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Welcome to the latest issue of Childcare eNews

In this issue of Childcare eNews we bring you details of Rise Up, Barnardos new campaign against child inequality. With one in eight children in Ireland now living in consistent poverty, many are going hungry, are without a waterproof coat or live in a poorly heated home. Barnardos is calling on politicians to commit to tackling child inequality. The decisions made by the next Government will shape our society and have the power to change Irish children's futures for the better.

We also bring news of *The Report of the Interdepartmental Working Group on Future Investment in Early Years and School Age Care and Education Services* which proposes how best to invest in childcare services over the coming years.

Our new publication *Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals* is being launched in October and all are welcome to attend this launch, details are given below. We also have an extensive range of public training events for autumn/winter 2015.

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News and Developments

Rise Up: Barnardos New Campaign against Child Inequality

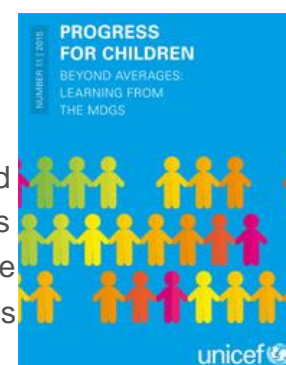
Barnardos has launched [Rise Up](#) - our new campaign to fight child inequality in Ireland today. There are many things which need to happen to challenge inequality. As part of our Rise Up campaign, Barnardos is [calling for concrete action in five areas of a child's life](#); first year of life, early years, education, health and housing. Child inequality is rampant in Ireland and something has to change. We need your help to fight this!



Help us by taking action today - contact a politician in your constituency or party of choice, and tell them that you expect them to tackle this now. [Read more about our campaign here.](#)

UNICEF Progress for Children Report

UNICEF has launched the 11th edition of its flagship [Progress for Children report](#). The report uses the latest available data to show not only where global and regional gains have been exceptional and gaps have narrowed, but also where disparities have remained unchanged or widened since 1990. *Progress for Children* spotlights where attention and action must now be aimed in order to reach the most vulnerable children and achieve sustainable growth. Inequities revealed include:



- Children from the poorest households are two times as likely to die before their fifth birthday as children from the richest households.
- Children from the poorest households are far less likely to achieve minimum learning standards than those from the richest across regions.
- In most sub-Saharan African countries, girls from the poorest households remain most disadvantaged in terms of school participation.

Future Investment in Childcare in Ireland

In July, the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr James Reilly TD, published [The Report of the Interdepartmental Working Group on Future Investment in Early Years and School Age Care and Education Services](#), which proposes how best to invest in childcare services over the coming years. The report, prepared by an Inter-Departmental Group established by the Minister in January, puts forward options to enhance affordability for parents, improve the quality of services and outcomes for children, and

promote greater accessibility in the sector.

The purpose of this report is to ensure that any available extra funding is invested in a strategic manner that supports good outcomes for children and helps families to raise children to reach their full potential. The report sets out three strands of action over the coming years:

- Incremental investment in subsidising fees through existing and reformed schemes
- Measures to make sure there is adequate supply for future demand
- Measures to embed quality in the sector

The Influence of Childcare Arrangements on Child Well Being from Infancy to Middle Childhood

[Research from Maynooth University](#) has revealed the limitations of current government policy in tackling childhood inequality. Dr Delma Byrne and Dr Catriona O'Toole (Maynooth University) explored the influence of childcare arrangements where both parents work on a child's physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development. They have called for even greater governmental focus on the provision of childcare options to address disadvantage.

New Baby Booklets from the HSE

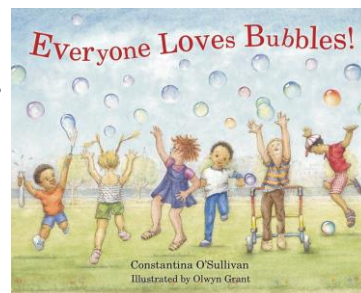
The HSE has launched [three new booklets](#) and an online resource aimed at helping the parents of babies and young children.

The booklets cover the first five years of a child's life and include information on feeding, sleeping, playing and development. They also provide tips for parents on how to cope, including information on going back to work.



Everyone Loves Bubbles!

Everyone Loves Bubbles! is a new picture storybook for young children by Cork-based author Constantina O Sullivan. It is aimed at supporting young children's awareness and understanding of 'difference'. In embracing and celebrating difference, the book fosters identity and belonging, encourages self-awareness and bolsters self-esteem in the young child. The fun and educational story portrays each child as a unique individual, with positive images of all kinds of people and children.

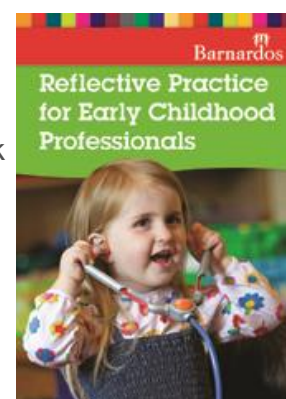


This book was produced in consultation with the Cork Early Years Anti-Bias Network, which includes Barnardos, Cork City Partnership, Cork CCC and Wallaroo Playschool. [You can find more information on this book here.](#)

Barnardos Publications

Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals

This new publication is for all practitioners and managers who work in early years services. It will challenge you to think about what the term 'reflective practice' really means and will support you to use reflective practice in your workplace to improve the way you practice as well as your working relationships. This will ultimately lead to better outcomes for you and the young children in your service. This book contains the following:



- What Is Reflective Practice?
- The Rights of the Child and the Need to Respect Children's Voices
- What Does It Mean to Be a Reflective Practitioner?
- What Does It Mean to Be a Reflective Practice Team?
- The Benefits of Reflecting On Practice
- The Barriers to Reflective Practice
- Observation
- Prompts and Tools for Practitioners
- Documenting, Planning and Reviewing
- Reflective Leadership and Management
- Advanced Reflection

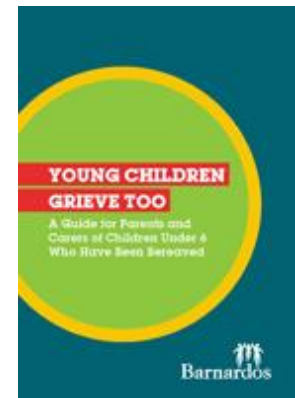
- Sharing Reflections

This book costs €20 plus p&p. This book will be launched on 15th Oct by Dr Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector, Dept of Education. [Register to attend the launch here.](#)

Free Booklets for Parents

Barnardos has an array of free booklets for parents on topics ranging from bereavement, behaviour, outdoor play, parenting and childcare.

You can [download these from our website](#) or order hard copies by [emailing us](#).



Barnardos Training and Consultancy

Meet Our New Training Officer, Ger McHugh

I recently started as Barnardos' Training Officer and I look forward to supporting you in the future. I have worked in the community and voluntary sector since 1999 and over the past 15 years, I have held a variety of roles in both homeless services and the youth work sector, including front line service provision, project management, programme development and training.



During these years, I took every opportunity to develop my skills personally and professionally and my love of learning has been nurtured through ongoing investment in my own personal development, as well as continuous up-skilling to do my job effectively. I enjoy collaborating with others and will draw on all my experience to ensure your training queries are responded to. Whether you are interested in finding out more about tailored training for your organisation, for instance Children First, Child Protection Training or Promoting Positive Behaviour Training, or attending one of our public events,

such as Reflective Practice for Early Years Practitioners or Making the Most of Supervision, I hope you will [get in touch with me](#).

Public Events Autumn/Winter 2015 Calendar

Children First, Child Protection Training

- [Saturday 3 October](#), Wisdom Centre, c/o Sophia Housing, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 [10.00am to 4.30pm]
- [Thursday 15 October](#), Montenotte Hotel, Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte, Cork [10.00am to 4.30pm]
- [Saturday 21 November](#), Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim, [10.00am to 4.30pm]

Reflective Practice for Early Years Practitioners

- [Thursday 15 October](#), Wisdom Centre, c/o Sophia Housing, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 [10.00am to 3.00pm]

Making the Most of Supervision (3 day course for Supervisors)

- [Tuesday & Wednesday 3 & 4 November, Wednesday 2 December](#), Wisdom Centre, c/o Sophia Housing, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 [9.00am to 5.00pm]

Policy Writing for Early Years Professionals

- [Thursday 5 November](#), Wisdom Centre, c/o Sophia Housing, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 [10.00am to 1.00pm]

Designated Liaison Person Training

- [Tuesday 10 November](#), Wisdom Centre, 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 [9.30am to 5.00pm]
- [Thursday 19 November](#), Montenotte Hotel, Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte, Cork [9.30am to 5.00pm]

New in 2016 – Designated Liaison Person Training specifically for Early Years Services.

Check out our training information on Barnardos website for updates.



To discuss your training requirements, please contact Barnardos Best Practice Training and Consultancy at training@barnardos.ie, or on Tel: 01 4530355.

'I picked Barnardos for training because they are a well known organisation and have a great reputation when it comes to Children Protection issues and most of our students had heard a lot about Barnardos too. Overall it was a really positive experience with the students actively engaging in the discussions. The trainer was very professional and extremely organised. The training increased the students' awareness about Child Protection issues; not to jump to conclusions about a child and to follow correct procedures and policies in various settings. It will also help them secure employment.'

Deirdre Dowling (Ormonde College of Further Education, Kilkenny)

Barnardos Library and Information Service

Meet Our New Library Co-ordinator, Maria Rogers

I started with Barnardos in the role of Library, Information and Advice Coordinator in January of this year. Prior to this I worked in Dublin Business School for six years where I held the post of Information Skills Librarian in DBS, with responsibility for library and information literacy education throughout the college. I have also been a part-time lecturer on and former Programme Leader of the MSc in Information and Library Management in DBS since its commencement in 2009. With over 10 years of experience working in the information and library sector in Ireland I am passionate about supporting people in their professional and personal development through the provision of relevant information and research services.



If you have a query about children and families, need assistance in compiling research or would just like to be kept up-to-date on developments in your area, [Maria](#) and [Colm](#) in Barnardos Library and Information Service are on hand to help.

Child Care Events Calendar

A [calendar](#) of upcoming seminars, conferences and training days aimed at professionals working with children and families is now available on the Barnardos website. The calendar is updated regularly with new events and courses. If you would like to include your event on the calendar, please email resources@barnardos.ie.



Upcoming Events

Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals - Publication Launch

When: Thursday 15th October at 3.15pm

Where: [The Wisdom Centre](#), 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8

You are invited to join Dr. Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Skills, as he launches Barnardos' new publication Reflective Practice for Early Childhood Professionals by Heino Schonfeld. [You can register your attendance at this event here.](#)

Barnardos Rise Up Conference on Child Inequality

When: 25th November 2015

Where: Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin 8

Keynote Speaker: Richard Wilkinson, co-author of The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better

As we approach the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, Barnardos is kicking off the commemorations with an examination of the state of the nation for children in Ireland. Among the many aspirations announced in the 1916 Proclamation is for a republic that would 'cherish all of the children of the nation equally' – but has that been achieved 100 years later?

This conference is the centre piece of Barnardos' Rise Up campaign which aims to place child inequality at the top of the agenda in the run up to the next general election. Keynote speaker will be joined by a host of national and international speakers to discuss child inequality across three themes; income inequality, child development and

education and health and the environment.

[Keep an eye on our website for more information.](#)

Innovations in Working with Families

When: Thursday, 3rd December

Where: Croke Park Conference Centre in Dublin.

Parents Plus are hosting [this national practice conference](#) which focuses on the following themes:

- Advanced practice workshops for professionals on solution-focused groupwork and engaging families in services
- Implementation workshops for managers and service leaders on how to get evidence-based programmes off the ground and established
- Presentations on up-to-date service innovations and research on the Parents Plus and Working Things Out Programmes
- Extensive networking opportunities to meet other frontline professionals, managers and researchers
- Seminars on innovative approaches to working with families using the Parents Plus Programmes in a variety of contexts

[You can register your attendance here.](#)

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