

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



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Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 13th – 17th April 2026

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14		16	17	18 Kerry CCC NeuroKind Seminar The Rose Hotel, Tralee
19	20 The National Conversation on Education Consultation Fully Booked	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	NS Leaner Fund Applications Close 01/05/2026	LINC Applications Close 12/05/2026

NOTES

The National Conversation on Education: the First Five Years and School-Age Childcare Consultation is **now fully booked**. We are taking names for the waiting list.

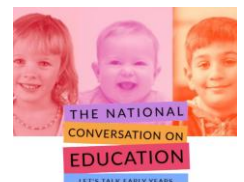
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

National Conversation on Education – Children’s Creative Spaces

Minister Norma Foley is inviting children from ELC and SAC services across the country to take part in Children’s Creative Spaces celebrating the theme “Where I learn and play”.

The aim is to give children the opportunity to express creativity, belonging, and their own experiences of their setting (Early Years or School Age Childcare/After School) adding their voice as part of the [National Conversation on Education: the First Five Years and School-Age Childcare](#).

Please find further details in the Educator Guides attached.



Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2026/27

Applications for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) for the academic year 2026/2027 are open. Applications should be

submitted via the NSLF student portal. Send a request to NSLF@pobal.ie to register on the NSLF student portal. The portal will close for applications on 1 May 2026 at 5 pm.

A recording of the recent webinar is [here](#)



Invitation to Nurturing Skills Midpoint Review Workforce Focus Group



As part of the Mid-Term Review of Nurturing Skills: The Workforce Plan for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare 2022–2028, the Department is seeking to engage directly with the workforce through an online focus group on **Tuesday, 28 April from 7pm – 8.30pm**. To express interest in participating on the online Focus Group, click on this [link](#)

The focus group provides an important opportunity for those working in the sector to:

- Share their professional experiences
- Reflect on progress to date
- Help inform priorities and actions for the next phase of the plan (2026–2028)

LINC 2026/2027 Programme: Applications Now Open



Applications are now open for the 2026/2027 LINC Level 6 Programme. Through the LINC Programme, graduates gain Lead Educator/Room Leader status, participate in a DCDE fully funded programme and engage in a flexible blended model of delivery. Applications close Tuesday, 12 May at 2pm.

[LINC Programme](#)

[LINC Programme Brochure 2026/27](#)

[LINC online information sessions](#)

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