

## Upcoming Training Events Spring - Summer 2010



**Budgeting & Book Keeping**  
Thursday 15th April  
KKCCC Office, New Street, Kilkenny  
Free of charge



**Physical Activity Policy Development**  
Wednesday 14th April & Wednesday 5th May  
KKCCC Office, New Street, Kilkenny  
Free of charge



### Music & Movement

Hosted by the Kilkenny Childcare Providers Network & Kilkenny Network of Childminders  
Thursday 27th May  
Venue to be confirmed  
Free of charge



**Hygiene & Infection Control**  
Saturday 12th June  
KKCCC Office, New Street, Kilkenny  
€30 per participant

For further information or details on how to book a place on any of the above training contact Julieann on 056-7752865 or visit our website [www.kkccc.ie](http://www.kkccc.ie)

# Kilkenny Childcare Newsletter

## Kilkenny County Childcare Committee



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Childcare Committee  
Coiste Cúram Leanai  
Chontae Cill Chainnigh



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### Welcome

Welcome to our Spring newsletter,  
The Early Childhood Care and Education scheme (ECCE) is now up and running. To keep you informed we have put together a pull out ECCE information section for you to keep. We hope you find it useful. The committee have purchased a range of new books for the ongoing development of the Resource centre - pop in and have a look!

Childminding Week took place from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March. You can enjoy some of the photos from the events that took place to celebrate childminding on page 2.

I would like to draw your attention to the 1st National Conference of the Association of Childcare Professionals which will take place in Cork on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. The conference is hosted by the Cork branch of the association. This conference addresses a number of items including European developments in the Early Childhood profession and Ethics for the profession. Do contact us if a Kilkenny branch of the association interests you.

### Happy Easter

Gretta Murphy, Co-ordinator Kilkenny County Childcare Committee

## "Lá Sugradh" Family Fun Day 2010



This Year's La Sugradh will take place in the Castle Park on Saturday 26th June 2010

La Sugradh will run in collaboration with the Office of Public Works and Kilkenny County Council as part of the 2010 National Play Day Celebrations.

This is an opportunity for all families across Kilkenny City and County to take time from their busy schedules to relax and enjoy an afternoon of fun games and activities.

Further info will be made available closer to the date

## Rearing to Go IPPA 41st AGM & Conference



Saturday 17th April 2010  
Best Western Ashling Hotel, Dublin 8

For further info or to book a place contact Caitlin on 01-4630026

## NCNA Pyjama Day 2010



Children and staff of Bluebells Creche, Kilkenny (top) and Oasis, Freshford & District Childcare Centre (bottom) enjoying Pyjama Day 2010 in aid of the Make A Wish Foundation.



Well done to all childcare services in Kilkenny that participated in this year's event.



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Transforming Ireland



Emmet makes the most of the weather in the Castle Park during Childminding Week 2010

See inside for further information

# Childminding Week 2010

20th to 27th March

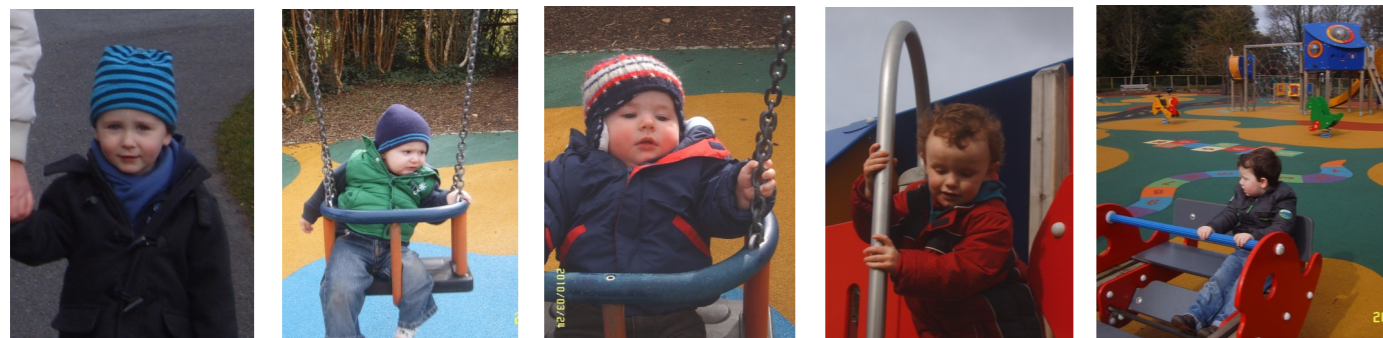
For the seventh consecutive year, throughout Ireland, Childminding groups organised a variety of exciting events and activities within their community to celebrate Childminding Week and to raise the profile of childminding.



Catherine O'Brien & Catherine Delaney helping out in MacDonagh Junction

Childminding Week commenced in Kilkenny with an information stand in MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre. This was an opportunity to provide the public with information about childminding and the valuable role childminders play within the community.

A sponsored Walk & Toddle in collaboration with Childminding Ireland and Concern was held in the Castle Park on Wednesday 24th March. Despite the inclement weather conditions, great fun was had by all and €220 was raised for the Haiti Relief Fund.



Daryl, John, Ceirin, David & Ciarain enjoying the Sponsored walk and toddle in the Castle Park during Childminding Week 2010

Childminding Week 2010 ended on Saturday 27th March with Childminders from Kilkenny & Carlow coming together to attend a morning seminar on play in the home environment. This seminar was facilitated by the IPPA and looked at the benefits of play and types of play suitable for children being cared for in a home based setting.



Childminders from Carlow and Kilkenny who attended the Play in the Home Environment Seminar pictured with Annette, IPPA facilitator.



Getting to Grips with 'Junk Art' during the Play in the Home Environment seminar in Carlow

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

For further information on Childminding contact **Helena Comerford, Childminding Advisory Officer** on **056-7752865**

## Upcoming Events & New Publications

### Planning, Developing & Sustaining a Professional Body of Childcare Workers

First National Conference of  
The Association of Childcare Professionals (Cork Branch)



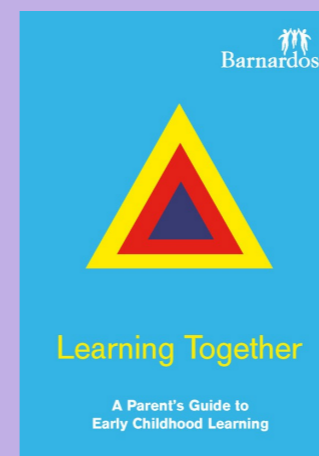
Saturday 10th April 2010  
11am to 4pm

Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Cork  
€30 Conference Rate / €60 Conference & Gala Dinner

For further info or to book a place contact **Cork City Childcare Company** on **021 450 7942**



**Learning Together**  
A Parent's Guide to Early  
Childhood Learning



This guide is for the parents of children between birth and the age of six. Research studies have consistently found that these early years of life are critical to the emotional and intellectual development of a child.

The aim of this guide, therefore, is to provide parents with information about the value of early childhood learning and the impact it can have on a child's quality of life, their whole development and their future opportunities and experiences.

Copies of this publication can be ordered through the Barnardos website [www.barnardos.ie](http://www.barnardos.ie)

### Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection & Welfare of Children

The Department of Health & Children, in 2009, revised the Children First National Guidelines. These updated guidelines are available to download from the [www.omcya.ie](http://www.omcya.ie) and will be launched in the coming weeks by Minister Andrews



### The Best Interests of the Child

Interpreting Irish Child Legislation



New Irish text consolidating all child centred legislation, from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child through to the Irish legislation on children in an easy to understand format.

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