



Healthy Meath Newsletter November/December 2022

Hello everyone, welcome to the second edition of the Healthy Meath Newsletter!

Here you will be signposted to various
Health and Wellbeing initiatives and online
resources available throughout
November/December.

We hope that you enjoy and take some time for your health and wellbeing over the next few weeks.

















In Focus for Nov/Dec



Healthy Meath Public Consultation Survey 2022

HAVE YOUR SAY IN A HEALTHY MEATH!



Healthy Meath request the input of individuals, agencies, groups and organisations to help identify the health risks, health priorities and associated target groups across County Meath.

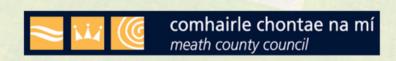
The output of this survey will be used to support our planning for health and wellbeing activities across the County for the next three years.





Click <u>HERE</u> to have your say in a Healthy Meath!





Get the Flu Vaccine!

Why do you need flu vaccine?

Flu isn't just a cold

Flu is serious

Flu can cause pneumonia and bronchitis and can make chronic health conditions worse.

Up to 500 people die from flu every year in Ireland.

Flu vaccine protects you

You should get the flu vaccine if you:

- are 65 years and older or
- have a chronic health problem such as heart or lung disease or
- are pregnant

Flu vaccine protects others too

You should get the flu vaccine if you are a healthcare worker or a carer or if you live with someone with a chronic health condition.

Flu vaccine is free for people at risk

Talk to your GP (doctor) or pharmacist today about getting the flu vaccine.



For more information click

HERE

hse.ie/flu Public Health Advice







Mental Health





Did you know that Stress, Anxiety, Mood and Sleep are all important components of your mental health.

For more information check out the HSEs new Mental Health Campaign here





If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental health there are a range of supports available from the below organisations. Click for more info.













Healthy Eating





There are several **food banks** available across Meath for those who need support.

- Trim FRC Community Food Bank (contact Elaine on 0876602088 / elaine@trimfrc.ie)
- Kells FRC Community Food Bank (contact 0469247161 / info@kellsfrc.ie)
- Core Ireland Food Bank (contact 0852289579 / hello@coreireland.ie)



KELLS LIBRARY Saturday, 12th November



11.00 am:Apple Donut

2.30 pm: Smoothies







with Sonja Lynch, Registered Dietitian

Booking Essential

046-9241592



Register for your FREE place







The **START campaign** aims to support families to take small steps to eating healthier food and becoming more active.

START looks at seven ways that can help maintain a healthy weight for our children:

- Eat fewer treat foods
- Drink water and milk as regular drinks
- Give the right portion size for children
- Eat more fruit or vegetables.
- Be more physically active
- Limit screen-time
- Increase sleep-time

Remember... it all STARTs with a plan. For information, tips and advice that will help parents to take on a daily win and start your kids on the way to a healthier life visit www.makeastart.ie





Physical Activity



Meath Local Sports Partnership have a range of programmes available throughout October. Some highlights are outlined below.

Running 0-3k and 3-5k Programmes

Programmes starting soon in Navan, Tara & Enfield! Why not kickstart your running career before the end of 2022 with our new 4 and 6 week running programmes?

0-3k programme is suitable for complete beginners and 3-5k programme is suitable for improvers. All programmes are led by qualified coaches. 6-week programme costs €20 and 4-week programme costs €15.

- Enfield GAA club, Monday 7th Nov @ 7pm (6 weeks). Register here
- Tara AC Ross Cross, Monday 14th Nov @ 6.30pm (4 weeks). Register here
- Navan AC Claremont Stadium, Monday 14th Nov @ 7pm (4 weeks). Register **here**

Coaching Children Workshops!

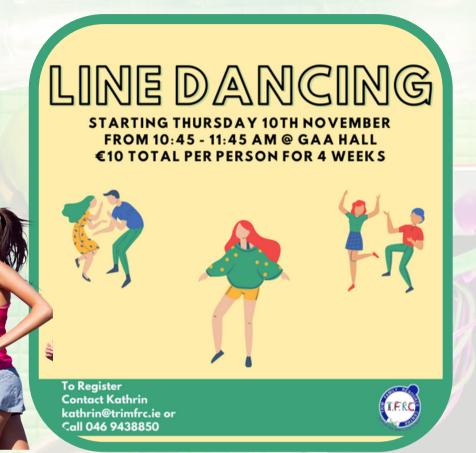
Meath LSP and Sport Ireland Coaching will deliver Coaching Children Workshops starting

8th November 2022!

The course is for coaches of any sport. Coaches will complete online theory work, workshops via zoom (x2 evenings a week) and a practical session at the end of the programme.

For more details contact Una at upearson@meathcoco.ie or complete the registration form here.





Learn 2 Cycle Trim

Learn 2 Cycle aims to assist children with a disability to cycle independently. This programme which is held over 6 weeks outdoors focuses on empowering parents and giving them the tools to support their child in learning to cycle.

Date: Thursdays Nov 3rd – Dec 8th Time: 4:30pm- 5:30pm. Duration: 6 weeks Venue: Trim GAA. Cost: €15

To book a place, please contact Terry on 0469067887 or email tdonegan@meathcoco.ie

Community Sports Coaching Programme

The Community Sports Coaching Programme aims to develop the skills of community leaders, coaches and club representatives through the provision of education and training inclusive of the following qualifications:

- National Governing Body (NGB) of Sport awards (GAA dual foundation, FAI Kick start 1& 2, Athletics leaders award, Volleyball, Olympic Handball and Basketball introductory award).
- Community awards (Community Walking leader, Sport Ireland Active Leadership, Safeguarding 1 & 2, Sports Injury First Aid, Disability Inclusion training)

Closing date for expression of interests is Friday 4th November 2022. Contact Ruairí at rmurphy@meathcoco.ie



Nov 3rd | 7.30pm | Stamullen Parish Hall

Teens Substance Abuse- **Support for Parents**

Lorraine Wright, HSE Counselor & Psychotherapist
Substance Use Service for Teens S.U.S.T





Alcohol self assessment tool

Take the HSEs alcohol test to find out more about what type of drinker you are and the impact of your drinking. Take the test **here**.



DRUGS.ie

HSE DRUG AND ALCOHOL HELPLINE

Freephone

1800 459 459

email helpline@hse.ie

Opening hours: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday



Sexual Health





The HSE free home STI testing service is available to anyone aged 17 or older who lives in the Republic of Ireland. Individuals can order a home test kit online, return samples to the lab by post and get test results by text message or phone call.

The HSE national home STI testing service is completely free and confidential.

To find out more, or to order your free home STI test kit visit: www.sexualwellbeing.ie/hometesting

If you or someone you know is concerned, has symptoms of an STI or needs urgent support, please contact your GP or local STI clinic.



The need to start an open conversation around menopause was a key insight from the radical listening exercise commissioned by the Women's Health Taskforce, to improve women's health outcomes and experiences of healthcare. The Department of Health have launched a new campaign to support women to recognise the signs and symptoms of menopause and to offer a range of materials to raise awareness.

For more info check out the website <u>here</u>. Or attend the Free Women's Health / Menopause Workshop on Nov 10th at 7.30pm in Stamullen Parish Hall. Call 041 9880523 or email duleekdft@gmail.com to book your place today.



Older Persons









Find out more and apply today

Long Term Illness Scheme

If you have a medical condition covered by the Long-Term Illness Scheme, you can get free drugs, medicines and medical and surgical appliances for the treatment of that condition.



Mature Movers

The 6 week programme for adults (50+) includes activities such as seated exercise to music, resistance exercises with resistance bands, core stability, balance, seated Pilates and fall prevention exercises. Mature Movers is ideally suited to older adults as it provides for enjoyable social interaction, fun and activities.

If you would like to participate in the Mature Movers Activity Programme in your area please contact Luke Condie on 046-9067337.

- Navan 7/11/22 10am Pitch & Putt Club Navan
- Piltown 7/11/22 11.45am St Colmcilles GAA
- Athboy 8/11/22 12pm St James Hall
- Balinacree 9/11/2022 10am Parish Hall
- Trim 9/11/2022 10am Trim GAA
- Kells 9/11/2022 12pm Eureka House
- Ashbourne 9/11/2022 4:30pm Ashbourne Community School (Mezzanine)
- Ratoath 10/11/2022 10am Ratoath Community Centre

Cost: €30 for 6 weeks.



Spaces & Places

Healthy Meath are delighted that **The Solstice Arts Centre** are offering a **15% discount** to Healthy Meath newsletter readers with code: **HMN15**.

Book online on **solsticeartscentre.ie** or contact Box Office on **046 9092300** and quote the discount code.



THEATRE:

Fishamble presents: FORGOTTEN by Pat Kinevane. Sat 12 November, 8pm. Tickets: €18/16

Book **here**

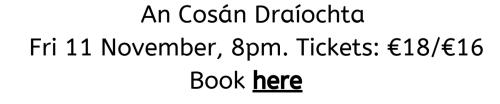
Meath Traveller Workshop presents: Ireland's Call. Wed 16 Nov, 7pm. Tickets: free, Book <u>here</u>



MUSIC:

Finghin Collins, Sharon Carty & John Finucane: Longing Tour. Thu 10 November, 8pm. Tickets: €18/16

Book <u>here</u>





Eimear Quinn live at Solstice Wed 21 Dec, 8pm. Tickets: €22/20 Book **here**

Workplace Wellbeing





Managing Stress!

Sometimes work gets stressful. Learning how to manage it is important for our health.

- 1. Take time out to care for yourself and recharge.

 Read/listen to a book. Meath libraries have a huge range of books available
- 2. Break down goals. This can help put things in perspective and make tasks feel less daunting
- 3. Talk to someone, be it your manager, colleagues or family and see what resources they can offer you.
- 4. Set boundaries, turn off your work email / phone outside of work hours if appropriate for your occupation





Stress Control in association with the HSE and Healthy Ireland will teach you a range of great skills to fight stress. It also provides free online relaxation and mindfulness sessions which can be found here.





Thanks for reading!

The Healthy Meath Team.

