

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



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Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 20^h – 24th April 2026

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14		16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	NS Leaner Fund Applications Close 01/05/2026	LINC Applications Close 12/05/2026

1st - 14th May Review and Confirm Window

NOTES

Leaflets available for collection - contact: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com 066 7181 582

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 – available to download [here](#).



Minister Foley announces new €10 million capital scheme

The scheme is designed to deliver a significant number of additional early learning and care spaces. Read the full press release [here](#).



An Roinn Leanaí, Michuma agus Comhionannais
Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Core Funding Review & Confirm

The May Review and Confirm window will open 1st May 2026 until 14th May 2026. If your service requires support, additional resources are available under the [Core Funding Documents](#) and [Help and Support](#) sections on the Early Years Hive. For additional support please contact Pamela: pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com



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 1st May 2026 at 5 pm. A recording of the recent webinar is [here](#)



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.



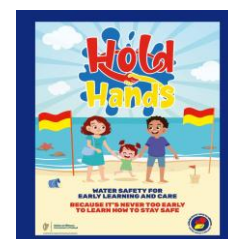
[LINC Programme](#)

[LINC Programme Brochure 2026/27](#)

[LINC online information sessions](#)

Water Safety Ireland Hold Hands programme – Free Training Session

Water Safety Ireland are offering a free training session on delivering the Hold Hands programme. The session will take place online Wednesday 20th May 12:30-13:15. Click [here](#) to register.



Healthy Lunchboxes

The DCDE in conjunction with Safe Food has distributed “Healthy Lunchboxes” resources to all County & City Childcare Committees. Kerry County Childcare Committee have a limited number of copies for services to pick up. You can contact Eilish on 066 7181582 or email eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com to arrange collection.

Leaflets will be distributed on a first come first served basis.



Parent Plus Early Years Training Programme

A new edition of the Parents Plus Early Years (PPEY) programme which will be launched on the 18th of June 2026. Free to attend 18th June 2-3pm. To register [click here](#)

Sustain the Spark

Childhood services week 2026 'Sustain the Spark' will run from the 11th May until the 15th May 2026. NCN is offering free online webinars designed to support the continued professional development of educators across Ireland. A full list of events is available [here](#).



Childminding Pre-Registration Training



Pre-Registration Training is offered to anyone interested in finding out more about childminding. The training is mandatory for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. The training is free and takes approximately 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and participants receive a certificate upon completion. Upcoming dates are: Online on Tuesday 12th May and Thursday 14th May from 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Both sessions must be attended to complete the training.

PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS

Childcare Committee
County Kerry
Cúite Cúram Leanaí Chionnaí Teo

Online

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY MAY 12TH 2026
6.30PM TO 9.30PM

&

THURSDAY MAY 14TH 2026
6.30PM TO 9.30PM

BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED TO COMPLETE COURSE

Information on:

- Being a childminder
- Understanding new childminding regulations
- Documents required for Tusla registration

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:
Amy on 0877885114
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy:

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087 7885114

Kerry County Childcare Committee

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