

**Expressions of Interest  
CVOs or NGOs seeking research partners in Higher Education Institutions**

**'New Foundations' Scheme 2018  
Strand 1: Engaging Civic Society**

**CVO/NGO: Early Childhood Ireland**

**Area of Interest: Early Years Care and Education**

**Deadline for Expression of Interest: 06 December 2018**

The Irish Research Council 'New Foundations' scheme supports eligible researchers who intend to pursue research, networking and/or dissemination activities within and across the diversity of disciplines. This 'Engaging Civic Society' strand will support small, discrete collaborative projects between postdoctoral or senior researchers (acting as the applicant to the Council) and a CVO or NGO. **The civic society group must be a registered charity.** Completed forms should be returned to [newfoundations@research.ie](mailto:newfoundations@research.ie) with the subject 'New Foundations 2018'.

**Further details on CVO/NGO organisation and potential area for collaboration:**

Early Childhood Ireland is the largest organisation in the early years sector. We represent 3,800 childcare members, who support over 100,000 children and their families through preschool, afterschool, and full day-care provision nationwide. Early Childhood Ireland would welcome research collaborations on the following topics:

- 1. Develop an Investment Indicator to monitor government funding in early years sector in line with the new national Early Years Strategy First 5.**
- 2. Develop a Funding Model for Early Years Provision in Ireland**

**Contact details of CVO/NGO organisation:**

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I hereby confirm that I, *[name]*, am a duly authorised representative from *[CVO or NGO]* and that this organisation consents to the information and details contained in this form being made publicly available.

**Signed: Frances Byrne** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date: 4 December 2018** \_\_\_\_\_