



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS/TRAINING

► Working together to make Every Move Count: Webinar Series

Webinar Invitation



Working together to make Every Move Count: Introducing the Get Active Programme

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm
Date: Thursday 16 April 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 launches in April this year. The webinar series aims to support healthcare professionals to raise the topic of physical activity and actively support patients to become more active. Over the course of a four-webinar series, information on a wider range of supports for health professionals will be shared.

The first webinar in the series titled, *Introducing the Get Active Programme*, takes place on Thursday 16 April, 11:30am to 12:30pm, and would be of particular interest to healthcare professionals and community partners with an interest in supporting people to become more active.

Register [here](#) to attend.

► **Barnardos Parental Advocacy & Information Webinar Videos**



In Conversation – Barnardos Parental ...
 by Barnardos Ireland
 Playlist • 17 videos • 537 views
 Join the Barnardos Parental Advocacy & Information Service Team for a series of webinars addressing ...more
 Play all

- 12 **Parental Capacity Assessments**
 Barnardos Ireland • 340 views • 11 months ago
- 13 **LAB Series 5 - Kinship Care & Non-Relative Kinship Care**
 Barnardos Ireland • 240 views • 1 year ago
- 14 **LAB Series 4 - Frequently Asked Questions for Solicitors**
 Barnardos Ireland • 92 views • 1 year ago
- 15 **LAB Series 2 - What is a Solicitor and their Role in Childcare Cases?**
 Barnardos Ireland • 176 views • 1 year ago
- 16 **LAB Series 3 - The Courtroom Experience**
 Barnardos Ireland • 151 views • 1 year ago
- 17 **LAB Series 1 – What is Legal Aid?**
 Barnardos Ireland • 220 views • 1 year ago

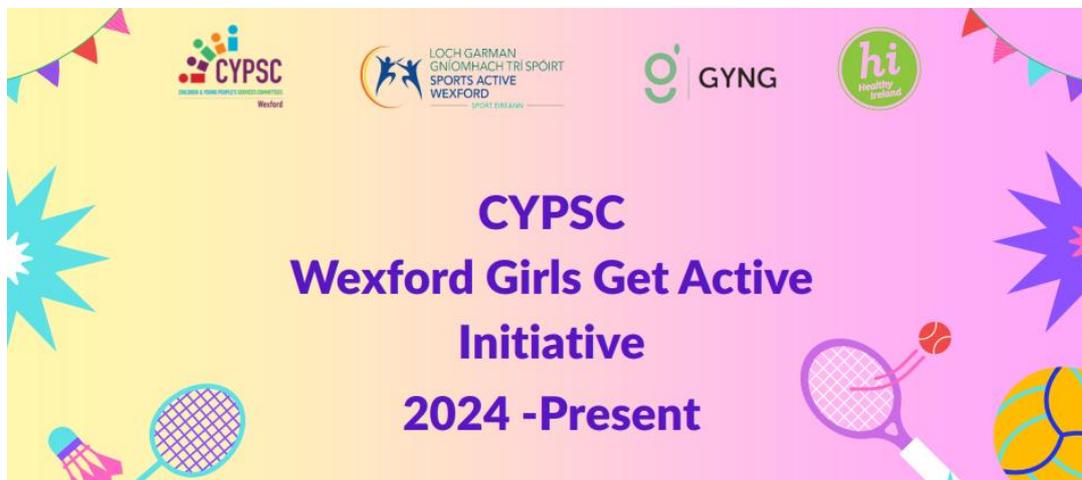
We are happy to inform you that all of our webinar videos are now available on the Barnardos YouTube Channel:

[In Conversation – Barnardos Parental Advocacy & Information Service - YouTube](#)

► **CYPSC Showcase Event Feb 10th 2026 Presentations**

You can now view the Showcase presentations from Feb 10th [here](#).

IPAS CYPSC funding Initiatives 2025



A colorful banner for the CYPSC Wexford Girls Get Active Initiative. The background is a gradient of yellow and pink, decorated with colorful starburst and triangle patterns. At the top, there are logos for CYPSC Wexford, Loch Garman Gníomhach Trí Spóirt Sports Active Wexford, GYNG, and hi Healthy Ireland. The central text reads: **CYPSC
Wexford Girls Get Active
Initiative
2024 -Present**. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a tennis racket, a tennis ball, and a badminton racket.



A banner for the PATH Programme in County Wexford. The background is dark blue with a white torn-paper effect in the center. At the top, there are logos for FDYS, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, CYPSC, and hi Healthy Ireland. The central text reads: **PATH Programme
in County Wexford**
Showcase 10 Feb 2026. The bottom of the banner features a brown and white abstract shape.



Disability Pathways Resource Project

Wexford CYPSC



Co. Wexford EBSA Guidance Group



OPEN DAY - NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK

► National Learning Network - Nationwide Open Day 26

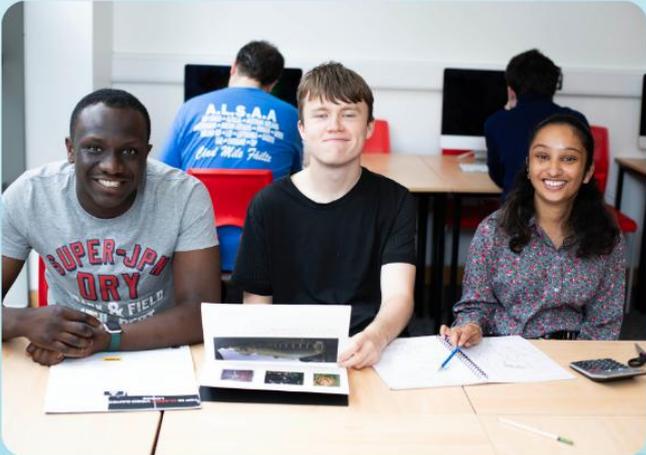


National Learning Network
Think *Possible*

Nationwide Open Day

Wednesday 15th April 11am - 1pm

Join us for our open day! Tour our centre, meet our students and staff.
We offer a range of free, supportive, person-centred training courses in an inclusive environment to help you get a job or go on to further or higher education.



Contact us:

-  Over 30 locations across Ireland
-  01 205 7200
-  info@nlm.ie
-  [@NLNIreland](https://www.facebook.com/NLNIreland)
-  www.nlm.ie

Courses are funded by the Health Service Executive and the local Education and Training Board. Eligibility criteria apply.



You are warmly invited to visit National Learning Network Wexford, located at The Swan Centre, The Faythe, on Wednesday 15 April from 11am to 1pm as part of this national event.

This year's theme, **#morethanajob**, reflects what meaningful employment represents for many of our students: confidence, independence, purpose, community, and opportunity. At NLN, education is about more than gaining qualifications. It is about unlocking potential and supporting people to build fulfilling futures.

Visitors on the day will have the opportunity to meet students and staff, learn more about our training programmes, and see first-hand the pathways NLN provides to further education, apprenticeships, and employment.

We strongly believe that every person should have the opportunity to pursue education and training that reflects their interests, abilities, and ambitions. For many individuals whose needs are not met by traditional post-school pathways, NLN provides an important route to skills, independence, and participation in society.

We would be delighted if you could join us on the day. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues or contacts who may have an interest.

To find out more about NLN, the courses we offer, and our centre locations, visit www.nln.ie, or contact Vivienne on 087 4145495.

EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Easter Fun Morning – Gorey FRC



🌸 🐰 **EASTER FUN MORNING!** 🥰 🌈

Hop on over for a workshop full of **exciting Easter activities** for children!

🌟 **What's Happening?**

- 🥰 Easter hat decorating
- 🎨 Arts & crafts corner
- 🥚 Egg & spoon races
- 🎭 Easter themed colouring table

📅 **Date:** Thursday 2nd April

🕒 **Time:** 10am-12pm

📍 **Location:** Gorey Family Resource Centre

🎉 Bring your friends and get ready for a day of **laughter, creativity, and Easter magic!**

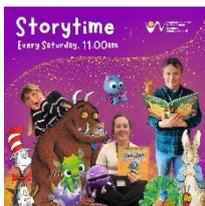
🐰 **Don't miss out – it's going to be EGG-citing!** 🐰

► 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, Thursday, 31 March, 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.

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.

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.



Saturday Storytime every Saturday at 11am

Join us every Saturday morning at 11am for stories and songs for ages 3-7 years. No need to book - all welcome!



Creative Lego Play for ages 4+ - Saturday 1st April, 2.30 to 4.30pm

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



Easter Craft for ages 8+ - Thursday 2nd April, 11.00am to 12.00pm

Join library staff to create a fun Easter craft to bring home. This event is for children aged 8+. Booking essential. Please wear old clothes as the craft might be messy.



Junior Comhaltas led by Helena Dunbar - Thursday 2nd April, 2.30 to 3.30pm

Join us this afternoon for a fantastic musical hour with the Junior Comhaltas led by Helena Dunbar. Come along and support some amazing local musical talent and enjoy this family event. Booking essential.



Nature Creation Station – Tuesday 7th April, 2.30 to 4.30pm

Join us in the library for a fun nature creation station. This is a family creative event. No need to book - all welcome!



Easter Colouring Station for ages 4+ - Tuesday 31st March, 2.30 to 4.30pm

Join us for our Easter colouring station - a family creative event. 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.

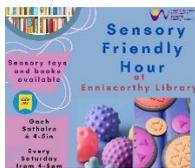


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

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.

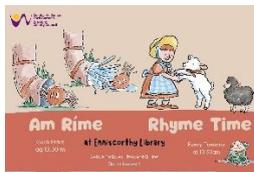
No Booking Required



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.

► 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>



Little Movers Rhyme Time - come along and tap tiny toes on the magic floor.

Saturday, March 28.

We will have songs, rhymes, and interactive floor play. Join Caroline, Tigger and bear as they gather seashells on the beach!

Little ones will tap, stomp, and explore colourful projections while building early literacy, movement, and social skills.

Children will stomp on colours, pop bubbles, explore animals, and build early literacy skills through play.

Perfect for wiggly bodies and curious minds.

Booking essential, book online

For ages 0-2 years, 11:00 – 11:45 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4519680>

For ages 3-5years 15:00 - 15:45 <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4520550>

LITERACY

► Free Family Literacy at Wexford Library



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Phort Láirge agus Loch Garman
Waterford and Wexford
Education and Training Board



**Adult
Literacy
for Life**

A five-week programme integrating early childhood and adult education

Session 1 – Saturday, April 25th 12pm

Title: Learning Stations Workshop. Learning through play

Audience: parents/carers and children aged 4 – 6 years

Duration: 2 sessions with 2 separate groups – 45 minutes

Session 2 – Friday, May 22nd 11am

Title: Workshop for adults Hug your Book!

Audience: parents, carers, grandparents

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes approx.

Session 3- Friday, June 19th 3.30pm

Title: Storytime The Very Hungry Caterpillar, then make your own story

Audience: parents/carers and children aged 3 - 6

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Session 4 – Monday, August 31st 3.30pm

Title: Bilingual Story time and craft. Two languages, one story time. English-Romanian

Audience: parents/guardians and children aged 4-7yrs

Duration: 1 hour

Session 5 – Friday, September 11th 3.30pm

Title: Story Soup Family Workshop. Have fun celebrating the power of imagination.

Audience: Families with children aged 6 – 12yrs

Duration: 1 hour approx.

Aim

To empower parents/carers with the necessary skills enabling them to introduce five key elements reading, writing, speech and language, digital literacy and numeracy to everyday family activities.

Objectives

- To plan and devise fun activities in a welcoming, non-judgemental, safe, informal environment.
- To ensure material will be free for parents to take home including the book used for reading workshop
- To ensure activities will be easy to replicate at home and cost-free,
- To recognize parents/carers as the main experts on their child`s education
- To plan according to the child`s needs, ideas, learning and disposition on the day
- To encourage feedback and suggestions after each activity.



Free Family Literacy Programme

Support your child's literacy success and future achievement

5 Free events to choose from!

Wexford Town Library

Activities Include:

- Family Craft Events
- Story telling Workshops
- Bilingual Storytimes
- Free book to take home
- All material provided

Information

Call Us 053-9196760

Find us on Facebook

Our Website www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries

ALL Adult Literacy for Life

Comhairle Contae Loch Garman Wexford County Council

Right to Read at your Library



Learning Stations Workshop

Learn through Play

Suitable for ages 4-6years

Saturday 25 April 12pm

Wexford Town Library

5 Learning Stations to explore:

- Writing
- Numeracy
- Digital Skills
- Reading
- Speech and language

This is a free event
Booking is essential

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Right to Read at your Library

Fun Workshop for Adults

ALL Adult Literacy for Life

Inspired by Dr. Lána McCarthy's family literacy evidence-based programme for parents

Friday 22 May 11am

Wexford Town Library

Hug Your Book

Free book! Choice of large format books to borrow, story sacks to borrow, and more.

Right to Read at your Library

Suitable for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and anyone who wish to nourish their child's love for reading

This is a free event
Booking is essential

Comhairle Contae Loch Garman Wexford County Council



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Story & Craft

Workshop for Parents, Carers and children aged 3 - 6 years

Friday 19 June 3.30pm

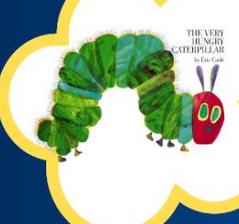
Learn to make your own story props for one of the most popular picture books of all times by Eric Carle with recycled material

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Right to Read at your Library

Comhairle Contae Loch Garman Wexford County Council

Free Event. Booking is essential



International Romanian Language Day 2026

Bilingual Story time & Craft

Two languages, one story time

ALL Adult Literacy for Life

Look out for story time as gaeilge, Italian story time, Spanish and French coming soon...!

Right to Read at your Library

LOTE 4Kids



31 August 3.30pm
at Wexford Town Library
Free Event. Booking is essential.

As seen in popular picture book Story Soup by Abie Longstaff & Nila Aye

Story Soup Family Workshop

for Families and children aged 6-12yrs

Watch as an unexpected story is brewed from your own imagination...*

Friday 11 September 3.30pm
at Wexford Town Library

Free Event. Booking is essential



► Literacy resources from Down Syndrome Ireland



More great resources from Down Syndrome Ireland for Spring and Easter covering:

- Reading and comprehension
- Speaking and listening
- Activities
- Poetry, songs and writing
- Gardening
- Puzzles
- Cooking and
- Art.

[DSI Spring Resources](#)

[DSI Easter Resources](#)

Down Syndrome Ireland are basing their resources on your feedback so please do continue to complete the feedback form in the Padlets. They have gotten some excellent ideas that they will be working on in the coming months.

► **Interactive calendar style resource: Let's Talk About Health Literacy**



We are delighted to present our second 2026 calendar style interactive resource: Let's talk about health literacy this April. You can click on a new item each day to access information, resources and tips.

The calendar shows different ways that members of the public, health practitioners and educators can learn about health literacy and best practice. All items are free to view or to use.

[Please visit the Adult Literacy for Life health literacy calendar resource here.](#)

Let's talk about health literacy this April

Click on the link in each date to access resources.

<p>Videos and podcasts</p> <p>Learning and information for health practitioners and community centres</p> <p>Health literacy information for everyone</p> <p>Research</p> <p>Teaching & Learning Resources</p> <p>Contact </p> <p>Click on the link below</p> <p>If you have any questions about the content or links in this calendar please contact your local Regional Literacy Coordinator.</p>	<p>01 </p> <p>Introduction What is health literacy</p>	<p>02 </p> <p>Health literacy research factsheet - Adult Literacy for Life</p>	<p>03 </p> <p>A to Z on health conditions - HSE</p>
<p>06 </p> <p>Health literacy in General Practice</p>	<p>07 </p> <p>Know your health numbers</p>	<p>08 </p> <p>HSE plain language guidelines</p>	<p>09 </p> <p>My health, my voice - useful questions to ask</p>
<p>13 </p> <p>Preparing for your health appointment - HSE</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>Food for thought - easy read guide to healthy eating</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>Well Now: a tutor guide to deliver health literacy - NALA</p>	<p>16 </p> <p>Health information from Citizens information</p>
<p>20 </p> <p>Let's talk about health literacy for everyone</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>Health promotion publications - HSE</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>Let's talk about a literacy friendly approach for practitioners</p>	<p>23 </p> <p>Getting the most from your health appointment</p>
<p>27 </p> <p>Stages of Change</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>Ted Talk</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>A conversation with your health practitioners</p>	<p>30 </p> <p>Unclear terminology and teach back</p>
<p>04 </p> <p>My Medicines List</p>	<p>05 </p> <p>Health Literacy in Pharmacy Practice</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Health and well-being</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>The Parenting Platform: Raising healthy children</p>
<p>17 </p> <p>Talking health and wellbeing - HSE podcast</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>Getting health information and support between appointments</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Balancing Stress is the HSE's free programme</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>How Health Literacy for healthy living</p>
<p>25 </p> <p>Let's talk about plain language</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>Health information calendar - HSE</p>		

PARENT SUPPORT

► **Requesting details of parenting initiatives taking place in April for promotion under the Supporting Parents communications campaign**



**An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais**
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

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 April. 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](#).

It would be appreciated if details of any upcoming events could be provided by Friday 27 March.

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 parentingsupport@dcde.gov.ie for assistance.

Kind regards

The Parenting Support Policy Unit

► Request for input on current collection of data on parenting support



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Combhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

As part of Action 20 under Supporting Parents: A National Model of Parenting Support Services, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) has commissioned Nexus Research Cooperative to map how organisations currently collect and use data on parenting support across Ireland.

You are receiving this email because your organisation plays a key role in delivering or overseeing parenting supports – that is, structured or intentional supports designed to strengthen parents’ knowledge, confidence and skills in their role as parents (for example, parenting programmes, workshops, home visiting where parenting practice is central, and structured online parenting supports).

We would be very grateful if you could complete a short online questionnaire by deadline: **Tuesday 31 March 2026**. It should take around 10–15 minutes to complete. Survey link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NexusParentingSupportSurvey/>

The questionnaire focuses on three simple areas:

- **What** data your organisation currently gathers about parenting support activities and outcomes
- **How** this data is collected (tools, timing, systems)
- **What** the data tells you and how it is used for decision-making, service improvement or demonstrating impact

Your responses will provide essential baseline information to inform sector specific focus group discussions in April and May, where we will explore these themes in more depth.

DCDE and Nexus would like to emphasise that this **is not an audit, performance check or funding review**. We are looking only for high level summaries of what is currently collected – no raw or individual level data is being requested. The information you provide will be used to:

- Identify common indicators already in use across sectors.
- Understand different definitions and methodologies and assess feasibility of national reporting.
- Help design a proportionate, workable approach to standardised parenting support data collection and an annual cross-Government report.

A short brief along with a document outlining details of the first phase of the project are attached which provide more information on the background and aims of this project.

If you have any questions about the survey or the wider project, please contact:

Paul Butler from Nexus: paul@nexus.ie

Stephen Jaffray from DCDE: Stephen.jaffray@dcde.gov.ie

Thank you in advance for your time and for sharing your expertise.

The Parenting Support Policy Unit