

Western Traveller & Intercultural Development

Community Resource & Youth Service Provider



Annual Report 2023



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Introduction

Western Traveller and Intercultural Development (WTID) are continuing with our mission to help all in the community of Tuam . Providing support and tackling the everyday problems and difficulty faced by the Traveller Community in Tuam and its surrounding area.

The following report sets out the many ways in which all members of staff worked in an integrated way on many projects and initiatives to help assist and facilitate the people of Tuam and the surrounding area. As always, a notable characteristic of WTID is a teamwork approach.

All members of the staff work in a combined way on many projects and initiatives, some of which may be additional to their direct roles. This team approach adds value to the work of a small organisation where different skills are maximised for the benefit of the community. WTID maintains a focus on the needs of the community as its primary motivation for action. The organisation has developed and cultivated a range of mutually beneficial relationships with a variety of service providers that has ensured the continuity of funding and a partnership approach to work.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank in this report all the help we received from both our volunteers, CE Scheme and TUS workers, without their time and help Western Traveller would not be able to run as many programmes and activities throughout the year.

Caroline Connor

Chairperson

Primary Health Care

Health as an area of work is one of the most significant for WTID. The overall aim of WTID Primary Healthcare Programme (PHC) is to improve the health status and quality of life for Travellers in Tuam and its environs by identifying the community's specific health requirements and the necessary health service provision. WTID implements one of the most successful PHC Programmes in the country and currently employs Coordinator of the project Kathleen Ward, Full Time Community Health Worker Mary Ward and eight Community Health Workers (CHWs) on a part time basis.

Health Promotion

The main focus of the PHC Programmes work continues to be health promotion and signposting to relevant services and agencies, be it for health screening, support or intervention. Outreach work conducted by the Primary Health Care in 2023 was conducted about Cervical Check; Breast Check; Child Development and Immunisation; Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme; Healthy Heart; Mental Health Awareness, Asthma and wellness in pregnancy, to name but a few.

HSE Launch

In 2023, the launching of the post of Clinical Nurse Specialist Traveller Health Liaison was taken up by Caroline Canny which has been a huge support to the Primary Health Care Programme. Face to face consultations took place with the Clinical Mental Health Nurse and the community when devising an actionable work plan for this new and much needed role. Mental Health has become a prevalent issue which became further highlighted during the COVID Pandemic among the entire community and is now a key focus for the Primary Health Care Programme. This role is funded by the HSE and will be of huge benefit to the Traveller Community and we look forward to working with Caroline into the future.

Food Cloud

Western Traveller, Bru Bhríde works with Tesco, Aldi and Lidl, collecting and redistributing surplus food each week to families most in need in our community. In the midst of a cost of living crisis this project has been a great support to those in need since we got involved with food cloud in 2022. The CHW's collect the food and sort it in to bags and either deliver it or the families come to Harmony Hall to collect it.



Aqua Fitness and Walking Group

We had 14 women and men attend our Aqua class and walking group which they found very beneficial and benefited greatly from the social interaction and health aspect of this project



Creative women's group

A creative womens group started in February 2022, ran by the PHC programme, taking place in Harmony Hall every Thursday 6pm-8pm. CHW's started off by teaching the women how to use the sewing machine, how to knit and crochet as well as making crafts. The group has proved to be a great success having created numerous crafts to be sold at Bru Bhríde annual Christmas Fair and will continue to run in 2024.



Social Media

In September of 2023, the Primary Healthcare set up a social media profile to promote projects and updates on upcoming events taking place at Bru Bhríde and to raise awareness of any HSE updates or relevant health information in relation to the Travelling community. The feedback from the online platform has been exceptional as many people now receive most of their news and information online. As of now there are over 300 followers of the page.

Tree Planting Ceremony

On the 18th November the PHC programme funded by Galway Rural Development held a tree planting ceremony at Tuam Palace Park. A plaque was erected in memory of all souls for the month of November. Speakers were Sean Canney T.D., Martin Ward, attended by GRD, the PHC programme and members of the travelling community. The project was to promote awareness of mental health issues amongst the travelling community



Circus Workshop

The PHC programme facilitated a youth workshop with Galway Community Circus where young people had the chance to learn new skills and build their confidence. The goal of the project was to provide children with a fun and engaging workshop aimed at children who were not engaging with any after schools programmes. The programme was a huge success with 30 children attending every week, getting their daily exercise, developing social skills and motor skills.



Beady Pocket Exhibition

Our women's group with the help of artist Martina Passman created an exhibition at the Tuam Library which was not just a display of art; it was a celebration of heritage, inviting viewers to connect with the vibrant traditions preserved in these dazzling creations

The Traveller 'Beady Pocket' served as a generous bag and useful holder for essential objects needed for a life on the road. Items such as a knife, money, jewellery and a needle and thread, hidden in the seam were common objects that were kept in the deep pockets. The various stitches and colours also have significant meaning. The display serves as a testament to the skill and dedication embedded in each beady pocket.



Traveller Midwifery and Gynae Group

The Traveller Midwifery and Gynae Group continued to meet over 2023. The purpose of this group is the continuous building of links, sharing resources and information to improve the health outcomes for Traveller mothers and their babies using the Maternity service at UHG.

Youth Work

Bru Bhríde



Connecting Communities

The youth project currently employs 1 staff member with 2 part time Ce workers 12 hours a week, The project organized and were involved with, the following Projects in 2023:

- Music generation program
- Monday Club Community House
- Tuesday club
- Wednesday club
- Circus skills program
- Summer program\Traveler pride week
- Saturday group
- West Awake Festival

The project has increased the use of facilitators during 2023, this has been a positive experience for the young people. This approach was decided by both the youth work committee and the Board of Management.

The young people are gaining a wide spectrum of skills from this approach. In July 2023 the Tuam Arts academy was launched, it has proven to be an amazing asset. The Participants use it for Circus skills, Arts, and Drama. Its a great space to have access to.

Music project

The Music Generation program operates every Wednesday, at the Music room Harmony Hall, Brú Bhríde.

We have 10 young people from the age of 10 to 18 years involved in the successful program.

The group were involved in a music generation video, plus members sang at the Christmas crafts fair in December.

The Monday club.

This group are based at the community house Parkmore. 10 young people aged 10\13 years attend.

Activities: Guitar Lessons, Games, outdoor pursuits, Arts classes.

We have Raymond tutor the guitar lessons to this group.



Tuesday Club

This club meet on Tuesdays, activities vary from arts to outdoor games.

The group consists of 20+ members and partake in the following activities: cookery, murals, and the Art club, Boxercise, Circus skills.

The young people usually attend from 4 to 7 pm. The younger group attend from 4 and the older group from 5 pm onwards.

The age is from 12-14 and 15-18 years. Food is prepared for this group.



The Wednesday club.

This club operates from 3-30-6-30pm on Wednesdays, the numbers were usually 20 plus. AGE 10 to 18 .

ACTIVITIES:

- Games
- Singing
- Music
- Arts.
- Wood work
- Shillelagh making with men's Group

Food is prepared and provided to this group.



Music Generation

Members of this group attended a scheduled launch of John Connors film on Traveller participation in the arts. The Venue was the community Cinema, Dublin



Circus Skills

The Circus skills workshop has been well attended. The participants enjoy and are committed to the activity which commences every Wed from 5:00 until 6:30 pm.

10 to 15 young people attended this program weekly.

The program supports the wellbeing of the young person and encourages physical exercise and motivation.



Summer Camp 2024 **Saturday Club\Pony Club**

This club meets on Saturdays from 12:00 -2-30 pm. Age 10 to 14.

The participants are involved in:

- Pony Lessons
- Outdoor Games
- Crafts
- Nature Walks



Pony club , youth work

Summer program/ Traveller pride week.

The summer program was held during July\August 23.

Activities were varied and the participants enjoyed the programs.

The groups were involved in outings, and trips, Pony club etc..

Games and outdoor activities, from soccer, to grass hockey, Boxercise to sports days were held.

We Launched the Tuam Arts academy with John Connors Actor on the 4th of July. John also carried out a 3-day drama workshop at the new Arts Academy. We were delighted that 40 young people took part in the drama workshops. The Artist in residence Martina worked with various groups in design and Arts during the Summer programs.

We linked in Traveller Pride week with the Summer program, exposing young Participants to the positive aspects of the Cultural Heritage.

The project Participants were recognized for their achievements and provided with a cert and gift. John Connor Made the presentation to 35 young people.



Summer Program 2023

Christmas Crafts Fair 2023.

The youth groups help prepare for the 1st Christmas crafts fair. They made Christmas, cards and wreaths, Christmas logs and Christmas cribs. They sold some of those items at the fair in which people had 20 Tables booked.

Food was prepared on the day by leaders and young people.

Santa attended the event and set up the grotto in a campervan, in the front yard of Bru Bhríde. The whole event was family Oriented.

Some 200 people attended the event during the day. It was positive and an article was in the Tuam Herald about the events.



Christmas Crafts Fair Santa. Youthwork.



Christmas Crafts Fair Youth Work

Doctor of laws (LLD) Mary Warde Moriarty

Mary Warde Moriarty is a Traveller, Human rights Activist and author who has made significant changes to the lives of many traveller men and women, working tirelessly for nearly 50 years to advance human rights and build bridges between communities . Mary has dedicated her life to helping and promoting education for young travellers . Marys Motto in life was to not help just one person , she wanted to help many people and in 1983 she was successful in her efforts to open a training centre for Travellers in Tuam for all ages.

Mary went on to write two books ' The Turn of the Hand' and ' Travellers and Settled – a Shared Future' . In 1989 she received a People of the Year award .

Mary has now gone on to receive an honorary degree (Doctor of Laws LLD) on the 23rd November 2023 in the Bailey Allen Hall , University of Galway.

Mary visits regularly with everyone in Bru Bhríde and we are all so proud of her achievement .



STAR Tuam



The NTRIS Tuam pilot project is a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Skills, the Department of Justice and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. This pilot project is one of many initiatives that has developed from the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy (NTIRS) 2017 - 2021. The overarching objective of the project is to improve the attendance, participation and retention of Traveller children and young people in the Tuam area. The Tuam pilot project is made up of four staff members. Bridget Ward and Martin Ward are Education Workers, Erin Conway is a Home School Community Liaison Coordinator and Deirdre Swords is an Educational Welfare Officer. The pilot has 3 key goals. The pilot team are currently consulting with key stakeholders around these 3 goals and this survey forms part of that consultation.

Supporting Travellers and Roma

The Pilot has 3 Overarching Goals that in turn direct the team.

Goal 1

Student - To improve the learning experience and outcomes for Traveller and Roma students in schools in the pilot areas.

Goal 2

Parents and Guardians – To improve parental/ guardian engagement with school community and foster an appreciation of the value of education among Traveller and Roma communities.

Goal 3

Schools - To improve attendance , participation and retention with the aim of improving the educational outcomes of Traveller and Roma students.

Art Project.

This project started from January 2023-to December 2023. It was facilitated by in-House Artist Martina Passman . We worked with 15 young people they worked on their Creative side and designed all different materials throughout the year, New Art mural for the Arts Academy, Pottery , Christmas Wreaths, Christmas Tee-Shirts, Bags etc. They had fun and socialized with their peers and enjoyed the project.



Drama Project.

This project ran for 9 weeks with a Drama Facilitator, there was 10 young lads that participated in this project, they learned scripts, Story Telling, Acting in small and Group setting, they also learned Hip-Hop and engaged well within the group and learned what skills they were good at.

The group formed a great bond with the Drama teacher and within the group itself.

The Drama project helped them build confidence, self- esteem and respect for each other.

It was a fun and enjoyable project.



Puppet-Making.

This project ran for 4 weeks, we had a facilitator that worked with a small group of girls, they learned Embroidery, different stitch techniques and made puppets from scratch. It was a very interesting project and the group enjoyed it and loved how the puppets turned out.



Ace project 6th class Transition Programme

This project started in September 2023-and will continue to May 2024. This project is a 6th class universal project for traveler students only, this project will help the young people transition to Post-Primary school. The project will teach the young people basic life skills . some of the activities that have been completed so far are the following cooking skills, planting flowers, Horse-Riding lessons and various other activities throughout the academic year.



Summer trips.

Summer 2023 was a great time as the STAR project celebrated all our students had achieved throughout the academic year with trips out of Tuam. These trips are very important for relationship building between the STAR team and our young people. They also provide our young people with core positive memories that they got to make with their friends.

In Summer 2023 we went to Wildlands with our Pres girls.

Our teen boys and girls group enjoyed trips to Palas karting and Baysports in Athlone.

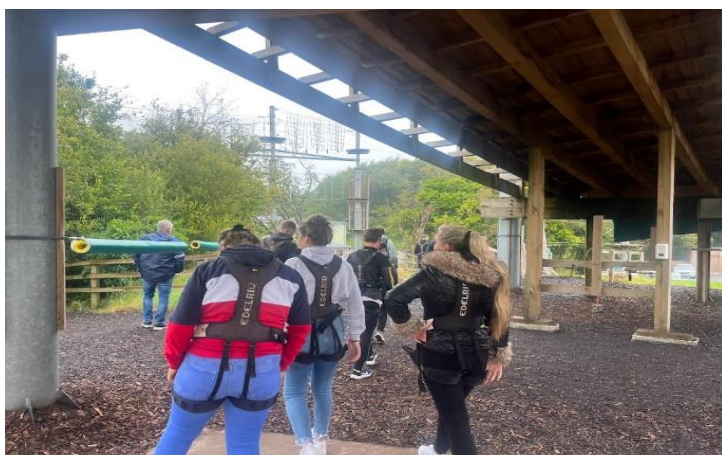
Our SCP STAR St Jarlath's teen boys enjoyed a day out in Petersburg organised by SCP.

Our 6th class transition group went to the Planet in Galway for bowling and laser tag.

Our senior group enjoyed a day out zip-lining Lough Key Forest Park.

A brave and determined group of our youths all completed the challenge of summiting the pilgrimage walk of Croagh Patrick.

On all of these days out the groups enjoyed a trip to Supermac's on the way home.





Wilderness Programme.

This year was the second year running of our after-school Urban Outdoor Adventure programme with the fabulous team of Venture Out.

We were delighted to have been awarded this project again, thanks to the generous support of Galway Sports partnership.

A group of 12 young people in first and second year from the STAR project took to the hill of Castlehacket every Monday after-school for 7 weeks in a row. Despite often poor weather conditions, spirits remained high amongst the group. Our young people were introduced to new skills such as shelter-building, fire-lighting and whittling, all of these skills are close to the heart of Traveller culture.

This programme provides our young people with an alternative way of learning, where they are not confined to the four walls of the classroom, the project is child led, and the leaders could see vast improvements in the confidence, social and emotional well-being of the young people over the course of the programme.

The final week of the project saw the group take on an exhibition to diamond hill in Connemara. The group challenged themselves to the summit, despite poor conditions. To finish of the day we enjoyed Supermacs in Headford on the way home.





Wilderness Programme.

Tuam Community Childcare Centre



Tuam Community Childcare Centre is community-based and is currently owned and managed by WTID. The Management Committee of WTID is responsible for the overall operation of the childcare service, ensuring that the service operates in a manner that is compliant with statutory regulations and with the ethos of the childcare service and WTID.

Our Ethos - Is to provide a **Fun, Safe Environment** where children can Grow, Learn, and be themselves. We are dedicated early-years educators, and we are passionate about contributing to all aspects of children's holistic development

Our Mission Statement - We, at Tuam Community Childcare Centre, are committed to providing excellent standards of care for the holistic development of each child. Through providing a warm, friendly, safe, and caring environment, we aspire to challenge and stimulate children to develop to their full potential through play, learning, interactions, and experiences that are age and stage-appropriate for each child. By the Manager and staff,
Children & Parents @ Tuam Community Childcare Setting

Curriculum Statement - We are extremely proud of our Setting and aim to provide a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment through which the uniqueness of each child is enabled to thrive. We believe this is best achieved through a mindful approach to our teaching which encompasses active listening, observation, teamwork, reflective practice, and continuous professional development. Parents are the first and primary educators of their children and for this reason, we value the strengths that each family can bring to our service. Children thrive best when parents and educators can work together to provide the best care and education for each child. At the core of our ethos is the belief that each child is unique and should be viewed from a strength-based perspective.

We are registered with Tusla and offer the ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) Scheme. We have been mentored by Better Start Aims, an initiative of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) to improve the quality of care and education being delivered. We work within the guidelines of Children's First. Our staff have attended the Equality and Diversity training provided by Galway County Childcare, to ensure that all children and families are protected from discrimination and encouraged to express their diversity. To add to that, Emma Collins and Louise O'Shaughnessy are the Leadership for Inclusion (LINC) Officers for our Setting – this position is specific to promoting the inclusion of children with additional needs.

By working through AIM (the Access and Inclusion Model) we ensure that all children can participate fully in the ECCE Scheme, thereby reaping the benefits of quality care and education.

We adopt an open-minded and diverse approach to ensuring each child's learning style is catered for and children are enabled to achieve their unique potential.

Our curriculum is based on the principles and philosophies of emergent and inquiry play-based Learning. Which empowers young children to actively pursue their learning. Educators will provide appropriate, timely, balanced intervention as well as support, continuity, and progression to encourage positive attitudes toward learning. The Childcare Service recognises that the establishment of daily routines is essential for all young children in our care. We strive to provide a program of activities that encourage the physical, social, emotional, intellectual, creative, and holistic development of children in conjunction with Siolta, Ireland's National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education, and Aistear, The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework. We are proud to say we implement the Healthy Ireland Smart Start program a holistic approach focusing on health promotion through oral health, healthy eating, safety, physical activity, and social and emotional development. For children to have the best possible education, we believe in providing for all aspects of the child's care with a strong focus on well-being, happiness, and social and emotional development.

"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out!" - Bill Gates

To achieve this Tuam Community Childcare works in partnership with local services these support services include

- Children
- Parent's
- Early years educator
- Early Intervention Team
- Better Start Aims
- Speech & Language Therapist
- Psychologist
- Public Health Nurse
- TUSLA Family Support Workers
- Pre-School Liaison worker

Description of Service - Tuam Community Childcare Centre is located in Parkmore Estate, Tuam, Co Galway. H54V663.

The service operates from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. daily.

Facilities - Purpose-built Childcare Centre

- ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) Scheme – 38 weeks
- (NCS) National Childcare Scheme
- Secure entrance
- Outdoor play areas
- Full-time/part-time/sessional service
- Five fully equipped preschool rooms
- Five Rooms for Afterschool

- Bus collection and drop off service for children attending both morning and afterschool
- Own Allotments
- Afterschool (SAC)

The service is affiliated with the Galway City and County Childcare Committee and is a member of Early Childhood Ireland.

Tuam Community Childcare Centre is inspected by

- Tusla, Early Year (Preschool) Inspectorate, and (SAC)
- Pobal, DCEDIY
- (DES)Department of Education and Skills, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme
- (HACCP)Health and Safety Authority
- Trinity Primary for the Transition of all children into primary school.

Early Childhood Educators are –

- Garda Vetted
- BA (Ord) Early Childhood Care & Education (Level 7)
- Qualified in Early Childhood Education (Level 6)
- Certificate in early learning and care (Level 5)
- LINC Inclusion Coordinators
- SNA (Special Needs Assistance) (level 6)
- Food safety HACCP
- First Aid Response
- Fire Safety
- Children First

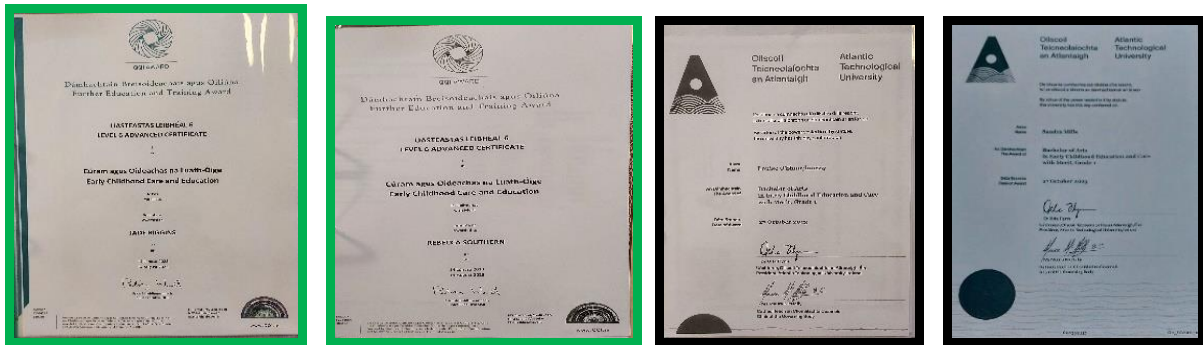
➤ Manual Handling

Project & Topics in 2023

Managers and Educators working in the setting had excellent achievements in 2022 – 2023

Louise and Sandra QQI Level 7 Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care @ ATU Galway.

Jade Biggins & Rebecca Boyle **QQI Level 6 Early Childhood Care & Education**



Children's Graduation in 2023 Twenty-two children graduated in June



Sensory Room was added to support the children in the preschool and was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund



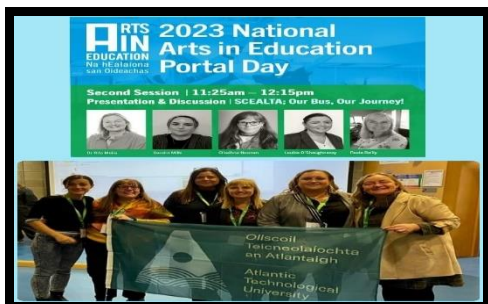
DES Inspection - What the inspector is inspecting within the setting. Language used in Early Years Education Inspection Reports. Inspectors describe the quality of provision in the setting using the language, which is shown below.

Level	Description
Excellent	Provision that is excellent is exemplary in meeting the needs of children
Very good	Provision that is very good is highly effective in meeting the needs of children.
Good	Provision that is good is effective in meeting the needs of children but with some aspects to be developed
Fair	Provision that is fair requires practice to be improved to meet the needs of children.
Poor	Provision that is poor is inadequate and requires significant improvement to meet the needs of children

DES, Summary of the overall Inspection of Tuam Community Childcare Centre

Area	Quality level
Quality of context to support children's learning and development	Excellent
Quality of processes to support children's learning and development	Very Good
Quality of children's learning experiences and achievements	Very Good
Quality of management and leadership for learning	Excellent

2023 National Arts in Education Portal Day.



The Artist in Residency was awarded to Tuam Community Childcare.

The Documentation Award aims to show the depth of the process, collaboration between artist and educator, and the value of the arts in early years education settings. AN UNIQUE collaboration between two Tuam Community Childcare crèche facilities has been recognised with a prestigious education award, following a link up with Arts Council Artist in Residence at (ATU)Atlantic Technological University, Galway.

Early childhood educators based at Tuam Community Childcare Centre and Wiz Kidz Preschool have joined forces on the SCEALTA “Our Bus Our Journey” project, which has won the Arts in Education Documentation Portal Award.

Louise O’Shaughnessy, manager of the Community Childcare Centre, Paula O’Reilly an educator with Wiz Kidz, are both in their third year of the BA Early Childhood Education and Care at ATU Galway. Along with Sandra Mills, an educator at the Childcare Centre who is also studying the same degree course in ATU, they have developed the project in conjunction with Artists in Residence on the BA programme, Clíodhna Noonan, who is an early year's arts creator, producer, and programmer for creative arts events.

Dr Rita Melia, Lecturer in Early Childhood Education and Care at ATU, said the award was worthy recognition of the three Tuam students, but also a celebration of the wonderful experiences the children in these two early years settings enjoyed through the collaboration with the Arts Council Artist in Residence program...



The presenting at the Arts in Education Portal @Arts in Education Conference took place on the 11th of November 2022 was held at Mary Immaculate College in Limerick

This was a wonderful recognition of the amazing collaboration between Atlantic Technological University ATU Galway City ATU Mayo The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon Clíodhna Noonan and Tuam Community Childcare manager Louise O Shaughnessy and Sandra Mills alongside Paula O Reilly Whiz Kids

[Link to view video: 2023 Portal Documentation Award Recipient: SCEALTA - Vimeo](#)



Early Talk Boost Programme Early ETB programme has many benefits for children's language development. The Early Talk Boost Programme is a 9-week program with 3 sessions (approx. 30 minutes each) per week. There is a pre-program tracker and a post-tracker also to be completed with each child attending the sessions. There is a parent information session or follow-up session. The program aims to improve children's listening and attention skills and to encourage them to develop their speaking and understanding of language. The sessions target everyday vocabulary, describing words, action words, and building sentences.

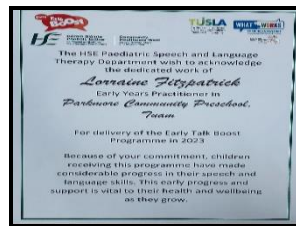
Each session includes 2 games, a song, and a storybook. Early Talk boost will help boost the attention, listening, and language skills of preschool children enabling them to be better ready to transition to primary school and access the curriculum.



Staff they had 4-hour training session for ELC staff. For the weekly sessions, a co-delivery model will be used. SLTs and Early Years staff will co-deliver with

the Early Talk boost and Early Years staff can implement the program independently in the future.

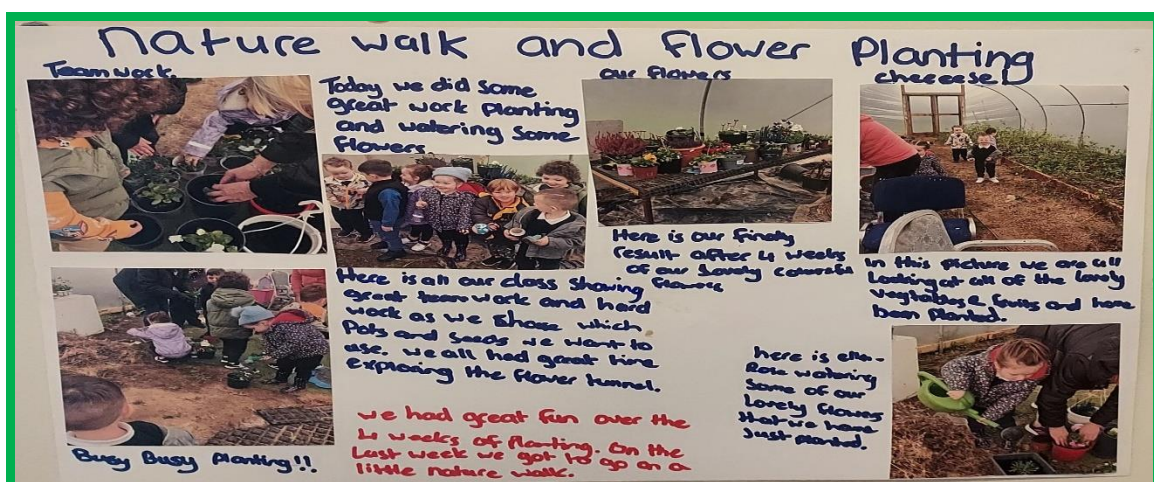
At the end of the program, the Early year's Teacher Lorraine Fitzpatrick & Sandra Mills are fully trained in ETB and can carry out the program themselves the following term or year, with support.



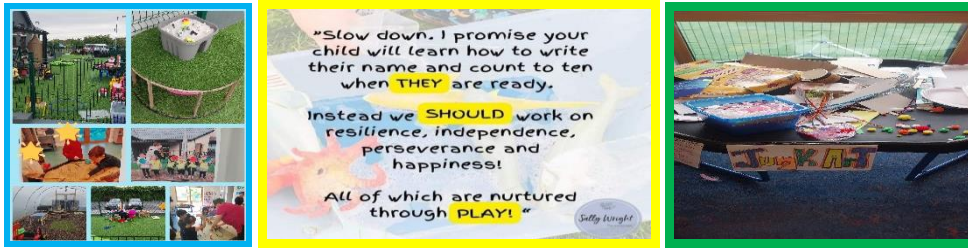
The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.



Primary Health Care Workers with the staff and children had a great experience in the polytunnel planting and growing planting



A little peek at the fun, excitement activities the Children and Early Childhood Educators do daily in Tuam Community Childcare



Our poem to help children do their bit for the climate

In a world so bright and full of cheer, Where preschool dreams and giggles appear, Listen closely, little ones, gather near, A tale of Earth, our home so dear.

Once upon a time, in a land so green, Lived creatures big and small, a magical scene. Trees stood tall, their branches a hug, As the skies above shared a gentle tug.

But oh, a challenge came to our play, A call for help, in a special way. Preschool heroes, it's time to unite, For our planet needs us, day and night.

Little hands, like petals, soft and small, Can make a difference, stand up tall. Reduce, reuse, and recycle too, Preschool power, it's up to you!

Turn off the lights when not in use, Hug your teddy, let the planet snooze. Pick up toys and put them away, Help Mother Earth, come what may.

In the garden of dreams, let's plant a seed, Watch it grow, fulfilling a need. With love and care, like a gentle breeze, Preschool promise, a forest of trees.

Say no to litter, keep our playgrounds clean, For every action, a world unseen. Preschool whispers, let them be heard, Teaching others the song of a bird.

Nature's wonders, let's explore, Count the raindrops, marvel at the shore. Preschool wonders, curiosity untamed, In the book of Earth, a chapter named.

So here's our poem, a call to play, Preschool heroes, bright as the day. Together we'll dance, a joyful spree, For climate action begins with you and me.



Agency collaboration

Western Traveller perceive collaboration as a key component of Community Development and this approach was one of the main approaches taken in the work of the organisation during such a difficult year. “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”.

Throughout the year Western Traveller ensured there was an up-to-date list of local organisations that support work with Travellers and the project. Western Traveller continued to work with relevant agencies throughout this time. Such agencies as:

- Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB)
- Galway Rural Development Company Ltd (GRD)
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA)
- TUSLA (Child and Family Agency)
- Youthreach
- Dept. of Social Protection
- Galway City & Childcare Committee
- Galway County Council
- Public Participation Network (PPN)

Representation was made at other agency teleconferences:

- Traveller Health Unit
- Tusla
- Galway Co Council and Family Support Network,

- GRD
- Local Schools
- County Childcare.

Throughout the year Western Traveller engaged with Traveller families who were homeless, experienced addiction issues, living in overcrowded conditions and or living on poorly serviced halting sites and deal with issues with the relevant services such as Galway County Council.

Worked with the Galway County Council on behalf of Families who had no access/ shared access to water, sanitation or electricity.

Work with families on the Halting Site and the Galway County Council to ensure safe clean hot running water to enable regular hand-washing was available.



Our Funders

We would like to thank all our funders and volunteers with out whom this project would not be as successful as it is.

Main Funders



**An Roinn Leanai, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige**
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Organisations & Clubs based in our premises

Citizen Information Services (Downstairs in the main building)	Tuesday – Friday 11am – 4pm
Seetec Employment Services (Upstairs in the main building)	Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Narcotics Anonymous (Upstairs in the main building)	Monday and Friday 8pm - 10pm
Alcoholics Anonymous (Harmony Hall)	Mon/Wed/Fri 1pm – 2pm
The Women’s Shed Cairde Mná (Harmony Hall)	Tuesday 6pm - 8pm
Gamblers Anonymous (Upstairs in the main building)	Wednesday 8pm – 10pm

[Simon Community](#)

[Parkmore Community House](#)

[Parkmore](#)

[Clients would be met on an appointment basis.](#)

[Anyone seeking an appointment should contact the following number:](#)

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