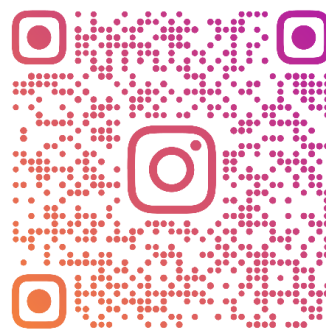




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Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

28 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.

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: 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



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.

Regular Events



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

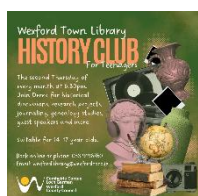
These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. **No booking required.**



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 Celebration Day - Nutty Scientists: Looney Gas Show for ages 7 to 12 years, Saturday 5th September, 2.30 to 3.30pm

Join us for our Summer Stars Celebration Day by joining the Nutty Scientists for a fun science-centred show. What if I told you that there is one element that can set your hand on fire, change your voice from a chipmunk to Darth Vader, or create a great fountain of liquid nitrogen? Would you believe that it's all due to gas?! Our explosively fun show will demonstrate how gases can cause all of these loony effects and many more!! **Booking essential.** Please book for the child only. Book online at wexfordcoco.libcal.com or telephone **053 9375466**.



Baby Playtime – Friday 4th September, 11.00am to 12.00pm

Join us for our baby sensory playtime morning. We will provide lots of fun sensory toys and story sacks. Come along and meet other parents and babies in a comfy environment! No booking required.



YA Book Club for ages 13 to 15 years – Friday 4th Sept, 4.15 to 4.45pm

Join us for this month's YA book club! New members are always welcome.



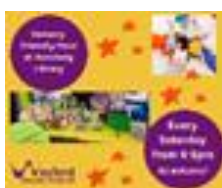
Rhymetime for ages 0 to 5 years - every Wednesday at 11.15am

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!

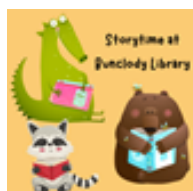
Sensory Basket

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.**



Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years - Celebrating Reading! Summer Stars Celebration Day, Saturday 5th September, 11.00 to 11.40am

As part of our Summer Stars Celebration Day, today's Saturday storytime will celebrate our amazing young readers. Join us for some fun stories for ages 3 to 7 years. **No need to book** – all welcome!



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.

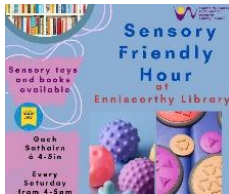


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

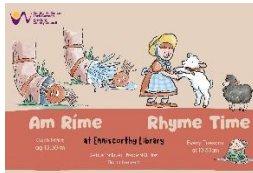
No Booking Required



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



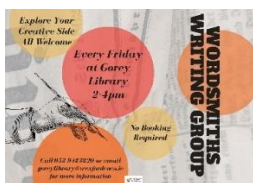
Gorey Library Film Club: Second Thursday of the Month at 2:30pm



Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm



Knitting Circle: Every Friday at 11:00am



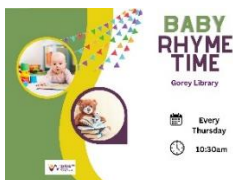
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

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

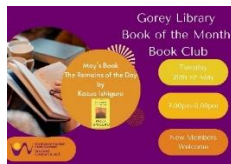


Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

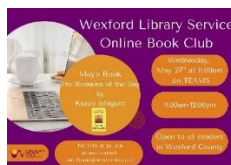
Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



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

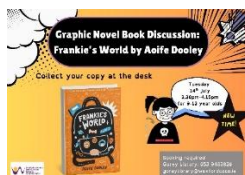


Book of the Month Book Club: Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



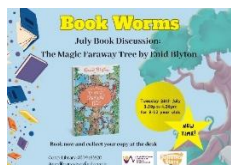
Wexford Library Service Online Book Club: Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



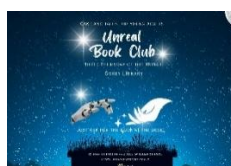
Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

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

► Gorey Family Resource Centre September Newsletter

GOREY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

✉ info@goreyfrc.ie ☎ 053 948 9017 📺 @goreyfrc

We are delighted to announce that our website is now fully operational with a new design, to access the latest resources, news, and updates visit: www.goreyfamilyresourcecentre.ie

"September is summer's quiet goodbye, and
autumn's gentle hello."

COURSES

🧘 Tai Chi

Mondays | 2.30pm-3.30pm
Starting 21st September | 4 weeks
A gentle 4-week course designed to help improve balance, flexibility and wellbeing. Tai Chi is a wonderful way to relax, move your body and take some time for yourself. Funded by Wexford County Council.

As part of our Wellness Wednesdays:

🧘 Chair Yoga

Thursdays | 2.30pm-3.30pm
Starting 10th September | 5 weeks
A gentle and accessible course using seated and supported yoga movements to help improve flexibility, strength, balance and relaxation. A lovely way to support your wellbeing, meet others and take some time for yourself. Funded by Wexford County Council.

🌿 Sound, Healing & Self-Care

Wednesdays | 6pm-8pm
Starting 16th September | 6 weeks
A relaxing and nurturing 6-week self-care course, offering time to pause, unwind and focus on your own wellbeing through sound, healing and self-care practices.
Come along, take some time for yourself, learn new ways to relax and connect with others in a warm and welcoming environment. Funded through WWETB.

September

REFLECTIONS

September is a time of new beginnings, fresh routines and new opportunities. As our summer days slowly give way to autumn, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back and introducing our new courses and activities. Whether you're looking to learn something new, meet people or simply make a little time for yourself, we hope there's something here for you.

COURSES

🧵 Learn to Sew

Mondays | 9.30am-11.30am
Starting 7th September | 4 weeks
A course for complete beginners! Come along, meet new people and learn some new sewing skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. Funded through WWETB.

🎵 Learn to Sing

Thursdays | 9.30am-11.30am
Starting 17th September | 6 weeks
A fun and welcoming course open to everyone. Come along, make new friends and learn to express yourself through the joy of singing. Funded through WWETB.

🌿 Intermediate Willow Making

Thursdays | 9.30am-11.30am
Starting 17th September | 6 weeks
For those who have completed our Beginners Willow Making course and would like to further enhance and develop the skills they have learned. Funded through WWETB.

💄 Make Up & Beauty Course (Fully Booked)

Thursdays | 9.30am - 11.30am
Starting 17th September | 6 weeks
Learn all about skincare, beauty and applying make-up, with practical tips and techniques to help you feel confident and look your best.
Funded through WWETB.

OUTREACH SERVICES IN THE CENTRE

Wexford Women's Refuge – There is help for women and children who are experiencing domestic abuse. | Appointments in Gorey FRC ☎ 1800 220 44

Traveller Community Health Programme – Women's Group available on Wednesday's 10am – 12pm | For more information contact Laura ☎ 053 915 5800

Perinatal Mental Health Midwife – If you're looking for support with mental health difficulty during pregnancy or after the birth of your baby | Referrals to Jenny can be arranged through your healthcare provider.

Family Carers Ireland – Available this month 24th September from 11am – 1pm | Drop in for a chat in a safe space for advice and support – Jason from Family Carers Ireland is available to advise with any entitlements or adaptations.

Alzheimer Society – Tuesdays 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm | For more details contact Charlene ☎ 087 3976290 or 053 948 5988

Wexford Volunteer Service – If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity in Wexford come along and speak with Yana on Mondays from 9am to 4pm | Contact Yana on ☎ 087 2593650 or yana@volunteerwexford.ie

ManUp – Empowering Men's Mental Health. A relaxed, no pressure space where men can show up as they are, no judgement, no expectations, just real conversations & support. | Call Dean on ☎ 089 404 1986 to find out more.

If you know anyone who could benefit from our outreach services, please feel free to share this information with them.

RIVERCHAPEL COMMUNITY COMPLEX COURSES

Our **Willow Making** course starts at Riverchapel Community Complex on Monday 7th September for 6 weeks. As spaces are limited registration is required for all courses. For more info please contact Pamela on 0539489017 or pamela@goreyfrc.ie

These courses in Riverchapel are for the residents of Riverchapel, Courtown and Adramine

EVENTS

Marie Keating Foundation will be in the centre on **16th September from 10am to 12.30pm** for a talk on cancer prevention and screening. To book a space please contact us

GROUPS

Men's Club: 2.30pm – 4pm Thursdays
Starting 3rd September

A great opportunity to meet up, enjoy good company and connect with others in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Ukrainian Women's Group: 10am – 12pm Thursdays
Starting 3rd September

A welcoming space for Ukrainian women to connect, make friends, share experiences and enjoy time together.

Friday Women's: 10am – 12pm Fridays
Starting 4th September

Come along for friendship, connection, conversation, activities and a chance to enjoy time together in a welcoming environment.

For info email reception@goreyfrc.ie

SUPPORT SERVICES

LOW-COST COUNSELLING SERVICE

For more information please contact 053 9489017 or counselling@goreyfrc.ie

PRINTING AND PHOTOCOPYING

Services available 11am – 12pm Tuesdays

DROP IN

Drop in appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.30pm – 4pm.

The poster is for the 'Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance 2026' provided by the Family Resource Centre, Wexford. It features a blue backpack and a pair of sneakers. The text states: 'A one-off, means-tested payment to help eligible families with the cost of school clothing and footwear.' It lists two payment options: '€160 for each eligible child aged 6-11' and '€285 for each eligible child aged 12-17'. It includes a deadline of 'Applications: 30 September 2026' and a note to 'Check your eligibility and download the application form at www.backtoschool.ie'. It also mentions that 'The application can be submitted through MyWelfare www.mywelfare.ie'.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

We are committed to supporting women's health and wellbeing by providing free period products in the centre. These are available for anyone who needs them and can be accessed discreetly at any time during opening hours.

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. To the right is a white logo that looks like 'HE'. Below the header is a light blue box with the title 'Supporting Alcohol-Free Pregnancy' and subtitle 'Evidence, Practice and Professional Perspectives'. The background of the graphic shows three pregnant women sitting and talking. Overlaid on the image are two text boxes: one with the date and time, and another with a description of the webinar.

WEBINAR INVITATION

Supporting Alcohol-Free Pregnancy
Evidence, Practice and Professional Perspectives

DATE: Tuesday 8 September 2026
TIME: 12:30 - 1:30PM

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.

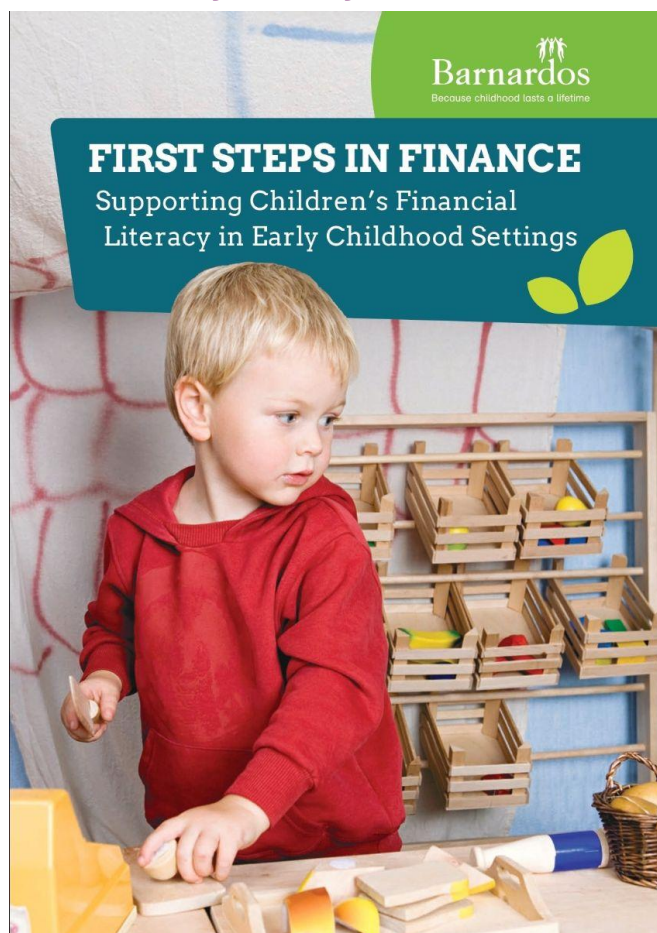
Join us on Tuesday 8 September, 12:30pm – 1:30pm, for the launch webinar of the Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (PAE) Prevention Resource Pack. This resource has been developed to support healthcare professionals across a range of settings to promote healthier pregnancies and prevent harm associated with alcohol 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.

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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agus Comhionannais**
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

LITERACY

► Five free online lunchtime talks to mark International Literacy Day 2026



You are warmly invited to join us this September for Literacy in Real Life

- a series of **five free online lunchtime talks** to mark **International Literacy Day 2026**.

The sessions will explore different areas of literacy and share practical experiences and ideas from across communities in Ireland.

Please see below for the full programme. You can choose the sessions that interest you and join as many as you like.

Please find the registration links below:

Webinar 1:

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Webinar 5: <https://tinyurl.com/bdz8hmk2>

Literacy in real life – stories and voices across communities

Join us for a series of free online lunchtime talks to celebrate International Literacy Day 2026. Scan the QR codes or click the links to register for the sessions you would like to attend.

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Literacy Awareness Literacy beyond reading and writing	Health Literacy Navigating health with confidence	Workplace Literacy Building skills for work	Digital Literacy Navigating the digital world	Learner Voices Real stories from learners
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Webinar 1

Literacy Awareness

Literacy beyond reading and writing

3 September
1-2pm



<https://tinyurl.com/4z9rdfu8>

Let's Talk about Literacy

Literacy is part of everyday life. Join us to learn why adult literacy matters and how small changes can make a big difference.

Find out how to:

- ▶ Understand the impact of adult literacy
- ▶ Make your service or organisation more literacy-friendly
- ▶ Support adults with confidence and respect
- ▶ Signpost people to the right help and services

Delivered by:

- ▶ Iryna Avalishvili, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator, Kildare and Wicklow ETB
- ▶ Edel Finan, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator, Wexford and Waterford ETB
- ▶ Andrew Connolly, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator for City of Dublin ETB

Webinar 2

Health Literacy

Navigating health with confidence

10 September

1-2pm



<https://tinyurl.com/y96rwh7e>

From Literacy Champion to Health Literacy Advocate: Applying literacy awareness in practice

Suzanne Nolan, Regional Roma Health Lead, HSE Social Inclusion Dublin & South East

Suzanne Nolan will discuss how becoming a Literacy Champion deepened her understanding of literacy as a social and health issue. Drawing on her work with Roma communities, she will explore how literacy awareness can shape communication, engagement and service delivery, supporting people to better access, understand and use health information.

Nothing About Us Without Us: Co-Designing Community Health Education That Actually Work

Hannah Gross, Assistant Professor in Physical Activity Behaviour Change, School of Health and Human Performance, DCU

Traditional health education often fails because it is designed for a community, rather than with them. For people with unmet literacy needs, off-the-shelf health programs can feel disconnected and irrelevant. In this session, we'll explore how to flip the script.

Promoting Positive Traveller Mental Health, Wellbeing, through the power of Cultural Understanding & Cultural Training/Educational initiatives

Doreen-HSE Traveller Mental Health Service Coordinator. Kathleen-Traveller Primary Health Care Coordinator Blancherstown Traveller Project

This talk is designed to provide the audience with an opportunity to learn more about Traveller mental health and the overall health and wellbeing of Travellers through the lens of lived experience, cultural understanding and community knowledge.

Webinar 3

Workplace Literacy

Building skills for work

17 September

1-2pm



<https://tinyurl.com/2s4ayc6r>

Let's Talk about Literacy

Join this webinar on Essential Skills for the Workplace and learn more about how employers and educators can support workforces. Find out about how you can become a literacy champion in your workplace.

Did you know?

- ▶ 1 in 6 people in the workplace in Ireland has literacy needs
- ▶ 1 in 5 people have numeracy needs?

Delivered by:

- ▶ Angela Boyle Shafer from the National Programme Office for Adult Literacy for Life. Angela has worked in the Programme Office since January 2025. Her role is to drive supports for workplace literacy under the priorities of the ALL Strategy.

Webinar 4

Digital Literacy

Navigating the digital world

24 September

1-2pm



<https://tinyurl.com/ymcs2k5h>

DigiLit @ Your Library: Building Digital Confidence Through Community Partnership

Geraldine Colgan, Senior Executive Librarian with Wicklow County Council Library Service

This presentation will explore how Wicklow County Council Library Service and Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) collaborated to deliver DigiLit @ Your Library, a digital literacy initiative funded through the Adult Literacy for Life Collaboration and Innovation Fund.

Delivering Digital Literacy Classes

Tracey Kierans and Tessa Mulligan, IT Tutors, Cavan and Monaghan ETB

They will discuss how local ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund (CIF) projects have helped CMETB and partners to deliver introductory digital skills training. Tracey and Tessa will talk about what they delivered on these programmes, and how they delivered it. This information highlights what people want from digital literacy programmes.

Financial Literacy in your community

Mary Mitchell, Adult Educator, Dublin College, Blanchardstown

Are you interested in supporting financial literacy in your community?

Join us for a short online presentation where we share our journey from community engagement to developing strong partnerships with organisations including MABS, financial institutions, Revenue, the HSE, and the Decision Support Service.

Webinar 5

Learner Voices

Real stories from learners

1 October

1-2pm



<https://tinyurl.com/bdz8hmk2>

It's Never Too Late

Pam Noonan, Literacy Ambassador, Limerick and Clare ETB

Pam left school at a young age and returned to education later in life, completing her Junior Certificate at 71. She will share her journey and show that it is never too late to take that next step in education.

Taking the First Step

Brian O'Donnell, Literacy Ambassador, Kilkenny and Carlow ETB

Brian left school early and is now a passionate advocate for adult learners. He will talk about making that first step, "getting through the door", and finding the confidence to return to education.

Literacy, Work, and Progression

Anthony Magee, Literacy Ambassador, Waterford and Wexford ETB

Anthony will share his experience of returning to education and work, and how improving his literacy skills helped him build confidence, progress in his career and achieve a promotion.

► Have your say on the Adult Literacy for Life Strategy



The Government is doing a **mid-term review of the ten-year Adult Literacy for Life Strategy 2021-2031**.

This is an opportunity for you and your colleagues to share your views on how the strategy is being implemented. It is important that the Government hears from the community and voluntary sector. [Read more about the strategy.](#)

Government consultation

We are now halfway through the 10 year Adult Literacy for Life Strategy. SOLAS, Ireland's Further Education and Training authority, has hired independent consultants Three Sixty Insights to review the strategy.

Survey

Three Sixty Insights are running a survey. **The survey closes on 18 September.**

You do not have to answer all the questions. You can give your general view on how the strategy is going in question 6.

Service users and Learners

If you have service users or learners that you could participate in this survey please do not hesitate to share this opportunity with them. You can also support them to complete the survey.

[Do the survey](#)

Focus groups

Sign up for one of the focus group taking place throughout September. You do not have to do the survey to take part in a focus group.

[Sign up for a focus group](#)

Contact info@threesixtyinsights.ie if you have any questions

You can make a difference

If you share your views with Three Sixty Insights, you will help to

- improve the ALL strategy and its implementation over the next five years.
- show Government the importance of adult literacy, and
- make sure the review is informed by organisations and real-world experience of working with communities affected by literacy needs.

► 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:

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Register here



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.

