



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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WEBINARS AND TRAINING

► Online safety training for staff and volunteers working with young people aged 12-18 years : Foróige



Connect Safely Programme 12-18 years

Connect Safely is an online safety programme which promotes safer use of digital resources, equipping young people with the skills to safely benefit from being online. It also empowers young people to safely participate in their online communities as positive digital citizens.

The programme is suitable for young people aged 12-18 years. It covers topics such as cyberbullying, privacy settings, screen time and well-being, gaming and gambling, sexting and online relationships. More topics can be seen in the graphic below. The programme can be facilitated in person, online or through a blended approach and can be used in all youth work settings.

Please see [Brochure](#) for further information

Apply: To apply for a place on training, please complete the [Online Registration Form](#)

Early application is advised as places are limited. Your registration will be reviewed and based on merit, places will be offered. Upon acceptance of a place you will be notified directly by email. Full attendance is necessary to become a trained facilitator of this programme.

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► Online safety training for staff and volunteers working with young people aged 8 to 11 years : Foróige



Connect Safely is an online safety programme which empowers children with the knowledge and tools necessary to recognise potential online risks, make informed decisions, and take appropriate actions to protect themselves while engaging in digital activities.

It also enables children to explore, learn and connect in meaningful ways within the online environment and seeks to empower young people to harness the full potential of the internet.

The programme is suitable for children aged 8-11 years. It includes the following topics: benefits and risks of the internet, cyberbullying, screen time and well-being, digital citizenship and gaming.

Training : The online training is interactive, using experiential learning techniques to equip participants with the skills needed to facilitate the programme with young people aged 8-11 years.

The training is facilitated as a half-day online session.

Training Outcomes

Following the training, participants will be able to:

- Describe the aims of the Connect Safely Programme.
- List the sessions of the Connect Safely Programme.
- State the outcomes of the Connect Safely Programme for participants.
- Identify key considerations when facilitating Connect Safely activities.

Training Cost

Connect Safely is funded by the Department of Children, Disability, Integration and Youth and therefore is provided to participants free of charge.

On completion of the training, participants will receive a facilitators manual and access to an online portal developed specifically for the programme.

See the [Programme Brochure](#) here

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► Meitheal Training

We have set dates for Meitheal training see below. Module one is on line and can be completed in your own time prior to beginning module 2. This training will be held on line. If you would like to do this training please just let Sinead.cronindaly@tusla.ie know the following:

- Name
- Role
- Email
- Organisation
- Dates of Training

Meitheal Lead Practitioner

Monday 24th February Module 2

Monday 7th April Module 3

Monday 31st March Module 2

Monday 12th May Module 3

Tuesday 6th May Module 2

Monday 16th June Module 3

Meitheal Chair

Thursday 29th May

Kind Regards

Sinead Cronin Daly, Senior Child & Family Support Coordinator



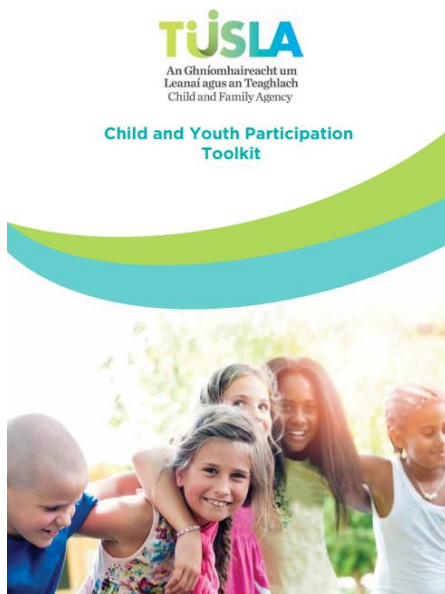
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► Child and Youth Participation Training



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Tusla acknowledges that many practitioners and services are already engaged in high quality participatory practice. The aim of the training is to support an organisation wide culture change, within Tusla and the agencies that we fund, through facilitation of greater child and youth participatory practice and the embedding of such participation in the organisation's culture, practices and processes.



Applications : Please find [application form](#) for Child and Youth Participation training for 2025 applications should be completed and sent to maurice.oharalyons@tusla.ie

Access further [information and resources](#) on child participation here.

PARENTS

► Free Online Webinars: Supporting Your Child's Transition from Preschool to Primary School



The transition from preschool to primary school is one of the most significant milestones in a child's early years. At the National Parents Council (NPC), we are committed to supporting parents and childcare providers in helping children navigate this change with confidence and ease.

We are excited to offer **free online information sessions** to help you prepare for this important transition. These interactive webinars are designed to provide practical advice, tips, and resources to ensure a smooth journey for your child.

Session Dates and Times:

- **Monday, 20th** at 7.30pm
- **Tuesday, 21st** at 10am and 7.30pm
- **Wednesday, 22nd** at 7.30pm
- **Thursday, 23rd** at 10am and 7.30pm
- **Friday, 24th** at 10am

Why Attend?

Our sessions will empower parents and childcare providers with practical knowledge and strategies, including:

- How to emotionally prepare children for the transition.

- Building resilience and confidence in children.
- Strengthening the relationship between parents, providers, and children during this time.

Session Details:

Each session lasts approximately **70 minutes**, including time for an interactive Q&A, where participants can ask questions and get personalised advice from our experienced facilitators.

How to Register:

To join any of these free sessions, simply register using the link below. Spots are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Whether you are a parent or an early childcare provider, these sessions are an excellent opportunity to learn more about making this transition as smooth and positive as possible for the children in your care.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our sessions!

Warm regards,
National Parents Council



FUNDING

► Grants Available for Training Networks : The Wheel “Training Links”



[The Wheel](#) is delighted to share some good news! [Training Links](#), a workforce development funding and support programme, is now open for applications. Since 2005, Training Links has funded the training and upskilling needs of staff, volunteers and board members in the community and voluntary sector. This year we see a record total fund of €575,000.00 available for sector upskilling.

Application Process

Training Networks with a minimum of 10 members are invited to apply for grants ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00. Applications are welcome from new, existing, previously funded networks who have completed their programme or previously unsuccessful networks. The application deadline is **Friday, 7 February 2025 at 5pm.**

[Find Out More](#)

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available through Training Links, [check out our website](#). You can contact us by emailing traininglinks2025@wheel.ie.

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Stronger Communities.

► **Collaboration and Innovation Fund is Open - Closing date Friday 7 February 2025**



We would be grateful if you would share this email with your networks and any other contacts you think might be interested in collaborating on projects that support adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs and projects that support organisations to be literacy friendly.

We will be sharing a partner pack shortly that will include information you can use to publicise the fund.

Organisations can apply for up to €25,000 to fund a local project, or up to €50,000 for a national project. All the details are on our [website](#)