

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



Issue 39: 21st – 25th September 2026

Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 21st – 25th September 2026



DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

29 th & 30 th Sept 2026	Aim Level 7 Reviews Training
9 th October 2026	Learner Fund Bursary for Graduates and Childminders close
2 nd November 2026	QIPP Plan closes for programme year 2026/2027

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary 2026

The 2026 Learner Fund Graduate and Childminder Bursary is now open for applications and will close at 5pm on Friday 9th October 2026. For applications forms email eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com. Completed applications must be received within the deadline by Kerry County Childcare Committee, we will then process applications, for appraisal by the DCDE.

2026/2027 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIP)



The 2026/27 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIP Plan) template opened on the Core Funding Contractual Requirements Reporting System www.cfcrrs.ie this week. The deadline for submission of the 2026/27 QIP Plan is Monday 2 November 2026. The 2026/27 QIP Plan guidance document and Technical Guidance Videos can be found [here](#). Rachel is available to support with the submission of QIP's - rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com

Aim Level 7 Reviews Training Invite

You are invited to attend AIM Level 7 reviews training sessions. These training sessions will provide an overview of the AIM Level 7 Review process and include practical demonstrations within the Early Years Hive.



What will be covered?

- What the review process is and why it is important.
- The steps involved in a review, from start to finish.

- Who is involved in the review process and their responsibilities.
- The key rules and checks that need to be completed.
- Possible review outcomes and what happens to the allocations as a result.
- Common review scenarios and factors to consider when making decisions on submitting reviews.

Please see the Registration links below:

[Training session 1: 29 September 2026 at 10:30AM](#)

[Training session 2: 29 September 2026 at 6:30PM](#)

[Training session 3: 30 September 2026 at 2:30PM](#)

Fee Table and Parent Statement Approvals Process 2026/2027



The Fee Table & Parent Statement Approval Process has begun for 2026/27. Pamela will be in contact with you once they have reviewed the fee table & parent statement for your service. This new process is more complex than approval processes we have completed in previous years. Every effort is being made to review fee tables and parent statements promptly, your patience will be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks and months. For further information or support please contact Pamela:

pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com

AIM Level 1 Application Process for new Graduates



The AIM Level 1 application process has opened on EY Hive for services with new graduates of the LINC programme. Applications received by **5pm on Thursday 22**

October 2026 will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2026/2027 programme year. **Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as any applications received after this date will not be backdated.** Guidance on applications can be found [here](#)

2026 Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Forum

The 2026 Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Forum takes place in Croke Park, Dublin on 17th November 2026. Information on the forum and links to register your interest in attending can be found [here](#)

Exploring and Understanding the Updated Aistear in practice:

A National Webinar Series



The NSAI hosted several webinars earlier this year on understanding the updated Aistear in practice. The recording of the webinars is on the Nurturing Skills website and can be accessed [here](#)

Road Safety Week

Takes place 05th – 12th October 2026. The RSA has helpful information and resources available via their [webpage](#). Packs for national Beep Beep Day are available to order, please note stocks are limited.



Tusla resources, webinars, and eLearning programmes

Tusla's resources, webinars, and eLearning programmes are valuable supports for early years educators, particularly those new to the sector.

Early Years Provider Resources



You can access these helpful resources and eLearning programmes here:

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/>

Department of Education's *Insights – Quality in Early Years Education*



The Department of Education's *Insights – Quality in Early Years Education* webinar series includes a range of short videos designed to support early years educators.

These can be accessed here:

<https://www.nurturingskills.ie/webinars/department-of-education-inspectorate-insights-quality-in-early-years-education-webinars/>

QQI Level 5 Early Learning and Care

Free part time QQI Level 5 in Early Learning and Care. Delivered 3 mornings per week and based in Ardfert. Contact Kerry College or scan the QR code for further information.



Early Learning & Care Certificate
Shape Young Minds, Build Your Future

- Gain the knowledge, skills and competence to work independently and as part of a team with children aged 0-6 years across a range of Early Learning and Care settings.
- Part-time delivery: 3 mornings per week.
- Opportunity to progress to the Level 6 Early Learning & Care Advanced Certificate.

Starting 4 November 2026

For further details business@kerrycollege.ie | 066 7149686 | or scan the QR code

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CPD Webinar for Lead Educators, Assistant Managers and Managers



Childcare Committee
County Kerry
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí

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Leadership – Communicating with Clarity and Confidence

Tuesday 6th October 2026
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Join Maureen McOwen (Soft Skills Success) for this online interactive workshop aimed at developing your leadership skills and providing practical tips on communicating effectively with colleagues, parents, team members, Board members and other key stakeholders.

Limited spaces available

Bookings:
✉ eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com
☎ 066 7181582

Kerry CCC and Maureen McOwen (Soft Skills for Success) are excited to host this online webinar for Lead Educators, Deputy Manager and Managers.

Limited Spaces Available

Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

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Kind regards,

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