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In this third issue of Early Years eNews of the year we bring you details of Childhood Services Week 2021, which will take place from 24th to 29th May and focus on the Arts. We hope you will all get involved to celebrate children's creativity and artistic development.

We also bring details of other updates including the launch of the Childminding Action Plan, a pathway to be developed over the next eight years that sets out steps towards regulation, support and subsidies, for all paid, non-relative childminders as well as other news from across the sector. As always we also include information on the latest on Barnardos publications, training courses and library.

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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News and Developments From the Sector

Childhood Services Week 2021

This year's Childhood Services Week, delivered by NCN, working collaboratively with a range of service providers, presenters and support agencies, based in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, will take place from 24th to 29th May. The theme of the week this year is **Arts at the Heart** and the aim is to shine a light on the wonderful work taking place in Early Childhood and School Age Childcare services to promote children's holistic development through the Arts.

Join NCN at [Creativity on a Shoestring: Welcome to the Curious World of](#)

Creative Reuse Webinar on Thursday 22nd April for full details on Childhood Services Week or keep an eye on www.ncn.ie for more details coming soon.

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

- On 15 April, DCEDIY launched the [National Action Plan for Childminding](#). This plan is a pathway to be developed over the next eight years that sets out steps towards regulation, support and subsidies, for all paid, non-relative childminders. [Find out more](#)
- Minister O’Gorman has highlighted some key messages for providers, practitioners and parents in ELC and SAC settings in a [new video](#).
- DCEDIY have also launched [the National Framework for Children and Young People’s Participation in Decision-Making](#) which supports departments, agencies and organisations to improve their practice in listening to children and young people and giving them a voice in decision-making.
- Minister O’Gorman has also announced two new funding schemes aimed at supporting staff and expanding the use of technology in community and voluntary organisations working with children, young people and their families. [Find out more.](#)

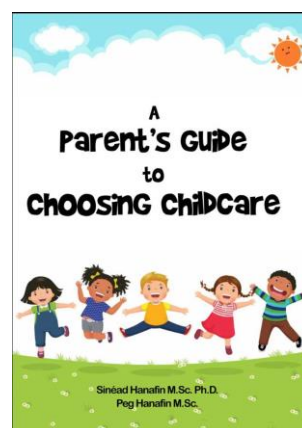


Updates from The Department of Education Inspectorate

- The Department of Education Inspectorate is continuing to draw from the findings of the analysis of education inspection in ELC settings to develop topics in their webinar series, [Insights: Quality in Education](#). Webinars that will be published in the coming months include Promoting Resilience, Partnership with Parents, Working with Mixed-age Groups, Free Play, Promoting Creativity.
- The Department of Education Inspectorate is also working on the development of the EYEI 0-6 Model in line with the commitment in *First 5*. Briefing and consultation with early years stakeholders will take place in parallel with a field trial of the extended quality framework for EYEI in co-operation with volunteer ELC settings. If you are interested in participating contact EYEInspectorate@education.gov.ie.

Other Updates

- [A Parent's Guide to Choosing Childcare](#), a new book for parents by Dr Sinéad Hanafin and Peg Hanafin, is now available with all proceeds going to Barnardos.



Updates from Barnardos

Barnardos Publications

We are fully stocked again on our wide range of publications for professionals, from those relating to management and governance, such as [legislation](#), [policy development](#) and [support and supervision](#), to those focusing on practice including [the key person approach](#), [environments](#), [interactions](#) and [the arts](#).



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Barnardos Library

Did you know that [childminders can sign up for the special library membership](#) that is available to those working in centre-based early years settings?

For only €10 per year members will get books posted out to them nationwide. Members will also get free e-copies of Barnardos journal *ChildLinks*, a 10% discount on Barnardos publications and monthly members update. [Sign up now.](#)

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Training Webinars

We have a number of new webinar dates for the coming months. Click the links below for more details and to book online.

- Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Child Development [28 April](#)
- Trauma Informed Practice in Early Learning and Care [11 May](#)
- Making the Most of Supervision (3 day course for Supervisors) [12, 13 May and 22 June](#)
- Introduction to Creative Mindfulness Practices in Early Learning and Care [19 May](#)
- Supporting Practice through Supervision in Early Learning and Care [2 June](#)
- Children First ([various dates](#))
- Designated Liaison Person ([various dates](#))

If you would like to chat to one of our team about your training needs just [get in touch](#).

[Barnardos Training](#)

Barnardos eLearning

We have [a range of free online courses and webinars](#) available on topics such as learning environments, the rights of the child, mindfulness and supporting children facing adversity.

[Access Barnardos eLearning](#)

Our Team Recommends...

The [Early Childhood Australia Learning Hub](#) is packed full of great resources. Some of our favourites include [this collection of videos](#) that highlight and showcase selected examples of significant learning in the birth-to-three-years period.



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