



Monthly Update: July 2025

Newsletter



ABC 10 Year Celebration!

On June 5th, ABC Grangegorman attended the National 10 Year Anniversary Celebration for the Area-Based Childhood Programme, which was hosted by The Early Learning Initiative at the National College of Ireland.

It was a fantastic day of sharing insights, successes, and hopes for the future, including continuing to support children and families who experience poverty and social exclusion.



Early Years Seminar

ABC Consortium Meeting

The Early Learning Initiative facilitated the most recent ABC Grangegorman consortium meeting on Wednesday, 18th of June. Consortium members reflected on the current programmes delivered under ABC Grangegorman and shared rich insights into shaping the future planning of programme delivery to meet the gaps in service provision.



On Friday, 20th of June, 30 plus years practitioners across 7 early years services from Grangegorman gathered for the Early Years Seminar which was organised in partnership with ABC Grangegorman and the Children and Youth Action Group. Attendees enjoyed talks from Mandy Byrne (One Family) and Sarah Kearney (PC+) on the impact of Infant Mental Health. Attendees also heard from Ramona Riley (TUSLA) – who spoke about the importance of connecting your child with nature.



ParentChild+ Programme (PC+)

PC+ Graduation

A big thank you to all the families who graduated from our ParentChild+ programme on the 17th of June.

Great fun was had by all involved, and a special thanks to the staff who organised the day.



Sensory Play

A sensory event was held on the 20th of June for our last Parent & Toddler group, which was attended by 30 families from the community.



Doodle Den

Doodle Den finished with a bang in June. After all their hard work, children enjoyed picnic outings in local parks. The parachute pictured was purchased through the ABC underspend and has been a great addition to the active elements of the programme. We ended with a graduation ceremony in each site, with parents and family coming to hear their children tell what they liked best in Doodle Den or what their favourite story was. We had great turnout from parents and family members. We even had four generations of one child's family present.

We are Hiring!

If you or someone you know would like to be part of this fun-filled literacy programme for Sr. Infants, an application and job description can be found on Activelink: <https://shorturl.at/UZhj>



A Big Thanks to Third Space!



Third Space Smithfield is a social enterprise that provides a space where the local community can gather. Once a month they host The Square Meal where the proceeds are donated to a local project. The most recent dinner was held on Friday, 27th of June and ABC Grangegorman had the opportunity to benefit from this month's fundraising. Attendees at The Square Meal generously raised €970. ABC Grangegorman will utilise this funding to deliver an introductory **Getting Started with Restorative Practices** course to consortium members. More details and information to follow about course dates to follow. ABC Grangegorman would like to thank all the team at Third Space for organising the event and their commitment to their local community.



Aosóg

The team at Aosóg would like to share that they currently running an 8 week summer programme for children and families referred to the project. While the summer programme is full, they are currently accepting referrals for September for their Afterschool Programme for 7-12 year olds. For more information on referral criteria please visit aosog.ie or contact geraosog@gmail.com / 01 8102122/3.

Stepping Up Transition Programme

Children in Early Years Services and Primary Schools in the ABC Grangegorman consortium have been receiving resources and materials as part of the Stepping Up Transition Programme. This programme supports children transitioning from early years to primary school with 254 activity packs delivered in total!



Contact Us

For more information on programmes and supports available in your area, please contact: eli@ncirl.ie.

To keep up to date throughout the year, please connect with us:

Website: <https://grangegormanabc.com>.

Instagram: [grangegormanabc](https://www.instagram.com/grangegormanabc)

Dublin City Childcare Committee

Dublin City Childcare Committee have a number of upcoming in-person and online events, including:

- Exploring the Updated Aistear.
- Early Years STEM Workshop:
- Practical Learning Through Play- COPP.
- Children's Participation in Decision Making in Everyday Spaces.
- Separate with Confidence for EY & SAC Educators and many more.

For Further Information on dates and booking, please visit Dublin City Childcare Committee's Eventbrite Page. Events are free and are exclusively for practitioners, providers and childminders working in the Dublin City Childcare Committee's catchment area.

