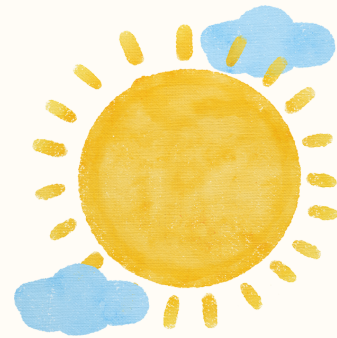


Summer Fun with ELI!



Summer Fun! We hope that everyone is having a summer full of playing, laughing, AND LEARNING. The Early Learning Initiative knows the importance of continuing children's access to fun and educational opportunities all year round. Throughout the summer our ELI programmes have been putting together moments of celebration, learning and fun! As we prepare for the start of our Autumn term, we wanted to share some of the hard work that has been going on and celebrate with everyone who has made this programme-packed summer possible!

A thank you to all of you who made ELI's work with children, young people, and families possible. The ongoing support of our corporate partners, philanthropic donors, TUSLA, and government agencies means that ELI can continue to create accessible programming locally and nationally. We look forward to working and learning with you all again as we begin our exciting programming for the upcoming year!



ABC 10 Year Anniversary

On June 5th, the Early Learning Initiative hosted the 10 Year Anniversary celebration for the Area Based Childhood Programme at National College of Ireland. This was quite an exciting day of sharing different experiences, insights, and hopes for the future. It is so great to see the incredible work done across the different ABC Programmes around the country. This hopeful event embodies the main mission of ELI to work in partnership with local communities to support educational journeys and achievements of children, parents, and families.





Doodle Den Graduation!

Children in the Doodle Den programme celebrated their graduation on June 17th and 18th!! Alongside their families, classmates, teachers and Doodle Den Facilitators children celebrated this impressive accomplishment! The Doodle Den programme helps to improve literacy skills among children in the Docklands and East Inner-City areas of Dublin. Children and their families

We want to give a special thank you to all who participated in the graduation ceremony, including NEIC-Dublin and our corporate volunteers from PwC and KMPG! Without their constant support, the success of the Doodle Den Programme would not have been possible.

ParentChild+ & Home from Home Graduation!

To mark the completion of the ParentChild+ & Home from Home programme, children and families from both programmes celebrated graduation with plenty of cakes, games, and tons of fun! Throughout the year, the ParentChild+ & Home from Home promote the evidence-based theory of "learning through play". Supported by ELI's fantastic Home Visitors, parents are acknowledged as a child's first and best teachers, instilling a love of learning for their children. The graduation event at the end of June highlighted this exciting accomplishment. Thank you to all who came and celebrated!



PlayLab Drop In Sessions!

Learning through play didn't stop at graduations as ELI continued the fun throughout August with PlayLab Drop In sessions for local children and families!

Throughout the month the PlayLab hosted 19 play sessions with children & families joining from ELI's Home from Home Programme, Community Families, ParentChild+ Programme, and more! These drop in sessions were a huge success with 55 families attending throughout August!

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, children, and siblings who attended!



Community Families Summer Events!

Our Community Families programming has continued the summer fun. Through teddy bear picnics, family trips to the National Gallery, storytelling groups, and different group play events, children have continued learning and having fun all year long. The Community Families programme aims to provide support for children, their parents, and families. Providing home visiting services which work to support and nurture the relationship with children, parents, and families. We want to thank all the children and families who participated in these events, and a big thank you to our volunteers from Morgan Stanley and Vanguard, provided through basis.point.



Parenting 365

It has been quite an exciting summer for the Parenting 365 Programme. On June 18th, we were delighted to be selected as one of the lucky recipients of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal, with help from this award and Community Foundation Ireland.

Throughout the summer, Parenting 365 has continued to provide support to families through Tuesday Play Sessions during the month of July. Through these weekly sessions children and families were given a space to play in an inclusive environment, engaging in many different fun activities. A special thank you to our corporate volunteers from KPMG, Deloitte, Central Bank of Ireland, and basis.point who supported ELI during these engaging summer events.

Coding Club

Continuing our trend of celebrating graduations, ELI celebrated the students who completed their 8-week Coding curriculum!! After weeks of learning STEM skills relating to programming and robotics, students learned to code and control mBots Robots. At the end of the programme, students celebrated alongside their peers, teachers, and families with a coding event, using the skills that they learned to control and engage with different activities using the mBots! All students also received a certificate of achievement to mark the completion of the programme! Congratulations to all who participated in the event and a special thank you to our corporate volunteers from KPMG and Central Bank of Ireland!



Discover University



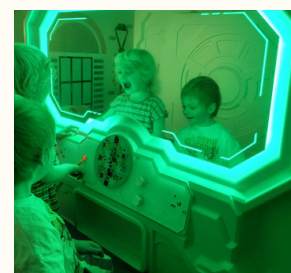
The return of our successful Discover University programme kicked off from June 17th – 25th. 53 young people from around the Dublin area spent a week exploring different areas of study and future career opportunities. Choosing from the areas of Psychology, Computing, Early Childhood Education, and Business, young people spent the week learning from lecturers and preparing for a final Project Showcase to present all of their hard work. From workplace tours, sports, and ice breaker activities, Discover University 2025 finished off with a successful graduation ceremony. We want to give a big thank you to all our corporate volunteers including, Glenveagh, Central Bank of Ireland, Morgan Stanley, EXL, Arthur Cox, Citco, State Street, KPMG, Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Centre, and HubSpot for their support and participation in our Discover University programming event.

STEM Play & Learn

Summer learning continued with ELI's STEM Play & Learn home-based programme. Throughout July & August, ELI's home visitors continued to visit families, promoting STEM based learning activities. Taking full advantage of the summer weather, children & families spend time exploring a world of Science, Technology, Maths, and Engineering both indoors and outdoors.

Thank you to Research Ireland for supporting this programme and working to aid in the prevention of Summer Learning Loss for local children and families.

We also want to thank all of the volunteers from PwC who supported ELI's "Stay & Play Family STEM Event" as part of PwC Ireland's "One Firm, One Day " Event on July 4th 2025. Children, families, and volunteers engaged together in fun STEM and sensory based activities, highlighting the importance of Play and STEM, and connecting local businesses and community!



Thank You for your Support



Thank you once again to all ELI children, parents, families, staff, and our corporate supports for making this an incredible summer filled with celebratory graduations, outdoor learning, and tons of opportunities for play!

The success of the Early Learning Initiative would not be possible without the constant support from all our socially minded funders, corporate partners, and volunteers.

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