



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown  
County **Childcare Committee**



## Training Schedule 2019



## Child Safeguarding Training

This is a new training programme and has been updated to reflect the changes in the revised Children First: National Guidance and the Children First Act 2015.

This Foundation Training is a standardised programme for all staff involved in direct work with children and families. All Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) and Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DDL) will be prioritised for this training and should hold a valid, in-date (within 3 years) certificate for Foundation Training. **There will be no refresher training available in 2019.**

**Please note:** The E-Learning programme “Introduction to Children First” **must be completed prior to attending this training.** You will be required to forward a copy of your E-Learning completion certificate to complete your booking for this training.

E-Learning available here: <https://childrenfirstuniversal.hseland.ie/>

### Course 1

**Date:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
**Time:** 9.30-5.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan  
**Cost:** €20.00 (*includes light lunch*)

### Course 2

**Date:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 9.30-5.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan  
**Cost:** €20.00 (*includes light lunch*)

### Course 3

**Date:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 9.30-5.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan  
**Cost:** €20.00 (*includes light lunch*)



## National Aistear Síolta Initiative

The National Síolta Initiative has been developed to provide central support and coordination of Síolta and Aistear implementation across the early childhood sector. Síolta is the framework which underpins quality, while Aistear is the framework which underpins curriculum. Services need to consider quality within their setting and consider the role it plays in providing better outcomes for young children.

*\*Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance on all NSAI workshops\**

### 1. Introducing the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide

The purpose of the Practice Guide is to support practitioners in using Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009a) and Síolta, The National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education (2006) together to develop the quality of their curriculum and in doing so, to better support children's learning and development. This workshop will give you a taster of what the Practice Guide is, and the resources available within it.

This 2.5 hour workshop will support participants to:

- Look at one of the key ideas in the Practice Guide – an emergent and inquiry-based curriculum.
- Discussion around your role as a curriculum developer.
- Using the contents of the Practice guide to support reflective practice in your own setting.

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm

**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.

**Fee:** €15

## 2. Síolta Aistear Introductory Workshop

This workshop is the first step in understanding the National Frameworks, Síolta and Aistear, and the online support tool, the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide. This 2.5 hour workshop will support participants to:

- Learn about the purpose and structure of Síolta and Aistear.
- Explore the connection between the two frameworks.
- Find out more about the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide.

This is an excellent workshop to get you started on the process of understanding the Síolta and Aistear Frameworks and implementing them in your service.

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.  
**Fee:** €15

## 3. Síolta Awareness raising workshop: Management Standards

This 3-hour workshop will examine what Síolta says about Standards 4 Consultation, Standard 8 Planning & Evaluation, Standard 9 Health and Welfare, Standard 10 Organisation, Standard 11 Professional Practice, Standard 12 Communication and Standard 15 Legislation and Regulation. It will consider how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice. These standards have a focus on increasing the knowledge and understanding of standards which are particularly relevant to managers and the management team.

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.  
**Fee:** €15

#### **4. Siolta Awareness raising workshop: Standards 1, 3, 4, 5: Rights of the Child, Parents and Families, Consultation and Interactions.**

This 2.5 hour workshop will examine what Siolta says about Standards 1, 3, 4 and 5 and how these standards link with Aistear. It will also consider how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice.

- Standard 1 Rights of the Child: ensuring the rights of the child are met, and the child is enabled to make choices and be an active and equal participant in his/her own development and learning.
- Standard 3 Parents and Families: promoting and supporting a partnership approach and showing evidence of this.
- Standard 4 Consultation: ensuring inclusive decision making requires consultation that promotes partnership that seeks and acts on contributions to the decision-making process from all stakeholders.
- Standard 5 Interactions: showing evidence of a process of constructive interactions with all in the service, which is based on respect, equality, are sensitive and supportive.

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.  
**Fee:** €15

## **5. Síolta Awareness raising workshop: Standards 13, 14 and 16: Transitions, Identity and Belonging, Community Involvement**

This 2.5 hour workshop will examine what Síolta says about Standards 13, 14 and 16 and how these standards link with Aistear. It will also consider how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice.

- Standard 13 Transitions: examining how to promote sensitive management of transitions, maintain consistent relationships and close involvement of parents.
- Standard 14 Identity and Belonging: promote a practice that empowers every child and adult to develop a confident self and group identity, and to have positive regard for the identity and rights of others.
- Standard 16 Community Involvement: showing evidence and actions which extends and supports all the adults and children's engagement with the wider community.

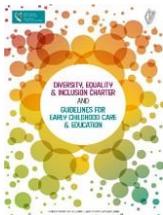
**Date:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.  
**Fee:** €15

## **6. Síolta Awareness raising workshop: Standards 2, 6 and Environments, Play and Curriculum**

This 2.5 hour workshop will examine what Síolta says about Standards 2, 6 and 7 and how these standards link with Aistear. It will also consider how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice

- Standard 2 Environments: looks at environments, both indoor and outdoor, materials and equipment, and how these are crucial in offering safe, developmentally appropriate, challenging and stimulating experiences.
- Standard 6 Play: promoting opportunities for developmentally appropriate and well-resourced opportunities for exploration, creativity and ‘meaning making’.
- Standard 7 Curriculum: encouraging holistic development and learning requires the implementation of a flexible, broad based and documented curriculum.

**Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**Time:** 6.30-9.00pm  
**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.  
**Fee:** €15



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Guidelines Training

This training is aimed at supporting early years educators to engage with the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter Guidelines. It will explore the importance of working in partnership with parents in recognising and accepting difference. It will also highlight the importance of reflective practice in identifying new opportunities to refine practices that can help create a supportive learning environment for all children.

The training is run over **15 hours** split into 4 sessions  
(1 x 6-hour Saturday session plus 3 x 3-hour evening sessions)

**\*\*Please note: you must attend all 4 sessions\*\***

### Session 1

**Date:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 (9:30 – 4:30)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)

**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan

**Cost:** Free

**Online booking [here](#)**

### Session 2

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (9:30 – 4:30)  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (6:30 – 9:30)

**Venue:** Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan

**Cost:** Free

**Online booking [here](#)**



## LINC Information Session

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee are delighted to welcome a LINC Tutor to discuss the course and the application process for the 2019/2020 course. The application process for students interested in partaking in the LINC Programme for the 2019/2020 academic year will commence in mid-March 2019.

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Time:** 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Venue:** Talbot Hotel

**Cost:** FREE

The Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years Programme (LINC), is a level 6 Special Purpose Award (Higher Education). The programme is designed to enhance inclusion of children with additional needs in early years settings through the development of the role of Inclusion Co-Ordinator (INCO). Graduates of the Linc programme are now recognised ECCE Room Leaders (Standard Cap) and services who have an Inclusion Coordinator will receive increased ECCE capitation.

The purpose of the information session is to inform you of the structure of the LINC Programme, the entry requirements and other elements of relevance, as well as how you can apply to get a place on the programme for you or one of the other staff in your setting. There will be an opportunity for you to raise any questions that you may have in relation to the programme itself.

### **First Aid Response (FAR) Training**

Following on from Ministers Zappone's announcement in September 2018, funding is to be made available to provide one free place on a First Aid Response training course for every registered childcare service.

*We will be facilitating this on behalf of the Department and will share information and details on these FAR training events in due course.*

# Booking Form

DCYA Ref No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Early Years' Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enter an email address as receipts and information on any changes to workshop details etc. will be sent by email.*

**Position in Service** (please tick)

Room Leader

Manager

Early Years Practitioner

Childminder

**Other** (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Date of workshop:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque  Money Order  Postal Order

**Total Amount Enclosed:** € \_\_\_\_\_

Courses are subject to change and/or cancellation. Places are limited to two per service.

**Please return completed booking forms to:**

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Childcare Committee, Unit 16 Deansgrange Business Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. T: 01 2896600 | E: [info@dlrchildcare.ie](mailto:info@dlrchildcare.ie)

**Payment is needed to confirm booking, as relevant.**

*Data Protection Act 1988 & Data Protection Amendment Act 2003.*

*In accepting a place on a workshop or course you consent to have the following information recorded and stored by DLRCCC to monitor training uptake:*

*- Participant name & contact details - Service name - DCYA reference no - Role in service*

*All information is subject to the DLRCCC Data Protection Policy.*

