



# Newsletter

## Fingal County Childcare Committee

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### Child Protection Safeguarding Statement Briefing Sessions

As part of the Children First Act, 2015 all Early Years' Service must develop a Child Protection Safeguarding Statement by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to comply. FCCC in conjunction with the National Children's First Office are facilitating a number of briefing sessions on 'Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement' dates and venue are below. These sessions are aimed at owner/managers and DLP's ONLY for services and there will be a maximum of two places per service. The briefing session is free of charge and you **only need to attend one session**.

#### Fingal County Childcare Committee Sessions

Venue	Date	Time
Carnegie Court Hotel Swords, Co Dublin	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	3.00pm – 5.00pm 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Draocht Blanchardstown Shopping Centre Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	3.00pm – 5.00pm 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Limited spaces still available. To book a place please contact 01-4851727

#### National Children's First Office sessions

Region	Date	Time	Venue	To Book
Dublin – City Centre	Thursday, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.30pm – 6.00pm	The Gresham Hotel, O'Connell Street, D1.	<a href="http://www.eventbrite.com/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-dublin-tickets-42454621917">www.eventbrite.com/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-dublin-tickets-42454621917</a>
		7.00pm – 8.30pm		
Dublin – Blanchardstown	Wednesday, Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, D15	<a href="http://www.eventbrite.com/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-blanchardstown-tickets-42455823511">www.eventbrite.com/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-blanchardstown-tickets-42455823511</a>
		7.00pm – 8.30pm		
Dublin – South	Tuesday, Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm – 6.00 pm	Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Rd, Newlands Cross, Dublin 22	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-south-dublin-tickets-42494101000">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/children-first-act-2015-briefing-session-for-early-years-services-south-dublin-tickets-42494101000</a>
		7.00pm – 8.30pm		

## **ECCE minimum number exemption visits**

The staff at Fingal County Childcare Committee are currently carrying out exemption visits to childcare services following a recommendation from their Pobal compliance inspections. You can request an exemption with FCCC if any of your ECCE rooms do not have the required minimum number of 8 children. If you have any queries re Pobal Compliance contact the office on: (01) 4851727.

## **Capital grant 2018**

The Capital programme in 2018 will invest in capital works and equipment contributing to ensure all children have the opportunity in their local area to participate in improved Early Years and School Age Childcare services.

The Early Years and School Age Childcare capital 2018 will be delivered in 5 strands, as follows:

### **Early Years Capital**

Strand 1: EY Expansion/New – open to all childcare services

Strand 2: EY Essential Building Maintenance – only open to community childcare services

Strand 3: EY Natural Outdoor Play Area- open to all childcare services

Strand 4: SAC(School Age Capital) Expansion/New – open to all childcare services

Strand 5: SAC Essential Building Maintenance & Quality – only open to community childcare services

**Application process** this will be an online application process. Applicants will access the online application form via the PIP system. Early Years and School Age Childcare will access and use the same application form.

The anticipated “go live date” for applications is February 2018

Applicants will be provided with guidelines and a Word version of the application form by Pobal in January 2018.

Fingal County Childcare will be running information sessions over the coming weeks

**Note:** If you are intending to set up a brand new facility you must have a DCYA reference number. You can start applying for this now by contacting the FCCC office on (01) 4851727 and we will send you out a form to complete and return to us.

## **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Training**

The next round of this very popular training (15 hours) is being offered on the dates below and attendance at each session is required. This training will only be available for the first half of 2018. If your service has not yet completed EDI training please ensure to contact [sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

## EDI Training – February 2018

Venue	Dates	Times
Crosscare, Main Street, Blanchardstown Village, Dublin 15	Saturday 10th February 2018 Monday 12th February 2018 Monday 19th February 2018 Monday 26th February 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm
RIASC Centre, Feltrim Road Swords	Saturday 17th February 2018 Tuesday 20th February 2018 Tuesday 27th February 2018 Tuesday 6th March 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Castlelands Community Centre Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Saturday 24th February 2018 Wednesday 28th February 2018 Wednesday 7th March 2018 Wednesday 14th March 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm

To book a place email [sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie) for a booking form.

## Learning Story Success

Huge congratulations to Tiggers Playhouse, Swords winner of the December 2017 Early Childhood Ireland Learning Story Award 'Can we play with Ice'

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