

Laois County Childcare Committee



Workshops & Events

Schedule

January-June

2012

If you wish to partake in any of our workshops or events please complete the booking form attached. Unfortunately bookings cannot be made over the telephone.

FEES Policy - FOR ALL WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS, YOU CAN FORWARD PAYMENT, IF APPLICABLE, WITH YOUR BOOKING FORM TO GUARANTEE A PLACE. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN PAY AT THE WORKSHOP/EVENT IF THERE ARE SPACES STILL AVAILABLE.

All fees in this booklet are correct at the time of print but are subject to change in the event of budgetary changes. We regret that payment **cannot be refunded** in the event of non- attendance.

All dates and information in this booklet are correct at time of print but may be subject to change. We will notify you of any changes should they arise.

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Childcare Provider Network

Following from the survey conducted by LCCC, the Childcare Provider Network meetings will be held as stand-alone events for the first half of 2012. This was one of the recommendations from respondents to the survey. If you have any topics you would like placed on the agenda for any provider meetings please contact Patrick.

Date: Wednesday 1st February

Time: 8-9pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Date: Wednesday 21st March

Time: 8-9pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

After-School Workshops

LCCC has identified the need for workshops which are specifically targeted at providers who are offering school age childcare. We are currently consulting with Childcare Providers as to what topics they would like to see covered during 2012.

We would encourage all school age childcare providers to complete the short survey. The first workshop of 2012 has been scheduled below. A second workshop will take place in October this year.

Date: Saturday 10th March

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Cost: FREE

Father & Child / Family Day

Father & Child Event

Laois County Childcare will host its annual Father and Child event on **Saturday 12th May** this year. Last year's event saw sports and games at Portlaoise Leisure centre as well as music and dance with the happy hearts club. If you have any suggestions or ideas for what you would like at this year's event just let us know. Admission is free for all fathers and children and everyone is welcome.

Family Day

Every summer Laois County Childcare holds their annual family fun day with a cultural theme, which is open to everyone in the county. We have had many fantastic activities over the past number of years, from African drumming, balloon modelling, circus tricks, puppet and magic shows, sports, games and much more and we will be doing it all again on **Saturday 23rd June** this year. Keep an eye out for details of this year's event.

Siolta / Aistear Workshops

Laois County Childcare Committee will run information Sessions on Siolta, The National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education, and Aistear, The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework, throughout 2012.

1. **Siolta Workshop:** Standard 7, Curriculum & Standard 14, Identity & Belonging.

Date: Wednesday 25th January

Time: 8-9.30pm **Fee:** FREE

Location: Portlaoise Parish Centre

2. **Aistear Workshop:**

Date: Thursday 19th April

Time: 7-9 pm **Fee:** FREE

Location: Portlaoise Parish Centre

For further Information on Siolta or Aistear please contact Laois County Childcare or visit www.siolta.ie or www.ncca.ie (For Aistear).

Buntus Start

Buntús Start is a comprehensive physical activity programme for children aged 2-5 years old. It has been designed for use with pre-school children so that adult leaders can provide a wide range of learning opportunities for young children to develop their fundamental motor skills, manipulative skills, co-ordination and balancing skills as well as developing a positive attitude to physical activity.

The training will be six hours in total – the first days training lasts for four hours while the second days training, approximately six weeks later, lasts for two hours. During the second days training groups are given the final pieces of equipment – this follow up time also gives groups the opportunity to run through any questions they might have.

Date: Saturday 31st March & Saturday 28th April

Times: 10am-2pm & 11am-1pm

Location: Venue TBC

Cost: €50 per group

Workshops

LCCC hold workshops throughout the year on topics of interest to those working with children in County Laois. Previous topics have included; I.T. Skills, behaviour management, Arts and Crafts, healthy eating and marketing. If you have any ideas or topics you would like to see workshops cover in 2012, please contact LCCC.

Date: Thursday 16th February

Time: 7-10pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Cost: €5 per person

Date: Thursday 29th March

Time: 7-10pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Cost: €5 per person

First Aid & Manual Handling

MANUAL HANDLING

Aim: To provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and attitude to enable them to lift and move loads in accordance with good manual handling techniques.

Date: Saturday 12th May **Time:** 10am-1pm

Location: KTC Training, Portlaoise. **Cost:** €50 per person

FIRST AID

Aim: This is a Practical First Aid Course which is run over two days and covers the units below.

Units: 1 Accident Management, 2. Bleeding 3. Fractures / Burn 4. Head Injuries 5 Basic Life Support 6. Final Assessment

Date: Friday 23rd March(4-7pm) Saturday 24th March(10am-4pm)

Location: Irish Red Cross Centre, Raheen. **Cost:** €50 per person

FOR CHILDCARE SERVICE PROVIDER STAFF ONLY

Parent Workshops

In 2011 Laois County Childcare began offering workshops and training specific to the needs of parents in the county. In order to ensure that all workshops are of maximum benefit to parents, LCCC invites parents to make suggestions as to the topics they would like covered. During 2011 LCCC ran first aid training and a workshop on Talking Tots children's activities.

Date: Thursday 26th April

Time: 7-10pm

Location: Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Cost: €5 per person

If you have any topics you would like to see workshops run on, please contact LCCC.

Childminding Events

LCCC hold a number of **events and activities** for Childminder's in County Laois throughout the year. We hold a number of coffee mornings, which enable Childminders to meet together in an informal setting to discuss issues pertaining to Childminding. LCCC also host events to celebrate **National Childminding Week** in March/April each year. The date has yet to be set for this year's celebrations, but information will be published on our website as soon as it becomes available.

LCCC will also be hosting our annual Childminding event in July/August this year. The event is an activity packed day with previous events including a Teddy Bears Picnic, Arts and Crafts and story-telling. If you have any suggestions for this year's events let us know.

If you want any further information on Childminding or becoming a Childminder please contact LCCC or Fiona McHugh, HSE Childminder Advisory Officer for Laois/Offaly on 05793-70631 or email fiona.mchugh2@hse.ie

Booking Form

Name	Address
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Contact Number/Email	Childcare Service (If applicable)
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Siolta Workshop, Wednesday 25 th January.	
Provider Network, Wednesday 1 st February	
Provider Workshop, Thursday 16 th February	
Buntus Start, Saturday 31 st March	
First Aid Training, Fri 23 rd & Sat 24 th March	
Provider Workshop, Thursday 29 th March	
Aistear Workshop, Thursday 19 th April	
Parent Workshop, Thursday 26 th April	
Manual Handling, Saturday 12 th May	

Please tick the appropriate box for any of the Workshops/Training you would like to participate in.

Please note places will be allocated on a first come basis and you will receive confirmation of your place in writing or via email.

