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<tr><th>Date</th><th>Description</th><th>Venue</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Aistear 2024 Update Sessions</td></tr>
<tr><td>1: Raheen:
Mon 16th & Wed 18th Feb
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td rowspan="3">These workshops will explore the key messages that underpin the update of Aistear, as set out below. Both sessions must be attended as part of the certification.
Session 1: Aistear 2024 Principles (2.5hrs)
• the vision of Aistear 2024,
• how the framework and guidelines are structured,
• define the concepts of children as 'Agentic Global Citizens' and the 'Agentic Educator,' and
• review the nine principles which underpin Aistear
Session 2 Aistear 2024 Themes, Aims and Learning Goals (2.5hrs)
• Aistear's Themes, Aims and Learning Goals,
• Define the concept of a 'Slow Relational Pedagogy',
• reaffirm our understanding of the 'Emergent and Inquiry-Based Curriculum', and
• Examine through group work what types of learning experiences might align with each of the Aims, considering free play, guided play, and educator-led play opportunities
Who Should Attend: All ELC Managers, Educators and Childminders
Places are limited to 2 people per service.
Book by emailing Niamh@limerickchildcare.ie</td><td>1: The Southcourt Hotel, Raheen V94 E77X</td></tr>
<tr><td>2: Foynes:
Tues 3rd & Tues 10th March,
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td>2: Foynes Flying boat Museum V94 T6C1</td></tr>
<tr><td>3: Mitchelstown:
Thurs 19th & Tues 24th March
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td>3: The Fir Grove Hotel Mitchelstown P67 Y206</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Everyday Spaces</td></tr>
<tr><td>1: Raheen,
Tues 24th Feb & Thurs 26th Feb
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td rowspan="2">Everyday Spaces training is an interactive, educator-led workshop delivered by Childcare Committees trained by Hub na nÓg. It helps educators use the National Participation Framework and the Everyday Spaces Checklist to involve babies, toddlers, and young children in everyday decision-making in care settings.
The course is open to professionals in ELC/SAC settings and childminders, and it can be included in your QIPP (Quality and Inclusive Practice Plan). It is also a recognised activity for Equal Start services.

Who Should Attend: All ELC/SAC Educators and Childminders
Book by emailing Marie@limerickchildcare.ie</td><td>1: The Southcourt Hotel, Raheen V94 E77X</td></tr>
<tr><td>2: Newcastle West,
Sat 7th March
10am-4pm</td><td>2: The Longcourt House Hotel Newcastle West V42 TD72</td></tr>
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<tr><th colspan="3">Always Children First (ACF) Foundation Training</th></tr>
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<td>1: Raheen:
Mon 2nd & Wed 4th March,
6.30pm-9.30pm

2: Castleconnell:
Mon 9th & Wed 11th March
6.30pm-9.30pm

3: NCW:
Mon 23rd & Wed 25th
March 6.30pm-9.30pm

4: Adare:
Tues 31st March
9.30am-4.30pm</td>
<td>Always Children First (ACF) Foundation Training is a face-to-face, 6-hour safeguarding course for early years and school-age educators. It builds on the e-learning modules from Tusla to deepen understanding of child protection procedures in practice.
Prerequisites
Before attending ACF training, participants must complete:
1. Tusla’s ‘Introduction to Children First’ e-Learning Programme – covering recognizing and reporting abuse, roles of mandated and designated liaison persons https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/
2. Tusla’s “Mandated Person” e-Learning Module – focusing on the responsibilities of mandated persons under the Children First Act https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/mandated-persons/mandated-person-role-and-responsibilities-elearning-module/
Who Should Attend: All staff who have not completed an in-person ACF in the last 5 Years. Limit three per service.
To book please use the links below:

Programme 1 Raheen: Book here:
Programme 2 Castleconnell: Book here:
Programme 3 NCW: Book here:
Programme 4 Adare: Book here:</td>
<td>1: The Southcourt Hotel, Raheen.
V94 E77X

2: The Castle Oaks Hotel.
Castleconnell
V94 EH94

3: The Longcourt House Hotel,
Newcastle West.
V42 TD72

4: The Woodlands House Hotel.
Adare
V94 F1P9

(Lunch will be provided)</td>
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<tr><th colspan="3">Designated Liaison Person Training</th></tr>
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<td>Wed 22nd April.
4pm-7.30pm</td>
<td>Tusla’s Designated Liaison Person (DLP) training equips those appointed to be the internal safeguarding lead within organisations to fulfil this essential role. The DLP acts as the central point of contact for all child protection concerns and liaises with Tusla, An Garda Síochána (or Social Services in NI), and other agencies This training will provide DLPs with additional guidance on their roles and responsibilities and will explore how DLPs communicate, respond to and report child safeguarding concerns.
Prerequisites
Before attending DLP training, participants must complete:
1. Participants must have attended Always Children First: Foundation Training in the 12 months prior to DLP Training
2. Always Children First DLP E-Learning module, which forms Part A of this training. The DLP eLearning module must be completed within two weeks of the in-person workshop. https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/organisations/appointing-a-designated-liaison-person/
Who Should Attend: DLP and Deputy DLP. Limit two per service. Priority to services that have not previously completed this training.

To book please use the link: Book here:</td>
<td>The Woodlands House Hotel,
Adare
V94 F1P9</td>
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<tr><th colspan="3">Understanding and Reframing Challenging Behaviours in Early Years Settings</th></tr>
<tr><td>1. Kilmallock
Thurs 19th Feb
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td rowspan="2">In this workshop Karen will broadly outline what challenging behaviour is and why it is manifesting in our services. By exploring the ‘why’ and the ‘how’ from a strengths-based lens we will come to understand the reasons and stages of challenging behaviours.
Together we will explore practical and effective solutions to restore wellbeing and calm to the child and the classroom environment.
Key Focus Areas:
• Challenges for Neurotypical Children in an ELC
• Challenges for Neurodiverse Children in an ELC
• Wellbeing Strategies for Children in an ELC
• Functional Behaviour Assessment and Strategy Planning
Who Should Attend: All Early Years Educators and Childminders

Book by emailing Niamh@limerickchildcare.ie</td><td>1. Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock V35 KV62</td></tr>
<tr><td>2. Raheen
Thurs 12th March
6.30pm – 9.30pm</td><td>2. The Southcourt Hotel, Raheen. V94 E77X</td></tr>
<tr><th colspan="3">Summer Network</th></tr>
<tr><td>Friday 12th June
7pm – 10pm</td><td>Limerick Childcare Committee invites you and your staff and board members to attend our Annual Summer Network Meeting.
General updates from Limerick Childcare (10-15 minutes), food and networking with DJ and dancing.
Book by emailing Niamh@limerickchildcare.ie</td><td>Greenhills Hotel, Limerick V94 X2RV</td></tr>
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