

Staff Headlines

24th September 2020

Executive extends restrictions to combat spread of Covid-19

The Northern Ireland Executive this week agreed that current restrictions to combat the spread of Covid-19 should be extended across Northern Ireland. Previously the restrictions, which focus on domestic settings, were applied in post codes with the highest rates of Coronavirus.

The restrictions are:

- No mixing of households in private dwellings, with exemptions for: bubbling with one other household; caring responsibilities including childcare; essential maintenance; supported living arrangements; visits required for legal or medical purposes; or marriage or civil partnerships where one partner is terminally ill.
- No more than six people to gather in a private garden from no more than two households. Children aged 12 and under from those two households are discounted from this total.

The restrictions were implemented at 6pm on 22nd September, and will be regularly reviewed by the Executive. Read more [here](#).



Linking Youth to New Careers Programme

This week we launched our new Linking Youth to New Careers (LYNC) Programme, which aims to provide learning opportunities through training and paid work placement.

The LYNC Programme is open to young people aged between 18 and 25, who have an interest in working with young people, and who are committed to self-development and learning through new experiences.

Participants will attain EA recognition at the Youth Support Level qualification, relevant personal and youth work skills training and accreditation over an 8 month period from November 2020 - June 2021.

More information on the LYNC Programme and details on how to make an application are available on the EA Website [here](#).



Pulse Survey - What you told us

We remain committed to developing employee engagement through giving our staff a voice to help inform our decision making and how we as an organisation moved forward.

Recently we issued our first Pulse Survey. You can now watch a short video [here](#) to find out more about what staff told us.



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NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

To mark National Fitness Day which took place on 23rd September, the Health and Wellbeing Team announced two exciting initiatives for all staff.

- The first is access to our YouTube channel (in partnership with Activ health) where you can access a wide range of exercise classes to suit your needs.
- The second initiative is the exciting opportunity provided across all local council areas for corporate gym membership for you and the whole family.

To find out more visit the EA Health Well Hub [here](#).

Progress on StopCOVID NI app for young people

The Department of Health is working to develop a new version of the StopCOVID NI app for under-18's and is targeting the launch of the new version before the end of September. It will help schools, FE colleges and universities to provide additional protection to their students and staff.

The design will include a tailored on-boarding process, age appropriate information and encouragement throughout all stages to speak to a parent or guardian. Children and young people will be able to use the app in a way that ensures anonymity and allows them to play their part in preventing the onward spread of Covid-19. Read more [here](#).



Reminder: Workforce Status Application

All staff are reminded that they must confirm their availability, status and location via the [online](#) Workforce Status Application.

For staff **who have** an eani.org.uk email address click [here](#)

For staff **who do not have** an eani.org.uk email address click [here](#)

Staff are asked to complete this application **every Monday before 1pm**.

We want to hear from you

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