

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 29th September (5pm) ** TODAY**

Deadline for Learner Fund applications

Deadline for submission FIRS Returns for August.

Friday 20th October

Deadline for completing Quality Action Plan 2023/2024.

Friday 27th October 2023 (5pm)

Deadline to apply for new LINC graduate capitation backdated to the start of the programme year

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Updating Aistear Phase 2 Consultation ends

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Reminder - Core Funding for the Programme Year 2022/2023

The application changes functionality for 2022/2023 will **close** on the **30 September 2023**. Partner Services must complete all outstanding actions and make any final changes to their Service Profile and Core Funding 2022/2023 application.

Tusla Always Children First One Day Foundation Programme Monday 16th October IS NOW FULLY BOOKED!!! Roscommon CCC will be in contact soon regarding 2024 courses.



learner fund

Learner fund – Have your Staff applied? Deadline is approaching for this grant aid.

DCEDIY's Learner Fund Bursary for Early Learning and Care practitioners is open until **29th September** for new graduates of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care degree programme at level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)

which was achieved in the academic years 2015 - 2023.

Email info@roscommonchildcare.ie for the application forms and details on how to apply or visit: <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/graduate-learner-fund-bursary-for-early-childhood-care-education-are-you-eligible-to-apply-for-e750/>

Application forms must be completed and returned to info@roscommonchildcare.ie by 5pm on 29th September 23. *Please share the details with your staff members who may be eligible.*



CALLING CHILDMINDERS!

Have you recently completed a Level 5 or Level 6 ECCE qualification?

You may be eligible for funding under the Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders which is open for applications until 5pm Friday 29th September 2023

For more information please call 087 4417373 or email childminding@roscommonchildcare.ie

Fee Table 2023/2024- Checks

Roscommon CCC are currently checking Fee Tables 2023/2024. Once your Fee Table is approved you will receive an email confirmation of approval to keep on file for Pobal compliance purposes. If changes are required, the Fee Table can be edited.

Please note when changes are submitted to the Fee Table the changes do not carry over to the Parent Statement therefore if changes are requested you will need to redo your Parent Statement and if they have already been sent to parents, they will need to be resent and resigned



QAP 23/24

Core Funding supports Partner Services with their financial sustainability while enhancing the quality, affordability, and accessibility of their services. In accordance with Partnership for the Public Good, (DCEDIY 2021) the new Core Funding model commits to drive high-quality service provision. To support this, Core Funding requires all early learning and care (ELC), school-age childcare (SAC) and childminding services that benefit from Core Funding to complete a quality planning template.

If you have not received your link to template, please contact the team at Roscommon CCC or email: info@roscommonchildcare.ie

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Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG

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Core Funding Quality Action Plan

Core Funding requires all early learning and care (ELC), school-age childcare (SAC) and childminding services that benefit from Core Funding to complete a quality planning template to compile their Core Funding Quality Action Plan (QAP). You will have received an email with the details of the QAP, and associated links required to submit same. **Once you have completed the QAP please remember to Edit your Service Profile on HIVE and upload the QAP in the relevant section.**

As always if you require support or guidance, please contact your Assigned Development Officer in Roscommon CCC.

Overview of investment in ELC in Roscommon

DCEDIY Early Years Unit would like to share with you a document that has gone to TDs and Senators with a breakdown of investment in the early learning and childcare sector by Local Authority area, for the 2022/3 programme year, for your information.

In 2023, State investment in early learning and childcare will exceed €1 billion for the first time. The overwhelming majority of this funding is allocated through Together for Better, the new funding model for early learning and childcare. **The full document for Roscommon is available to download here:** [Childcare in County Roscommon - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)

Updating Aistear Phase 2 Consultations

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) yesterday began Phase 2 of the consultation process to update *Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework*. You can view the Consultation Report from Phase 1 [here](#), while [this video](#) explains the proposed changes to Aistear. Educators and other stakeholders are invited to share their views on the proposed Framework. This can be done via an online questionnaire, a written submission or by participating in an online focus group in the coming weeks. The consultation will run until Tuesday, 14 November 2023.

This is an important opportunity to have your voice heard and to help inform the updating of Aistear, so it continues to have a positive influence on the learning and development of babies, toddlers and young children. To access all consultation materials, please visit: <https://ncca.ie/en/early-childhood/early-childhood-education-developments/updating-aistear/consultation/>

The Lisnamult Sport and Activity Hub are delighted to introduce a *NEW* 4-week Buggy Buddies programme.

Buggy Buddies is a four-week physical activity programme for mothers/guardians to exercise in a safe environment with their babies. The sessions will consist of a mix of cardio and strength exercises that aims to improve overall fitness. This includes walking/light jogging and a variety of full body exercises. It is also a great way to get out and meet other parents in an environment which is safe and fun for both parent and baby/toddler!

Register via Eventbrite

👉 <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/721106808877?aff=oddtcreator>



LISNAMULT
SPORT & ACTIVITY HUB

BUGGY BUDDIES
4 WEEK PROGRAMME

Roscommon Community Sports Park
Starts: Tuesday 3rd October
Time: 11: 00 am - 12 pm
Cost: €20

Physical activity programme for parents to exercise in a safe environment with their babies.

REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE




BLÁTHÚ Steiner Early Childhood Association – Communicating with Parents



How can we get the most out of speaking with parents in one to one conversations and parent evenings?

Niamh Ruiseal will facilitate an online workshop exploring how we can improve our communications with parents.

In kindergarten, there may be sensitive issues that arise, and things that we need to talk to parents about. Sometimes it can be hard to find the right way to say it.

Participants are invited to send in their questions in advance of the workshop, and Niamh will address your issues, and suggest ways to approach parents with warmth, understanding and clarity.

Thursday 12th Oct
7pm to 9pm
on Zoom

COST:
Members: €10
Non-members: €20

A CPD certificate will be provided for participation in this 2 hour workshop.

Communicating with Parents
An online CPD workshop

Thursday 12th October
7pm to 9pm
Book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/communicating-with-parents-tickets-726006764777?aff=oddtcreator>




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Leitrim County Childcare Committee
CPD Programme 2023
FREE ONLINE WEBINAR


Move It or Lose It

with
Haley Rice
on behalf of Canavan Byrne

10th October @ 7pm

This webinar will take place via Zoom.
This dynamic webinar will give an introduction to strategy No. 5 from Dr Daniel Siegal's book "The Whole Brain Child", giving practical & effective methods of using movement to help children regulate & move through their big emotions in a safe & supportive manner. Further information below / overleaf.

For booking & information contact nicola@leitrimchildcare.ie or 0830266622



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This webinar will explore the "Hand Model" of the child's brain, which is a practical way for children, & adults alike, to understand what happens to them on the inside when a big feeling surfaces. This will include an outline of the Zones of Regulation.

The purpose is to support children to regulate healthily, to offer alternative methods of response to adults & to promote self-awareness & emotion-recognition in children in an age-appropriate way.

Haley Rice is a child & adolescent therapist who specialises in play therapy. Following a decade working as a primary teacher, Haley gained a First Class Honours Masters in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy in 2018. Her specific area of research was neurodevelopmental play as a means of enhancing speech in young pre-verbal children with autism & parental experiences of this. In 2019, Haley studied Filial Therapy, which focuses on the parent-child relationship as an agent of change. Haley loves to work alongside parents & practitioners in their quest to help children. Haley's dynamic & interactive webinars have proven invaluable to parents, teachers & practitioners who require support & skills with managing & responding to all types of child behaviours.

Covid case advice

Please find below links to information from the HPSC in relation to Covid-19 and information from the HSE for ELC and SAC providers on preventing the spread of Covid-19 and children returning to ELC and SAC settings.

We would be grateful if you share this information with parents, guardians, and staff.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/news/title-23357-en.html> (updated 11th August 2023)

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/>

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/child-returning-to-school-or-childcare/>

In addition, please find link below to the Management of Infectious Diseases in Childcare Facilities guidance resource.

https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/lifestages/childcare/File_13444_en.pdf Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings (2012)

For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday or visit the HSE website

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

Should you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact your assigned development officer or contact us on 0949622540 or info@roscommonchildcare.ie

Have a lovely Weekend!!