



## Pavee Point Education Bulletin



as bullying, grants, education supports and the education's welfare service.

For more information or if your organisation would like to hold the parent programme in your area **please contact Kathleen McDonnell, Tel: 01 878 0255 or Email: [kathleen.mcdonnell@pavee.ie](mailto:kathleen.mcdonnell@pavee.ie)**

### CoderDojo Coolest Project Award

Congratulations to Kathleen Marie Maughan who won this year's **CoderDojo Coolest Project Award!**

12 year old Kathleen is from Clondalkin Dublin and won a Coolest Project award for making an anti-bullying app with the premise "six things to do if you're bullied".

Kathleen said "I made an anti-bullying quiz because I always used to get bullied for being a Traveller adding that the app took about three weeks to make and was "easy".

Kathleen does not have access to a computer at home. Before her grandmother, whom she lives with, told her about the dojo last year, her only computer experience was playing games online. She has since learnt how to make her own games.

Kathleen and fellow coder Tom O'Driscoll (11) will now go to the EU Parliament to teach the MEPs how to code. (*Irish Times*)

### Anti-Racism Creative Competition 2015

Schools and youth services are invited to register for the '**Show Racism the Red Card' Creative Competition 2015.**

Upon registering participants will be sent a **FREE DVD Education pack** (40 pages of activities accompanying a dvd). Entrants must use their creativity to produce a message inspired by the themes in the DVD.

### School Transport



Bus Éireann is contacting all primary and post primary schools to remind parents of children currently in 6th class of the eligibility criteria for Post Primary School Transport.

The eligibility criteria for school transport at post primary level are different to primary level.

Children must **live at least 4.8 kilometres** from their nearest school to be eligible for post primary school transport.

Parents should be aware of this when considering what post primary school their child will attend.

For further information on the post primary school transport scheme please click

### Traveller Parent Education Programme

**Would you like to know more about the education system?**



The Pavee Point Education team delivers a programme for Traveller parents that look at issues facing Traveller parents and

children in school. The training is delivered by Travellers for Travellers and looks at issues such



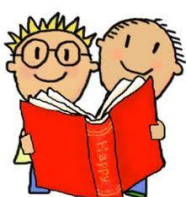
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You can register for the competition [here](#). If you would like to view a selection of last year's winners click [here](#).

## We are looking for families in Finglas to participate in our Parent Child Home Programme

Pavee Point is piloting the **Parent Child Home Programme in the Finglas area** and we are looking for families to participate!



Do you have a child aged between **18 months – 3 years?**

Would you like to **boost their learning** and make sure they are **ready to start to school?**

### How does it work?

- The programme takes place **in your own home** at a time that suits you and your family.
- A Home Visitor visits **twice a week for about 30 minutes**. The Home Visitors that work on the programme are Travellers.
- The Home Visitor models how to use books and toys to help your child learn.
- Each week the Home Visitor brings a **new book or toy which the child gets to keep**.
- The programme is **free** for participating families

If you would like to participate in the programme please contact Hilary or Kathleen **Tel:** 01 878 0255 or **Email:** [hilary.harmon@pavee.ie](mailto:hilary.harmon@pavee.ie)

## Adult Learning and Education: Want to know more about your education options?



**The One Step Up** campaign aims to help adults enhance their learning by promoting access to learning

opportunities for all adults, providing a Freephone Helpline, and a calendar of learning events.

All you need to do is go to [www.onestepup.ie](http://www.onestepup.ie) and answer four questions and they will give you a list of further education and training options or supports that are suitable for you in your area. There is also a **free helpline** that you can call **1800 303 669** which is open from 9.30am – 5pm.

## Policy Developments

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) issued a call for submissions on their consultation paper, ***Towards the development of a new national plan for equity of access to higher education***. You can access Pavee Point's submission to the HEA on this consultation paper [here](#).

The Department of Education and Skills issued a call for submissions on their new **Statement of Strategy 2015-2017**. You can access Pavee Point's submission to the DES on their upcoming Statement of Strategy [here](#).

## College Awareness Week: 24 – 30 November 2014

This week is **College Awareness Week!** The aim of **College Awareness Week** is to celebrate the benefits of going to college, to support students to become 'college ready' and to showcase local role models who attend college.



Schools, colleges and universities all over the country are running events in your area. To find out more about events in

your area go to <http://www.collegeaware.ie/>

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