



# **Kinship Care Week** October 7th-11th 2024

### **Organisation Helpful Guide**

#KinshipCareWeek2024 is our opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the incredible care that kinship carers provide to an estimated 10,000-12,000 children in Ireland. When kinship carers step up to raise a child of a relative or close friend, there are so many challenges to navigate. Every day Kinship Care Ireland hear of the incredible positive impact of the love and care that kinship carers give their family. This is Ireland's first #KinshipCareWeek2024 and we want to raise awareness of kinship care so that everybody knows that #KinshipCareCounts.

**As an organisation**, you have a great opportunity to recognise and thank all the inspiring kinship families in your community. To support you taking part in this exciting week, we have developed this guide.

Thank you for speaking up for those that step up this Kinship Care Week.



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#### How you can support Kinship Care Week;

Host a coffee morning in your office to raise awareness of kinship care. (take a photo tag @kinshipcareirel #KinshipCareWeek2024 #KinshipCareCounts)

Share Kinship Care Week communications and resources internally with your staff. Discuss as a service how you plan to support kinship families.

Put up some of our posters in your office, take a photo, and tag @kinshipcareirel #KinshipCareWeek2024 #KinshipCareCounts

Share Kinship Care Week communications externally on your website, social media, email newsletters and local media.





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### **Helpful Guide for Representatives**

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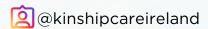
As a representative, you have a great opportunity to recognise and thank all the inspiring kinship families in your constituency. To support you/your party taking part in this exciting week, we have developed this guide.

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#### How you can support Kinship Care Week;

Use Your Voice in the Oireachtas and media to spotlight and elevate kinship care this Kinship Care week (In recordings tag @kinshipcareirel #KinshipCareWeek2024 #KinshipCareCounts)

Commit to supporting kinship care families in your party manifesto. What else can you do in your role to push progress forward for kinship care families.

Share Kinship Care Week communications and resources internally with your colleagues to raise understanding and awareness

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### Helpful Guide for kinship care families & allies

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As a kinship care family or ally, Kinship Care Week is a great opportunity to raise awareness of kinship care in Ireland. We want people to have a greater understanding, appreciation and support of your family. To support you in taking part in this exciting week, we have developed this guide.

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#### How you can support Kinship Care Week;

Use your voice to raise awareness share Kinship Care Ireland website details with your local community services or schools and explain to them what Kinship Care is.



Contact your local Politicians asking them to commit to supporting kinship care families, and include this commitment in their party manifesto.

Share Kinship Care Week communications on your social media to help raise awareness (tag Kinship Care Ireland #KinshipCareWeek2024 #KinshipCareCounts)

Join the celebrations, if you have time to attend our free event or webinars, we hope you enjoy. Take some time to do something nice for you and your family, you deserve to celebrate.

Children's Art send us a photo of some artwork completed by a young person in your household.