

Roscommon CCC Weekly Bulletin for the Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Sector in County Roscommon –

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Supporting
parents/guardians/
families & the ELC
and SAC sector



All updates and our weekly newsletter/bulletin from us to your service will now come from our info@roscommonchildcare.ie address. Your assigned development officer will also keep in regular contact with your service for any support needs.



Visit our website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/> Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents on our resource page on our website.



<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.



Jobs Board

[JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE](#)

Roscommon CCC Jobs board is updated regularly check it out here:
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board/>

“Remember no query is too small for our team, we are here to support and assist you”.

Also available for providers this week is the Early Years e-Bulletin that has issued to early learning and care (ELC) and school-age childcare (SAC) providers. The e-Bulletin includes updates from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of Education, Pobal & Tusla

A link to the e-Bulletin may be found here: [September 2022 Early Years Sectoral E-Bulletin](#)





Nappy bins in Early Years Services

The HSE Public Health department have issued clear guidance regarding the appropriate types of nappy bins that must be used in early years services in order to prevent the spread of infection,

What should be used?

Disposable nappies should be disposed of in a foot-operated, lined, lidded bin that is leak proof, sealable and easy to clean.

What should not be used: 'Sangenic' bins or similar bins that require the user to handle the bin a number of times during the disposal process, opening the lid with their hand, placing the nappy inside the bin, twisting, or spinning the surface on which the nappy is placed, and then closing the bin again with their hand.



DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, 23 September 2022

Deadline for submission of applications to take part in Pilot Project 'Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)' (see below)

Friday 30th September

- Learner Fund Bursary 2022 closes for applications
Contact martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie for application or see the following links on our website with application form and guidelines
[Early Years Practitioner Learner Fund Bursary - Deadline 30th September - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)
[Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders - Deadline 30th September 2022 - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)
- The Finance and Impact returns deadline for August 2022 (Community Services only)
- LINC+ will close for new applications at 4pm
(See below)

Friday 28 October 2022

New LINC graduate applications received by 5pm will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2022/23 programme year (see below for more details)



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Together for Better

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, has launched the new funding model for ELC and SAC ‘Together for Better’.

Together for Better brings together 3 major elements, the Early Childhood Care and Education programme (ECCE), including the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) and Core Funding, and is launched as Core Funding officially comes into operation, with 90% of eligible services signing up.

To read the full announcement please click [Full announcement](#)

Core Funding payments

Core Funding payments, from 29th September onwards, will be paid in advance and equate to four- or five- weekly allocations depending on the number of weeks in the month.

The Core Funding Payment Calendar is available [HERE](#)

Any service who has not yet completed their Core Funding application can still do so, however all funding agreements activated after 9th September will receive payment from that point onwards and will not be backdated.

***Reminder ***

Employment Regulation Orders for the Early Years Services Sector.

The Employment Regulation Orders came into effect on 15th September 2022, providing new minimum hourly rates of pay for various roles within the Early Years Services Sector:

- €13.00 for Early Years Educators/ School-Age Childcare practitioners
- €14.00 for Early Years Lead Educators / School-Age Childcare co-ordinators
- €15.50 Graduate Early Years Lead Educators / School-Age Childcare co-ordinators
- €15.70 for Deputy Managers
- €16.50 for Managers
- €17.25 for Graduate Managers.

See link for further details [second-draft-employment-regulation-order-01-june-2022.docx \(live.com\)](#)

FIRS

The Finance and Impact returns (FIRs) for August 2022 are available for completion on Pobal Online.

DCEDIY would like to stress the importance **for all community services** to continue to complete and submit FIRs to Pobal. They act as an informative tool for services in the effective planning of their financial future. Transition Fund payments should be recorded under ‘Sustainability Funding’ on the Cash Statement and any Interim Funding payments under ‘Core Funding’ on the Cash Statement. If you require any assistance in completing the return please complete a service request on the HIVE, selecting the FIRs as the category and sub-category of the request or your assigned development officer within our Roscommon CCC team.

Applying for the LINC payment for a new LINC graduate

The AIM Level 1 application process for the increased Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) capitation has now opened on Hive for services with new graduates of the Leadership for INclusion (LINC) programme.

A ‘new graduate’ refers to any participant graduating in October 2022. AIM Level 1 is funded by DCEDIY in recognition of the leadership and mentoring role that will be delivered by the LINC Co-ordinator during the 2022/2023 pre-school year.



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Applications for AIM Level 1 are completed each year on Hive, and applications for existing graduates (those who graduated in previous years) opened on 4th August 2022.

All applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. **Applications received by 5pm on Friday 28 October 2022** will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2022/23 programme year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as any applications received after this date will not be backdated. Applications must be submitted electronically via the Early Years HIVE. The full announcement and applicant guidelines are available on the Hive.

Building Blocks

The Building Blocks - Improvement Grant is part of a wider Building Blocks Capital Programme for Early Learning and Childcare under the National Development Plan. Grants will range from €35,000 to €75,000 across two separate strands: Green Energy and Retrofit. The purpose of this Grant is to improve the energy efficiency standards of facilities and to support the continuous improvement of the physical environment in services.

Detailed information regarding Building Blocks - Improvement Grant, is available in the Application Guidelines on the following link: <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/useful-links/>

Applicants can contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) with any queries by raising a service request on Hive under the programme: Building Blocks - Improvement Grant and selecting the relevant sub-category or by calling EYPC on 01 511 7222.

Roscommon CCC will be providing a support workshop on the Building Blocks- improvement grant in the coming weeks- please register your interest with sinead.mcquaid@roscommonchildcare.ie



Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' Upcoming Courses - Better Start

Better Start will be delivering Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' from September. Participants must have completed Hanen Teacher Talk A 'Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings' in order to be eligible for the training.

Please register your interest for this training on the Better Start website. You will need the service reference number of the service you are working in.

Click on this link - [Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' Upcoming Courses! - Better Start](#)

Closing Date today 23/09/2022

Invitation to take part in Pilot Project Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL):



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Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL): A CLIL approach provides for the delivery of aspects of the curriculum through a language that is not the medium of communication or instruction in the setting or school. While CLIL is not the same as immersion, it offers flexibility and opportunities for a more focused approach to target language (Irish in this instance) learning and teaching in English-medium Early Learning and Care settings and schools. The aim of this CLIL project is to improve learner competence, confidence and disposition to Irish in English-medium Early Learning and Care settings. The application form is available at [HERE](#)

Please complete by close of business on Friday, 23 September 2022

LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC graduates

LINC+ the CPD Programme for Graduates of the LINC Programme is now accepting new applications for the next release of Package 1 starting in October 2022. The LINC+ CPD Programme is designed to support LINC Graduates in their role within the setting. The course is 100% online and is free to participate in.

There will be two online information sessions for interested LINC graduates, the dates, times and links to registration for these sessions are outlined below:

Wednesday September 28th at 7pm – Register here: [Eventbrite link 2](#)

Find out more: <https://lincprogramme.ie/cpd-for-incos>

Brochure: <https://lincprogramme.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Updated-LINC-flyer-June-22.pdf>

LINC+ will close for new applications on September 30th at 4pm.

You can apply now using this link: [Apply Now](#)

Covid case advice

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777. For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website (www.first5.gov.ie) for the most up to date information and guidance.

Training with Roscommon CCC



Roscommon CCC Upcoming Tusla Always Children First Training – Remember if you are booked your place on this training and cannot attend please let Roscommon CCC know in good time so that we can reallocate that place to someone on our waiting list.

Has your Tusla Always Children First Certificate expired? Are you new to your role? We have another date in the calendar for Tusla Always Children First Foundation Level Training (Child Safeguarding one day programme). Places will be prioritised for services Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) or Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) however if places are available other staff working directly with children in ELC/SAC services in County Roscommon will be accommodated where possible and/or placed on our waiting list for next programme.



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You must have completed the Tusla eLearning Programme to attend the one-day foundation certificate programme and email proof of your eLearning cert to us in Roscommon CCC. <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

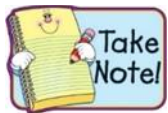
Please register your interest with aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie or irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie

Please outline whether you are an assigned DLP/Deputy DLP within your service. Roscommon CC will then confirm places through attendees' email only.

Roscommon CCC CF Foundation Training Q4 2022 Delivery Dates		
Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	2.00pm-8.30pm	RCCC Offices, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon

Re-Registration support workshop for providers:

Date- Wednesday 28/09/2022 @10.30 am online – register your interest by emailing:
sinead.mcquiad@roscommonchildcare.ie / carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie



Only a service with a Tusla number starting with TU2015, TU2016 or TU2019 are required to renew their registration at this time.

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Túsla Early Years re-registration-
Is your service registration due for
renewal-

All Early Years Services are legally required
to re-register every three years.
It is important to check the register to see
is your service due to register
Contact the team at Roscommon CCC if
you require support



National Childcare Scheme Compliance Inspections

Compliance inspections on the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) are continuing at present nationwide. It is advised that services prepare for an unannounced compliance visit by collating relevant information for review e.g. in a Compliance Folder/File which can be made readily available to the Authorised Officer on arrival. In this regard we request that the person in charge on site has access to the Compliance Folder / records in the event of an unannounced visit.

It is important to note, that the compliance inspection will review documents up to 12 months prior to the date of the compliance inspection. It is therefore critical that records for the 2021/22 programme call are also maintained on site.

Relevant support documents which are available on the Hive under the Resources section. These documents are listed below and can also be accessed through the links:

NCS Compliance Service Provider Guide 2022/2023 – a guide on the NCS compliance process

[NCS Compliance Service Provider Guide 2022 2023 Cycle Final](#)

NCS Compliance Checklist 2022/2023 – a checklist to help services to make sure they have all relevant documentation ready for any unannounced compliance visit

[NCS Compliance Checklist 2022 2023 Final](#)

AIM Rules 2022/2023

The DCEIY have published the AIM Rules 2022/2023 on the AIM website. The link is as follows:

<https://aim.gov.ie/aim-rules-for-2022-2023-programme-year-published/>

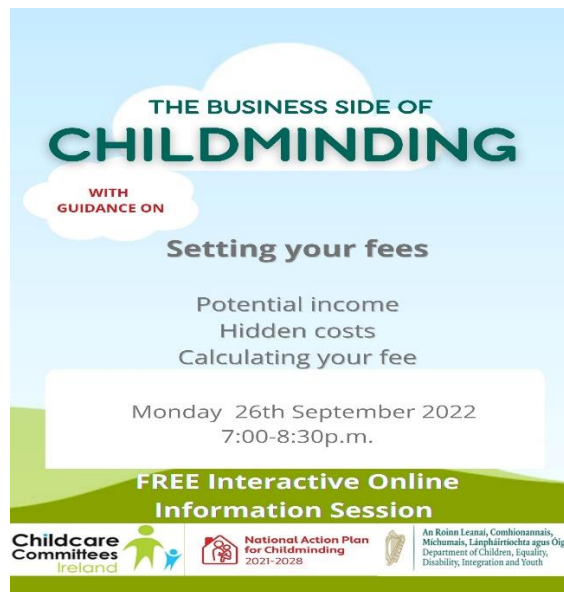




Don't forget to order your Beep Beep Day pack

Beep Beep Day packs will be available to order from 7 September this year. <https://beepbeepday.rsaleadinglights.ie/>

Packs include Beep Beep Day vests, posters, and guides. Stocks are limited but we will do our best for you-
https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/education/pre-primary?fbclid=IwAR0JYjZR6emkREHJnMaA1ncwkFM8j_TZpPPNIm8jhG6ampDjo0wxQekTOJ4



Childminders Information

Regional Childminding Network

Regional Childminding Information network event on Microsoft Teams on Monday, 26th September from 7 to 8.30pm being hosted by Clare County Childcare Committee CLG. This event is being held in collaboration with the Childcare Committees of Counties Clare, Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

This will be the first of 3 Business Information Sessions for childminders and will cover the following topics:

Part 1 – Setting Fees

- Things to consider when setting fees
- Local demand
- How many children can you cater for
- How much do you want to earn
- Age profile of the child and costs
- Setting and payment of fees
- Quality
- USP



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• Childcare Service Relief

To register your place at this event via Eventbrite, please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/business-side-of-childminding-part-1-tickets-422438684477?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

There will be an opportunity at the end of the event for Q&A when we welcome any of your questions or queries.

AIM information session for parents

Access and Inclusion Model information session for parents

hosted by Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG in collaboration with Better Start

Date: 3rd October

Time: 7pm

Venue: Online

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/access-and-inclusion-model-information-sessions-for-parents-tickets-42326928837>



My inclusion plan

'My Inclusion Plan', a resource for Early Years Educators. The Access and Inclusion plan is now called 'My Inclusion Plan'. My Inclusion Plan is a resource to plan for a child's inclusion in their ECCE setting. The Early Years Educator can use the plan in partnership with the child's parent/guardian or carer and relevant professionals working with the child. This resource includes useful information and resources on transitions, the voice of the child, recording key relationships and identifying goals.

Click here to download <https://www.betterstart.ie/2021/08/03/exciting-news-we-have-updated-the-access-and-inclusion-plan-my-inclusion-plan-is-now-available-here/>

Information & Support for Parents/Guardians

The Team at Roscommon CCC welcome calls from Parents & Guardians. If you are a parent and looking for childcare, we can talk & assist with the government-funded support programmes such as NCS and ECCE. If you have a query or concern regarding your child's experience of early learning or school age childcare, please get in touch.

Call us on 094-9622540 or email: info@roscommonchildcare.ie



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<p style="text-align: center;">Національна Батьківська Рада Інформаційна довідкова лінія</p> <p>Ви український батько, який нещодавно приїхав до Ірландії?</p> <p>Ваша дитина дошкільного чи шкільного віку?</p> <p>Ми можемо допомогти вам з будь-якими питаннями, які можуть виникнути у зв'язку з навчанням вашої дитини в Ірландії, і у нас є співробітник гарячої лінії, який володіє українською та російською мовами.</p>  <p>Ви можете зв'язатися з нами телефоном або електронною поштою та поговорити з нашим українським спеціалістом гарячої лінії:</p>  <p>З понеділка по п'ятницю з 9:00 до 17:00 Телефон: 01 887 4473 Електронна пошта: helpline@npc.ie</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Национальный Родительский Совет Информационная линия помощи</p> <p>Вы украинский родитель, недавно приехавший в Ирландию?</p> <p>Ваш ребенок дошкольного или школьного возраста?</p> <p>Мы можем помочь вам с любыми вопросами, которые могут у вас возникнуть в связи с образованием вашего ребенка в Ирландии, и у нас есть сотрудник горячей линии, который говорит на украинском и русском языках.</p>  <p>Вы можете связаться с нами по телефону или электронной почте и поговорить с нашим украинским сотрудником горячей линии:</p>  <p>С понедельника по пятницу с 9:00 до 17:00 Телефон: 01 887 4473 Электронная почта: helpline@npc.ie</p>
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NPC Helpline

The Helpline is open this week from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday and is contactable via phone, email and webchat.

This is a confidential service for parents of children in early years and primary school education.





01 887 4477



helpline@npc.ie



www.npc.ie

The National Parents council have developed this leaflet to support children's mental wellbeing.

Good mental health is essential for the well-being of all children. Children's well-being is connected to:

- Feeling good socially – This means having good relationships with family and friends which help children grow and develop and reach their potential.
- Feeling good emotionally – This means being able to understand, express and manage the way they feel.
- Feeling good physically – This means having a healthy body and being able to physically do all the things they want to do.



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[Click here](#) to view this leaflet.



Mental Health Training Sessions
Supporting parents to support their children's mental health and wellbeing

When:

- 10:00 am and 7:30 pm, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th September, 2022
- 10:00 am, 30th September, 2022

☎ 01 8874475

📍 Online Sessions: Log In from Anywhere

REGISTER NOW WITH THE LINKS BELOW!

NPC PA Clinic Sessions
'Jumpstart' your Parents' Association: Reenergizing your PA after the lull

When:

- 7:30 pm, 28th September, 2022
- 10:00 am, 30th September, 2022

✉ training@npc.ie



Dear Parents,

It's school season again and we at National Parents Council Primary are buzzing with excitement to bring you a range of interactive sessions around mental health of your children and around your Parents' Association! You can read more about both these sessions below. Please note that these sessions are completely online, and you will have to register prior to the event date for the link to the session. The registration links will be provided under each session information below.

Mental Health Training Session: Supporting parents to support their children's mental health and wellbeing

This is a free online training programme by National Parents Council Primary in conjunction with St. Patrick's Mental Health Services.

This programme **supports parents to encourage and promote positive mental health and wellbeing in their children**. The programme also explores how the building of resilience in children helps them to manage and cope with the day-to-day stresses of life as they occur.

Parents who attend this online session will:

- Explore the factors that influence mental health and wellbeing in their child
- Learn how to build and nurture resilience within their own child
- Be given tips on how best to support their child's positive mental health and wellbeing

Where and When: Sessions will be taking place **online** via Zoom in the morning (10am) and evening (7.30pm) from Monday the 26th to Thursday the 29th of April, with an additional morning session (10am) on Friday the 30th.

If you would be interested in attending (virtually) one of these online sessions, please register your details here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MentalHealthSept2022>



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These sessions are open to all parents of children in Primary School. Please forward the details to other parents.

Please note these sessions will be interactive allowing parents to participate and hence places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Free online Parents' Association Clinics: 'Jumpstart' your PA (Reenergizing your PA after the lull) - 28th and 30th September

Our interactive clinics aim to support parents to explore what Parents' Associations can be doing to reenergize your PA after the two years of restrictions that was brought about by COVID. The first of these sessions will take place at **7: 30 pm** and the second one at **10 AM**. Please note, we are offering these sessions to our members before forwarding this information to non-members.

There will be a short presentation followed by the opportunity to ask questions and share your experience of what your PA is doing and some of the challenges you may be experiencing.

Who are the clinics for?

- Established Parents' Associations who may be struggling right now
- Working Parents' Associations who want to explore or share ideas for new activities

Please register to attend here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentsAssociationClinicSep2022>

Please note these sessions will be interactive allowing parents to participate and hence places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

