

# Literacy in real life – stories and voices across communities

Join us for a series of free online lunchtime talks to celebrate International Literacy Day 2026.  
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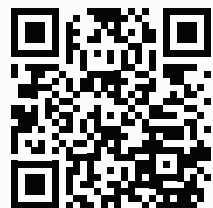
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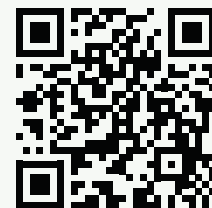
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# Let's Talk about Literacy

Literacy is part of everyday life. Join us to learn why adult literacy matters and how small changes can make a big difference.

### Find out how to:

- ▶ Understand the impact of adult literacy
- ▶ Make your service or organisation more literacy-friendly
- ▶ Support adults with confidence and respect
- ▶ Signpost people to the right help and services

### Delivered by:

- ▶ Iryna Avalishvili, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator, Kildare and Wicklow ETB
- ▶ Edel Finan, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator, Wexford and Waterford ETB
- ▶ Andrew Connolly, Regional Adult Literacy Coordinator for City of Dublin ETB

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From Literacy Champion to Health Literacy Advocate: Applying literacy awareness in practice

**Suzanne Nolan, Regional Roma Health Lead, HSE Social Inclusion Dublin & South East**

Suzanne Nolan will discuss how becoming a Literacy Champion deepened her understanding of literacy as a social and health issue. Drawing on her work with Roma communities, she will explore how literacy awareness can shape communication, engagement and service delivery, supporting people to better access, understand and use health information.

Nothing About Us Without Us: Co-Designing Community Health Education That Actually Work

**Hannah Gross, Assistant Professor in Physical Activity Behaviour Change, School of Health and Human Performance, DCU**

Traditional health education often fails because it is designed for a community, rather than with them. For people with unmet literacy needs, off-the-shelf health programs can feel disconnected and irrelevant. In this session, we'll explore how to flip the script.

Promoting Positive Traveller Mental Health, Wellbeing, through the power of Cultural Understanding & Cultural Training/Educational initiatives

**Doreen-HSE Traveller Mental Health Service Coordinator. Kathleen-Traveller Primary Health Care Coordinator Blancherstown Traveller Project**

This talk is designed to provide the audience with an opportunity to learn more about Traveller mental health and the overall health and wellbeing of Travellers through the lens of lived experience, cultural understanding and community knowledge.

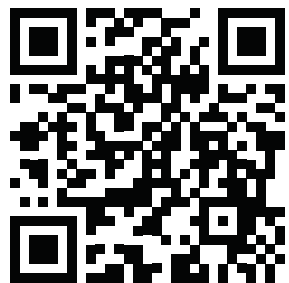
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Join this webinar on Essential Skills for the Workplace and learn more about how employers and educators can support workforces. Find out about how you can become a literacy champion in your workplace.

### Did you know?

- ▶ 1 in 6 people in the workplace in Ireland has literacy needs
- ▶ 1 in 5 people have numeracy needs?

### Delivered by:

- ▶ Angela Boyle Shafer from the National Programme Office for Adult Literacy for Life. Angela has worked in the Programme Office since January 2025. Her role is to drive supports for workplace literacy under the priorities of the ALL Strategy.

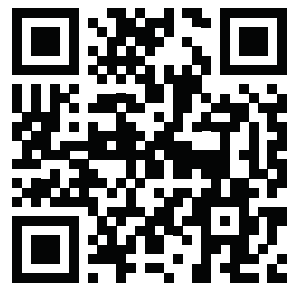
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**DigiLit @ Your Library: Building Digital Confidence Through Community Partnership**

**Geraldine Colgan, Senior Executive Librarian with Wicklow County Council Library Service**

This presentation will explore how Wicklow County Council Library Service and Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) collaborated to deliver DigiLit @ Your Library, a digital literacy initiative funded through the Adult Literacy for Life Collaboration and Innovation Fund.

**Delivering Digital Literacy Classes**

**Tracey Kierans and Tessa Mulligan, IT Tutors, Cavan and Monaghan ETB**

They will discuss how local ALL Collaboration and Innovation Fund (CIF) projects have helped CMETB and partners to deliver introductory digital skills training. Tracey and Tessa will talk about what they delivered on these programmes, and how they delivered it. This information highlights what people want from digital literacy programmes.

**Financial Literacy in your community**

**Mary Mitchell, Adult Educator, Dublin College, Blanchardstown**

Are you interested in supporting financial literacy in your community?

Join us for a short online presentation where we share our journey from community engagement to developing strong partnerships with organisations including MABS, financial institutions, Revenue, the HSE, and the Decision Support Service.

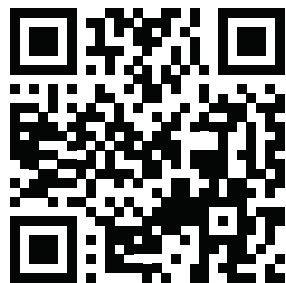
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### It's Never Too Late

**Pam Noonan, Literacy  
Ambassador, Limerick  
and Clare ETB**

Pam left school at a young age and returned to education later in life, completing her Junior Certificate at 71. She will share her journey and show that it is never too late to take that next step in education.

### Taking the First Step

**Brian O'Donnell, Literacy  
Ambassador, Kilkenny  
and Carlow ETB**

Brian left school early and is now a passionate advocate for adult learners. He will talk about making that first step, "getting through the door", and finding the confidence to return to education.

### Literacy, Work, and Progression

**Anthony Magee, Literacy  
Ambassador, Waterford  
and Wexford ETB**

Anthony will share his experience of returning to education and work, and how improving his literacy skills helped him build confidence, progress in his career and achieve a promotion.