

Roscommon County Childcare Committee's 2024 Annual General Meeting



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG was held on 14.05.2024. Michelle Moran, Tusla resigned as a member of the board and was thanked for her work and contribution since she joined the Board. The remainder of the board of directors from a variety of backgrounds remain as directors/trustees/officers with our CCC in their governance and oversight capacity. [Meet the Board - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)

Note: If you are interested in becoming involved in the work of Roscommon CCC Board/Committee you can contact Irene on 0866039606 or irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie

Our CCC Chairperson Sean Crehan acknowledged the committee members and staff team led by our CCC Manager who 'play a vital role in coordinating local supports to ELC/SAC services in the delivery of the national early education and childcare programmes and contribute to the implementation of government policy. Along with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and Pobal our CCC remains a key stakeholder in supporting the local ELC/SAC sector throughout County Roscommon deliver the national childcare programmes at local county level. Parents and families can continue to be assured that our CCC team will support you in any queries you may have in relation to access under the national childcare programmes'. The annual audited financial returns were approved by the board of directors and are in line with our strategic plan'. [Roscommon County CHILDCARE COMMITTEE Strategic Plan 2022-2025 \(roscommonchildcare.ie\)](#)

Sean continued 'Our CCCs Board Membership skills and expertise have been noted as more than adequate with a good mix of experience in governance, management, risk management, audit, fiscal oversight and HR. Updates were provided regularly by senior management to the board of directors/trustees and our CCC Manager Irene was thanked for supporting the directors in their governance oversight role which continues to be extremely important as the transition to the national agency as part of the national review process evolves.

Manager Irene Cafferky took the opportunity to acknowledge the work that the ELC/SAC Providers (Voluntary Management Committees and Owners), Childminders and Parent & Toddler groups do on a daily basis to provide support to Children & Families throughout County Roscommon by saying 'The Staff & Volunteers within these services play a vital contribution to children's development within local communities and our CCC acknowledge the current challenges the sector is experiencing with staff recruitment and retention being particularly challenging for services. Our CCCs ongoing commitment to progressing national policy at local level within our overall strategic plan would not happen without the collaboration of many statutory and non-statutory agencies and this collaboration and coordination of resources at local and national level has enabled us deliver on our goals as a CCC. I want to thank our elected representatives for their ongoing collaboration with Roscommon CCC team and wish those newly elected the very best. Irene went on to say 'Developments within the sector which our CCC have supported include the Core Funding Model, National Action Plan for Childminding, Access & Inclusion Model, Services Quality Action Plans, the local delivery of the national Tusla Always Children First programme, training and workshops, supporting the sustainability of community ELC/SAC services and the compliance of all services with funding programmes and Tusla regulations. Our CCC also continue to offer support to services with governance best practice and HR, pre- development of new services and will be supporting the rollout of the Equal Start model as that evolves. We envisage a busy year ahead as work programmes are further developed under First 5 the ten-year Whole-of-Government Strategy for babies, young children and their families. <https://first5.gov.ie/>.

Our CCC Chairperson ended the AGM by saying 'We look forward through our board of directors and staff team to continuing our County Childcare Committee's collaboration with our funders, childcare services in County Roscommon, local and national stakeholders and our local partner agencies/forums to further enhance the sector for children and families.