

**Community of Practice Event**

Creative Sustainability

Cork County Childcare Committee are delighted to collaborate with ReCreate Ireland and Cork County Council as part of our first **Communities of Practice** Event. A Community of Practice is a group of people who have a shared interest coming together on a regular basis to share knowledge and develop practice. The focus of this first event is on embedding a **‘creative sustainability’** mindset in the early years and school age childcare sector across Cork County. This community of practice programme, funded by Cork County Council and facilitated by Recreate Ireland creative consultants and artists alongside the Cork County Childcare Committee team, will support ELC and SAC services to develop confidence in their creativity and curiosity skills, explore inclusive open-ended play and provocations in the setting-all within the context of creative sustainability.

The programme will consist of:

* **1**x half day in person creative workshop in May/June for ELC/SAC managers who will be supported to instil a creative sustainability mindset across their service. *These Creative workshops will be held at 8 different locations across the county to ensure accessibility\**
* **6**x monthly online creative webinars from July-December to build on the in-person sessions creating a network of services interested in continuing on their creative sustainability journey.

*Open to managers and educators/practitioners within the setting to embed creative sustainability in the setting.*

At this juncture Cork County Childcare Committee are seeking **Expressions of Interest** from ELC and SAC services who wish to take part.  A booking process will then follow. Please complete and submit the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/RrXGdMWQRY> by **Wednesday 26th April** if you are interested in participating in this project.

\**We would like to put out a call for* ***8 ELC/SAC providers to offer their settings as ‘host venues’*** *for the creative training days across Cork County. As a thank you the service will be offered free ReCreate membership for 12 months.* *Ideally each venue will accommodate approx. 11 other services (1 person per service) – so each training session could have up to* ***12 services represented*** *(the host provider and 11 other signed up providers). Please use the form above to indicate if your service is available to host.*

To learn more about Recreate Ireland see website [https://recreate.ie/](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2frecreate.ie%2f&c=E,1,Ra1y073I-Ck6EPFBCiBN9GULCsW0sJjGWpRkdFe9rUJIYt0sS-Vd-2cdlx0XbrJRNch5Qb76mPJ_HvYjlqkZ4jZkZGjYSlDaIUts1V7ETpkQ343Hv6I,&typo=1) or follow on social media

