

Party	Policy 1	Policy 2	Policy 3	Policy 4
 <p>the wheel 25 Years Stronger Charities. Stronger Communities.</p>	Recognising the importance of social inclusion among young people and invest in community youth outreach programmes delivered by the community and voluntary sector and built infrastructure (e.g. local libraries, arts centres, youth clubs etc.).	Expanding the Cross-Government Network of the Child Poverty Unit to include cross-sectoral representatives.	Providing adequate pay and conditions for childcare providers, funding for operational costs, and insurance reform, and the development of a community childcare model to support the sustainability of the sector.	Developing and funding a programme for youth participation and civic engagement targeting areas of disadvantage and co-designed by community and voluntary organisations working within these areas.
 <p>FIANNA FAÍL THE REPUBLICAN PARTY</p>	Youth Services Action Plan within 100 days to provide strategic direction for youth services. Reform UBU scheme so that multi annual funding is available (77).	Implement whole of govt approach to addressing child poverty and ensure child poverty proofing is central to govt decision making. Set new child poverty target (74).	Pay staff in line with the Employment Regulation Orders. Increase core funding to services who keep prices under the fee cap. P73. Provide capital investment to build or purchase state-owned childcare facilities, which can then be leased to community childcare providers in blackspots (72).	NO
 <p>FINE GAEL</p>	Encourage collaboration with local sports clubs (16).	Consult representative bodies to identify practical recruitment and retention initiatives in child health (7).	Enhance core funding for providers. Set fair wages for childcare educators. Review local authority provision. 30,000 new early-learning places by 2030 (8).	Reduce transition year costs. EU inclusive campus model. P16. Pilot wellness initiatives in high-need areas (14).
 <p>green party comhaontas glas</p>	Introduce social cohesion and inclusion programmes in all schools to address racism and discrimination (33).	Work to merge the Working Family Payment and the Increase for a Qualified Child Payment into a single anti-child-poverty payment, to be made available alongside Child Benefit. Eligibility based on household income (11).	Move towards public model of childcare. Mandating ETBs to develop childcare facilities. P31. Enhance pay and improve working conditions for early years professionals. Phased reductions leading to no more than €200 per child, per month (29).	Establish a mechanism that links salary funding for youth orgs with public sector pay rates. Increase funding for youth work services and strengthen youth representation in govt decision making (32).
 <p>Labour</p>	Increase core funding for youth work, provide pay parity for youth workers, multiannual funding for youth service providers. Invest in provision of new dedicated recreational spaces and annual capital grants for maintenance of existing facilities (97).	Roadmap for full incorporation of UN Convention on Rights of the Child. Commitment to multi-annual funding. Increase core funding to Family Resource Centres (72).	Begin multiannual rollout of a public system of early years education and care delivering 6000 new places a year across 100 services. Cap costs at €50 per child per week. Begin using existing ETB systems. Professional wage for early years educators of minimum €15 per hour (72).	Increase Gaisce recognition and remove barriers to participation in DEIS schools. Expand targeted programmes for refugees, Traveller and Roma young people, LGBTQI+, young disabled people (97).
 <p>Social Democrats</p>	€150 sports and cultural activity voucher for children 6–18. Increase investment in sports and recreation facilities (75).	Ensure that community based, not for profit and social enterprise infrastructure is adequately supported to make provision for all children and families, particularly those at risk of poverty (75).	Public model of childcare, building greater capacity for direct state provision and a strengthening of community provision. Cap at €250 per child per month. Ensure fairly remunerated ECEC workforce (74).	Support expansion of Gaisce, particularly for those experiencing disadvantage, marginalisation (75).
 <p>Sinn Féin</p>	Increasing funding for youth services, including capital investment, increasing funding for SICAP and LEADER, Family Resource Centres, Men's Sheds, community centres, PPNs and Community Services Programme. Creation and delivery of €1bn Apple Tax Community Investment Fund. Activity card scheme to the value of €130 (116).	Retaining Dept of Taoiseach's Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme office. Combination of increases to Qualified Child Payment and Child Benefit. Increasing one-parent family payment by €50 (132).	Committed to a public model of childcare. Childcare for €10 per day through subsidies to providers. €53.8m to increase hourly wage of childcare workers. Commit to a feasibility study into the greater use of the social enterprise model and use of community centres (28).	NO
 <p>PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT</p>	Restore SICAP to at least 2008 levels. Increase support to local community centres (36).	Increase qualified child allowance by €12 for under 12s and €30 for over 12s. Extend fuel allowance eligibility to Working Family Payment recipients (9).	€2 per hour wage increase for childcare workers. Fully-public free childcare for all. Immediate investment of €1.5B (18).	Increase core funding for youth work (36).
 <p>AONTÚ LIFE UNITY ECONOMIC JUSTICE</p>	NO	Provide an additional, means-tested second rate of child benefit to reach 100,000 households. €700 mil per year (7).	Urge minister to meet with childcare sector to allow businesses to survive the economic crisis (39). Cap childcare costs at €100 per week. Increase places (9).	NO