



Newsletter

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Storm Emma February 2018

Due to adverse weather conditions last week, if your service had to close it will be necessary to complete a Force Majeure and send it for the days your service had to close. This completed form should be emailed to piddocuments@pobal.ie and a copy to be sent to info@fingalcountychildcare.ie.

Child Protection Safety Statement Countdown to March 11th - Have you got a Child Safeguarding Statement ready?

From March 11th, 2018 early year's services will be legally required to have and display a Child Safeguarding Statement. The following resources are available to support you to develop your Child Safeguarding Statement.

<http://www.tusla.ie/children-first/support-documents>

Extension to Capital Grant 2018

Due to the unforeseen delays and inconveniences caused to childcare providers across the country by the recent snow event, the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr. Katherine Zappone, today announced the extension of the 2018 Early Years and School Age Capital application window by three working days, to Wednesday the 14th of March 2018 at 3pm.

It is hoped that the revised application window will allow for applicants whose preparations were affected by the recent red weather warning to complete their application forms as planned before the close of the deadline.

Childcare providers are encouraged to contact their local City/County Childcare Committee (CCC) for any help or guidance they may require in completing their applications for capital funding before the window closes.

FCCC recently participated in a Capital Webinar with Pobal. From this, the Capital Guidelines and Capital Briefing Sessions, the FCCC teams have devised a list of helpful tips and guidelines to assist services in the Capital application process. This can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Should you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the office on (01)- 4851727

<http://www.limerickchildcare.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Applicant-guidelines-Early-Years-and-School-Age-Capital-2018.pdf>

Learner Fund Bursary

Bursary opens on 26th February 2018

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA) will re-open the Learner Fund Bursary (announced early 2017) to Early Years practitioners who have completed a major award in Early

Childhood Care and Education at Level 7, Level 8, or Level 9 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications since the inception of the Learner Fund (2013). This qualification must be on the DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications list. The bursary amount will be €750.

The local City/County Childcare Committees (CCC) will process/appraise Learner Fund Bursary applications.

To be considered eligible for the Learner Fund Bursary, an applicant must:

- Have graduated with a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017;
- Have a Qualification which is on DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications list, evidenced by a graduating certificate;
- Have been working in a registered Early Years' Service prior to beginning their course;
- Be currently working in a registered Early Years' Service;
- Have submitted a completed application form (along with all relevant documentation) to their local CCC no later than 5 pm on Wednesday 14th March 2018.

In addition:

- The applicant cannot have received the Learner Fund bursary previously;
- The applicant cannot have received any public funding in support of their completing the award relating to this application;
- A letter of eligibility to practice will also be accepted by DCYA providing the individual has received same on foot of an application made before the end of September 2017;
- The qualification for which the bursary is paid must be that which qualifies the person to work in the Early Years sector. (DCYA is aware that an increasing number of qualified practitioners choose to pursue post-graduate education to further advance their practice, but is not in a position to provide funding in respect of this)

PLEASE NOTE:

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The DCYA will make the decision on funding and all decisions are final.

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

EDI Training –April 2018

Venue	Dates	Times
Crosscare Main Street Blanchardstown Village Dublin 15	Saturday 14 th April 2018 Monday 16 th April 2018 Monday 23 rd April 2018 Monday 23 rd April 2018	9.00am – 3.30pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm
The RIASC Centre Feltrim Rd Swords	Saturday 28 th April 2018 Tuesday 1 st May 2018 Tuesday 8 th May 2018 Tuesday 15 th May 2018	9.30am – 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 for a booking form.

Infection control in pre-schools

We have had some calls into the office recently in regards to childhood illness control and prevention. The following is a useful resource.

<http://www.fingalcountychildcare.ie/index.php/childcare-documents/60-infection-prevention-control-in-prechools/file>

With Special Thanks and Best Wishes or goodbye and good luck

Helen Campbell - Office and Finance Manager with FCCC is moving onto pastures new in March. Helen, as a founding member of staff has been an integral part of the FCCC team since day 1 and has been completely dedicated to supporting providers in the Fingal area for the last 16 years. Words cannot explain how much we will all miss Helen but we know that our loss is Beaumont hospital's gain. We all want to wish Helen the best of luck in her new role and thank her for all she has done for each and every staff member in FCCC over the years.