



# Newsletter

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### **RECENT PIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Early Years Capital 2017 and School Age Childcare 2017**

The returns for reporting these grants are now available on the PIP Portal. All eligible expenditure should be completed before the 30th of November 2017. Expenditure after this date will not be eligible and will not be reimbursed.

Guidelines for completion of these returns are also available on the Portal - **SAC2017** and **EYC2017**

#### **Changes to phone line opening hours (Online support & Reception)**

Please note that as of 15th November, Pobal Online Support phone lines (01 5117222) will be closed between 9am and 10am every Wednesday.

From 29th November, the Pobal Reception phone lines (01 5117000) will open at 10am on the last Wednesday of every month.

#### **Programmed support payment December 2017**

Please note that the Programmed support payment (non-contact time payment) December 2017 will be open for applications on Monday 6th November. This payment is available to all services who have signed up to deliver the More Affordable Childcare measures (Community Childcare Subvention (CCS and CCSP) Training and Employment Childcare (TEC) programmes for the 2017/18 programme year.

- Applications can be made by completing the application form on the PIP portal
- Applications submitted to Pobal by 11 am on Tuesdays should be in service bank accounts by the end of that week
- The closing date for the submission of applications is COB 30th November.

#### **Follow on from EDI training**

For those who have completed training in Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and guidelines, Síle Hassett, who is our AIM officer is available to support services with developing their charter/inclusion Policy. You can contact Síle on 0871707523 or [sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

#### **AIM HIGHER CONFERENCE**

**Date:** Saturday 25th November 2017

**Venue:** Riasc Centre Swords

**Time:** 9.00am to 4pm

**Cost.** The fee for this event is €10 per person to include Tea/Coffee and pastries will be available on arrival and lunch will be provided on the day. A resource pack will be given to each attendee.

The speakers on this full day event include:

- Better Start AIM Early Years Specialists – Supporting Children with additional needs
- Better Start Quality Development Service – Process Focused Outcomes
- HSE Speech and Language Therapists - Strategies to support language development & supporting children with English as a second language
- Colette Murray, using The Anti-Bias Approach in Early Years Settings

Every participant will have the opportunity to attend all sessions in order to ensure that you can get as much information as possible from all of our expert speakers.

**Included in the day there will also be an update on the requirements necessary due to the enactment of the Children First Act (2015).**

FCCC have sent an email to all services containing the booking form for this event. For any queries please call us on 01-4851727.

**SNAPSHOT OF SPACES AVAILABLE ON OTHER TRAINING:**

| <b>Training</b>        | <b>Venue</b>                                   | <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Time</b>     |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sharing Sensitive News | Bracken Court Hotel<br>Balbriggan<br>Co Dublin | 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 | 6.00pm – 8.00pm |

**Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. To book a place please contact 01-4851727**