



Association of Childhood Professionals
The Professional Body Representing Practitioners in
Early Years and School Age Care & Education

The Association of Childhood Professionals began its journey here in Cork in 2005 when a group of childcare professionals came together formally to work towards establishing a professional body which would represent those who work in the childcare sector.

On 29th November 2006 the Association of Childcare Professionals (Cork Branch) came into being. The council of this association had the task of developing their newly formed body in such a way as to facilitate the rising professionalism of those working within the early years & after-school sector in Ireland. The founding of this association was a momentous event, and reflects the growing value and importance of this area of work.

The journey continued with groups in other counties forming and joining together to work toward the formation of a National Association. Childcare in Ireland has a rich history of dedicated individuals, strong community and voluntary provision and enterprising private providers who have worked so hard in providing for the childcare needs of children, families and communities.

It is our commitment, dedication and professionalism that will make the difference, will provide the evidence of impact at the point of delivery and will ultimately mean that the needs of the babies, children and young people whose care we share will be met in the best possible way. Be proud of your career choice. Be proud of your profession. Join with us as the voice of the childhood professional so that we can be represented at every table where our profession is being discussed.

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