



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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Wexford Children & Young People's Plan

► Consultation with Parents for Wexford Children & Young People's Plan



As part of the consultation process to develop the new Wexford Children & Young People's Plan, we are consulting with parents in the county. An online survey has been developed to facilitate this. Wexford Parents Hub will be sharing the link on their social media.

Closing Date for receipt of responses is **Friday May 17th**.

The link to the survey is here :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JFYVQYK>

Please share the link on your social media as appropriate and encourage any parents in your service to complete the short survey.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

▶ **Coco's Law – Free Webinar**

We are delighted to share with you information regarding our upcoming **FREE** online webinar *What is Coco's Law - A webinar for parents/ carers & practitioners.*

Under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act, Coco's Law created new offences which criminalise the non-consensual distribution of intimate images prohibiting the sharing of intimate images without the original poster's consent.

This important webinar will focus on awareness and understanding of Coco's Law, recognition of the issues that it covers & guidance on how to avail of its provisions (reporting). Keynote speaker on the night is Fiona Jennings, Head of Policy & Public Affairs with the ISPC.

It takes place on **Monday April 30th at 7pm. Registration is now open**, and we would appreciate if you could share the above information and the attached leaflets promoting the webinar to all your networks/ committees/ CYPSC's/ CFNC's/ stakeholders/ parents you are working with/ friends/ family etc.

Click [here](#) to register

Thank you for your support in spreading the word about this event.

Warm regards,
Siobhán, Niamh & Elizabeth
Community Engagement Team

Siobhán Harvey

Community Engagement Manager – Parenting Lead

Please note I work half days Thursday & Friday

ISPC
Unit 3 Harbour Square,
Crofton Road,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin.

ISPCC webinar

What is Coco's Law?



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Calling parents, carers and practitioners

Join ISPCC on April 30th, 7:00 – 7:30pm
for a free webinar to learn all about Coco's Law.



Siobhan Harvey
Community Engagement
Manager,
Parenting Lead



Fiona Jennings
ISPCC Head of Policy and
Public Affairs



Elizabeth Kavanagh
Community Engagement
Manager, Shield Anti-
Bullying programme

This important webinar will focus on:

- **Awareness and understanding of Coco's Law**
- **Recognition of the issues that it covers**
- **Guidance on how to avail of its provisions (reporting)**

[Click here to register](#)

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► **NALA: Free introduction to literacy webinars for the community and voluntary sector**

The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) is organising free webinars for the **community and voluntary sector**. These each provide a 1-hour introduction to literacy, numeracy and digital literacy in Ireland.

[Introduction to literacy 25 April, 10am – 11am](#) – Register now

Literacy in Ireland

In Ireland, over 500,000 adults struggle with reading and understanding information and using everyday maths*. This means they may find it difficult to:

- fill in a form;
- divide or add up a bill; or
- help kids with homework.

Community and voluntary organisations provide essential support and services to communities across Ireland. You are in a unique position to champion literacy and be a support to those who are nervous or embarrassed to ask for help.

About the webinar

The webinar will help you better understand the issues, hear from colleagues about being literacy friendly, and get tips you can bring back to your organisation.

We will look at:

- What is literacy;
- the impact of struggling with reading, writing, everyday numbers or digital tasks;
- Using a literacy friendly approach;
- Your experience of responding to adults with literacy, numeracy and digital needs;
- Tips for how to support people sensitively; and
- Using plain English.

You will also hear from a Literacy Ambassador about their experience returning to education.

[Find more information on the NALA website](#)

► Launch of Listen Up! Children's Voices on the Future



You're Invited: Launch of Listen Up!

Listen Up! Children's Voices on the Future Children's Rights on the Island of Ireland

25 April 2024 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Online via Zoom Webinar

Dear Members and Friends,

We are delighted to invite you to the launch of the new research report, commissioned by the Children's Law Centre and Children's Rights Alliance, taking place online via Zoom **25 April 2024 2.30pm – 4.00pm**.

Listen Up! Children's Voices on the Future - Consultation with children and young people on Children's Rights on the Island of Ireland: Responding to the Uncertainty of Brexit and Beyond; provides children and young people with the opportunity to reflect on the impact Brexit has had on their lives, their understanding, experiences, and expectations with regards to their rights as children, and identifiable actions to guarantee their voices are heard.

This research was funded by Community Foundation Ireland and Social Change Initiative. The online launch will highlight the findings of the report and will feature a fantastic line up of speakers including:

- Professor Helen Stalford, Head of Department, Liverpool Law School, University of Liverpool will speak to a legal analysis carried out on The Post-Brexit Legal Framework and its Implications for Children's Rights on the Island of Ireland
- Mo Sykes, Independent Consultant

The event will be co-chaired by

- Paddy Kelly, Director of the Children's Law Centre
- Tanya Ward, Chief Executive of the Children's Rights Alliance

Date: 25 April 2024

Time: 2.30pm -4pm **Location:** Online via Zoom Webinar

► Baby Food Made Easy – Online Workshops



As all parents will tell you, it can be confusing knowing when and how to start introducing solid foods to a baby's diet. To support all parents in this journey, weaning information workshops in various forms have been delivered in CHO 9 over the years.

The advent of COVID-19 moved the face to face delivery of weaning workshops in CHO 9 to a monthly online workshop delivered in partnership with Empower (a local development organisation). These 90 minute workshops, called 'Baby Food Made Easy' include a practical cooking demonstration as well as the delivery of evidenced based nutrition information with community dietitians. The workshop guides parents through the weaning process including what it all means, when and how to start the journey giving them extra confidence and support in this process.

Parents can submit weaning related questions live to the presenters at the workshop. The workshops have gone from strength to strength and see up to 100 participants each month – much more than our face to face workshops could ever accommodate. Feedback is positive with 97% saying they would *'recommend the workshop to a friend'*.

Health Service staff and professionals working in the field, for example, Practice Nurses, Public Health Nurses, GPs etc. are welcome to register and join the workshop for their own information and learning. A QR code has been developed which can be scanned to bring individuals straight to the registration page. Posters have been distributed to all health centres for display and also include the QR code. For more information please email hwb.dncc@hse.ie or edel.mcnamara@hse.ie in the Health & Wellbeing Division.



Further Information & Registration

[Baby Food Made Easy – Online Parent Workshops – HSE Health and Wellbeing \(hsehealthandwellbeingnews.com\)](https://www.hsehealthandwellbeingnews.com)

[Baby Food Made Easy Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

► 22nd April online information event - MSocSc Community Work and Youth Work

This is a final reminder from us that we are having our online information event on MSocSc Community Work and Youth work next Monday at 7pm. Please help us share the information.

Join us here: <https://bit.ly/3xcXAHP> or use the QR code below.

We have been posting online in relation to different aspects of the programme.

Since the last email, you can check out:

- A group photo of the interview panels from our undergrad recruitment day, a very positive and inspiring day.
- Rían Browne O'Neill - current final year Masters student highlighting his first year fieldwork placement.
- Maynooth University Team Teaching Award - we won this in 2022 but it's good to know we did for potential applicants!
- Next post up - Sandra Collins, past Masters graduate and now MAP Advisor in Maynooth University's Access Office.

LinkedIn: MUAppSocSc - Applied Social Studies Maynooth

Instagram: mucommunityandyouthwork

Do get in touch with any questions and don't underestimate the power of word of mouth and encouragement!

Kind regards,

Deirdre



**Master of Social Science
Community Work & Youth Work**

'Journey to Justice'

**INFORMATION
SESSION**

Monday, 22nd April
19.00-20.00

Join here: <https://bit.ly/3xcXAHP>

Learn more about this
programme and career prospects.
Join current & past students for an
interactive session.

We welcome applications from a
variety of backgrounds.



WHY APPLY?

- Dual endorsed professional qualification.
- Block learning on campus.
- Full-time fieldwork practice placements.
- Research practice project.
- Student centered Department.
- Practice informed academics.
- MU team teaching award 2022.
- Focus on social justice & human rights.

Graduates are working in community work & youth work, climate & environmental justice, working with Travellers & Roma, migrant rights, LGBTQ+ anti-racist & intercultural work, politics, public policy, education, training & more.

- We are the only provider of Community Work and Youth Work education at postgraduate level in Ireland.
- No requirement for undergraduate qualification in Social Science.

E: cywrecruitment@mu.ie

FUNDING

► Outdoor Social & Recreational Spaces and Biodiversity Projects



Open to expressions of interest for funding from community groups

€650,000 is available for community projects under the following areas:

- Development of sustainable outdoor social & recreational facilities which prioritise universal design with access for all and
- Capital supports for biodiversity measures and environmental improvements including parks, nature corridors and community gardens.

Interested community groups should complete and return an Expression of Interest (EOI) form by 12 noon, Tuesday 30th April. Further information & EOI form available from:

► Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund 2024



The Heart of the Community Fund is an open grant round designed to meet the needs of not-for-profit organisations delivering vital services and supports to people across the island of Ireland.

The Ireland Funds recognises the challenges organisations face in securing funding to build their capacity or meet their core costs, so the Heart of the Community Fund 2024 will provide Organisational Investment Grants. The application form will enable you to share what you're working towards and how you deliver on your mission, so we can get a picture of your organisation as a whole. If your application is successful, you can then allocate the funding to meet your most pressing needs.

Funding Levels

The Heart of the Community Fund 2024 will provide grants between **€5,000-25,000** to not-for-profit organisations with an annual turnover of less than €/**£3,000,000**.

At least **€500,000** will be distributed through this grant round.

How to Apply

Applications are being accepted through our **online portal only**, which will be available on our website **from Monday, April 15th**. Please read the **guidelines** in full before beginning your application.

The **closing date is Friday, May 3rd**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For more information on The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund 2024, please visit irelandfunds.org/grants