



Northside Partnership Newsletter

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Local Settings Included In Aistear Síolta Practice Guide

Settings taking part in Preparing for Life's Early Years Practice Programme have been featured on the NCCA's *Aistear Síolta* Practice Guide website: www.aistearsiolta.ie. The NCCA is the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment which advises the Minister for Education and Skills about curriculum and assessment and supports innovation in schools and educational settings. The Practice Guide is the NCCA's newest resource to support early years settings to improve the quality of their curriculum, and in

doing so to improve educational outcomes for children from birth to 6 years.

The website contains examples of practice from all over Ireland, so it is great that Early Childhood settings from Northside Partnership's area were chosen to have their experiences highlighted on a national stage. [Click here](#) to find links to videos and podcasts featuring staff and children from local settings as well as the Partnership's Early Years Programme Manager, Emma Byrne McNamee, pictured below.



Pillar: Interactions



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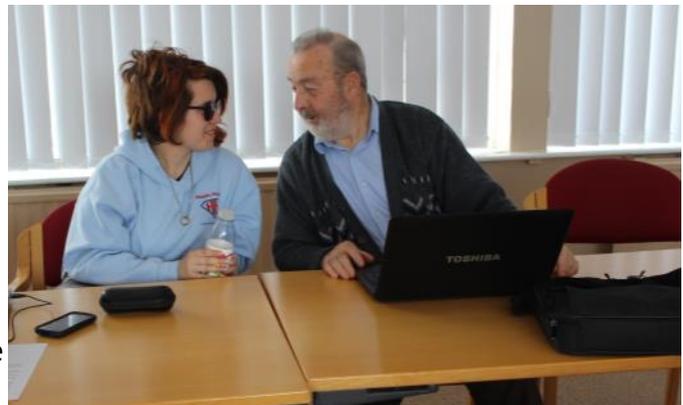
121 Digital Training Course is a Huge Success

Over the summer a hugely successful six-week intergenerational “One to One” digital tuition course was delivered by Northside Partnership’s Local Development team. People aged 55 years and over were given the opportunity to do computer skills training provided by graduates of our Young Community Leaders Programme.

At the first session learners and tutors were paired together on the basis of need and skill. The learners brought their own device such as a smart phone, laptop or tablet and they discussed their knowledge, IT skill level and what they would like to learn. They were also given a workbook to refer to at home for practice. The tuition was at the learners’ pace, with plenty of time for questions and answers. The atmosphere every week was relaxed and friendly, with not one incident of devices being thrown out the window!

The learners and tutors became friends and told us that they looked forward to seeing one another each week. At the end of the course the learners shared a story from their life growing up, to give the young tutors an insight into a past that was completely devoid of anything digital or technical. The stories they shared were moving and inspirational, and very much appreciated by all.

The feedback and evaluation was extremely positive, with everybody gaining a skill, new information and most of all a friend. In total twenty seven people applied for ten places. We now have a waiting list and hope to deliver another course this autumn. The overall programme was designed by Fintan Mulligan of 121 Digital who delivers the course in secondary schools around the country. For more information, please contact Maureen Downey by emailing Maureen.downey@nspartnership.ie or call 01-8485630.





Beta-test Version of Healthy Communities Map is Now Live

As part of our Healthy Communities Initiative, a working group was established to map existing services for people living in the Healthy Communities pilot area of Belcamp, Bonnybrook, Darndale, Glin, Priorswood, Kilmore West and Moatview. The map shows the location of services in the following categories: Health & Wellbeing; Youth Services; Childcare & Family Support; Education & Training; Recreation, Art & Sport; Addiction Support; Community Facilities & Resources; Residents & Community Support; Employment Supports; and Older Adults.

The map has now been made available on our website in beta-test format so that local organisations can review its contents and let us know if any services are missing or details are incorrect. [Please click here to view the map.](#) If you would like to suggest any changes to the map, please contact Maureen Downey by emailing maureen.downey@nspartnership.ie or call 01-8485630. The map will be formally launched in October 2015.



Our LES Successfully Achieves Q Mark Again

Congratulations to the staff of our Local Employment Service (LES) who have successfully achieved the Q Mark once again. The LES has carried the Q mark every year since 2006 thanks to the dedication of our LES Coordinator Alex Scannell and all the team involved in preparing for this and who continue to provide an excellent service to our clients in line with our Minimum Standards and Policies and Procedures. The LES is a free confidential service which supports people who are looking for work with applying for jobs, getting training and writing their CV. [Click here](#) for more information on the service.





Explore Your Options With Our Education Fairs This Autumn

This Autumn, Northside Partnership will run two fairs that will help people living in north east Dublin to explore their education options. On Tuesday, 8th September our annual Adult Education Fair will take place in Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock from 10am—1pm. A range of education and training providers will be present on the day to provide information on courses available for adult learners.

On 15th October, Parnells GAA Club will be the venue once again for our Education for All Fair. As in previous years, the fair will feature all of the major further and higher education providers and will give students the opportunity to meet college personnel, get information and ask questions that will assist them in making choices regarding their future education options. Schools are invited on a timetabled basis. For more information contact paul.hayes@nspartnership.ie.



Greendale Jobs Club To Hold Networking Event on 10th September

Next Thursday, 10th September, Greendale Jobs Club will host a networking event. The event will be held from 10.00—12.30 and will offer Jobs Club participants the opportunity to network with local companies who are actively recruiting including Butlers Chocolates, Novum Engineering, Ergo and Swissport. For more information contact Jobs Club Coordinator Jackie Rynn on 01-8320995 or email jackie.rynn@nspartnership.ie.





Priorswood and District Men's Shed to Celebrate 1st Birthday

This week Priorswood and District Men's Shed will celebrate its first birthday. Members will mark this special occasion with cake and fun activities on Wednesday, 2nd September at the usual time of 10am—12pm in the Priorswood Outreach Centre. Members will look back over the achievements of the past year and discuss their future plans to develop the group. If you would like more information, contact maureen.downey@nspartnership.ie.



New Young Community Leaders Begin Training This Month

Best of luck to the 33 new recruits who will take part in our Young Community Leaders programme in 2015/16. There will be two separate training groups who will begin their journeys on the 31st August and 2nd September. Over the course of the year, the participants will complete accredited leadership training, the STEPS motivational programme, restorative practice training and will take a leading role in organising projects that will benefit their communities.

Training Events for North Dublin Teachers This October

This October, the Northside Education Support Network (NESN) will offer two training opportunities for teachers from schools in the Partnership's catchment area in north east Dublin. On Saturday, 3rd October, leading global technology company Oracle will offer training for teachers in Educational Programming using their customised training programme ALICE. ALICE is a primary school programme that teaches children as young as 8 years old how to begin coding in a very simple manner using drag and drop commands—very like



Scratch. Oracle have already trained 2,000 teachers across Europe in this programme but this will be the first time that they work with teachers in Ireland. Training will take place in Marino Institute of Education. Then on Tuesday, 13th October at 3.30pm, Carmel ni Laoire from the Special Education Support Service (SESS) will deliver a workshop on "Challenging Behaviour & Social Skills: An Introduction", again in Marino Institute of Education. For more information contact linda.shanley@nspartnership.ie.



Get Healthy With Our Upcoming Courses This September

With the start of another school year, September can be a good time to think about getting fit and healthy. This September, Northside Partnership will run a number of free courses that can help you do just that. A new Healthy Food Made Easy Course will run for 6 weeks starting from Thursday 17th September from 10am—12pm in our Employment Services Centre, Bunratty Drive. For more information, contact Linda Scanlan on 01-8485608 / linda.scanlan@nspartnership.ie.

On Wednesday, 9th September, a 6-week “Break the Habit” Stop Smoking Course will begin at 10am in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. For more information or to sign up, contact Michael Malone on 085-8478960 or Bernie McDermott on 085-8478961.



Other Upcoming Events & Courses

- Preparing for Life’s **Bosom Buddies Parent and Baby Group** continues to meet every Tuesday from 12—1pm in the Bell Building, Darndale. For more info, call 01-8771509.
- **Kilbarrack Parent and Toddler Group** runs every Tuesday in the Kilbarrack Coastal Community Project from 10.30—12.30. For more info, contact Amy Fogarty on 087-2988957.
- Preparing for Life continues to offer free **5-week Baby Massage Courses** in Dublin 5 and 17. For more information or to book your place contact Melanie on 01-8771509.
- Northside Partnership is offering a **Paediatric First Aid Course** to staff of local early years settings on Saturday, 26th September from 9.30—4.30pm in our Head Office in Bunratty Drive. Course costs €60. To book, call 01-8485630.
- The **Northside Community Forum** will hold its AGM on Wednesday, 30th September from 9.30—12.30pm in Donnycarney Youth & Community Centre. For more information, contact Mary Doheny on 01-8485630 or email mary.doheny@nspartnership.ie.

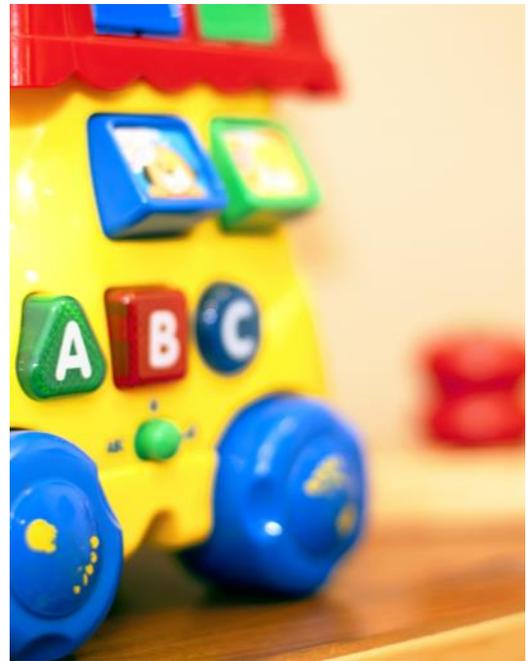


Local Childcare Resource Service Announces Autumn Schedule

This Autumn, our Local Childcare Resource Service is offering a busy programme of training opportunities for staff of early childhood settings in the Dublin North Central Area. The workshops on offer include:

- Developing Effective Leadership in Early Years Settings on 9th September
- Children First Child Protection on 6th & 8th October
- Curriculum Foundation Through Aistear on 14th October
- Promoting Positive Behaviour on 22nd October.

[Click here](#) to view the full programme for September—December 2015. For further information, contact childcareinfo@nspartnership.ie or call 01-8543299.



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A full listing of our funders can be viewed [here](#).

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