

“Language for Life” Training Supports Early Years’ Settings

The first “Language for Life” training programme which has been running fortnightly since January concluded in April, with a feedback session and presentation of certificates on the 15th. The programme is co-delivered by Preparing for Life’s [Early Years Practice Programme](#) staff: Speech and Language Therapist Triona Rooney and Quality Mentor Emma Byrne-MacNamee. Triona is on secondment from the local HSE team and is supporting eight partner early years’ settings to enhance and enrich language and communication opportunities and experiences for young children. The “Language for Life” programme comprises seven sessions and incorporates HANEN’s Learning Language and Loving it.

Fifteen early years educators participated in the first phase and bravely cooperated with being videoed in their settings between sessions, to reflect on how they were implementing interaction and communication strategies with children. The next group of participants are currently attending up to June and a further programme is planned for September. If you would like more information on “Language for Life” or the PFL Early Years Practice Programme, please contact [Emma Byrne-MacNamee](#).



12 phase one participants receiving ‘Language for Life’ certificates with Triona Rooney, (PFL SLT), Noel Kelly (PFL Manager) and Professor Nóirín Hayes (Research Consultant)