

Healthy Meath Newsletter October - November 2024

Hello everyone, welcome to the 12th edition of the Healthy Meath Newsletter!

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

We hope you enjoy!



















In Focus for October/November



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Breast Cancer Ireland are hosting 'The Great Pink Bake Off' to help raise money to put towards supporting their Breast **Health and Education Awareness** Programme.

How to check

your breasts



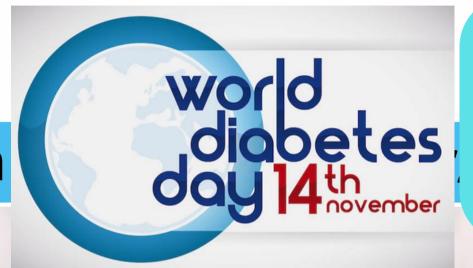


Register For Your Toolkit

We will send you - your very own recipe book and all the helpful tips & tricks to help kickstart your fundraising.

Each year more than 3,400 women in Ireland get diagnosed with breast cancer. Learn how to check your breasts as detected early, breast cancer is highly curable

World Diabetes Day November 14th



support people with diabetes and those who care for them. diabetesireland.ie

Go Blue this year for World

Diabetes Day in your own way

and make a small donation to

Diabetes Ireland to help

Help reduce your risk of diabetes by following these 8 healthy eating tips:

- Choose drinks without added sugar
- Choose higher fibre carbs (brown rice, wholegrain pasta)
- Cut ddown on red and processed meat
- Eat plenty of fruit and veg
- Be sensible with alcohol
- Choose healthier less processed snacks
- Include healthier fats (avocados, nuts)
- Cut down on salt.

Click here for full article





Living with diabetes can be a struggle, watch this video to find out what diabetes is and how you can live with them and click below to read a in depth article

Click here to read article



What is Type 1 **Diabetes?**

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ow to check your breasts













Mental Health

Louth / Meath Mental Health Promotion Events - October 2024

For more info or to register for an event, click the link in the post

1st

8th

Webinar - Connect to 5 Ways to Wellbeing Mental Health Ireland Webinar, Online

Webinar - Look Listen & Link

To support communities after a traumatic event, 10am

9th

Webinar - Depression, it's more than feeling sad Aware Webinar Series, Online 12-1pm

10th

Celebrating World Mental Health Day 2024
Dr Dora Allman Room, UCC 10am-3.30pm

22nd

Understanding Self-Harm 1 day Workshop

Navan Education Centre, 9:30am – 4:30pm

23rd

SafeTALK Workshop

Regional Education Centre, St. Brigids Hospital Complex Ardee; 10am - 1.30pm





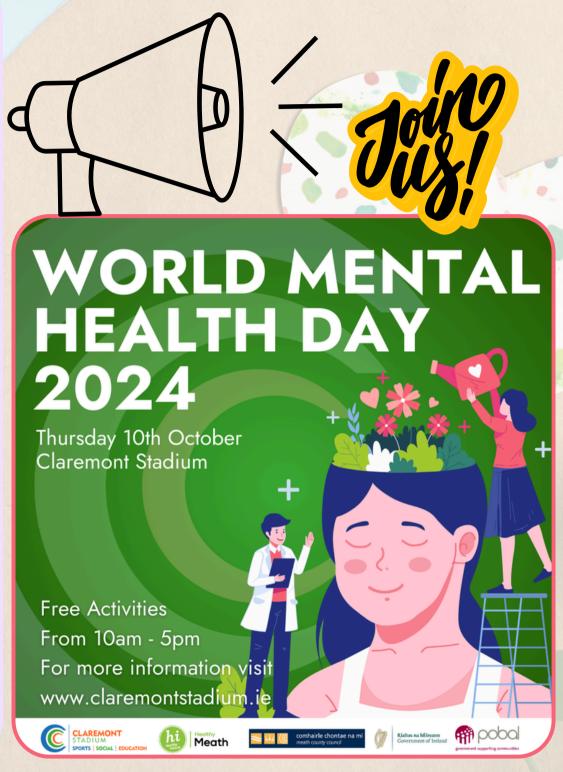


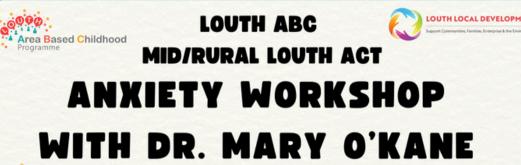
















In this talk Mary explains anxiety in children and offers parents practical advice on how to support their children during difficult times, helping them to manage their fears and gain confidence.





To secure your place please contact:
Siobhan McCarthy
0872538587



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.















Mental Health





TUESDAY 29[™] OCTOBER | 6.30PM

3D Art Workshop

for Grandparents & Grandchildren

This workshop promotes sustainable art and encourages positive mental health. Participants will be supplied with canvas and all craft materials to create a bespoke piece of art while listening to relaxing music.

For Children 8+. One Grandparent can attend with one grandchild only.

TO BOOK CALL 041 988 0523 OR EMAIL duleekdft@gmail.com







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COMMUNITIES

SUPPORTING



EACH OTHER

- Look Listen and Link to Support our Communities

An online presentation based on the principles of Psychological First Aid to support communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event such as a death by suicide

Tuesday 8th October @ 10.00 am

To register, click the following link: https://bookwhen.com/suicidepreventiontraininglouthmeath

Invitation to front line youth, community, healthcare workers across the community, statutory and voluntary sectors to an online presentation delivered by the HSE Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention, Cavan Monaghan and Louth Meath.

Places will be limited so depending on demand we may deliver a number of workshops to allow all interested parties to attend.

This webinar is an initiative of HSE Connecting for Life Cavan Monaghan and HSE Connecting for

Please contact Emer Mulligan (emer.mulligan@hse.ie) or Rosaleen Dolan (rosaleen.dolan@hse.ie)





15th Oct: Developing self-esteem, selfcontentment and resilience in our children

Did you know self-esteem and confidence are not the same and without good self-esteem we cannot be resilient? So how do you know if your child is happy in themselves? How can you take them on a journey of self-belief and empower them as they encounter bumps along the road.

Join Melissa to understand your child, learn actionable strategies to implement immediately at home and leave feeling empowered and heard



When our children display anger at home via their behaviours it can be really tricky for parents to know how best to respond. Is it best to ignore or punish? Do I remove privileges? is it age appropriate, should I be worried? Why are they behaving like this? Is it normal?

Melissa will help you understand your child's emotions and behaviours, arming you with a new perspective and approach.

The Duleek Courthouse from 7.30pm to 8.30pm To book, call 041 988 0523 or email duleekdft@gmail.com

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Healthy Eating



CET INTO THE AUTUMN SPIRIT WITH THESE CREAT RECIPES.







STEP 1: ROAST VEGETABLES

On a rimmed baking sheet, mix tomatoes,

garlic, onion, oil, salt, and pepper.

• Roast for 60-70 minutes until tender.

• Transfer to a pot, add 4 cups of water,

- 23/4 lb. tomatoes
- 8 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 red onion, thickly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil

Click here for recipe

- Kosher salt and pepper
- 4 1/2-in.-thick slices baguette
- 3 Tbsp. finely grated Parmesan

STEP 2: PREPARE BAGUETTE

Preheat oven to broil.

and bring to a boil.

• Blend until smooth.

Preheat oven to 325°F.

- Place baguette slices on a baking sheet, top with Parmesan.
- Broil until cheese is melted.
- Serve with soup.





- COOKING SPRAY
- 3 CUP. CAKE FLOUR, SPOONED AND LEVELED
- 1 TBSP. PUMPKIN PIE SPICE
- 1 TSP. BAKING SODA
- 1 TSP. BAKING POWDER
- 1 TSP. KOSHER SALT
- 1 CUP. MOLASSES
- 1 CUP. CANNED PURE PUMPKIN
- 3/4 CUP. BUTTERMILK
- 1/2 CUP. VEGETABLE OIL
- 1 LARGE EGG
- CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR

Click here for recipe



Prepare Ingredients & Pan:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

SPICED PUMPKIN-MOLASSES CAKE

- Lightly grease a 10-inch round cake pan.
- Mix dry ingredients (flour, pie spice, baking soda, baking powder, salt) in a bowl and create a well in the center.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together molasses, pumpkin, buttermilk, oil, and
- Pour wet mixture into the dry mixture's well and stir until just combined.

Baking:

- Transfer batter to the prepared pan.
- Bake for 50-55 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out
- Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then invert onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Serve:

• Before serving, dust with confectioners' sugar using a stencil for decoration.





Physical Activity





SOCIAL RUNNING PROGRAMMES MEATH

- Locations: Tara Navan Kells Trim Oldcastle
- 6- week programme with regular training sessions
- Focus: Training sessions to help participants jog/run a 3k or 5k
- For beginners and those with experience





HOCKEY FOR WOMEN 13+

- Date: Friday 4th October
- Time: 7pm 8pm
- Location: Navan Hockey Grounds, Windtown, Navan (beside Navan Aura)
- Cost: €20 for 4 weeks





WOMENS SOCIAL SOCCER

- Duration: 6-week program
- Complete beginners and those with some experience
- Inclusive of all ages (16+) and fitness levels
- Training led by qualified soccer coaches who provide guidance and support



LEARN 2 GYCLE ASHBOURNE

- Goal: Help children with disabilities cycle independently.
- Duration: 6 weeks, held outdoors.
- Dates: Thursdays, November 7th December 12th.
- Time: 4:30 PM 5:30 PM.
- Venue: Ashbourne Community School.
- Cost: €15



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Physical Activity



MASTERING MIDLIFE WORKSHOP



- Target Audience: Women aged 35+.
- Focus: Effects of peri-menopause and menopause on mental and physical health.
- Format: 4-hour online workshop.
- Cost: €20.





SOCIAL TENNIS FOR ADULTS 50-

- Location: Trim Tennis Club
- Benefits: Social engagement with club members, guidance, and support
- Cost: €20 for 4 weeks.
- Start Date: Wednesday, October 9th at 11 AM.



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SOCIAL MORNING FOR ADULTS 50+

- Activities: Cornhole, Boccia, Pickle Ball, Pétanque, and Zumba Gold.
- Attendance: 60 adults from various local active retirement groups, Men's Sheds, and ICA groups.
- Outcome: Successful event with plans for continuation.
- Schedule: Active social mornings will be held every Tuesday at 11 AM for the next 5 weeks





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Talk To Your Child About Drugs

It is internationally recommended that children and young people should not drink or take drugs as their bodies and brains are still developing until early to mid twenties. However, in Ireland despite the legal age for alcohol use being 18 years, the average age for those who do start to experiment with substances is around the age of 15 years. The HSE have developed 'Alcohol and Drugs:A Parent's Guide' aimed at parents, guardians and others who care for children. It can help you to understand the risks related to alcohol and drug use inteenagers. It gives you practical advice on how to tackle issues that may arise

Click here to download the PDF for 'Alcohol and Drugs' parent guide

CANCER AND ALCOHOL



- Our bodies break down alcohol into acetaldehyde, which is a toxic chemical. Acetaldehyde can damage DNA (the genetic material that makes up genes) and stop our cells from repairing the damage.
- Alcohol weakens the body's ability to break down and absorb a variety of nutrients that may protect you against cancer. These include vitamin A, folate, vitamin C, vitamin D and vitamin E.
- Alcohol increases levels of the hormone oestrogen. Higher levels of oestrogen increase the risk of breast cancer.

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Sexual Health



sexualwellbeing.ie

How to get free contraception?

- be age 17-35
- live in Ireland
- have a PPS number





Did you know free contraception is available to women, girls, trans and nonbinary people who need perscription?



What costs are covered?

- GP or doctors appointment to talk about contraception options
- prescriptions given by your doctor
- your choice of contraception
- any check-ups needed

Visit <u>mysexualwellbeing.ie</u> for more information

LIVING WITH HIV



People living with HIV face a lot of specific challenges that are related to the stigma surrounding the virus. It's important that everyone works to reduce the stigma around HIV, and support people living with HIV.

The treatment available now means that people living with HIV live long, full, healthy lives. They have love lives, sex lives, many friendships, and fulfilling careers, just like everyone else.

Click the image above to read an article by SpunOut talking all about how to live with HIV



Older Persons



The benefits of being active – if you don't use it, you lose it!

Being active helps:

- You to stay mobile and independent
- To keep your heart and lungs healthy
- · To keep your bones and muscles strong
- . To improve your mood

Being active improves:

- · Your flexibility and prevents stiffness
- Your brain function and memory
- Your balance
- · Your health and wellbeing



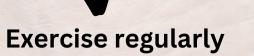
EATING WELL AS YOU GROW OLDER



Many older people are at risk of cardiovascular disease like a heart attack or stroke. Minimise your chances of these by following these simple steps:

Eat healthy nutrient dense food









Reduce stress



Get good quality sleep









Spaces & Places

Loughcrew



Take a hike to the highest point in Meath by visiting loughcrew



Loughcrew Cairns, Corstown, Oldcastle, Co. Meath



Daily 10:00am to 17:00pm



OTHER BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN MEATH



CANAL

130km of Royal canal greenway with 22km in Meath between Enfield and Longwood

RAILWAY

The old Navan to Kingscourt railway line is now the 30km Boyne Valley to Lakelands

BEACH

Sandcastles and flipflops at Gormanstown, Laytown, Bettystown and Mornington

Bathe in the woods at Summerhill Woods, Balrath Woods and Mullaghmeen Forest

ВОС

Why not take a stroll through the Girley Bog

IVER

Step back in time beside the Boyne at Oldbridge, Slane, Navan and Trim

Workplace Wellbeing



Work can be a very stressful environment and can cause workers to neglect prioritising their mental health. Below are 10 tips to follow to support your mental health

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY OCTOBER 10 2024

Ten Tips for World Mental

Health Day in the Workplace

#HSEMentalHealthDay

The theme for this year's World Mental Health Day is 'It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace'. The HSE are encouraging staff and workplaces to support mental health and wellbeing. For this year's World Mental Health Day, October 10 2024, there are a number of tips below to assist you and your colleagues in promoting health and wellbeing in the workplace.

Ten Tips for Supporting your Mental Health in the Workplace

- If you or a colleague are experiencing a mental health issue and need support, the HSE
 Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) is a confidential, independent service. The service is
 free and available to all HSE employees by calling 0818 327 327.
- Take time to download the <u>HSE staff brochure</u> and explore the resources and initiatives available to support their Personal Health and Wellbeing and to create supportive workplaces.
- Staff with a disability, staff who come from diverse ethnic backgrounds or who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies can join a <u>HSE Employee Network</u> to connect with and get peer support from colleagues with similar backgrounds or lived experiences.
- Protect yourself against the challenges of stress by looking at the Stress Control programme and the associated resources available on www.stresscontrol.ie.
- 5. Do something meaningful to connect with your colleagues such as meeting up in person or planning a lunch together. With a wide variety of working arrangements in place across the HSE, the support from and engagement with our colleagues is vital for our mental health.
- Learn about mindfulness, gratitude, self-care and resilience. The HSE 'Minding Your Wellbeing'
 programme covers these topics to support mental wellbeing. Contact your local Health Promotion
 and Improvement Department to attend in person or access online.
- 7. Connecting with nature and the outdoors can benefit our mental health. Taking a walk, with colleagues if possible, is a simple way to improve your mental health. Avail of any available outdoor spaces (e.g. garden space, picnic benches) at break/lunch times; or explore your <u>Slí na Sláinte</u> walking route near your workplace.
- Physical health has a big impact on how we feel. Why not try out the free HSE online exercise programmes such as HSE Yoga for Beginners, HSE Pilates for Beginners, HSE Strength Conditioning for Beginners
- Create new or become involved in existing workplace creative arts initiatives (e.g. staff choirs, social clubs, and drama/variety groups). There is good evidence that arts and creativity can have a significant positive impact on our mental health and wellbeing.
- 10. What you eat can make a big difference. A diet rich in fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, seeds and unsaturated fats helps protect your mental health. For more on healthy eating see here.

Share your activity or your learning on social media to encourage others using the hashtag #HSEMentalHealthDay

Valuable resources for further information

HSE Talking Health and Wellbeing Podcast

HSE suicide prevention training programmes

F<u>ree webinar</u> on Wednesday 9th October, 'Depression: It's More Than Just Feeling Sad'.

Managing Work-Related Stress for HSE staff.

<u>'The Psychology of Health and Happiness'</u> and <u>'Identifying Your Strengths</u> videos

See Change in the Workplace
Programmes

HSE Staff Health and Wellbeing Brochure





Other

Student Peer to Peer Group with ASIAM

Join the Student Peer to Peer Group by AslAm

Are you an autistic student in college/further education in 2024?

We understand that there can be times while you are in college that can be challenging, which is why we are excited to introduce the Student Peer to Peer Group. This online group aims to connect autistic students with each other, providing a safe and supportive space to discuss concerns and share experiences.

Who is it for? This group is for autistic students who are attending university in Ireland.

When and Where? The group will meet every Tuesday for three weeks. The group will meet on the 8th of October, 15th October and the 22nd October from 7-8pm.

We will gather online via Zoom, allowing participants from across Ireland to connect and engage. We ask that if you register for the sessions at the QR link below, that you try to commit to the three weeks. There is also a question box asking you if there are any themes that you may want to discuss or any accommodations that you may have on the night.

What to Expect?

Over the course of the three peer sessions the group will be supported to discuss topics & themes in a way that works for you. The Peer sessions will focus on:

Empowerment: Participants will suggest weekly discussion themes & topics that are relevant & meaningful to them.

Environment: Participants can engage with peers in a safe online environment, using their preferred form of communication - video, voice, or chat.

Encouragement: Participants are encouraged to reflect on the weekly discussion topics, identify how the topic is relevant to you, and share your thoughts & ideas with the group.

Sign Up Today!





SCAN HERE

To sign up today!!







If you are currently caring for a loved one with additional needs (or have cared in the past), our monthly support group is aimed at giving you a break from your caring routine and meet others who understand.

Our non-judgemental group offers open discussion, support and an opportunity to make friends.

Also, learn more about the FREE services and supports we offer you, the family carer.

- The Unity Centre, Dunloe Park, Windtown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 FHD1
- Last Thursday of each month 10am to 11.30am
- To register please contact Jacinta Kennedy Mulligan at jkmulligan@familycarers.ie or call us on 041-9710158

For more information about **Family Carers Ireland** www.familycarers.ie







Other

Membership

offers, benefits + MUCH MORE!

- · Sensory Clothing
- Spa Offers
- · Mobile Phone Deals
- Venue Discounts
- · Online Pharmacies
- · Skechers Discount
- Hotel Breaks
- FREE Cinema Entry

Become a member today for only €20 per year.

www.familycarers.ie

By 2030, 1 in 5 will be a family carer







to benefit the community by supporting and promoting the health, wellbeing and quality of life of family carers and those for whom they

- Be confident in their individual carer
- Establish and maintain a regular caring

- Be informed of their rights and

- Know where to seek additional support.

National Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

We understand the pressures family caring can place on you, the carer. We

Family Carers Ireland has a range of

want to assure you, you are not on your





We are the national charity dedicated to supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers.

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www.familycarers.ie











supports & services available to you. Information on Rights & Entitlements, e.g. Carer's Allowance, Carer's Support Grant,

- + SO MUCH MORE!

the country, each one staffed by a fully trained Carer Support Manager who is



the right time and in the right format can make a huge difference to the life of a need when and how you need it.

our many information booklets, rights and www.familycarers.ie.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?



Become a volunteer today

More than 1,500 young girls are on waiting lists to join Irish Girl Guides.

Together you can try new activities, increase self esteem, learn about the world, enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. It's fun for you too!





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#LoveofLeadership

North East Region

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(1) Healthy Meath Updates

Healthy Meath Microfund Grant Scheme
Cuidiu Meath received grant funding to
hold events throughout September and
October for positive mental health for
parents. Below are photos of their Dads
Out & About Messy Play Event held in
Ashbourne Youth Centre



Claremount Stadium in Navan were awarded funding for World Mental Health Day on 10th October. Below is a list of events that are taking place



















FREE HEALTH **CHECKS**



Pharmacies across Meath are offering free health checks to members of the public including:

- Lifestyle assessment
- Blood pressure & pulse rate
- Waist circumference
- Cholesterol and blood sugars
- Personalised advice



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR FREE HEALTH CHECK, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE BELOW PHARMACIES

- All Care Pharmacy, Knightsbridge Nursing Home, Trim. 046-9436585
- Mc Nally's Pharmacy, Unit 10 Main Street Lower, Duleek. 041-9814846
- Hickey's Johnstown SC, Johnstown Shopping Centre, Johnstown. 046-9091177
- O'Connors Pharmacy, Delvin Centre, Stamullen. 01-8418018
- Slane Pharmacy, Unit 4 Smyths Service Station, Slane. 041-9884924















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CommUnity Connect Louth & Meath...Coming Soon!

Following our consultation event in May, our CommUnity Connect resource pack and CommUnity Connect Wellbeing Map for Meath are almost ready. We hope to launch these in early November.







If you have something you would like to include in the next Healthy Meath Newsletter please email it to healthymeath@meathcoco.ie