# LAIT eNewsletter

December 2024

## **About Us**

The LAIT work to empower individuals to become self-sufficient, independent, settle into their new communities, and participate in Irish life. They do this by connecting people to services that can help them integrate into the community.

Working under the principle of 'integration from day one'.

## **Support Services**







Appointment based



Orientation Programmes



Integration Programmes



Short term support



Comhairle Contae an Chabháin Cavan County Council

# Importance of Community Involvement

Community involvement is essential for the well-bring and successful integration of new communities.

Community involvement plays a crucial role in helping refugees foster integration and build strong, inclusive communities.



# Cavan County Library Services

- IT Services
- Study Spaces
- Borrow books
- Social clubs and groups
- Sensory toys
- Online library and services



Johnston Central Library

Cavan Town



Bailieborough Library



Cootehill Library



**Belturbet Library** 



**Arva Library** 



Ballyconnell Library



Ballyjamesduff Library



Virginia Library



Kingscourt Library



Library Headquarters

# Community Based Activities & **Support Groups**















Parkrun takes place every Saturday morning at 9.30am in the following locations throughout Co. Cavan:

- · Con Smith Park, Cavan
- Deerpark, Virginia
- Haltons, Cootehill
- Castleblayey, Monaghan
- Monaghan Town
- New participants and volunteers welcome.
- Runners must pre-enter online using the below link



All men have the opportunity to maintain and improve their well-being on their own terms and within their own communities.

The Men Shed work creates places of belonging, participatory democracy, mutual respect, companionship and community for all Shedders.

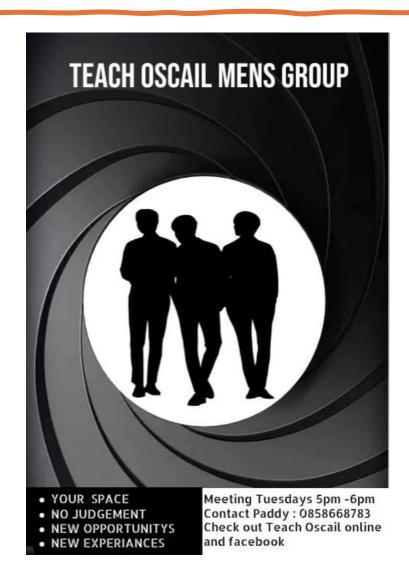
Locations listed below:

- Cootehill
- Mullagh
- Bailieborough
- Ballyjamesduff
- Shercock
- Lacken
- Kilnaleck
- Bawnboy
- Killeshandra
- Belturbet
- Cavan Town
- Kingscourt



Contact details for each shed can be found online at:

Irish Men's Sheds Association | Mens Sheds Ireland



# Women's Groups

Local women's groups provides a space for personal growth, empowerment and community support.

Details of the individual Hen's Sheds in Cavan can be found on Facebook.

If you require support to make the initial contact please contact <a href="mailto:integration@cavancoco.ie">integration@cavancoco.ie</a>

## Hen's Sheds

- Kilnaleck
- Belturbet
- Cootehill
- Cavan Town
- Ballinagh









# WONDER WOMEN WOMENS GROUP

### Social group for women to:

- Come Together & Chat
- Explore Hobbies
- Workshops + Classes
- Personal Development

Fortnightly starting 12th Oct 3-5pm

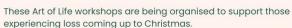
## **Booking Is Essential**

Teach Oscail
Family Resource Centre
31 Church Street
Cavan Town

For more information contact :

Darina - 0494372730

# ART OF LIFE WEAVING MEMORIES AT CHRISTMAS with Morag Donald, Crafting Your Soul



This is a meditative, creative activity allowing space for reflection, processing of emotion and looking forward with hope.

Each participant will have a circular loom to weave yarn choosing colours and textures to represent loves, losses and hopes for the future.

2 WORKSHOPS - Thursday 12 December 2024 Johnston Central Library, Cavan 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

> Virginia Library, Virginia, Co Cavan 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

> > Contact Cavan Age Friendly to book your place Q49 4378545 or emailing agefriendly@cavancoco.ie







ARTOF LIFE



# FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATION

with Margaret

## 2 DECEMBER 2024 8pm

eFOCUS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
Killeshandra

Margaret will show flower arrangement techniques that are a simple and effective way to enhance the welcoming atmosphere of any

in the Loft (Top Floor)

given space.

#### **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

For more information please contact FOCUS on 0494364065





# Free Online Parenting Programmes

Programme/workshop	Dates	Programme & workshop schedule	Venue
Special Needs 10+	14 <sup>th</sup> January – 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Running for 6 weeks, every Tuesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
Early Years 0-5	22nd January – 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Running for 6 weeks, every Wednesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
Parenting when Separated	4 <sup>th</sup> March -8 <sup>th</sup> April	Running for 6 weeks, every Tuesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
Children's 6-12	5 <sup>th</sup> March- 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Running for 6 weeks, every Wednesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
Healthy Families 0-12 workshopsx3 -Empowering families, Managing Technology for children & Restful sleep	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Running for three weeks, on a Thursday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
Adolescent 11+	13 <sup>th</sup> May- 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Running for 6 weeks, every Tuesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom



Children Combined ADHD 6-12	14 <sup>th</sup> May- 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Running for 6 weeks, every Wednesday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Cavan County Local Development, H12DP86
Healthy Families 0-12- workshopsx3	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Running for three weeks, on a Thursday evening, from <b>7pm-9pm</b>	Online via Zoom
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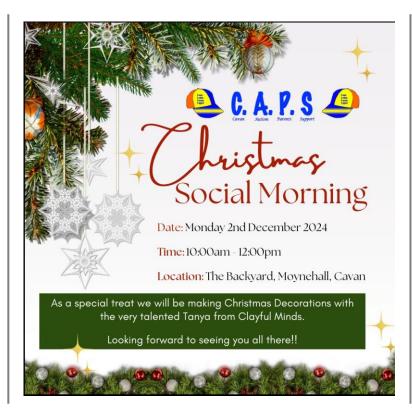
















28th September - Lego with Clayotic

12th October - - Music with Rachael

26th October - Art with Anna (earlier start time of 12.30pm - 2pm)

9th November Art with Anna (earlier start time of 12.30pm - 2pm)

23rd November - Music with Rachael

7th December - Music with Rachael

21st December - Art with Anna (earlier start time of 12.30pm - 2pm)



## ADHD Children's Programme(6-12 Years)

A free in-person evening parenting programme for parents, carers of children aged 6-12 years with a diagnosis of ADHD and suspected ADHD who are awaiting assessment. ADHD-( Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

**Topics Include:** Parenting a child with ADHD, responding positively as a parent, establishing routines, managing concerning behaviour, problem solving, long term supports, supporting siblings, manage stress, support child's education and learning etc.

Date: 6th November – 11th December 2024 (Once a week for 6 weeks).

Time: 7pm- 9pm (Wednesday evenings).

Where: Cavan County Local Development Building 6A Corlurgan Business

Park, Ballinagh Road, Cavan, H12DP86.

For more info, and to reserve your place, contact Joanne on 0877529948 or email <u>parentingcavan@ccld.ie</u> www.parentingcavan.ie











# Parent & Toddler Groups

Knockbride P&T Group
Knockbride Church of Ireland Hall
Knockbride, Co Cavan, A82 E377
Jenny Horner 086-3420299

Siolta Beaga P&T Group Gaelscoil Bhreifne, Cavan Town Aisling Walsh 086-3042100

Kidz at Play P&T Group Kingscourt Community Centre Kingscourt, Co Cavan Rhona Cassidy 086-8873732

Shercock P&T Group Kingscourt Road, Shercock, Co Cavan Siobhan O'Reilly 042-9669961

Little Hands P&T Group
Cavan Baptish Church
Corglass, Oldtown, Cavan
Rachel Bachtold 089-2374924

Folly Tots P&T Group
Main Street, Ballinagh, Co Cavan
Julia Dunne/Ann McPhilips
086-2284655/086-8154407

AD Centre P&T Group
Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre
The Conaty Centre
Cullies Cavan, H12 E5C7
Susuana Komolafe 049-4333796

Ballyconnell Parent & Toddler Group
Daisy Hill House, Ballyconnell Co. Cavan
Sally Johnston 049-9526045

Cavan Down Syndrome Parent & Toddler Backyard, Moynehall Cavan Michael Gormley 086-7945953

Mullagh Parent & Toddler Group
Mullagh Hall
Mullagh, Co Cavan
Sarah Herbert 087-4674793

Swanlinbar Parent & Toddler GroupChurch Hall, Church Rd, Swanlinbar, H14 DY93 Abigail Donohoe 049-9521895

Little Cubs P&T Group
Teach Oscail Family Resource Centre,
31 Church Street, Cavan Town
H12H049
Emma / Kathryn 049-4372730

Killeshandra Parent and Toddler Group Focus Family Resource Centre Main St, Portaliff Glebe, Killashandra, Co. Cavan Ann Crowe 049 436 4065 ADDRESS

Cavan County Childcare Committee Unit 5, Cavan Enterprise Centre, Killygarry, Dublin Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan

## CONTACTS

Tel:049 4365856 Email: admin@cavanccc.ie Website: www.cavanccc.ie





Calling all parents, guardians, carers to join us in our Baby & Toddler morning. Starts on the 1st October and every Tuesday from @10-12pm in the Realtog Kilnaleck.

Meet & have a cuppa while your little one plays







# **Teeny Tummy Time**

10 Dec 2024 and others



Location: Virginia Library

Age: Babies and their parents/guardians

New babies and their parents/guardians are invited to meet over a cuppa while babies enjoy some tummy time together!

When: Fortnightly on Tuesday Morning's

Time: 11.15am - 12.00pm

Where: Virginia Library

No booking required - just come along

# Support & Activities for families







# Join our production!

Creative Voice are preparing for a production next March. If you would like an easy introduction to Drama and Music, we have small walk on parts or for you singers, a Choir or Both.

Meets every Wednesday From 7 to 9pm at Cavan Townhall Arts Centre

For further information you can call Carolann at 085 1552093 or email-heartcreativearts@gmail.com











## **Craft Groups**

#### Weekly



Location: Various Library Branches

Relaxed, friendly groups who come together to share their interest in crafting and have a chat. All welcome!

## **Savvy Scrabble Club**

28 Nov 2024 and others



Location: Virginia Library

Age: Adults

Test your Scrabble skills or learn how to play!

This is a relaxed group of adults who like to get together for a game of Scrabble... with just a touch of competitiveness!

When: Fortnightly on Thursdays at 10.30am

Where: Virginia Library

Free of charge! Just come along.

## **Christmas Colouring Competition**

27 Nov 2024



Location: All Cavan Libraries

Age: 4-7yrs and 8-12yrs

Cavan Libraries Christmas Colouring Competition!

Categories: 4-7 yr olds and 8-12 yr olds

Closing Date: Saturday 14th December at 5.15pm. Return entries to any Cavan Library Service branch across the county.

Pick up your entry from any Library branch or download it. What's the prize? A brilliant boardgame for all the family to enjoy!



Location: Bailieborough, Cootehill & Virginia

Age: Children 7+

**Booking Required** 

Chess Classes are really popular across our libraries. Both girls and boys really enjoy learning the game. Suitable for children aged 7 yrs and upwards.

Classes are provided by tutors who use our events spaces in Cootehill Library, Bailieborough Library and Virginia Library.

Contact tutors directly to book a place for your child. Cost €5 per child, per class. Classes may not run through the summer months.

Cootehill Library - Contact Tony at 087 9466030

Bailieborough Library - Contact Daniel at 087 9271883

Virginia Library - Contact Daniel at 087 9271883

# Scrabble for All

#### Weekly



Location: Belturbet Library

Age: Open to everyone

Scrabble for All - Improve your vocabulary and spelling while having fun!!!

When: The scrabble board is available during the opening hours for anyone to use

# **Family Game Night**

05 Dec 2024 and others



Location: Virginia Library

Age: Family Event

Play favourite board games together and make new friends.

When: First Thursday of the month

Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Where: Virginia Library

Suitable for all the family. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Selection of games provided but feel free to bring along a favourite game.



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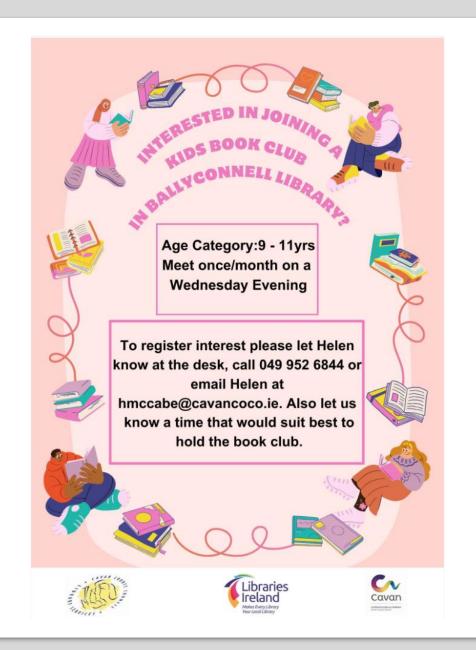
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# Christmas Events

















## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT** & GIFT FAIR 2024





## **SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER**

12.00PM - 5.00PM



SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL BALLYCONNELL, CAVAN, H14 FE03

















# Volunteering Opportunities



#### **Tidy Towns**

Ireland's Tidy Towns refer to locations across the country that are uniquely committed to improving the environment. Through the hard work of local authorities and dedicated volunteers, Ireland's Tidy Towns inspire greener living habits and act as shining examples of the power of community.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

#### **Cavan Tidy Town Committee**

- Environment & Biodiversity Enthusiast Cavan Town
- Litter Pickers Cavan Town
- Road Cleaners & Painters Cavan Town

#### Bailieborough Heritage Society

Clean Up Volunteers - Bailieborough

#### **Ballinagh Community Enterprise Association**

- · Community Garden Volunteers Ballinagh
- Project Volunteers Ballinagh

#### **Belturbet Tidy Towns Committee**

· Litter-pickers, gardeners & painters - Belturbet

#### **Gowna Tidy Towns**

- Tidy Towns Volunteer Gowna
- Festival Volunteers Gowna

#### Maghera Community Development

Litter Picking and Gardening Volunteers – Maghera



Become a play volunteer and engage with children and young people through games, arts and crafts, card games and more!

2 hours, once a week.

Must be 18 years or older.

APPLY NOW!
CHILDRENINHOSPITAL.IE



#### Wild Wardrobe CLG

Wild Wardrobe is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Irish wildlife charities through the sale of donated clothing, accessories, and household items. By shopping or volunteering with them, you're not only helping to protect Ireland's precious wildlife but also promoting sustainable fashion and reducing waste.

#### Current Opportunities:

- Wild Wardrobe Shop Assistant Cavan Town
- Animal Transporter for Wildlife Rescue Co. Cavan (Anywhere)



#### **Team Hope Cavan**

Team Hope is an Irish Christian International Development Charity that works to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Through its annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Sustainable Development Projects, Team Hope aims to bring about positive long-term change.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

- Raise Funds While Watching TV Co. Cavan (Anywhere)
- Children's Gift Knitter Co. Cavan (Anywhere)
- Early Gift Shoebox Makers Co. Cavan (Anywhere)



#### Cavan Connects Network

Cavan Connects Network is a dynamic organisation dedicated to fostering connections and collaboration across communities in Cavan and beyond. Our mission is to create a vibrant network where individuals, businesses, and organizations can come together to share resources, ideas, and expertise for the betterment of our region.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

Digital Champion – Co. Cavan (Anywhere)



#### Creative Places Ballyconnell

Creative Places Ballyconnell aims to create connections and opportunities and understand the possibilities for arts participation and a sense of place in Ballyconnell. The approach is inclusive and diverse and rooted in socially engaged arts practice and community development principles. It builds on existing cultural strengths and is led by community participation and ideas and supported by artists.

#### Current Opportunities:

- Event Support for Older Person's Concert Ballyconnell
- Creative Workshop Assistant Ballyconnell
- Mural Workshop Assistant Ballyconnell



#### Mullagh/Cross Friendship Club

A voluntary committee runs the Mullagh Friendship Club and meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the People's Hall, Main Street, Mullagh, They enjoy music, games, bingo, dancing, chat, laughter and friendships, all served with a cup of tea! All of their activities are aimed at keeping older people active and well. Active Retirement Associations such as theirs are a lifeline for many older people who would otherwise feel isolated and lonely. All older people aged 50 and over are welcome to join Mullagh Friendship Club to have fun and have their voices heard, regardless of age, gender, culture or any other grounds.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

Friendship Club Volunteers – Mullagh



#### **Cavan Volunteer Centre**

Cavan Volunteer Centre supports people who want to volunteer to find suitable roles and helps organisations in need of volunteers to find suitable people to fill those roles.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

- Letters to Nursing Home Belturbet (Anywhere)
- Letters to Nursing Home Bailieborough (Anywhere)
- Letters to Nursing Home Mountnugent (Anywhere)
- Letters To Nursing Home Cavan Town (Anywhere)



#### Con Smith Park Run

Con Smith Park Run is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Volunteering at Parkrun is an opportunity to get outside, make new friends, have fun, learn new skills and be a valuable part of your local community.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

• Timekeepers/Marshalls - Cavan Town



#### Kingscourt Farmers & Craft Market

Craft market supporting local and small businesses. It takes place on the first Sunday of every month at The Kingscourt Community Centre from 11 AM to 3:30 PM.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

Market Set-Up and Clean-Up Assistant – Kingscourt



#### Cavan GAA Club

Cavan GAA has open doors for volunteers who would like to get involved in the local GAA Club. The club has a variety of volunteering opportunities, from coaching, stewarding, and helping on the matchdays to administration roles.

#### **Current Opportunities:**

· Cavan GAA Club Volunteers - Cavan Town



Keep up to date with the most recent volunteering opportunities on www.volunteercayan.ie.

If you require support or more information in relation to a particular volunteering posts please contact <a href="mailto:integration@cavancoco.ie">integration@cavancoco.ie</a> or Cavan Volunteer Centre directly on 049 4331957

# Training& employment



Можливості для мігрантів

щодо перекваліфікації та

працевлаштування

Запрошення на презентацію програми MORE:

Коли: 12 грудня 2024 року

Де: місто Каван, Farnham Arms Hotel (H12Y6E4)

Yac: 10:00-12:00

! Кількість місць обмежена. Будь ласка, 38'яжіться на цю пошту integration@cavancoco.ie, щоб підтвердити свою участь.





МИ ПРОПОНУЄМО: НАВЧАННЯ - ОТРИМАННЯ КВАЛІФІКАЦІЇ - ПІДТРИМКУ В ПОШУКУ РОБОТИ









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## **EPIC Programme**

EPIC helps unemployed asylum seekers, refugees and migrants living in Ireland to increase their chances of finding a job through online training, individual support and partnering with businesses.

#### How the programme works

EPIC is a free online programme focused on career development and integration. Over 6-weeks you will:

- •Improve your job applications with direct advice from recruitment professionals.
- •Identify your transferable skills and strengths.
- •Explain gaps in your CV.
- •Improve your interview skills and get feedback from business volunteers (face to face, phone, and online).
- •Network with our business partners, mentors, and recruiters.
- •Integrate and understand Irish work culture.
- •Develop your IT and LinkedIn skills.
- •Develop a career plan and get guidance from a Career Counsellor.
- •Access different services (health, education, employment rights, social welfare, and much more).
- •Explore your further education and employment options.
- •Improve your confidence to achieve your goals.

#### Contact details via the link below:

https://bitc.ie/programmes/jobseekers/epic-programme/

EPIC is open to unemployed adults living in Ireland with an intermediate level of spoken and written English who are:

Asylum seekers with work permits.

Refugees, people with Subsidiary Protection or Leave to Remain and with Stamp 4.

People with Temporary Protection Certificates.

Migrants with Stamp 4, dependent Stamp 1G or EU/Irish citizenship (conditions apply).



# Guidance and Information Service Drop in Service Upcoming dates

## Ballyconnell

10am - 1pm

Thursday 14 November Thursday 12 December

## Virginia

2pm - 4.30 pm

Wednesday 13 November Wednesday 11 December

## Mullagh

2pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 23 October Wednesday 27 November

## Bailieborough 2pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 06 November Wednesday 04 December



Free confidential information and guidance to help you make the correct decisions regarding your education, training and career choices

## No Appointment Necessary

For more information 049 4377001 or cavanguidance@cmetb.ie

www.cmetbadultguidance.ie





## We have jobs .....

on our Community Employment (CE) scheme

#### **Clerical Assistant**

Work includes answering telephone calls, data entry and general office tasks

### **Catering Assistants**

Work includes housekeeping, general cleaning and helping out in the kitchen & dining areas.

(Some weekend work in this role)

#### We'd love to hear from you if you're:

- Aged over 21, unemployed at least 52 weeks
- · Currently receiving a Social Welfare payment
- Available to work 19.5 hours each week over 3 days.

Заявки приймаються від громадян України, які відповідають вищезазначеним критеріям

Minimum payment on CE is €259.50 and retain secondary benefits e.g. medical card, fuel allowance

The Cavan Centre Kilnacrott, Ballyjamesduff

Contact TERESA for further info or send on your CV Tel: 049-854 4436 Email: <a href="mailto:teresa@cavancentre.ie">teresa@cavancentre.ie</a>

## Useful websites for job search:

www.irishjobs.ie
www.indeed.com
https://www.cmetb.ie/job-finder/



# Useful Facebook Pages



Cavan County Council 🥏

Government organisation · 27.4 km · Opening soon · 16K followers



**Cavan County Library Service** 

Library · 100% recommend (6 reviews) · 27.4 km · Open now · 5.8K followers



**Cavan Sports Partnership** 

Sport & recreation · Not yet rated (4 reviews) · 27.7 km · Open now · 7.2K followers



#### **FOCUS Family Resource Centre**

Community organisation  $\cdot$  Not yet rated (0 reviews)  $\cdot$  28.3 km  $\cdot$  Open now  $\cdot$  Pick-up, Online services, See posts for service changes  $\cdot$  1.8K followers



#### **Teach Oscail Family Resource Centre**

Charitable organisation



## TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan

a day ago · 🔇



#### Cavan Volunteer Centre

Charitable organisation · Not yet rated (1 review) · 27 km · Open now · 1.3K followers



#### **Cavan Cross Cultural Community**

Community organisation · Not yet rated (4 reviews) · 27.3 km · Open now · 800 followers



#### Cavan County Local Development

ocal D Community organisation · Open now · 2.7K followers



#### Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board - CMETB

6 days ago · 🚱



#### Citizens Information

Public and government service · 37K followers



#### The Anglo-Celt

Newspaper · 49K followers



#### Activities for Children in Cavan

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# Thank You!



As we wrap up this edition of our newsletter, we want to extend our thanks to everyone who has taken the time to engage with us over the past number of months, identifying the needs and supports required by people throughout the county.



Your continued engagement and support enables us to deliver meaningful support and content.



As always, your input and feedback is welcome.



Please feel free to contact us with if you require support or assistance on integration@cavancoco.ie

