



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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DISABILITY PATHWAYS RESOURCE LAUNCH

► Disability Pathways Resource Launch

Disability Resource



Wexford CYPSC launched [“Support Pathways for Children with Disabilities in Wexford”](#). On Tuesday 14 April in Wexford Library branch. The resource booklet targets parents and caregivers of children and young people with disabilities aged 0-17 years. It aims to simplify the pathways for parents who are trying to navigate services for children and young people. Information on health, education, community supports, finances and social supports are included in the booklet.

The need for the resource was identified during the consultation phase for the [Wexford Children and Young People’s Plan 2025-2027](#). Parents expressed that they were confused about the services that were available to them and were also unsure how to access services.

Wexford CYPSC convened an interagency Task Group comprised of representatives from community and statutory organisations. Working together, they provided oversight to the project which resulted in the production of the Disability Pathways resource which is available in hard copy and online. The online copy can be accessed on the [Wexford CYPSC website](#). A promotional postcard has also been developed. It includes a QR code that brings you directly to the online resource.

The Task Group were keen to ensure that the final resource would be accessible to all including those with unmet literacy needs. Plain English is used throughout, the contents are colour-coded, and the resource is screen-reader friendly.

This project was developed with funding from the CYPSC Healthy Ireland Fund. It is planned that a similar resource will be developed for young people aged 18 years+.



Pictured above : some members of the Wexford CYPSC Disability Pathways Task Group at the launch on 14 April



CYPSC WEBSITE UPDATE

► Requesting Services to send on any updates or additional information to be added to the CYPSC Website



We are in the process of updating the Wexford CYPSC website and gathering information from all the services listed.

Please take a moment to verify if all the information on your service is correct.

<https://www.wexfordcypsc.ie/services>

If you have any information that needs to be updated, please forward on to

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ADULT HEALTH

► HSE Living Well Programmes

Living Well

A programme for adults with long-term health conditions



Living Well is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic condition. It takes place over six weekly workshops (6 x 2.5 hours) – either online or in-person. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop **Self-Management skills and confidence** to live well with your health conditions. You will also meet other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences.

Upcoming HSE Living Well Programmes:

Venue	Day	Start date	Finish date	Time
South West Wexford Family Resource Centre, The Ramsgrange Centre, Ramsgrange , New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34DP26	Thursday	28 th May 2026	2nd July 2026	10.30am – 1pm

*Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis (MS), arthritis, cancer, Crohn's disease, chronic pain, anxiety, depression.

To book your place contact

Jennie or Sue
051 389418/ 087 0985706
sue@swwfrc.ie or read@swwfrc.ie



Self-management Support

Sláintecare.

Living Well is an SMRC Evidence Based Self-Management Programme originally developed at Stanford University.

FAMILY SUPPORT

► Kinship Care



As we continue our work to raise awareness of kinship care nationally and reduce the information and support gap for these families, I would really appreciate your consideration in adding a signpost to KCI on your website's directory of services.

Kinship care refers to situations where children are cared for full-time by relatives or close family friends. This care is currently preventing up to 12,000 children in Ireland from entering foster or State care. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends step in at critical times, often due to parental addiction, bereavement, mental or physical illness, imprisonment, domestic violence, or other challenging circumstances.

Many kinship carers and professionals are not familiar with the term "kinship care" or the supports that may be available to them. Unlike those in formal care arrangements, there is no clear or consistent pathway to access financial supports, legal recognition, medical consent, therapeutic services, or reliable information.

Including a link to KCI on your service directory would help our small team reach more carers and the professionals who support them, providing access to vital information and guidance. This information is often listed under sections such as Alternative Care, Family Support, or Parent Support Services. We would be very grateful if you could consider including it as part of your next website update, and if possible, share this request with colleagues in similar roles.

Additional resources and information for you on who we are and what we do:

- Introduction to Kinship Care webinar (1 hour): <https://youtu.be/c2Xzs29LZ4k>
- Awareness video (featuring children and carers): <https://youtu.be/DjjkLbOe2AI>
- Social media: <https://www.instagram.com/kinshipcareireland/>



FUNDING INITIATIVE

► Community Safety Fund



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt,
Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce
Department of Justice,
Home Affairs and Migration

Applications for the 2026 Community Safety Fund now open

- €4.75 million available for community safety improvement projects nationwide

Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O’Callaghan TD yesterday opened the Community Safety Fund for applications. See [press release here](#).

Grants range between €20,000 – €150,000.

Applications are invited from community safety initiatives as well as groups co-funded with local authorities, NGOs and community organisations working on issues relevant to community safety and youth justice.

Applications may be submitted by individual organisations, or by a consortium involving two or more organisations where the lead partner is a community organisation, not-for-profit, social enterprise or similar with a remit relevant to community safety and/or youth justice.

Applications with innovative approaches will be afforded particular consideration.

Completed application forms must be returned by 5pm on 18 May 2026 to CommunitySafetyFund@justice.ie

More information on Community Safety can be found at: www.gov.ie/communitysafety.

Supporting documentation, including the Application Form and Guidance Document are available at link below. Information on the previous allocation from last year’s Fund, by successful project and county, may also be found at the link.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-justice-home-affairs-and-migration/collections/community-safety-fund/>

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

► Healthy Ireland Framework Consultation Campaign 2026-2036



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

As part of a public consultation on the new Healthy Ireland Framework by the Department of Health please see link to the survey below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/consultations/healthy-ireland-framework-public-consultation/>

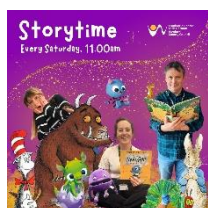
I would be grateful if you could submit directly to the survey to help inform the next phase of Healthy Ireland on how best to strengthen the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Ireland. The consultation is open until the 22nd April.

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Wexford Town Library Events



Lego Free Play every Saturday from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Suitable for ages 5yrs+
LEGO Free Play tables available on our Children's floor area from 11am to 3pm. Free to attend. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.



Story Time every Saturday, 11.00am-11:30am, Suitable for children aged 3–7 years.
Join us for Story Time in Wexford Library every Saturday morning. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. **No booking required.**



Baby Tummy Time, Tuesday, 28 April, 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. **Booking is essential.** Free event.

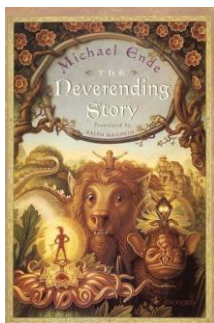
Sensory Hour, Every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Sensory Hour supports library users who have sensory, extra, and/or additional needs. It offers a calm and sensory family friendly environment.



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

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.



The Chatterbooks Book Club, Tuesday, April 21, from 4:00pm - 5:00pm Wexford Library. 9-12 years.

Come along and enjoy some chat on all things books and some arts and crafts too! 9-12 yrs. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21th April. The book we will chat about is The Never ending Story by Michael Ende and Continental Drift by Kathy Macleod Feel free to mention the book club to any child that you chat with during the day, or feel free to send them our way, as it'd be really great to have more members. Why not bring a friend along! It's a very relaxed and easy going environment, we discuss the book at the start of the meeting, we talk about other books we've read, or a great movie we've seen, and then we do some arts `n crafts based on the book we've read that month. It's great fun so come along and join us. Come and join us and meet other people and share the joy of reading!



Junior Chess Club, Wednesday, April 22, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Come along to our Junior Afterschool Chess Club! The club will run from Wednesday 22 April to Wednesday 27 May, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Suitable for all player levels and strictly for ages 8-13 years. **Booking is essential**, as places are very limited. Only one booking is required, as this will reserve all 6 weekly sessions.



Learning Stations Workshop for ages 4-6yrs, Saturday, April 25, 12pm -12:45pm also from 1pm - 1:45pm (second session).

Learn through play at Wexford Library! Join us for a fun hands-on workshop, where children can learn essential skills through play. Each of our five learning stations will have fun activities focused on essential early skills: Writing Numeracy Digital Skills Reading Speech and language. **Booking is essential.**



Teen Comics Club, Thursday, 30 April, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

Join us in Wexford library on the last Thursday of the month for our teen comic book club, where stories come off the page! Each month we'll dive into a new graphic novel - from superhero sagas and fantasy adventures to slice of life tales and manga masterpieces! Suitable for 13 - 15 years. **Booking is essential.**

All events are FREE. Wexford Public Libraries App. Access your library 24/7. Online resources include eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers, eComics & Graphic Novels, music, take eLearning or language courses, business, education, and research databases and more. **Library membership is free.**

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library>

► Bunclody Library Events



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

Join us for Rhymetime every Wednesday when we will have lots of fun nursery rhymes and stories suitable for babies and toddlers followed by a Duplo play session. No booking required.



Sensory Friendly Hour

Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm, Sensory Friendly hour will be 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.



Just Read! Junior Book Club - Friday 24th April, 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



Lego Free Play for ages 4+ - Saturday 25th April, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Join us for a Lego Free Play afternoon here in Bunclody Library. Perfect for ages 4+, we have Duplo and Lego to let the children's creativity shine! No need to book. All welcome.

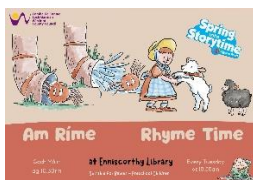
► Enniscorthy Library Events



Imagination Station at Enniscorthy Library

Join us at the library this Easter break for a series of free drop-in play sessions for children and families.

Each day offers something little different, with spaces design for children to relax, explore and create at their own pace.



Interactive Spring into 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!

Through the magic of storytelling, children are transported to far-off lands, introduced to diverse characters, and exposed to a rich tapestry of language, all while developing fundamental literacy skills such as vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, and phonological awareness.

All welcome and no booking required.



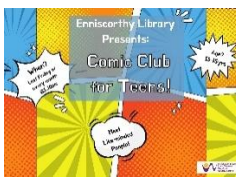
Ready To Read Story Time for ages 4-5, Saturday, April 18th @ 11am

Join us for a story time session with special information on early literacy skills, skills that Teachers say are important to help your children be ready to learn.

Suitable for ages 4-5 years

Booking essential.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4516257>



Comic Club for Teens , Friday, April 24th @3.30pm

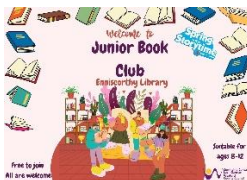
Love a good story told in both pictures and words? Want to meet like-minded people?

Join fellow comic book lovers for a discussion, board games and a chat.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 15 years, why not drop in and see for yourself! Take a friend with you.

The library is a relaxed environment where you will be able to chat and share views with no judgement, interesting conversation, and lots of chat & fun!

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4528210>



Junior Book Club , Thursday, April 30th @3.30pm

Would your child like to join our free book club here at Enniscorthy Library?

Suitable for ages 8 - 12, the children get together monthly to talk about books in all genres and to share a love of books.

We explore new styles together to encourage reading and to develop a love for books.

This club is about reading for pleasure, making friends and doing some fun activities, drawing or writing too.

If you would like to know more, ask at the desk of the library or ring us on 053 9236055.

Please register here: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4524470>



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.

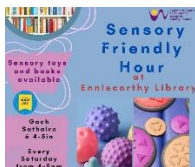


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

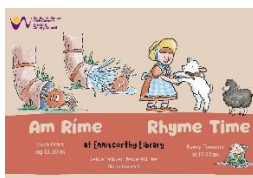
No Booking Required



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.

► New Ross Library Events



Join us in New Ross Library **every Thursday at 11.00am** for a fun-packed session with lots of stories, rhymes and songs! Just come along, no booking required

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4158186>

► Gorey Library Events

April Events at Gorey Library:

Adult Events for April:



Earth Day Adult Craft Circle: Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:00am



Jigsaw Swap: Monday April 20th to Saturday, April 25th



Age Friendly Homes Talk: Thursday, April 30th at 1:30pm



How To Do a Storytime: Thursday, April 23rd at 7.00pm

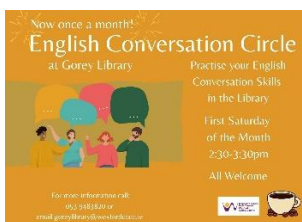
Regular Adult Events



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



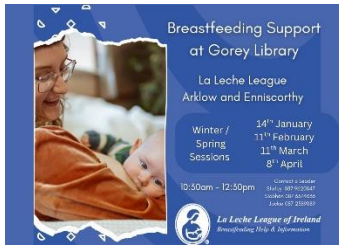
Ciorcal Comhrá: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



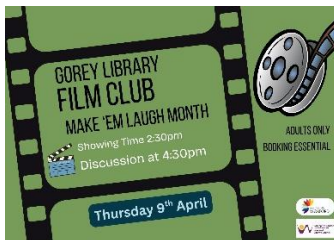
English Conversation Circle: First Saturday of the Month at 2:30pm



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



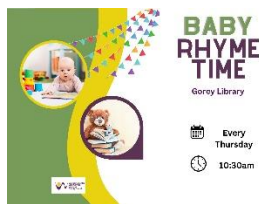
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

Regular Children's Events:



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

Age: 3-5

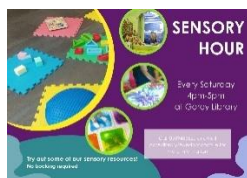


Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

Age: 0-3

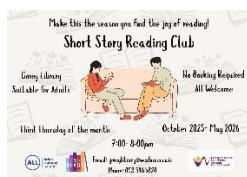


LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday at 10:30am

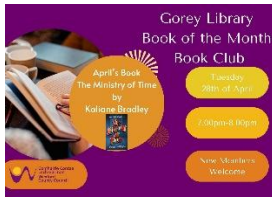


Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

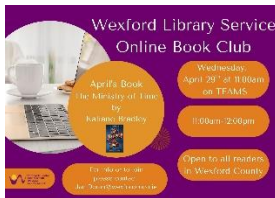
Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



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

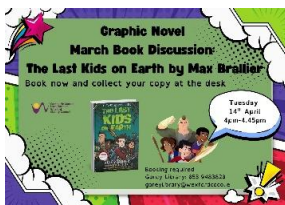


Book of the Month Book Club: Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



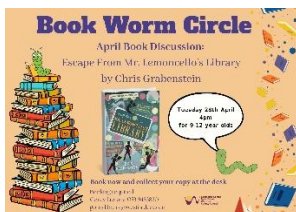
Wexford Library Service Online Book Club: Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



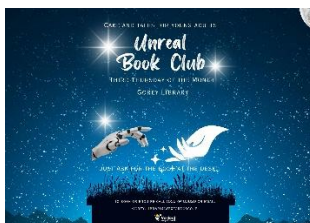
Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

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

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/whats-on-in-my-library>

PARENT SUPPORT

► New website for the Parental Advocacy and Information Service



We're delighted to let you know that our service has an updated and refreshed website, which is now live and ready to explore.

You can visit it here: <https://parentaladvocacy.barnardos.ie/>

