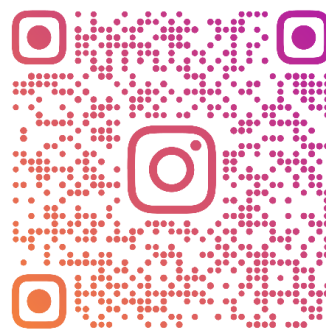




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Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

21 August 2026

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



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INVITATION TO TENDER

► Wexford CYPSC Young Adult Disability Pathways Task Group: Invitation to Tender



Tender to Develop a Disability Services and Supports Resource

For Young People

The [Wexford CYPSC](#) Young Adult Disability Pathways Task Group intend to create a resource that documents the pathways to services and supports for disabled young adults across health, education, employment, finances and social services. This resource will primarily be targeted at young adults and their caregivers.

Key Areas for Inclusion in Resource

- Resource to focus on young people aged 18 – 24 years
- Focus on the transition period from child/youth services to adult services
- Outline the pathways to access services and supports under the following headings : Health, Education, Employment, Finances, Social Supports.
- Include information on Rights and Entitlements
- Include signposting to relevant national websites and resources

Tenders : To be submitted by **5pm on Friday 4 September** to sheila.barrett@tusla.ie. Please insert “Disability Pathways Tender” in the subject line. Applications after the tender deadline will not be considered.

Further Details

Fill details for this tender are now available on **Activelink** and can be accessed [here](#). Please forward this link to anyone who may be interested in submitting a tender for this piece of work.

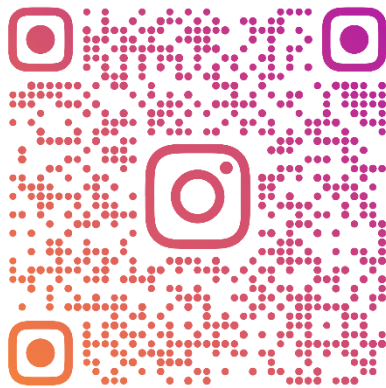
SOCIAL MEDIA

► New! Wexford CYPSC Instagram Page

We Are Now on Instagram!

Wexford CYPSC is officially on Instagram, and we want to connect with you! Follow our new page to stay updated on local family supports, youth initiatives, community resources, and upcoming events across County Wexford.

How to find us:



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- Find us on Instagram by searching for

[@cypscwexford](#)

- Open your phone camera or Instagram app and scan the QR code.

Don't miss out on important community updates—hit that follow button today, and please share our page with your networks!

FOLLOW US ON



Instagram

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► SETU Wexford Autumn Open Day

Come along to SETU's campuses in Wexford on Wednesday, 7 October, and get a glimpse of university life while experiencing first-hand the welcoming community that makes our university unique.

Join us for our Autumn Open Day at our beautiful, historic campus in the vibrant student town of Wexford. Discover our extensive range of postgraduate, honours degree, ordinary degree and certificate courses, full and part-time, across Business, Digital Marketing, Tourism & Event Management, Visual Communications & Design, Art, Professional Social Care, Early Childhood Education & Practice & Agriculture.

Event structure:

Morning session: Open Day Experience (10.00am-12.00pm)

Lecturers will offer;

- General course overview
- Entry requirements and progression routes
- Work placement feature (where applicable)
- Erasmus opportunities (where applicable)
- Career opportunities
- Q&A opportunity for students and parents

Student Services, Lifelong Learning, Education Liaison Officer and Access Officer stands available for guidance on:

- Application processes
- Student life and supports
- HEAR/DARE queries
- Financial aid/assistance
- Part-time study options

Afternoon session: TRY Wexford Interactive Sessions (12.00pm-2.00pm)

Location: Designated classrooms

- Pre-registration required for students to participate
- Interactive, hands-on workshops or mini-lessons led by lecturers

- Designed to give students an immersive ‘taster’ of the programme
- Our lifelong learning team will also be on hand to answer any part-time study related queries.

Please note: For those interested in the BA (Hons) Art programme, please be aware that the open day will take place on the Summerhill Road Campus, however a trip to the Hill Street Campus can be arranged upon request. It is essential that interest around this programme is expressed in advance so transport can be arranged following the programme talk.

We look forward to welcoming you to SETU Wexford Campus and to our Open Day.



► YOU'RE INVITED: Kinship Care Week 2026, October 5th-9th. In Person Event October 7th.

You are invited to celebrate Kinship Care Week 2026, taking place from 5th-9th October.

As part of the week, we will be hosting an in-person event in The Richmond Centre in Dublin 7 on Wednesday, 7th October, registration from 10:00am. We hope you'll be able to join us at our main event as we mark Kinship Care Week 2026 and celebrate the vital role that kinship care plays in so many lives. Map to event: [The Richmond Centre - Google Maps](#)

More information, including the schedule of the day will be shared soon. **RSVP is required.** Please email info@kinshipcare.ie

Dietary or Accessibility Requirements:

Please let us know if you have any dietary or accessibility requirements.

Parking:

Park Rite,
Queen St,
Smithfield,
Dublin,
D07 NX33



► **YOU'RE INVITED: National Learning Network Wexford Open Evening**



OPEN EVENING
27th AUGUST
5 - 7 pm

National Learning Network
Think *Possible*

See how we can help you take your next step into employment or further education. See what's different, see what's possible!

 FREE COURSES Our QQI courses are fully funded	 SPECIALIST SUPPORT Personalised education so you can succeed	 INCLUSIVE A fully supported community	BOOK YOUR VISIT 
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*** For students who require additional or specialist supports*

☎ **01 205 7200** 🌐 **www.nln.ie** ✉ **info@nln.ie**

🏠 **Over 30 locations nationwide**



You are warmly invited to visit **National Learning Network (NLN) Wexford**, at The Swan Centre, The Faythe, on **Thursday 27 August 2026**, from **5pm to 7pm**, as part of this national event.

This year's event continues the **#morethanajob** theme, celebrating what meaningful employment can represent for our students: **confidence, independence, purpose, community and opportunity**.

At NLN, education is about more than gaining qualifications. It's about **unlocking potential, building confidence and supporting people to create fulfilling futures**.

On the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet NLN students and staff
- Learn more about our training programmes

- Hear about the pathways available to further education, apprenticeships and employment
- See first-hand how NLN supports people to develop skills, independence and greater participation in their communities

We believe everyone should have the opportunity to pursue education and training that reflects their **interests, abilities and ambitions**. For people whose needs may not be fully met by traditional post-school pathways, NLN provides an important route to skills, independence and meaningful participation in society.

We would be delighted to welcome you. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues, friends or anyone who may be interested in learning more about NLN and the opportunities available.

If you're unable to join us on 27 August but would like to visit our centre, please get in touch directly and we would be happy to arrange a visit at a time that suits you. To find out more about NLN, our courses and centre locations, visit www.nln.ie or contact **Vivienne on 087 414 5495**.

► YOU'RE INVITED: End Child Poverty Week 2026



Wednesday 2 – Wednesday 9 September

We are delighted to bring you details of this year's End Child Poverty Week, which takes place between **Wednesday 2 September – Wednesday 9 September**.

End Child Poverty Week 2026 is now in its fifth year and places a spotlight on child poverty to ensure it remains a political priority throughout budget negotiations.

This event-packed week will focus on key thematic areas of child poverty, including income, child welfare and protection and the need for increased funding of essential services for children.

Day One – Child Right's Budgeting: Wednesday 2 September (Venue TBC)

Our opening event takes place in-person in Dublin City Centre. The agenda will focus on Child Rights Budgeting and ensuring that decision-making around Budget 2027 delivers the best outcomes for children, particularly those experiencing poverty.

For details and to secure your place, please visit the Eventbrite page here: [Day 1](#)

Day Two – National Action: Thursday 3 September

This year for End Child Poverty Week, Day 2 takes a look at national action to address child poverty. The Children's Rights Alliance will be engaging with the annual **Child Poverty and Well-being Summit** convened by the Department of the Taoiseach's Child Poverty and Well-being Programme Office. The theme of this year's Summit is *Every Child: Tackling poverty to build inclusion, well-being and social cohesion*. The Summit will take place in the Axis Arts and Community Resource Centre Ballymun.

More information can be found [here](#).

Day Three – Child Homelessness: Friday 4 September (Online, 10.30 am – 12.30pm)

Day 3 of End Child Poverty Week takes place online, in collaboration with our campaign partners, the Fidelis Foundation. The online event focuses on the issue of child homelessness. There are currently over 5,500 children living in emergency homeless accommodation. This event will look at what actions need to be prioritised for funding in Budget 2027 to ensure to protect and support these children from the harm caused by homelessness.

Book your place today via the Eventbrite page here: [Day 3](#)

Day Four – Child Refugees: Monday 7 September (Irish Architectural Archive, 10.30am – 1.30pm)

This year for End Child Poverty Week, Day 4 takes place in person in the Irish Architectural Archive, in Merrion Square, and will take a look at the impact of poverty on child refugees.

Book your place today via the Eventbrite page here: [Day 4](#)

Day Five – Intergenerational Poverty: Tuesday 8 September

On Day 5 of this year's End Child Poverty Week, the Economic and Social Research Institute (ERSI) are launching their sixth annual report in partnership with Community Foundation Ireland on poverty, income inequality and living standards in Ireland. This year's launch takes place in Trinity College Dublin.

You can register to attend [here](#).

Day Six – Child Protection and Welfare: Wednesday 9 September (KCYS Killarney, 11.00am – 1.30pm)

Day 6 of End Child Poverty Week sees us travelling west to Killarney, Co. Kerry! The final event takes a closer look at child protection, welfare and alternative care and the need for significant investment in core child protection and family support services that help some of the most vulnerable children in the state.

Book your place today via the Eventbrite page here: [Day 6](#)

Please note: Times are subject to change. Details will be confirmed with attendees in advance of each event.

We look forward to seeing you!

#EndChildPovertyWeek

► Invitation to register for the Child Poverty and Well-Being Summit on 3rd September



We would like to invite you to register for the upcoming *Child Poverty and Well-Being Summit, Every child: Tackling poverty to build inclusion, well-being and social cohesion*, taking place on Thursday September 3rd in the Axis Arts and Community Resource Centre.

The event will be live streamed on the day. Registration for both in person and online attendance is available at this link: [Annual Child Poverty and Well-being Summit tickets](#).

The Taoiseach's 3rd Child Poverty and Well-being Summit examine how tackling poverty can enable children's participation, inclusion, and well-being. A detailed Summit agenda will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Registration on the morning of the Summit will commence at 9.30, with a sharp start time of 10.00 and closing time of 15.30.

► Wexford Town Library Events



August Events



Intermediate Chess Workshop with Red King Chess at Wexford Library - August 22nd - 12pm-1pm (ages 8-13)

Designed for players who already know the fundamentals, this workshop will focus on developing strategy, improving tactical awareness, and strengthening overall gameplay. Ideal for those looking to take their chess skills to the next level.

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567285>



Make Your Own Dream Catcher - Arts and Crafts at Wexford Library - August 25th - 3pm-4pm (ages 5+)

Celebrate Summer Stars with some fun arts and crafts! In this creative workshop, children will get to make their own dream catchers to bring home, using paper plates, Bright colours and lots of imagination!

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4571481>



All About the Normans - a talk for families at Wexford Library - August 29th 2pm-3pm (age 9+)

Join Derek to explore the history of the Normans in County Wexford in this fact-packed history event for all the family. Suitable for ages 9+.

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4569057>



Bilingual Storytime and Craft for Romanian Language Day in Wexford Town Library - August 31st 3.30pm-4.30pm (ages 4-7)

Join us in celebrating International Romanian Language Day with a special bilingual English-Romanian storytime!

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4518637>



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.



Mini Dig Archaeology Workshop with the School of Irish Archaeology - August 21st - 10.30am/12.30pm/2.30pm (ages 7-12)

Dig into the past this Heritage Week with Mini Dig Archaeology Workshops at Wexford Library, facilitated by the School of Irish Archaeology.

Perfect for young explorers aged 7 - 12 years, this exciting hands-on workshop gives children the chance to become archaeologists for the day as they excavate their very own archaeological site. Participants will learn about the tools and techniques archaeologists use to investigate the past and will experience the thrill of discovery through a simulated excavation.

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567730> - 10.30am

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567731> - 12.30am

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567732> - 2.30pm

Regular Events



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

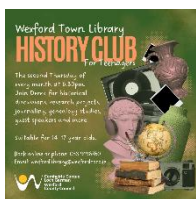
These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.



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

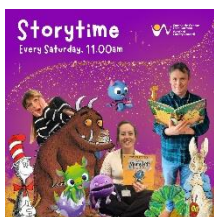
LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11.30am to 3pm. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative! This session is suitable for ages 5yrs +.

No Booking Required. Please note that children must be supervised at all times.



History Club for Teenagers, every second Thursday- 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Suitable for ages 14-17

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.



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



Summer Stars: Grown Ups & Me Storytime & Craft for ages 4-7 years

Join us for a storytime & craft session for parents/guardians and their children ages 4-7 years. Together, we will read some stories and create a little craft to bring home.

Booking essential as spaces are limited. Please book for the child only.

Parents/guardians must remain with the child during this event. **To book a space, please visit:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4564293>



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 Afternoon - every Friday in August from 3.00 to 5.00pm

We will have our sensory collection on display. Our items include: a dark den, sensory books, Duplo, story sacks, sensory basket and much more. All are welcome.



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.



Colouring Station every Tuesday in August, 3.00 to 5.00pm

Family creative event. All are welcome, no booking required.



Lego Free Play for ages 4+ - every Monday in August from 3.00 to 5.00pm and Saturday 15th August, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Family creative event. All are welcome, no booking required.



Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years - every Saturday, 11.00 to 11.40am

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



Heritage Week: Build a Lighthouse Craft for ages 7 to 10 years – Saturday 22nd August, 2.30 to 3.30pm

As part of our Heritage Week celebrations, join us in creating a lighthouse craft. Booking required.



Just Read! Junior Book Club – Friday 28th August, 3.30 to 4.00pm

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



Autumn Colouring Station – Saturday 29th August, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Pop into Bunclody Library for a fun autumn-themed colouring station. This is a family-led creative event where we invite families to sit down and relax. 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.

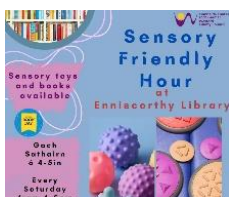


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

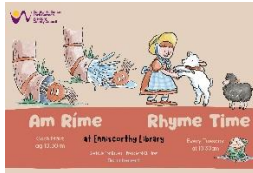
No Booking Required



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.

► Gorey Library Events

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



English Conversation Circle: First Saturday of the Month at 2:30pm



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



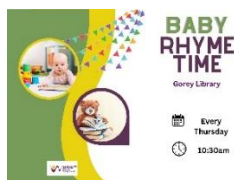
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

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

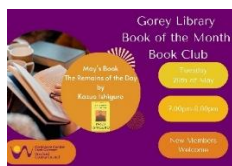


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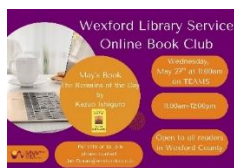
Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



Short Story Reading Club: Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm

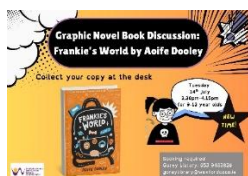


Book of the Month Book Club: Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



Wexford Library Service Online Book Club: Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



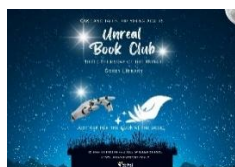
Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

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

WEBINARS/TRAINING

► Webinar - Supporting Alcohol-Free Pregnancy; Evidence, Practice and Professional Perspectives

A graphic for a webinar invitation. It features a dark green header with the text 'WEBINAR INVITATION' in white. Below this, the title 'Supporting Alcohol-Free Pregnancy' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font, followed by the subtitle 'Evidence, Practice and Professional Perspectives' in a smaller, dark blue font. The background of the graphic shows three pregnant women sitting and talking in a bright, modern setting. In the top right corner, there is a white logo that looks like a stylized 'H' and 'E' combined. At the bottom, there is a white box containing the date and time: 'DATE: Tuesday 8 September 2026' and 'TIME: 12:30 - 1:30PM'. Below this, another white box contains a paragraph of text: 'Discover the latest evidence on prenatal alcohol exposure, explore practical ways to support alcohol-free pregnancy, and hear from experts across maternity, primary care and health promotion as we launch a new prevention resource for healthcare professionals.'

Join us on Tuesday 8 September, 12:30pm – 1:30pm, for the launch webinar of the Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) Prevention Resource Pack. This resource has been developed to support healthcare professionals across a range of settings to promote healthier pregnancies and prevent harm associated with alcohol use. It offers practical, evidence-based guidance to support sensitive, non-judgemental conversations with women, partners, and families about alcohol and reproductive health. The webinar will:

- introduce the key components of the resource pack,
- highlight the importance of early intervention and informed decision-making,
- explore how healthcare professionals can play a vital role in prevention,
- and reinforce the shared responsibility across services and communities in supporting alcohol-free pregnancies.

Register [here](#) to attend.

► **FREE Helium Online Workshops for Young People Living with Long-Term Physical Health Conditions**



Inspiring life through art

Bookings are now open for our **FREE Online Autumn** workshops for **children and young people with long-term physical health conditions**.

Online Workshops

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays – Online(Ages 6–8)

Workshop Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5, 12 December

Workshop Times: 09:30-10:30am New activity every Saturday – do it anytime!

Distance Creates Winter Saturdays – Online(Ages 9–12)

Workshop Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 November , 5, 12 December

Workshop Times: 11:00-12noon New activity every Saturday – do it anytime!

Youth Online Autumn Camp – Online (Ages 13-16)

Workshop Dates: 27, 29, 31 October

Workshop Times: AM: 10:00 - 11:30 AM: 12:30 - 14:30

[Book your ONLINE space HERE!](#)

[Download online poster here!](#)

► Working together to make Every Contact Count: Connecting to Community

Working together to make Every Contact Count: Connecting to Community

Webinar Invitation



Working together to make Every Move Count: Connecting to Community

Time: 11:30am - 12:45pm
Date: Thursday 24 September 2026

For all healthcare professionals and community partners who have an interest in supporting people to become more active.



The 'Working together to Make Every Move Count' webinar series aims to support healthcare professionals to raise the topic of physical activity and actively support patients to become more active. This webinar is the third in the series, which was launched in April 2026 and takes place on Thursday 24 September from 11.30am to 12.45pm. This virtual event focuses on connecting to community, showcasing the wide array of signposting opportunities available in promoting physical activity in Ireland. We will hear from a number of organisations who support people with/without chronic disease to be active in the community. This webinar will also feature a panel discussion on the topic of reducing barriers to signposting.

To attend, please [register here](#).

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

► Central Statistics Office (CSO)'s Public Consultation on Census Data Outputs



The Central Statistics Office (CSO)'s Public Consultation on Census Data Outputs is now live and we are asking the views of data users on the outputs that will be produced in 2027/2028, following next year's census. This consultation will close on 18 September 2027.

The CSO is inviting you and your organisation (if you represent one) to tell us your data requirements and suggestions for Census 2027 outputs. We are also seeking feedback from users on several specific planned developments. CSO will examine all submissions made as part of this consultation and use them to inform its Census 2027 Dissemination Strategy, which will be published on www.cso.ie prior to Census 2027.

We are sending you this email as you have previously been in contact with us regarding census data. If you are part of an organisation and have colleagues within your organisation or an associated organisation with an interest in Census data, we would be grateful if you could share this email with them also.

To participate in the consultation process, please visit the CSO website at https://launch.survey.cso.ie/public-survey-cookie?surveyid=914_26

All comments are welcome, both specific and general.

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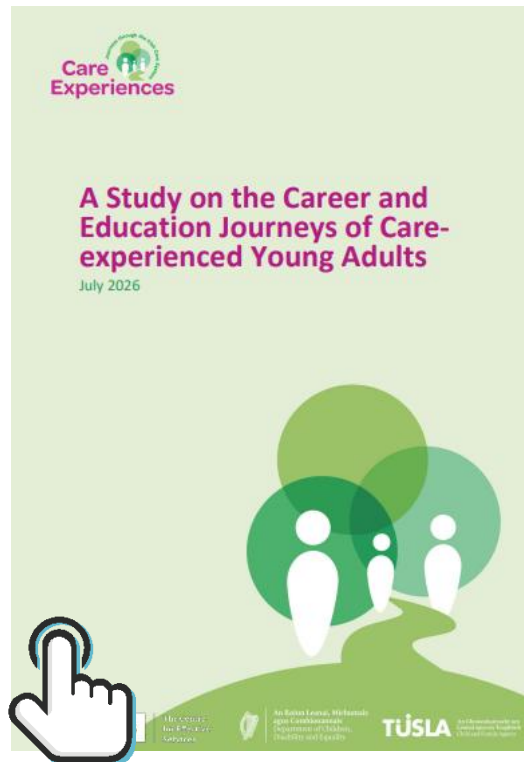
Before each census, CSO engages in an extensive public consultation process comprised of two elements. The first part of this consultation was on the content of Census 2027, and this took place in 2022-2023. Following the consultation, a Census Advisory Group (CAG) of expert users was convened to assist CSO in deciding which new and changed questions should be tested as part of a Pilot Survey, which was held in September 2024. Following analysis of the Pilot results by the CSO, the CAG reconvened in June 2025 and agreed the set of questions to be recommended for inclusion in Census 2027. Government subsequently approved Census 2027 in November 2025. The second element of this process is this current Public Consultation on Census 2027 Data Outputs.

[Report on Census 2027 Consultation and Census Pilot Survey](#)

REPORTS

► A Study on the Career and Education Journeys of Care Experienced Young Adults

The full report of the study on the Career and Education Journeys of Care Experienced Young Adults has finally been published. It can be accessed (along with the Executive Summary, Infographic and Webinar Recording) on the Care Experience Programme website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/publications/our-publications/>.



We sincerely hope you find the report practical and useful to your work with care-experienced young adults.

SUPPORTING PARENTS

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



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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 August. 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.](#)

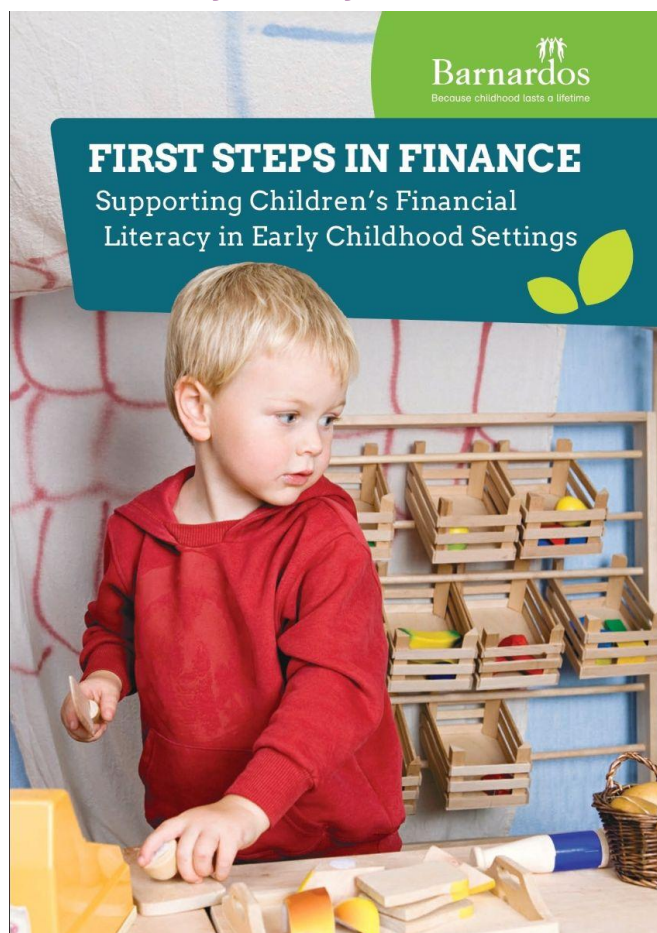
You can check across DCDE social channels for your event and please feel free to like and share our social posts. We also encourage you to circulate this email to any service within your network that may have an upcoming parenting event which they wish to promote.

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

PUBLICATIONS

► New Barnardos Publication - First Steps in Finance: Supporting Children's Financial Literacy in Early Childhood Settings



New Barnardos Publication - First Steps in Finance: Supporting Children's Financial Literacy in Early Childhood Settings

[This new resource from Barnardos](#) highlights the importance of introducing financial literacy to babies, toddlers and young children to support positive and healthy attitudes towards money. In line with *Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework*, the guidance given highlights how, through play-based learning, responsive interactions, and everyday routines, you can foster children's emerging financial understanding while promoting wellbeing, agency, communication, and problem-solving.

The [free resource](#) offers practical guidance on how to embed Financial Literacy into daily practice by:

- Starting early: Introducing basic financial concepts such as an understanding of how money is earned and used, the difference between wants and needs, and the importance of being thoughtful and responsible consumers.
- Making it fun: Using games, pretend play, and other engaging activities such as stories and rhymes to keep children interested.

- Keeping it simple and age appropriate: Starting with basic concepts and gradually introducing more complex ideas.
- Using coins: When age appropriate, introducing real coins to help children understand how money works in the real world. Prior to this, using anything that could be used in an exchange such as play coins and loose parts such as conkers.
- Relating to real life: Connecting money activities to everyday situations like going to the shop or saving to buy grandad a present.
- Encouraging questions and discussion: Where and when you can, talking about the value of money, how it is used, and why it is important to save.

Modelling good behaviour: Leading by example by demonstrating sound money management habits whenever possible.

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LITERACY

► Financial literacy event 17 September 2025



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Waterford and Wexford
Education and Training Board



**Adult
Literacy
for Life**

Managing and keeping your money safe

Free community event



When: Thursday 17 September 2026
10.30am – 12pm
With Registration from 10am

Where: Tower Hotel,
The Mall, Waterford

Do you want to learn how to manage your money and keep it safe?

Then come along to hear guest speakers at our free information event on Thursday 17 September 2026.

We will talk about:

- Keeping your money safe from fraud
- Budgeting
- Preparing for financial emergencies
- The supports that are available locally

How do you register to attend?

- Call John on 087 271 5845
- Register on the day at the event

There will be:

- A questions and answers session and
- Local organisations will have stands at the event



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Money Advice & Budgeting Service



NALA
National Adult Literacy Agency
Ainseacht Náisiúnta Uileadhachta do Reacht

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Free Community Event - Managing and Keeping your Money Safe

Dear colleagues and partners,

Please find attached (and pictured below) details of a **free financial literacy event** taking place in **The Tower Hotel, Waterford** on **Thursday, 17 September, 10:30 am – 12 pm (registration from 10 am)**.

This community event will help people **learn how to manage their money and keep it safe**, with guest speakers covering topics such as:

- Keeping your money safe from fraud
- Budgeting
- Preparing for financial emergencies
- The supports that are available locally

We'd really appreciate your help in **sharing this event** — particularly with **people in your community or service who may need extra support managing money or avoiding scams**.

You can **register by calling John on 087 271 5845** or **simply come along on the day**.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and supporting those who need it most.

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

► Dyslexia Resources for Children Wexford Library Service

Dyslexia Resources and Information in Wexford Libraries

Wexford Libraries offer a large selection of free resources to help support children with dyslexia and those who struggle with reading.



Readers – Series of books graded at different levels to build the confidence of children learning to read. Library staff can help with finding the best level for each child.



Barrington Stoke – Hi-Lo (High Interest Age Low Reading Age) stories written by well-known authors; this series uses dyslexia friendly font and tinted paper to help build reading confidence and fluency.



QR Code Books – These support independent multi-sensory reading by linking printed pages to the audiobook version.



The Fact Factory Magazine – Magazine series with a digital reader pen to scan words and read text out loud.



eBooks – These allow readers to adjust the font, line spacing size and background colour to make words easier to see and read. Tap and hold words to discover their meaning as you read.



C-Pens – A scanning pen that reads words or text aloud, to help assist in independent reading and promote confidence.



TTRS – Touch Type Read & Spell is a digital programme designed to develop typing, spelling and reading skills for learners aged 7+.



Nessy – An online game-based educational programme for learners aged 6+ designed to develop spelling, reading, grammar and writing skills.



Reading Eggs – A learn to read programme from pre-reading age onwards. This offers colourful multi-sensory activity games to develop to assist the development of essential literacy skills.



Graphic Novels – Colourful illustrations offer clues to help the reader understand the story. Short chunks of text are easier to read and encourage the reader, finish the book, and develop a love of reading.

All resources are free to use with a library card. To apply for your free library card, just log on at:
<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/join-the-library>
or call into your local branch or mobile library.

Useful links:

Dyslexia Ireland at <http://dyslexia.ie/> a national organization supporting children and adults affected by dyslexia.

Dyslexia Hub at <https://dyslexiahub.ie/>, learning website for dyslexia in Ireland offering videos about understanding dyslexia, literacy support, wellbeing advice, guidance for parents, second level subject resources and useful technology.

Bookshare Ireland at <https://bookshare.ie/> a digital library offering an accessible digital library for all students with print disabilities.

