



# Barnardos Early Years eNews



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Hi <<First Name>>

In this first issue of Early Years eNews of the year we bring you updates of things happening across the sector.

With the new Government announcement that physical distancing measures, such as play-pods and mask wearing, will no longer be required in early learning and care settings from next Monday, we can hopefully all finally move into a new phase in our services. It has been a long road for educators and amidst the joy and reward of working with young children there has, for many, been times of stress and feeling overwhelmed. On 10 March, we would like to invite you all to [a free online event on staff wellbeing in ELC and SAC](#) that looks at how we can create healthy and happy workplace experiences and buffer against stress, see more details below.

In this enews we also bring 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](mailto:resources@barnardos). For daily updates [join us on Facebook](#).

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# INVITATION TO ONLINE EVENT

## Staff Wellbeing in Early Learning and Care

The theme of this free online webinar, hosted by Barnardos as part of the Aontas Adult Learner Festival, is Staff Wellbeing. This event is aimed at all those working in early learning and care, school age childcare and childminders.

Speakers at the event include:

- Grainne McKenna, Assistant Professor at Dublin City University, Institute of Education
- Sharon Byrne, Early Years Development Coordinator, Barnardos
- Amy Dowd, Manager, Cuan Bhride Childcare Centre

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**News and Developments From the Sector**

## Updates from Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

DCEDIY has published the [final Annual Report](#) for the 'Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF) National Policy Framework for Children and Young People'. The Dept also published an [indicator set](#), the purpose of which is to track progress for children and young people aged 0–24 across the five national outcomes outlined in BOBF. Following the above, Minister O’Gorman announced the launch of a [consultation](#) seeking the public’s views on the next national policy framework for children and young people.



## Other Updates from the Sector

- The NCCA is updating Aistear are currently in Phase 1 of consultation. [Have your say here.](#)
- Childrens Rights Alliance have launched their [Report Card 2022](#). Among other gradings, 'Reform of the Early Childhood Education and Care system' received a 'B-' grade up from the 'C' grade awarded last year.
- Early Childhood Ireland have published [Barometer 2022](#) measuring public attitudes to early years care and education.
- A recent [survey](#) has shown has found that 41% of early years professionals are actively seeking a job in another sector.
- A new Healthy Ireland Smart Start (HISS) Birth – 3 Years Programme has been developed by HSE Health and Wellbeing and the National Childhood Network (NCN), supported by DCEDIY. [Find out more.](#)
- A new research study is currently underway to gather the perspectives of Early Childhood Educators' on STEM education within the Republic of

Ireland. Potential participants are invited to take part by completing a short online survey [here](#).

- Better Start have a new course series [Promoting Children's Well-Being Through a Nurturing Pedagogy](#)
- [Sign up now for the online course 'TOY: An Intergenerational Approach'](#) to learn about intergenerational practice and discover practical ways to create opportunities for Intergenerational Learning.

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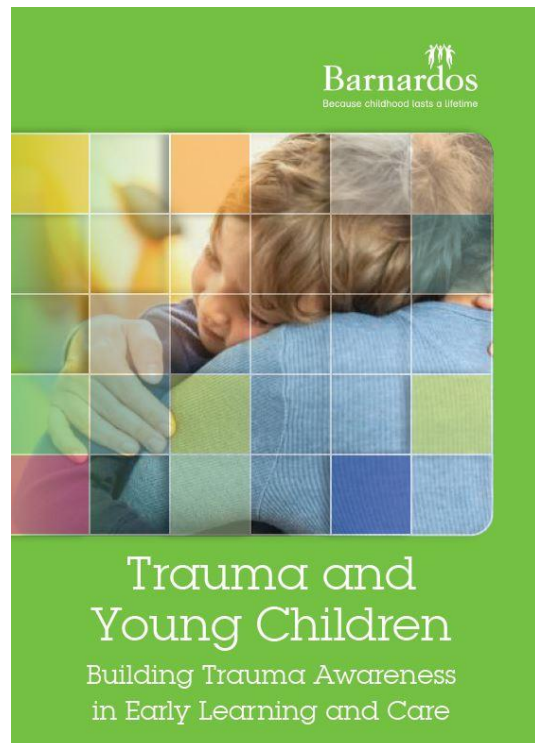
## Updates from Barnardos

### Barnardos Publications

We will be launching a number of new publications in the next couple of months so keep an eye out on our online shop for details. Upcoming resources

include *Environmentalism in School Age Childcare*, *Adult-Child Relationships in School Age Childcare* and *ChildLinks - Mixed Age Groups in ECEC*.

We are very excited to be launching *Trauma and Young Children: Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care* as part of an online event on trauma and ELC on 7th April. We will be sending invites in due course so watch this space!



[Browse All Barnardos Publications](#)

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## Barnardos Library

Our [special library memberships for early years staff and childminders is now available to those working in School Age Childcare](#).

This 12 month membership of Barnardos Library is only 10 euro and includes:

- Borrow up to 4 items at any one time
- Online access to eBooks, Databases & Journals
- Subscription to Childlinks Barnardos Journal
- Monthly email updates
- One-to-one research support (by appointment)
- 10% discount off Barnardos' publications

Other things to note about our library...

- Enhanced databases offerings include access to our growing eBook collection [Education Source](#) and [Sociology Source Ultimate](#).
- Continued operation of our Parent Support Line (1800 910 123)
- We continue to offer [Free Memberships](#) for employees of Better Start, City and County Childcare Committees and [Area Based Childhood Programmes](#)
- Sign up to our [Daily Digest](#) - a free newsletter that pulls together all of the stories in the Irish media that focus on children and families.

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## Barnardos Training

### Understanding Young Children's Behaviour

The aim of this workshop is to support early years educators in understanding the factors that influence children's behaviour and to see behaviour as communication. [Book now for 9th March](#)

### Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Child Development

Participants will explore how trauma impacts a child's developing brain and their overall development and will offer an introduction to how individuals respond to trauma. [Book now for 23rd March](#)

### **An Introduction to Creative Mindfulness Practices for School Age Care**

This two hour evening workshop focuses on how to support children's positive mental health and wellbeing through creative mindfulness and compassion based practices. [Book now for 6th April](#)

### **Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care**

This webinar is suitable for those working in Early Childhood Care and Education who are interested in learning about adverse childhood experiences and what we can do to foster children's resilience. [Book now 16th April](#)

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

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### **Online Safety Webinars**

As part of our Digital Offering, we are delivering webinars about online safety to parents. Delivered live by a Barnardos trainer, these free 45 minute parent webinars about online safety.

[Register now for the next webinar on 16th March](#)



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