

# News Letter Childminding

A meeting of childminders was held in the offices of Sligo County Childcare Committee in Cleveragh on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting was well attended and very interesting.

Some items on the agenda included The recently announced NCIP Childminding Development Grant, Garda vetting, Insurance for childminders, the Toy Library the Craft Trip to Castlebar and training.

## **The Childminders Development Grant**

The purpose of the childminders development grant is to offer an incentive, in the form of a small capital grant, to Childminders to enhance and support their awareness of quality childcare. Further Information on the grant available by contacting Noreen at SCC office in Cleveragh 071 9148860

## **Garda Vetting**

Garda vetting forms are available from the SCCC office. All childminders must have Garda Veting for themselves and any other adult over eighteen years who has access to the children in their care.

## **Toy Library Exchange**

A very enjoyable evening was had at the home of Paula Clerkin-Cadden in Strandhill where the latest Toy Library Exchange took place. The toy library is a valuable resource for childminders and the exchange event is a great opportunity for childminders to network. The next exchange will take place in October 2008

## **Craft Trip**

A group of Childminders travelled by bus to The Creative Resource Centre in Castlebar on Tuesday 24th June. This was a very worthwhile trip and each childminder managed to pick up a number of craft items of interest to them.

## **Training**

Training will continue in September and will include The QAP, Fetac 5 Childminding Practice Module occupational First Aid, Child Protection and Manual Handling