

**National Collaborative Forum for the Early Years Care and  
Education Sector  
(Early Years Forum)  
Agenda**

**St. Vincent's ECDS, Ballyfermot Primary Care & Mental Health Campus, Ballyfermot Rd,  
Dublin 10  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 2.30 to 5.15pm**

1. Welcome by the Minister
2. Launch of the School Age Childcare Action Plan
3. Update on the Affordable Childcare Scheme
4. Interim Reports from the sub-groups
  - (i) Childminding Working Group – Bernadette Burke (CMI)
  - (ii) 0-3 Incentivisation- Margaret Rogers (Better Start)
  - (iii) Communications sub-group - Denise McCormilla (NCN)
  - (iv) Irish supports sub-group - Suzanne Nic Geidi (CNGG)Discussion
5. Interim Report from Professionalisation Group – Mary Maloney and Ian McKenna  
Discussion
6. Workshop: Analysis of budgetary options to improve access to high quality and affordable childcare. Introduction by Minister.
7. Feedback on workshop discussion and collection of responses.
8. Early Years Forum Priorities List update (including requested items for agenda re commercial rates, Garda Vetting and workforce issues).
9. AOB
10. Next meeting