

Westmeath County Childcare Committee

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**Dear Colleagues** 

We are writing to you today with a request for donations of surplus toys and equipment.

Westmeath County childcare committee is getting ready to implement Stay and Play sessions for Ukrainian children in hotels and refugee centres around the country. These children who are the innocent victims of violence, conflict, war, and displacement find themselves in reception centres or temporary accommodation with very little of the familiarity of home. Playing, for these children, is a valuable vehicle through which they find processes that lead them back to the normality of childhood.

We have sourced lots of materials for messy play and process art, but we are wondering if your services would have any extras of the following that you would be willing to donate. These materials will remain onsite in the hotels and centres to create an area the children can visit any time they want to play.

Thank you in advance,

Warm regards

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## Home Area/ Real world

Plastic dolls and clothes Plastic/ wooden animals Farm/ Dolls house / kitchen Play mats Toy phones Vehicles and transport

## Construction

Plastic/wooden blocks Stickle bricks Tuff trays Other items Jigsaws Painting aprons





