Healthy Clare Newsletter August 2024

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Clare County Council Free Period Products Campaign as part of the Dept. of Health Period Poverty Initiative.

We are delighted to continue rolling out our Clare County Council's Free Period Products Campaign in Local Authority spaces, libraries and leisure facilities. We have seen many benefits of supporting these facilities to have a supply of period products that are freely available to members of the public. If your community would like to be involved in this programme we would love to hear from you. For more information about the campaign, please visit <u>Clare</u> County Council's Free Period Products Campaign | Clare County Council

Community Engagement (clarecoco.ie)

To give feedback on the campaign please scan the QR code or visit

https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/free-period-products/ surveys/clare-s-la-free-period-products-campaign-2





Dear readers,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer months. This month I would like to highlight two of the campaigns that Healthy Clare is involved in. Both are featured on this month's cover page.

- 1. Free Period Poverty Initiative.
- 2. 'Not Around Us' campaign.

The aim of the 'Not Around Us' Campaign is to work "Towards a Tobacco and Vape Free Clare".

The purpose of the Not Around Us campaign is to:

- 1.Help Protect children and young people from secondhand smoke
- 2.Contribute to the **Denormalisation** of smoking for children and young people
- **3.Reduce Environmental Nuisance**, the cost of cleaning and damage that discarded tobacco products create **4.Signpost** to the HSE Quit services
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- **5.Raise Awareness** and **Support** amongst all stakeholders in Clare on tobacco/vape free Ireland and everyone playing a part in supporting it

If your organisation is interested in participating in the campaign, please link with me via email at healthyclare@clarecoco.ie or mail it to:

Healthy Clare,

Rural Development Department,

Clare County Council,

Áras Contae an Chláir.

New Road, Ennis.

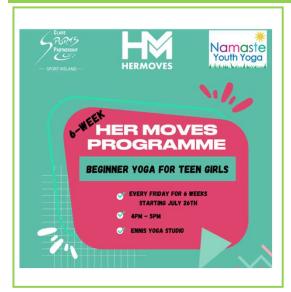
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For more details, visit: Not Around Us Campaign | Healthy Clare | Rural and Community Development | Services | Clare County Council (clarecoco.ie)



Physical Activity





A Lust for life want you to get involved! Why not organise a walk on September 15th and make a donation to support the work their work.

This September, Niall 'Bressie' Breslin and his team embark on "The Rising 2024".

A six-day kayak down the River Shannon

An epic 110 km cycle from Limerick to Killarnev

A triumphant climb up Carrauntoohil

All to support A Lust For Life's mission to ensure every child and young person in Ireland gets access to our school's mental health programmes. Over eight difficult days they will journey through Ireland by kayak, by bike, and by foot, collecting and sharing messages from our young people about their wellbeing.



https://www.alustforlife.com/





There's good news for thousands of sports clubs nationwide today as Ireland's official guide to managing your waste, MyWaste, is launching a free sustainability toolkit to help sports clubs improve their waste management practices and embrace the principles of a circular economy.

For More information, please click on the link below

https://claresports.ie/game-on-for-green/



For more information, please click on the link below

https://claresports.ie/swimwear-safety/



Clare Sports Partnership are delighted to announce their inclusive summer camps are back this year, offering an exciting array of activities for every child!

They believe every child deserves a summer filled with joy, adventure, and new friendships, which is why our camps are designed to welcome children of all abilities and backgrounds

With a diverse range of activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy

Their dedicated coaches ensure a safe, supportive, and fun environment where every participant can shine and make lasting memories

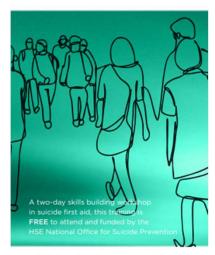
Join them this summer and let your child experience the thrill of sports in an inclusive setting where everyone is welcome and celebrated

Contact James for on 087-9627696

Mental Health



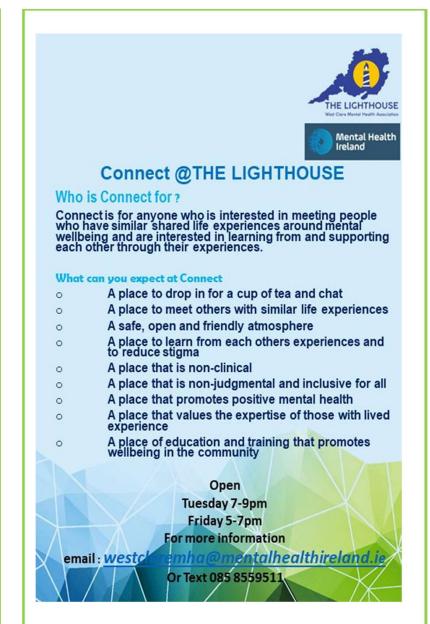
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training



Suicide first aid helps meet some of the challenges in reducing suicidal behaviour

ASIST training will take place in Ennis on September 17th & 18th. Currently there are some spaces available. To register click on this link https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontrainingmw/e/ev-stxr-20240917000000







Mental Health



Oifig Náisiúnta an FSS um Fhéinmharú a Chosc Ospidéal Stevart, Baile Phámar, Baile Átha Cliath 20 HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP Stewarts Hospital, Palmestown, Dublin 20

t 01 7785112 e info@nosp.



Let's Talk About Suicide is a new, free online suicide prevention training programme from the HSE. It helps people to develop their skills to keep others safe from suicide. It helps participants to identify people who are at risk, confidently ask about the topic of suicide and connect them with resources that can help them stay safe.

This introductory programme uses a mix of guided online content, video and interactive questions. Participants can pause and recommence the programme at their own convenience. On average, the programme will take 60 minutes to complete, but participants can work at their own pace.

To enroll and complete Let's Talk About Suicide, visit traininghub.nosp.ie or follow the QR Code.

I am delighted to say our new HSE online suicide prevention training programme – Let's Talk About Suicide is now live. Please follow the link below

https://traininghub.nosp.ie/



The HSE have produced a practical guide for Suicide Prevention in the Community. To access a copy please contact www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-healthservices/connecting-for-life/publications/suicideprevention-in-the-community.pd







Join West Clare Mental Health Association every Tuesday evening and connect with people over a cuppa tea and meet people who have similar life experiences in a safe and none judgmental place

Registration Email: westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie
Phone Number: 0858559511

Eating Well

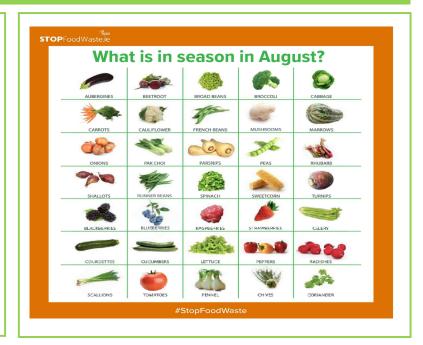


Supporting family and parents has always been a core aspect of our work. Part of this is our free four-week PiLaR programme, incorporating both psycho-education and support, as well as practical advice and skills to help you support your family member towards recovery.

The next PiLaR programme will commence on: Thursday, September 12th from 7-9pm online via zoom

Please contact Christopher (pilar@bodywhys.ie) for booking.

Bodywhys is now offering New Maudsley Carer Skills workshops and post-PiLaR support groups for parents who have completed our PiLaR programme. To register your interest, please contact pilar@bodywhys.ie





Have you read our Rufus handwashing storybook to your kids – it helps teach them how to wash their hands properly.

It's available in libraries or free to download or order here:

https://www.safefood.eu/.. ./Handwashing-tools-forparents...



Is your community group involved in developing life skills?

We are funding online projects to support families develop their cooking skills & healthy eating habits

Read details and how to apply here:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.healthycommunities.ie/applying-for-cfi-}}\underline{\text{at.}}...$





If you're all about staying strong, building muscle and bouncing back after a training session or workout, check out our guide on the best foods for sport and recovery.

Read it here:

https://www.safefood.net/gg/teen-sports

Tobacco Free, Reducing Drugs & Alcohol Related Harm





Substance use can be a tricky topic for parents or carers to approach with young people

If your child is heading to parties and festivals this season, check-in, open the conversation about drugs, let them know they can talk to you.

Here's a quick guide on how to start a conversation about drugs and alcohol with your child:

https://www.drugs.ie/drugs_info/for_parents_carers/dont lose the head/

QUIT.ie

Health benefits of quitting smoking.



Did You Know the benefits of quitting smoking are as immediate as 20 minutes after you stop? Within 20 minutes, blood pressure drops, and your pulse and body temperature of hands and feet return to normal.

Read more about the health benefits of guitting:

https://www2.hse.ie/living-well/quitsmoking/reasons-to-quit/health-benefits/



If you are a Problem Gambler, you stand to lose more than money. Financial security, jobs, relationships with families can be lost if gambling is becoming an uncontrollable compulsion in your life.

Increase your odds of quitting successfully by availing of our professional support. Learn about what we can do to help you, through our website at gamblingcare.ie, or call the National Helpline on 1 800 936 725 to speak to a professional today

Sexual Health



Find out more at www.sexualwellbeing.ie



S.A.L.T. is a programme that supports people who feel that they are engaging in any sexual activity that has a negative effect on their life with concerns in relation to problematic sexualised behaviour in adults. This therapy is based on the work of Paula Hall, a leading expert in the area of compulsive sexual behaviour in the UK.

It helps you regulate your sexual behaviour and accept your feelings about who

you are, aiming to eliminate shame and isolation. It covers problems such as:

- · Sexual behaviour that has a negative effect on your life,
- · Problematic pornography use,
- · Patterns of unhealthy relationships.

Any of these can lead to issues with other areas of your life such as relationships, friendships, work or substance misuse.

S.A.L.T. is mainly run as group therapy, with groups separated by gender. The group setting encourages trust and provides a safe space to deal with your issues with the help of other people in a similar situation.

If you'd like to find out whether S.A.L.T is for you, call our advice line on 021 427 6676 to book an assessment.



sexualwellbeing.ie

The HSE Free Contraception Service has now been expanded to include ages (32 to 35.)

If you have questions about contraception, find out more at **sexualwellbeing.ie**

Free contraception service expanded to include 32 to 35 year olds.

Free prescription and emergency contraception service is now available to 17 to 35 year olds. The service includes:

- · consultations with your GP or doctor
- prescriptions given by a GP or doctor
- a wide range of prescription contraception
- fittings and removals of implants and coils
- check-ups or other follow-up care needed for an implant or coil
- emergency contraception (morning after pill)



Effective treatment of HIV means you can't pass on the virus to partners.

Help keep yourself and your partners healthy by seeking treatment. Undetectable equals
Untransmittable.

Learn more at sexualwellbeing.ie:

https://bit.ly/3JYttqk





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www.instagram.com/clarecountylibrary

Each My Little Library book bag includes:

Books about starting school, making friends, and being happy in yourself. A library card and a special Little Library card wallet.

Why This Matters

The initiative aims to build strong connections between young children, their families, and their local libraries. Over the past two years, it has encouraged tens of thousands of families to collect their book bags and join their local libraries, fostering a love of reading and a sense of community.

How to Get Your Book Bag

Starting 21 June 2024, all children completing the ECCE programme and starting primary school in September are invited to visit their local library to pick up their My Little Library book bag. The bags are available in both Irish and English and will be in libraries throughout the summer.

Parents will need to sign a consent form and show valid ID for their child to join the library. Library membership is free for everyone, making it a perfect opportunity for the whole family to join!

Join Us in Promoting Literacy!

This initiative is more than just a gift; it's an invitation to a lifelong love of reading. We hope this small gesture will inspire your child to explore the magical world of books and regularly visit the library.

For more information, visit the First 5 website:

https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/5d81e-aboutfirst5/?referrer=https://www.first5.gov.ie/

Interested in learning a new language? Your library card gives you access to over 110 free online Transparent Language courses!

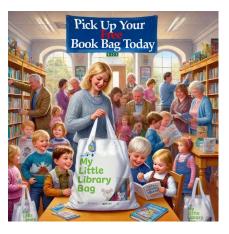
110+ languages

Learn essential skills

■Available on any device Find out more and get started at

https://zurl.co/zkas





REKINDLE Festival of Lost Skills

16 + 17 AUGUST 2024 | ENNISTYMON, CO.CLARE

Interested in taking part? Calling all...

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH LOST SKILLS TO SHARE

TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS

STALL HOLDERS WITH TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE 16 + 17





EmployAbility Clare's goal is to support people who have an illness, disability or an extra support need to return to work and maintain employment.

This may include people who have physical, sensory, mental health, intellectual, hidden, ASD, or an acquired brain injury for example.

Our Employment Coaches are there to support you:

- a. if you wish to get a job, possibly after a period of unemployment
- b. to return to work after illness or injury
- c. if you have an extra support need which needs accommodating within the work environment.

Why not contact EmployAbility Clare to see what they can do for you? Phone us on 065 684 4007 for an appointment.



New weekly Open Heart Meditation with Occupational Therapist Fiona Ryan at Killaloe/Ballina Community & Family Resource Centre, every Monday at 7pm. Please contact Fiona for further information on 0868820180/otfionaryan@gmail.com or drop in this evening at 7, all welcome!

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When you ready to talk about what happened, we're here to listen!

Rape Crisis Midwest provides a free confidential counselling service for survivors of sexual violence. The service is open to anyone who has survived any form of sexual violence - whether that's childhood abuse, sexual harassment, assault, or rape.

Our trained and accreditied counsellors will listen and offer emotional support. We also provide SATU, court and Garda accompaniment services for survivors.

Call us anytime on 1800 311 51.



New Guided Tours launching at Lisdoonvarna Fáilte

As part of our Heritage Trail App with Great Visitor Experiences, Keelan will now offer a guided tour of the historical sites in Lisdoonvarna.

You or your guests can book directly online Here https://greatvisitorexperiences.com/book-tickets

What to expect:

Tour starts at 12 noon at The Pavilion (Free parking)

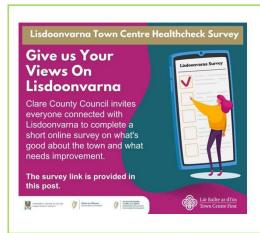
Tour will visit many historic sites in Lisdoonvarna

Tour lasts approx 1 hour

Weekly Tours every Saturday at 12 Noon

Advise guests to wear comfortable & appropriate footwear

€15 per person, €10 Senior, €5 per child (>5)



The Lisdoonvarna Town Centre
Healthcheck Survey is designed to
gather thoughts on the health of
Lisdoonvarna. All information
collected will be entirely anonymous
and will feed into a Collaborative
Town Centre Health Check for
Lisdoonvarna.

Survey link: https://docs.google.com/.../17Ua46 GXTLPoehCssEq1UagG9MnxJ..



Grow Mental Health
Peer support meetings for
anyone experiencing
mental health issues
Maria Assumpta Hall
Monday at 8-10pm
Contact Celia 086
1526966





Building a Better Health Service

Breastfeeding Advice and support on starting breastfeeding

Breastfeeding advice and support on starting breastfeeding in Co Clare

Please click on the link below for more information https://www2.hse.ie/services/breastfeeding-supportsearch/?service area=Clare



COVID-19

For information and advice, please go to https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/ and https://www.hpsc.ie/a-

z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavir us/

Clinical and professional guidance relating to COVID-19 is available on www.hpsc.ie.





Click on the link below to find some interesting events happening in our beautiful county during National Heritage Week 2024

https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings?q=&where%5B%5D=clare#listings





If you are interested in any of these short **FREE** courses in Co. Clare please Contact:
Mary Flanagan at **065 6897645** or **mary_flanagan@lcetb.ie**.

*Courses will start subject to numbers.



COLLEGE OF FURTHE EDUCATION & TRAININ



A programme for adults with long-term health conditions







Living Well is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic condition. It takes place over six weekly workshops (6 x 2.5 hours) - either online or in-person. It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition

You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. You will also meet other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences.

Upcoming Living Well Programmes: Clare Q3 2024

	Venue	Day	Time	Start date	Finish date
	Online	Monday	6.30pm – 9pm	16 th September 2024	21st October 2024
	Ennis Primary Care Centre	Tuesday	10.30am-1pm	17 th September 2024	22nd October 2024

To book your place contact

Philip Hennessy Tel: 087-1799396. Email: philip.hennessy2@hse.ie

www.hse.ie/LivingWell





*Long-term health conditions include (but are not limited to) COPD, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions













Living Well is an SMRC Evidence Based Self-Management Programme originally developed at Stanford University.



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH

FREE Creative Workshops for Ages 6-16 Living with Lifelong Physical Health Conditions

> **Beyond Health Conditions** Meet people with similar life experiences Spark triendships Unlock new skills and interests

















Artist Laura Freinate will facilitate four online drawing classes for family carers starting Tuesday 13th August. You're welcome to join any or all classes that suit you. Register at

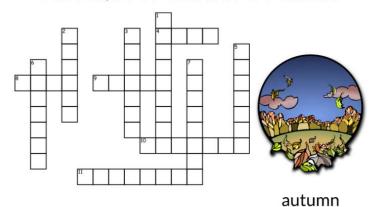
https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/946290689927



Special Days in August

Name: _____

Autumn Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
- 8. Another word for autumn.
- 9. A crisp, red fruit.
- 10. Something people wear during the autumn.
- 11. The way trees look during the autumn.

Down

- 1. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
- 2. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.
- 3. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
- 5. The middle month of autumn.
- **6**. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
- 7. A sport that starts in autumn.



Spot 10 differences









