing up in kinship care.

This Global Kinship Care Week 2026, let's celebrate the families who make that possible and create a system that supports them.

This Kinship Care Week, we're celebrating kinship families and calling for the support they deserve.

SCAN FOR MORE

Find resources, local supports and ways to support kinship families in the community.





Raising the child of a loved one?

You are a KINSHIP CARER.



treoir

Building Resilience, Shaping Futures - All Types of Families



WHAT IS KINSHIP CARE?

Kinship care is when a child is raised full-time by grandparents, relatives or close family friends because their parents are unable to care for them.

Kinship care keeps children connected to their family, community and identity.



KINSHIP CARE IRELAND CAN HELP WITH:

- ✓ Know your rights and entitlements
- ✓ Help accessing financial supports (Guardian's Payment etc)
- ✓ Support navigating services
- ✓ Peer support groups



CONTACT US

Call: 01 6700 120
www.kinshipcare.ie
info@kinshipcare.ie



SCAN FOR MORE

Find resources, local supports and ways to support kinship families in the community.



Kinship Care Ireland is a National Programme of the charity Treoir
Treoir is a company limited by guarantee; company number 82321, Charity number: CHY 8877. Treoir is also registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority, Ireland's national statutory regulatory agency for charitable organisations. Charity Registration Number: 20022211

TUSLA
Children's Child & Family Agency

► You're Invited! Conference on Standing up to Anti-Child Rights Movements



We are delighted to invite you to our event on Standing up Anti-Child Rights Movements.

Human rights and children's rights are under threat. The rise of illiberal and anti-establishment movements can be seen right across Europe, with Ireland seeing more incidences of this type of campaigning in recent elections and policy fora. There is an active movement to intimidate and silence organisations and groups advocating for change that would improve the lives of minority groups, including children and young people. It is vitally important that there are spaces and opportunities created for civil society to stand up for children's rights in a way that is supported and safe to do so.

Event Details

Date: Friday 25 September 2026

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm (registration and refreshments from 10.00am followed by a networking lunch)

Location: The Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin 8

The event will be chaired by Moninne Griffith, Director of Social Impact, Donor Care and Grant-Making, Community Foundation Ireland and speakers include:

- Fintan O'Toole
- Eurochild Children's Council
- Bruce Adamson, Eurochild Vice President
- Dr Aisling Parkes, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection

- Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children (Ireland)
- Tanya Ward, Children's Rights Alliance and Eurochild President
- Ruzica Boškic, children's rights expert in the Ministry of Demography, Family and Social Affairs in Slovenia

Space is limited, so to help us accommodate as many members and friends as possible, we encourage you to register as early as possible.

Please register your attendance by emailing events@childrensrights.ie

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!
The Children's Rights Alliance Team

► **Requesting details of parenting events taking place during October for promotion across DCDE social media channels**



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

Thank you for continuing to support the Supporting Parents communications campaign by informing us of upcoming events in your area.

We are now seeking details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place in October. As with previous months, a selection of these events will be promoted across DCDE social media channels to raise awareness among parents of the supports available to them in their locality. Details of upcoming events can be provided via a short survey by clicking [here](#).

It would be appreciated if details of any upcoming events could be provided by Friday 23 September.

You can check across DCDE social channels for your event and please feel free to like and share our social posts. We also encourage you to circulate this email to any service within your network that may have an upcoming parenting event which they wish to promote.

May we request that information on upcoming events is submitted through the survey link above. However, if you experience any issues using the survey or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email peipolicyunit@dcde.gov.ie for assistance.

Kind regards

The Prevention and Early Intervention Policy Unit

► Coolcotts Information Session

Coolcotts Information Session

Information • Services • Opportunities

wexford
local development
Forbairt Áitiúil Loch Garman

Drop in
Have a Chat
Find Support

Come along to our information
session and meet representatives
from local services and organisations.

SUPPORT

TRAINING

WELLBEING

OPPORTUNITIES



Wednesday
23rd September 2026



Coolcotts
Community Centre



12.00pm –
3.30pm

Services attending include:

- WWETB Adult Guidance Service
- MABS
- Tus Employment Scheme
- WLD Enterprise Team
- Social Prescribing Service
- Wexford Rape Crisis Centre
- Wexford Women's Refuge
- Wexford Town Library
- WWETB Adult Literacy Service
- Barnardos Family Support Project
- Traveller Primary Healthcare Programme
- Wexford Children and Young People Services Committee
- Community Gardai
- FAB
- FDYS
- Wexford SICAP Client Support Team
- ALL for Literacy
- Cornmarket Women's Project

No appointment needed, just drop in!



► Wexford Town Library Events



September Events

Teen Comics Club - September 24 - 6.30-7.30pm. Suitable for ages 13-15

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!

Book: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4577415>



Dance Workshop for Children with Vivian Brodie Hayes - September 19 - 11.30am-12.30pm

Join dance artist Vivian Brodie Hayes for a fun and creative dance workshop for children aged 6-8 and their parents or guardians. Through movement, music, games and imagination, we'll explore different ways of using our bodies, expressing ourselves and dancing together.

No dance experience is needed - just come ready to move, play and have fun! Parents and guardians will stay with their children throughout the workshop and are warmly encouraged to join in.

Book: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582852>



**Sea Creatures Themed Storytime and Arts and Crafts - September 25 - 3-4pm.
Suitable for ages 5-7**

Dive into an ocean of creativity! Join us for a sea creatures themed story and arts and crafts adventure. Perfect for young artists who love the sea! Suitable for ages 5-7 years.

Book: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582857>



Seal Rescue Ireland Marine Roadshow - September 26 - 12pm-1pm

We're thrilled to celebrate SDG week and National Public Libraries Open Day by welcoming Seal Rescue Ireland for an interactive and insightful talk about seals and marine conservation at Wexford Library.

Join us for an inspiring talk about seals, the threats that they face and what we can do to protect seals and the marine environment. Learn as they share an exciting presentation showcasing Ireland's Native Seal Species and the journey seal pups take at SRI to recover back into the wild!

You'll discover fascinating facts about Ireland's seal population, the challenges they face, and gain practical sustainability tips to help protect marine life and their ecosystems.

Seal Rescue Ireland is a charity dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured, or orphaned seals. As the only Seal Rescue in the Republic of Ireland they have a big responsibility covering a whopping 3100 km of coastline.

Book: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582883>



Baby Tummy Time, every second Friday - 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.

Regular Events



Rhyme Time, every Wednesday, 11.00am-11:30am. Suitable for children aged 0-3

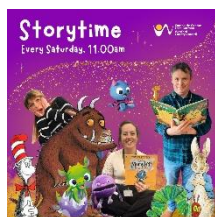
These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. **No booking required.**



Lego Free Play, every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm. Suitable for children aged 5+

LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11.30am to 3pm. 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. Please note that children must be supervised at all times.



Storytime, every Saturday - 11.00am-11.30am

Join us in Wexford Library every Saturday at 11.00am for lots of Storytime fun!

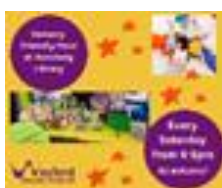
Suitable for 4 - 7 year olds. **No booking required.**

► 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.**

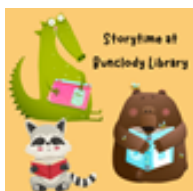


Sensory Friendly Hour

Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm, sensory friendly hour is 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 for ages 3 to 7 years - Saturday 19th September, 11.00 to 11.40am

Join us for some fun stories for ages 3 to 7 years. No need to book – all welcome!



New! YA Offline Club for ages 13 to 17 years - Saturday 19th September, 2.00 to 3.30pm

We are delighted to announce our new YA Offline Club which will be held monthly in Bunclody Library. Perfect for ages 13 to 17 years old, we will provide a welcoming space for teens to come in and take a break from screens, distractions, and the chaos of everyday life. Pop in, try some new hobbies, meet some new people, and unwind.

No need to book all are welcome!

► 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!

All welcome and no booking required.

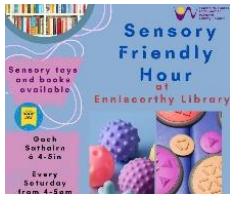


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

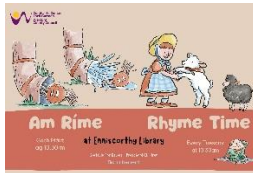
No Booking Required



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!



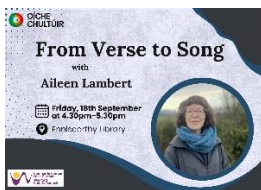
Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

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.



Culture Night: From Verse to Song

Friday, September 18th @4.30pm

Join traditional singer, researcher, songwriter, and composer Aileen Lambert for an engaging presentation and workshop exploring the art of setting existing poetry or verse to old airs or composing a new tune in the traditional style.

Whether you are a singer, musician, writer or simply curious about the creative process behind traditional song, this workshop offers a fascinating insight into the craft of songwriting and the living tradition of Irish music.

Please note: **This is an adult event.**

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4577727>



Roald Dahl Day Movie

Saturday, September 19th @2.15pm

Step into a world of imagination this September with a special family film inspired by the work of Roald Dahl.

Gather your family and friends and enjoy a heart warming adventure all in the welcoming setting of the library.

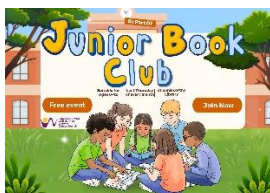
We'll have comfortable seating and fantastic movie that's perfect for all ages.

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

Contact the library for more information.

Booking essential.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582636>



Junior Book Club

Thursday, September 24th @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/4582680>



Decorate a Pot and Plant a Spring Bulb - Sustainable Development Goals Week

Children's Event

Friday, September 25th @3.15pm and 4.15pm

Come to the library and celebrate Sustainable Development Goals Week with us!

Get creative by decorating your own terracotta pot and planting beautiful spring bulbs to take home. Join us for a fun activity that highlights sustainability and the joy of growing your own plants.

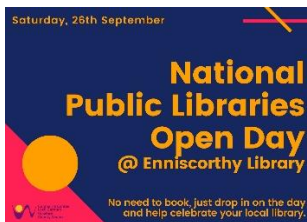
Suitable for ages 7-12.

Booking essential.

Please register here:

3.15pm session: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582677>

4.15pm session: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4582688>



National Public Library Open Day

Saturday, September 26th

Libraries are open most days but on Saturday 26th of September we are issuing a special invitation to everyone in the country to come in and see everything that's on offer.

Enniscorthy Library will be holding lots of fun events and activities.

As well as that, our library staff will be on hand to show you how your library membership allows you to borrow from 12 million items; get eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers free and straight to your device, or try free online learning and language classes.

No need to book, just drop in on the day and help celebrate your local library.

All are welcome.

► Gorey Library Events

September Events at Gorey Library:

One-off Adult Events for September:



Bicycle Maintenance Workshop:

Saturday. September 19th at 2:30pm



Board Games and Jigsaw Swap:

Friday 18th of September to Saturday September 26th



Culture Night at Gorey Library:

Friday, September 25th from 6:00pm



Tea and Teach Banking Apps for Over 55's:

Starting Monday 28th September at 12:00pm

Children's One-Off Events for September:



Nature Explorers Craft Session:

Monday, September 21st at 3:30pm

All Ages Welcome



Children's Chess Workshop:

Saturday, September 19th at 11:00am

Ages 8-14



Paper Recycling Workshop:

Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30pm

Age 8-12

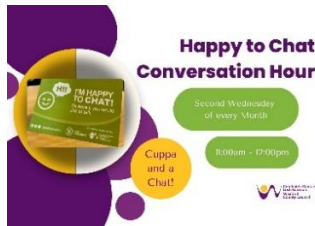
Regular Adult Events



Lifting the Lid Public Piano: First Monday of the Month at 2:30pm



Ciorcal Comhrá: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm
AND NEW: Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:00pm



Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: Second Monday of the Month at 11:00am



La Leche League Breastfeeding Support: Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am



Gorey Library Film Club: Second Thursday of the Month at 2:30pm



Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm



Knitting Circle: Every Friday at 11:00am



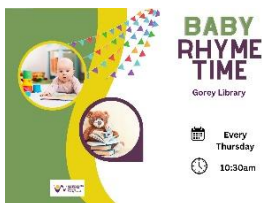
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

Regular Children's Events:



Children's Storytime: Every Tuesday at 11:00am

Age: 3-5

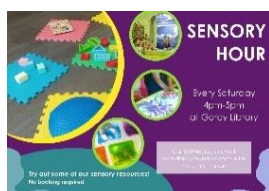


Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

Age: 0-3

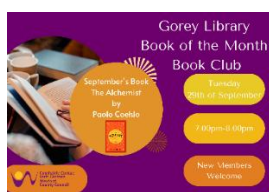


LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday at 10:30am



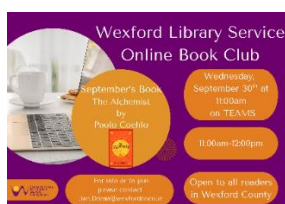
Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



Book of the Month Book Club:

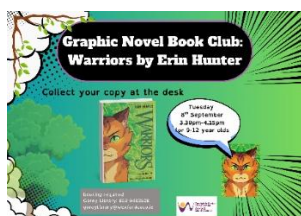
Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



Wexford Library Service Online Book Club:

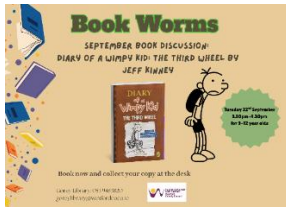
Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

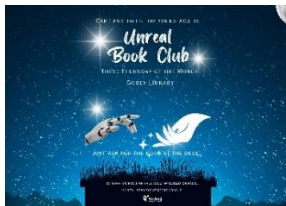
Age: 9-12



Book Worm Book Circle:

Last Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



YA Unreal Book Club:

Third Thursday of the Month at 4:30pm

Age:12-15

► New Ross Events

Kids Events New Ross Library



Simple Crocheting for Kids and Parents – Booking essential.

Saturday, 19 September, 11:00 - 12:00.

Discover the art of crochet, learn the basics of crochet with Orla.

This a beginner's crochet workshop designed for families and is perfect for children aged 8-12 and their grown-ups.

[Click here to book](#)

or phone 053 9196722



Baby Rhymetime. – Every Thursday at 11:00.

Join Caroline, Lucija and Sinead at New Ross Library every Thursday for a fun-packed session with lots of stories, rhymes, songs & giggles.

No need to book just come along and have fun!



Library Open Day - Sensory Play and Explore Afternoon

Join us for a hands on Sensory afternoon to celebrate National Public Libraries Open Day on Saturday 26 September. We'll showcase our fantastic sensory collection.

Come along and experience and discover the range of sensory resources available to use in the library and learn about the items you can borrow to enjoy at home.

For families, ages 0-2, 2-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-17.

No need to book just come along and have fun!

WEBINARS & TRAINING

► Understanding ADHD in Young People: ADHD Ireland Training Webinar



Understanding ADHD in Young People: Connection, Regulation & Positive Support

Practical strategies for youth workers supporting ADHD strengths, challenges, and wellbeing.

Adolescence brings increased demands on independence, relationships, emotional regulation, motivation, and decision-making - demands that can be particularly challenging for young people with ADHD. This specialist ADHD Ireland webinar helps youth workers look beyond behaviour to understand what's driving it, and build confidence, engagement, and positive outcomes.

Young people with ADHD are often creative, energetic, and resilient. Without the right understanding and support, though, they can be at greater risk of disengagement, strained peer relationships, and reduced participation.

This session gives you the tools to change that.

What you'll learn:

- ADHD myths, and understanding ADHD in adolescence: executive functioning, impulsivity, attention, motivation
- Beyond behaviour: emotional regulation, rejection sensitivity, anxiety, self-esteem
- Practical youth work strategies: communication, engagement, group participation, supporting independence
- ADHD Ireland supports & signposting

Choose your date:

 Wednesday 30 September 2026, 10:00 - 11:30am

or

 Wednesday 3 March 2027, 10:00 - 11:30am

 Cost: €25 per person (group bookings €300. Contact terri@adhdireland.ie)

[Book Your Place](#)



**Understanding ADHD
in Young People**

Topic:
Practical strategies for youth workers supporting ADHD strengths, challenges, and wellbeing

When:

- Wed 30th Sept 10-11:30am
- Wed 3rd March 2027 10-11:30am

€25pp

Please contact terri@adhdireland.ie for discounts on group bookings



This session is suitable for youth workers, youth service providers, community organisations, youth justice services, programme coordinators, and anyone working with young people across Ireland.

Know a student, colleague, or institution who'd benefit? Please forward this on.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch through education@adhdireland.ie.

LITERACY

► WLR interview: Edel Finan, Regional Literacy Coordinator and Maurice Sammon, Literacy Ambassador



Maurice Sammon, Literacy Ambassador, and Edel Finan had the pleasure of joining Damien Tiernan for a discussion on WLR FM about literacy.

The interview has been made available as a short MP4 recording, which you can access here: [WLR FM interview: Edel Finan, Regional Literacy Coordinator and Maurice Sammon, Literacy Ambassador.](#)

Many thanks to Maurice for sharing his story and to the WLR FM team for hosting the conversation on International Literacy Day 2026.



International Literacy Day 2026

WLR FM Interview: Edel Finan, Regional Literacy Coordinator & Maurice Sammon, Literacy Ambassador





A sincere thank you to the team at WLR FM for the warm welcome and for facilitating such a worthwhile conversation.

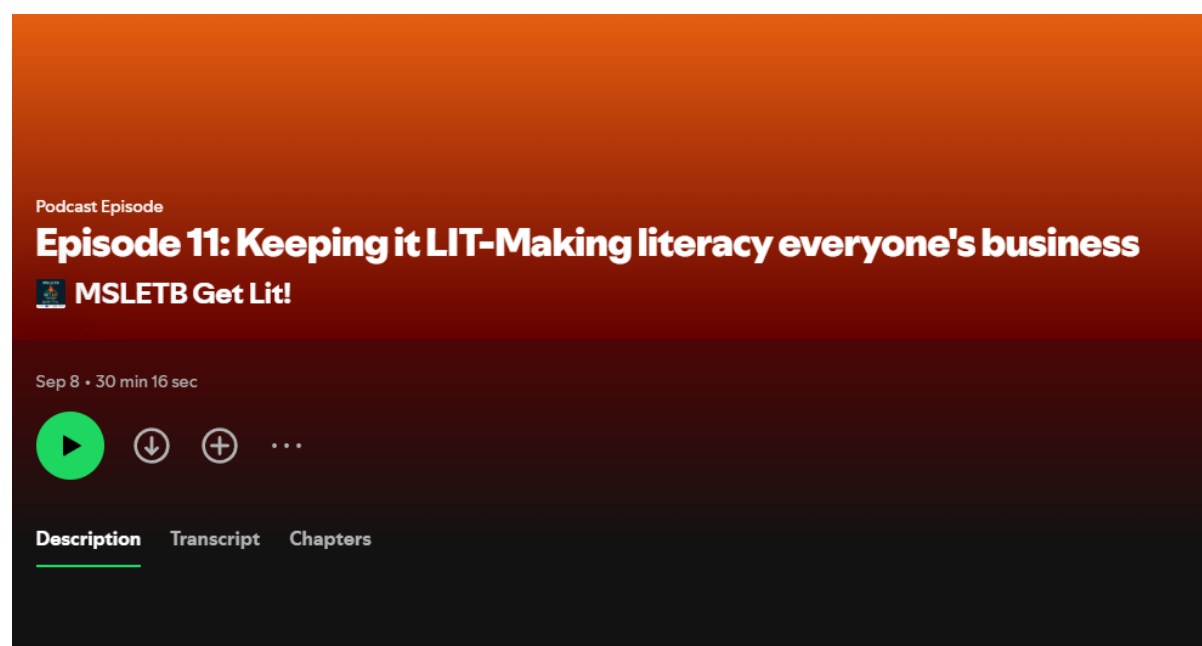
For courses in Waterford and Wexford ETB
call: 085 856 7164, email: literacyhelp@wwetb.ie or visit www.wwetb.ie

► International Literacy Day Podcast



Take 30 minutes today to listen to this podcast, and share with your friends and colleagues.

[GetLit Podcast: Keeping it lit, making literacy everyone's business](#)



► Family Literacy Community of Practice



Family Literacy Community of Practice

Collaboration

In 2025, Adult Literacy for Life (ALL), SETU and NALA collaborated under the guidance and direction of Dr Lána McCarthy, SETU, to develop a Family Literacy Community of Practice (FL CoP). The FL CoP continues to grow and develop, meeting four times per year under the chair of Adult Literacy for Life (ALL), connecting practitioners and researchers from Ireland and internationally.

Who can attend?

The Family Literacy Community of Practice is open to all, family literacy practitioners and educators, HSCLs, teachers, community organisations – anyone who has an interest in Family Literacy

Topic

Everyday talk matters

Supporting practitioners to empower parents to support oral language development in the home.

Presenters

- **SMILE Project** (Supporting Multilingual and Intercultural Learning in the Early Years) Limerick with Dr Hadjar Hammadi and Dr Aoife Gallagher
- **Learning to Talk** HSE Speech and Language Therapists and ABC Start Right, Limerick with Suzanne Reilly, Senior SLT
- **Me & you Storytime** ABC Start Right, Bedford Row Family Support Project, and Limerick Prison with Tom Costelloe, Senior SLT

Next session

Wednesday 30 September 2026

1.15pm to 2.15pm

via Teams

Contact:

Helen Walsh, Family Literacy Lead
helen.walsh@solas.ie

Register here



REPORTS

► Publication of Ireland's Second European Child Guarantee Interim Report



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Disability and Equality



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Ireland's Second European Child Guarantee Interim Report

2024-2025

[ECG interim report 2024-2025 EN.pdf](#)

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An Dara Tuarascáil ar Dhul Chun Cinn maidir leis an Ráthaíocht Eorpach do Leanaí in Éirinn 2024-2025

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RECRUITMENT

► Traveller and Roma Jobs Coach



Forbairt Áitiúil Loch Garman

Our Values: **Respect** | **Equality** | **Leadership** | **Inclusion** | **Integrity**



We've extended the application deadline to next Monday, September 21st at 5pm. Some slight changes to the job description, plus we're readvertising it through our socials.

All support is appreciated in ensuring great people are aware of this brilliant opportunity to work with us on a new programme. Would appreciate if you shared it whatever way possible:

Website: - <https://wld.ie/job-posts/traveller-and-roma-local-employment-initiative-trlei-job-coach/>

- Facebook:
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