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There is a lot happening across the sector with a number of big announcements from DCEDIY in recent weeks and a lot of new supports being developed as settings around the country welcome children and families from Ukraine. In this issue of Early Years eNews, we bring you information about these and other developments, as well as information about what is happening in Barnardos early years learning and development team. As always, if you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at resources@barnardos. For daily updates [join us on Facebook](#).

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Updates from Across the Sector

- DCEDIY has launched [a public consultation on a review of the Regulations governing Early Learning and Care](#). The review will primarily focus on enforcement powers of the Tusla Early Years Inspectorate but will also take the opportunity to conduct a wider but limited examination of lessons learned from the implementation of the Regulations since 2016.
- DCEDIY has published [Review of Early Learning and Care \('ELC'\) and School Age Childcare \('SAC'\) Operating Model in Ireland](#). This review assessed the current operating model for ELC and SAC and identified and appraised options for reform, identifying some weaknesses to be

addressed in the context of increased State investment in the sector and a significant reform agenda committed to by Government. Download report

- The Annual Early Years' Sector Profile 2020/2021 is scheduled to be virtually launched on 11 May and will be available for download online. The survey for Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2021/2022 survey is now available on the Early Years Hive.
- [Growing Up in Ireland Annual Research Conference 2022](#) is being held on Wednesday, 25th May 2022.

Updates from Barnardos

SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING
OF CHILDREN FROM UKRAINE



Barnardos have developed some resources for ELC settings welcoming children and families from Ukraine:

- [A free online webinar](#) giving early years educators an overview of the impact of trauma in the context of children arriving in Ireland from Ukraine and exploring some of the key considerations to help foster resilience in the Early Learning and Care setting.
- [Three written resources](#) to support ELC settings welcoming children from Ukraine on: The ELC physical environment; Transitions; The healing power of being outdoors.

[You can find more supports for families coming from Ukraine developed by DCEDIY here.](#)

New Online Webinars

If you missed our recent online events, you can catch up at the links below

- [Trauma and Young Children: Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care](#) gives insight and guidance to assist early learning and care services to begin the journey to adopting a trauma-informed approach. With keynote from Dr Suzanne Zeedyk.
 - [Staff Wellbeing in Early Learning and Care](#) is a recording of an online seminar looking at staff wellbeing in Early Learning and Care with Grainne McKenna, Amy Dowd, Sharon Byrne and Jenny Murphy.
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New Publications



Adult-Child Relationships in School Age Childcare

We have launched three new publications since our last issue:

[Trauma and Young Children: Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care](#) aims to build trauma awareness for early years educators and providers, giving insight and guidance that will support early learning and care services to begin the journey to adopting a trauma-informed approach.

[Adult-Child Relationships in School Age Childcare](#) is a free ebook that provides those working in school age childcare with an understanding of the benefits of building warm, positive, collaborative and respectful relationships with the children in their care and the impact these relationships can have on a child's social and emotional development.

[Environmentalism in School Age Childcare](#) is another free ebook that supports School Age Childcare services to develop children's understanding and awareness of issues relating to environmentalism and sustainability. It also provides guidance on how to introduce a programme of environmental activities for children of all ages and abilities in line with the *National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services*.

[Browse All Barnardos Publications](#)

Barnardos Library

We have some big news coming next week about a brand new information resource from Barnardos and will share details with you when it is launched.

In the meantime, our [special library memberships for early years and school age childcare staff and childminders is still available](#) and we are continuing to offer [free memberships](#) for employees of Better Start, City and County Childcare Committees and [Area Based Childhood Programmes](#)

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Barnardos Training

We are excited to be running public training events on two new topics in the coming weeks.

- [Understanding Young Children's Behaviour in Early Learning and Care on 12 May](#) aims to support early years educators in understanding the factors that influence children's behaviour and to see behaviour as communication. This workshop is suitable for Early Learning and Care and School-Aged Childcare educators interested in learning more about supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing.

- [An Introduction to Reflective Practice in Early Years and School-aged Care on 16 May](#) aims to assist participants to begin or continue to reflect on their own practice as they engage with families and colleagues. Participants will have the opportunity to look at some examples of reflective tools and exercises where they can identify some of the characteristics of different types of reflection.

Other training events coming up include:

- [Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning & Care 10 May](#)
- [Making the Most of Supervision \(3 day course for Supervisors\) 16 & 17 May & 20 June](#)
- [Introduction to Infant Mental Health in Early Learning and Care 1 June](#)
- [Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Child Development and Attachment 21 June](#)
- [Designated Liaison Person Training 13 and 14 June](#)
- [Children First, Child Protection Training Webinar - June 21 & 22](#)

For more details of all of these have a [look on our website](#) or email training@barnardos.ie

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