

Newsletter



Merry Christmas and a Look Back at 2025: Celebrating Our Community

As we finish the year, this December edition gives a simple look back at our newsletters and highlights the projects, events and small wins that kept us moving throughout 2025. From our Early Years Seminar to our Community Conference – and all the work that linked us in between – we supported families, shared resources and built stronger connections across the ABC Grangegorman community. This reflection is a chance to recognise everyone's hard work and to appreciate the progress made over the past six months. Thank you to everyone for their contributions throughout the year.

Dates for your diary: Next ABC Grangegorman Consortium meeting takes place on the 20th of Jan





Christmas at Your Local Library



Step into the festive season with decorations, stories, crafts, music, baking and more! With activities for all ages, the library is the perfect break from the busy shops this December.

Join Quizmaster **Mark** for the **BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ** at **Cabra Library** on **Thursday, 18 December** at **3:15 pm**, and test your knowledge of books, sport, film and TV, nature, geography, history, and Christmas! Suitable for 9–12 year olds.

Children's Christmas Party – Central Library
Thursday 18 December, 3.30 pm

A festive afternoon of storytelling, crafts, games and fun for children.

Children's Christmas Film – Central Library
Saturday 20 December, 10.30 am

Enjoy a festive children's Christmas film.

Christmas Music Workshop – Cabra Library
Monday 22 December, 11am

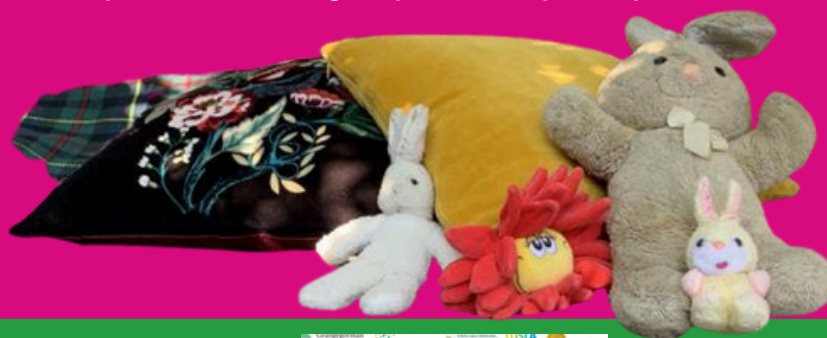
Little ones (ages 3–6) can explore sound, rhythm and melody with Music Maestros.

All events are part of the 2025 Family Time at Your Library programme. For more info,
<https://www.dublincity.ie/events>



National Gallery at Home: Baby Botany

Explore nature with your baby! Watch a short video and make a simple suncatcher together using paper, adhesive film, and safe natural materials like flowers and leaves. This activity helps babies learn through colour, texture, scents, and natural sounds, supporting their senses, creativity, and coordination. Instructions are simple and easy to follow — a fun, gentle way to enjoy nature indoors or outside: <https://www.nationalgallery.ie/what-we-do/education-department/national-gallery-home-baby-botany>



Restorative practice (RP) brings a social science approach to building, maintaining, and restoring relationships and community.

People in schools, workplaces, and community organisations undertake restorative practice training to develop the mindset and skills needed to create environments rooted in respect, accountability, and empathy.

In December 2025, eight participants from five organisations in Dublin 7 began their restorative practice journey with an introductory training session.

To learn more about restorative practice opportunities, please contact:
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RESTORATIVE PRACTICE TRAINING

RP Training for
Community
Professionals and
Community Members

This training course is part of a range of introductory level workshop sessions for those wishing to build awareness and gain knowledge of restorative practices, while developing practical restorative skills. This course takes place **in-person** over two sessions, with 10 hours contact time. Training is free of charge and participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion.

GETTING STARTED WITH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES — The Enquiry Phase

This training course will enable participants to:

- Understand the core principles of restorative practice and the importance of relationship building.
- Recognise both proactive and responsive restorative practices, and their value within conflict resolution.
- Identify the key elements of restorative processes and apply knowledge to introduce and lead restorative dialogues — with children, young people and adults.
- Examine and evaluate how restorative practices can be used within your own setting or community.

Taking place on two consecutive Mondays, December 1st and 8th — 10AM to 3PM in the Macro Community Resource Centre, 1 Green St, Dublin 7, D07 X6NR



For further information or to register, please email Rhonda.Hill@ncirl.ie or contact Rhonda on 0864666411.

Free Family Fun Near Dublin 7

Collins Barracks – National Museum of Ireland: Kids can explore history with hands-on activities and enjoy free tours.

Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA, Kilmainham): Walk through art galleries and see modern art. Entry is free for permanent collections.

Dublinia (Viking & Medieval Dublin): Learn about Dublin's history through fun, hands-on exhibits. Kids go free in December.

TwinkleTown – Smithfield Square: Walk around the festive village with lights and decorations. Entry is free; rides and ice-skating cost extra.

Museum Mornings & Winter Walks: Visit museums or take a walk around IMMA — a warm, safe, free activity for families in winter.

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