



Childminding Week 2009

Síolta—Watering the Seeds of Quality in
Childminding

March 28th - April 4th, 2009

For the sixth consecutive year, throughout Ireland, Childminding groups are organising a variety of exciting events and activities within their community to celebrate Childminding Week and to raise the profile of Childminding.

Childminders in Ireland provide a valuable service in the community and play a vital role in the lives of minded children and their families. This is an opportunity to celebrate all their hard work!

Síolta is the national standard for Quality in Childcare and is *Childminding Irelands* focus for 2009. We invite you to attend your local events taking place nationwide as apart of Childminding Week.

Organised by *Childminding Ireland* and City and County Childcare Committees nationwide.



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Launch of Childminding Week

The formal launch of Childminding Week will take place on Saturday, 28th March from 3.00-4.00pm following our AGM in the Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Childminding Ireland

The Annual General Meeting of *Childminding Ireland* will take place on Saturday, 28th March, from 10.00am to 2.00pm

International Family Day Care Organisation [IFDCO] Conference 2009 University College Cork, Ireland July 20th—25th

“Celebrating Quality Family Childcare”
This is a unique conference focused on Childminding.

This is scheduled to be an inspirational and highly informative conference with international conference speakers in the Childminding arena.

Childminding Ireland members can enjoy a special rate for the 3 day conference.

See Conference Programme and Register Now on www.ifdco.com

Childminding Ireland provide:

- Newsletters
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- Training
- Information for Parents
- Tax Compliance Support
- Advice and information on grants, fees, regulations and lots more...

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Carlow

28th & 29th March

Paediatric First Aid, St. Catherine's Community Services Centre

Tuesday, 31st March

Pot Gardening for Childminders and Children, Arboretum Garden Centre, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow

Thursday, 2nd April

Cookery Demonstration for Childminders. St. Catherine's Community Services Centre.

Eilish McDonald
Carlow County Childcare Committee
059 9140244

Cavan

Wednesday, 1st April

Fire Safety Talk followed by refreshments to celebrate CM Week at 8.00pm

Martina McGovern
Cavan County Childcare Committee
049 9529882

Clare

Thursday, 26th March

Using art with Children
Using the outdoor environment with Children
Cois na hAbhna, Ennis

Story-telling sessions in Local Libraries

Debbie O'Donovan
Clare County Childcare Committee
065 6864862



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Cork City

Tuesday, 31st March—Information Session

Wednesday, 1st April—Open Day

Thursday, 2nd April—Information Stand, Blackpool Shopping Centre

Friday, 3rd April—Information Stand, Wilton Shopping Centre

Saturday, 4th April—Puppet Show, Central Library, Cork City at 2.00pm

Ruth Cullen
Cork City Childcare Committee
021 4507942

Cork County

Monday, 30th March
“Potting the Seeds” at Griffin Garden Centre, Dripsey, 10.30am-12.30pm

Tuesday, 31st March
QAP Reunion in Dunmanway, 7pm-9pm

Wednesday, 1st April
Play Activity in Dunmanway, 10.30am-12.30pm
QAP, Ballincollig 7.30-9.30pm

Thursday, 2nd April
Blackpool Shopping Centre—Info Stand with Cork City Childcare Committee

Friday, 3rd April
Wilton Shopping Centre—Info Stand with Cork City Childcare Committee

Cork County Childcare Committee
Dunmanway Office: 023 55962
Buttevant Office: 022 23880

Donegal

Angela McGinty
Donegal County Childcare Committee
Tel: 074 9132416
www.donegalcountychildcare.com

Dublin Fingal

Friday, 3rd April—Chatterbox Puppet Show and Play Session, Malahide Library, 10.15am to 11.15am
Una Caffrey
Fingal County Childcare Committee
01 8077660 or 087 7477449

Dublin City

April 8th - 11am - 1pm

Dublin South East Childcare Information Service with the Ringsend Community Centre will hold a Childminding Morning event at the Ringsend Community Centre which will include some informational sessions for childminders, including talks on story telling and value of books, toys and their value in play, information on the Childminding Development Grant, and other activities.

Audra Hubbard
Dublin City Childcare Committee
01 5424100

Dublin

Monday 30th March—10am—1pm

Dublin North West Resource Centre with HSE Childminding Advisory Service will organize a free Playdate for the area childminders and the children. The event will take place at HURLY BURLYS (www.hurlyburly.ie) in North Park, off the M50 at exit 5. It will celebrate Childminding Week with a fun session for children and a chance for minders and advisors to chat over a cup of tea.

To book free places please e-mail pdunne@ballymun.org or liz.butler@hse.ie or text 086 805 9323 with your contact details and the number of children you will bring.

North West

Elizabeth Butler
01 8825174

North Central

Sheila Sheridan/Pat Dunne
01 8423612

Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown

Tuesday, 31st March - Many Kinds of Smart Seminar, Stillorgan Park Hotel, 7-9.00pm

Forthcoming Events: QAP commencing 22nd April

Children Plus seminar 25th April

Tracey Nelson
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Childcare Committee 012368030

Galway

Monday, 30th March—Childminders' Network Play Morning & lunch 10.00am-12 noon

Friday, 3rd April—Childminders' Night Out, House Hotel

Pre-booking essential.

Sheila Garrity
Galway County Childcare Committee
087-9421895

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Kerry

Celebration of CM Week will take place from 11th to 16th May

Wednesday, 13th May

Paper Evening for Childminders

Thursday, 14th May

Free Coffee Morning for CMs at Toby World, Tralee

Saturday, 16th May

CM, Parent & Family Day at Kennedy Pet Farm, Killarney

Denise Quinlan
Kerry County Childcare Committee
066 7181582

Kildare/West Wicklow

Bridie Clancy
Kildare County Childcare Committee
045 907330/045 861307

Kilkenny

Wednesday, 1st April
Kiddies Kingdom, 10.30am-12.00noon

Saturday, 4th April
Information Stand, Market Cross, 10.00am-1.00pm

Helena Comerford
Kilkenny County Childcare Committee
056 7752865

Laois/Offaly

For information of events in the Laois area please contact:

Fiona McHugh
Childminder Advisory Officer
057 9370630

Limerick City and County

Marie Hennessy
Limerick County Childcare Committee
061 314111

Leitrim

Wednesday, 1st April

Coffee Morning, Fenagh Visitors Centre & Soft Play Area, 11.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday, 2nd April

Coffee Morning, Funny Bones Soft Play Area, Colloney, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Friday, 3rd April

Trip to Carick Cinema with colleagues from Roscommon CCC, 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Advanced Booking Essential.

Orla McKeown
Leitrim County Childcare Committee
071 9640870

Longford

Kerrie Shine
Longford County Childcare Committee
043 43176

Louth

Sinead Rock
Louth County Childcare Committee
041 6859912

Mayo

Mary O'Hara Gavin
Mayo County Childcare Committee
094 9034776

Mary Heavey
Regional Network Officer, Childminding Ireland
096 72084

Meath

Marina Cunningham
Meath County Childcare Committee
046 9073010



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Monaghan

Monday, 30th March

Gymboree Morning, Monaghan CCC Offices, 11.00am to 12.00 noon

Colette Quigley
Monaghan County Childcare Committee
047 72896

Offaly

Thursday, 2nd April

Arts & Crafts Session for Childminders and minded children in Tullamore

Fiona McHugh
Childminder Advisory Officer, Laois & Offaly
057 9370630

Roscommon

Arts & Crafts and Storytelling. For more details contact Carmel Dunne, Childminder Advisory Officer, Roscommon County Childcare Committee
094 96 22540

Sligo

Noreen McNamara, Childminder Advisory Officer, Sligo County Childcare Committee
071 9148860

Tipperary North

Monday, 30th March—Coffee Morning in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, 10.00am to 12 noon

Wednesday, 1st April—Coffee & Info. Morning in the Play Centre, Rathdowney Designer Outlet, 10.30am to 12.30pm

Wednesday, 1st April—Arts & Crafts Evening, Anner Hotel, Thurles, 8.00-10pm

Thursday, 2nd April—Jump n' Gyms, Nenagh, 10.30am-12.30pm

Lisa McGeeney, Childminder Advisory Officer, Tipperary North County Childcare Committee
067 38316 or Noilin Ryan, Development Worker, 085 7173186
www.northtipperarychildcare.ie

Tipperary South

Monday, 30th March

Network Meeting, STCCC Offices at 7.00pm

Tuesday, 31st March

Storytelling, Carrick On Suir Library, 11.00am

Carol Knox, Childminder Advisory Officer, Tipperary South County Childcare Committee
052 82274
www.southtipperarychildcare.ie

Waterford City & County

Monday, 30th March

Egg Decoration hands-on demo, Waterford County CC Offices, 9 Emmet St. Dungarvan, 8.00pm

Tuesday, 31st March

Puppet Show and lots more, Run A Muck, Riverstown, Tramore, 10am-12noon

Wednesday, 1st April

Seashore Nature Walk, venue to be confirmed, 7.30-9.30pm

Thursday, 2nd April

Art Exhibitions—Waterford City, Central Library, Lady Lane and Waterford County, Dungarvan Library

Entries to be received by 27th March

Official Launch Dungarvan 6.30pm-7.30pm

Play Morning, Play Loft, Clonea Strand Hotel, Dungarvan 10am-12noon

Susan Power
Childminder Advisory Officer
Waterford City Childcare Committee
051 860444

Rosemarie Cusack
Childminder Advisory Officer
Waterford County Childcare Committee
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Westmeath

Caroline O'Connor Hughes
Childminder Advisory Officer
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Wexford

Patricia Brannick and Eithne Gallagher
Childminder Advisory Officers
Wexford County Childcare Committee
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Wicklow

Monday, 30th March

Junglemania, Kilcoole for minders and toddlers 10am—12noon

Tuesday, 31st March

Survey Result Night & Draw, Glenview Hotel, Glen o'the Downs 7.30pm

Thursday, 2nd April

Story Telling with puppets, games & fun. Arklow Library, 10.30am—12 noon

Friday, 3rd April

Kidzone, Wicklow Town for minders and school age kids 3.30-5.30pm

Miriam O'Regan
Wicklow County Childcare Committee
Kilmantain Hill, Wicklow Town
Tel: 0404 64455
www.wicklowcountychildcare.ie

Advance booking of most events is essential please contact the Childminder Advisory Officer or City/County Childcare Committee in your area to book your place and to confirm the exact details of the event.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Should you wish to join *Childminding Ireland* or make an enquiry please contact the *Childminding Ireland* team at 01 2878466 and info@childminding.ie or check our website at www.childminding.ie

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