Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 14th-28th April 2023.

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Friday 28th April 2023**

Deadline to apply to join Early Years Inspectorate proposed development of inspection report template.

**Friday 12th May**

Closing date for applications for CYPSC Train the Trainer workshop

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Childhood Services Week 1st-5th May 2023**

Childhood Services week runs from 1st to 5th May 2023. The National Childhood Network is offering various webinars and workshops throughout the week. Please see posters attached for further information.

**SafeFood E-newsletter**

*Safe*food, are a government organisation working on the promotion of healthy eating and food safety public health messages. They are currently developing an Education E-newsletter for preschools to allow them to communicate with preschool staff (a few times a year) on relevant campaigns and to offer FREE child friendly resources.

If your service would be interested in receiving an Education E-newsletter you can subscribe by clicking the following link;  [www.safefood.net/education-newsletter](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.safefood.net%2feducation-newsletter&c=E,1,GEZrmZaE8FokYanWZ793-mC8C0AQ-ePVHj4XKECAjbWgVhb8OMo4gE6muQovvUGQ8jh1PHGoPjn0UJwCsf5hpKcYsuI42UKKl4WC3RIDSfPV0Nw-PRTP&typo=1)

**Pobal AIM Refresher training session.**

Pobal are running AIM sessions for providers covering the following areas:

* Level 4: Expert Educational Advice and Support
* Level 5: Equipment, Appliances and Minor Alterations
* Level 7: Additional Capitation

For further information on topics covered please refer to the announcement section on the Hive.

The webinars will take place at the following dates and times:

AIM 4, 5 and 7 Refresher SP2

*28/04/2023 from 10:30am – 11:30am*

[https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4623609553106642272](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4623609553106642272)

**Core Funding ‘Review & Confirm’**

The ‘Review and Confirm’ window closed on Friday 7th April 2023.

It is important to note that although the window has now closed, services who have not yet completed the ‘Review and Confirm’ are still required to complete the process and the ‘Review and Confirm’ form will remain open on the Early Years Hive.

Core Funding payments **will be placed on hold** until such a time as the process is completed. However, once your ‘Review and Confirm’ is approved, Partner Services will receive payment on the next available catch-up payment.

If you have not completed your ‘Review and Confirm’ or are unsure, please contact your Development Worker for assistance.

Please refer to the Hive announcement section for further information and guidance.

**Aistear- The Journey Continues**

On Saturday 6th May 2023, you are invited to discuss, share and engage with research and practices that emerged from the recent review of literature to support the updating of Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework completed by researchers and academics at DCU Institute of Education.

This engaging and interactive event will include seminars, small group workshops and showcasing of practice that provide an opportunity to consider how research and evidence informs and enhances curriculum development in an Irish context.

An exciting day of knowledge exchange, critical reflection, practical workshops and connection with

friends and colleagues in early childhood care and education.

DATE: Saturday 6th May 2023

TIME: 9.30am- 2pm

WHERE: DCU Institute of Education, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Please see attached to this bulletin a flier which includes a link to register for this free event.

**Cork CYPSC Supporting Parents Subgroup; Train the Trainer workshop.**

Cork CYPSC Supporting Parents Subgroup are offering a free training workshop for state, voluntary or community organisations in Cork City and County for professionals who regularly support parents in their day-to-day work. This training is open to all ELC and SAC services in Cork County.

Please find the leaflet attached for full details.

**Early Years Inspectorate proposed development of new inspection report template.**

Early Years Inspectorate is proposing to develop a new early years inspection report template.

Tusla would now like to get the views of key stakeholders on the changes they are proposing. Participants will be asked to complete 2-3 online questionnaire surveys, the first online questionnaire in May and the second in June 2023.

 Participants should:

* have knowledge about Early Years inspections and / or reports and/or the findings documented in the early years inspection report which may be directly relevant to you.
* be available to respond to the questionnaires
* be willing to take part.

If you would like to take part, please email rpdt@tusla.ie as soon as you can and no later than **Friday 28th April 2023.** Please include your name, your role and your organisation in your email.

Tusla are keen to have input from people from a range of areas / disciplines / roles so if there are a large number of responses from some areas, participants will be identified accordingly.

**NCS hours**

Parents availing of the NCS scheme will be receiving a notification on their parent portal from DCEDIY to clarify the NCS attendance rules. These were outlined to providers in the [Early Years Sector Bulletin March 2023.](https://e.sensorpro.net/run/V4.aspx?vsid=0GGaqjdKExB5k6r2I2ouPlJwvRRt2PawweihFRnzV3fo816Qqf3ckAzdTlZy1E8y_zes7) To view the notice parents will receive please refer to your own announcement section on the Hive, as parents may come to you with queries.

**Early Years Sector E-Bulletin April 2023**

In case you haven't read it yet here is the link to this month's DCEDIY Early Years Sector E-Bulletin [E Bulletin April 2023](https://e.sensorpro.net/run/V4.aspx?vsid=%2FJgJSWk2kjpOnWv6AJb9S8FnF2LmfjH2yP5guWpCWS%2FtSYkaPDCY02eck3UKLDVF_zes7)

**Cork County Childcare Committee Facebook Page**

We invite you to like our Facebook page Cork County Childcare Committee Ltd for lots of updates and relevant content. [Cork County Childcare Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079059495356)

**Covid case advice**

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777.

For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website for the most up to date information and guidance. ([https://first5.gov.ie](https://first5.gov.ie/))

Should you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on 022-23880 or info@corkchildcare.ie

Kind Regards,

Cork County Childcare Committee