

Waterford & Wexford Education & Training Board



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*Waterford and Wexford
Education and Training Board*

Annual Report July 2013 – December 2014

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Legislative Background

On 1 July 2013, the 33 Vocational Education Committees (VECs) were dissolved and replaced by 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs). The ETBs are established under and governed according to the Education and Training Boards Act 2013. Each ETB is a statutory body with its own corporate structure. On Monday, 1 July 2013 Waterford and Wexford ETB was officially established.

Subsequently, on 1 January 2014, the then Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn T.D., formally announced the transfer of seven SOLAS Training Centres to the recently established Education and Training Boards. In accordance with this, on 1 July 2014, the WWETB officially welcomed the addition of Waterford and Wexford Training Centres (formerly the SOLAS Training Centres), to their range of services.

Members of Waterford and Wexford ETB Committee

The Committees of City of Waterford VEC, County Waterford VEC and County Wexford VEC amalgamated to form the Board of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board with a combined membership of 55.

The Transition Committee of Waterford and Wexford ETB consisted of 55 members:

Mr. Anthony Butler, Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, Mr. Peter Byrne, Ms. Susan Callanan, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Mr. Oliver Coffey, Cllr. Michael Cosgrove, Cllr. John Cummins, Cllr. Jim D'Arcy, Cllr. Declan Doocey, Mr. Morgan Dunne, Cllr. Niamh Fitzgibbon, Mr. Austin Flynn, Mr. Loughlin Gannon, Cllr. Mary Greene, Cllr. David Hynes, Cllr. Dee Jacques, Mr. Michael Joy, Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, Cllr. Denis Kennedy, Cllr. Michael Kinsella, Cllr. Billy Kyne, Ms. Anna Long, Cllr. Jim Moore, Ms. Nessa Murphy, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Mr. Matthew O'Connell, Mr. Francis O'Connor, Ms Catherine O'Donnell, Rev. Dr. Christine O'Dowd-Smyth, Cllr. John O'Leary, Cllr. Laurence O'Neill, Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan, Ms. Lynda O'Shea, Ms. Alison Parle, Cllr. John Pratt, Ms. Catherine Quinlan, Cllr. Padge Reck, Cllr. Mary Roche, Ms. Georgina Rothwell (RIP), Cllr. Joe Ryan, Cllr. Seamus Ryan, Mr. Liam Uas Suipéil, Very Rev. Paul Waldron, Cllr. Davy Walsh, Cllr. Jack Walsh, Ms. Theresa Walsh, Cllr. Colin Webb, Cllr. Teresa Wright, Cllr. Gary Wyse (RIP).

The new Committee of Waterford and Wexford ETB was formed in October 2014 with 21 members and has a formal schedule of functions reserved to itself. The reserved functions are supported by legislation and include policy, planning and monitoring and the adoption of the annual accounts/reports. The ETB is supported by an "Executive" which is responsible for implementation of plans, day to day management and functions not reserved for the ETB.

ETB members and designated staff are required to provide annual Disclosure of Interests in respect of issues that could materially influence performance of functions.

The ETB meet every two months, with a register of attendance being maintained. Members receive agenda and papers in advance of meetings. Minutes are maintained and adopted in support of ETB meetings.

The new Committee is comprised of: 12 Local Authority Members (7 Wexford and 5 Waterford), 2 Members of staff, 2 Members from Parents Associations, and 5 Members from Bodies representative of business, industry and employers/Bodies representative of Learners/Bodies established for the purpose of representing the interests of persons engaged in the management of, or leadership in, recognised schools/ Bodies which are not in the three designated areas listed above.

At the first post-election meeting (21 October 2014 at 7:00 pm) the 12 local authority members and 2 members of staff were appointed; at the next meeting, immediately following the post-election meeting, these 14 members appointed 2 members from the parents associations and then fixed a date for the next meeting of the Board.

At the next meeting (3 November 2014) the first meeting of the new 21 Member Board took place.

The new Committee of Waterford and Wexford ETB were:

Ms Maire Seosaimhin Breathnach, Cllr. Malcolm Byrne, Cllr. Ger Carthy, Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan, Ms. Breda Cogley, Mr. Geoffrey Collins, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Mr. David Doyle, Mr. John Evoy, Cllr. Mary Farrell, Mr. Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr. Jim Moore, Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, Ms. Nessa Murphy, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Ms. Catherine O'Donnell, Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan, Cllr. Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin, Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan, Cllr. Mary Roche, Mr. John Wall.

The dates of the ETB Committee meetings were as follows:

Month	Date
July 2013	30 July 2013
September 2013	30 September 2013
November 2013	18 November 2013
January 2014	20 January 2014
March 2014	31 March 2014
June 2014	9 June 2014
*October 2014	21 October 2014
*October 2014	21 October 2014
November 2014	3 November 2014
December 2014	1 December 2014

*Two meetings took place on 21 October 2014, the post-election meeting and meeting following the post-election meeting.

**Members Attendance at ETB Meetings
1 July 2013 to 31 December 2014**

Name	30 July 2013	30 Sept 2013	18 Nov 2013	20 Jan 2014	31 Mar 2014	9 June 2014	21 Oct 2014 (1)	21 Oct 2014 (2)	3 Nov 2014	1 Dec 2014
Breathnach, Maire Seosaimhin *									-	-
Butler, Anthony	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Byrne, Malcolm	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Byrne, Peter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Callanan, Susan	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-				
Carthy, Ger							✓	✓	✓	✓
Codd-Nolan, Kathleen	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coffey, Oliver	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Cogley, Breda									✓	✓
Collins, Geoffrey							✓	✓	✓	✓
Cronin, Tom							✓	✓	✓	✓
Cosgrove, Michael	✓	-	-	-	-	-				
Cummins, John	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-				
D'Arcy, Jim	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Doocey, Declan	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-				
Dunne, Morgan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Doyle, David							-	✓	✓	✓
Evoy, John							-	-	✓	✓
Farrell, Mary							✓	✓	✓	-
Fitzgerald, Mark							-	-	✓	✓
Fitzgibbon, Niamh	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓				
Flynn, Austin	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓				
Gannon, Loughlin	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓				
Greene, Mary	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓				
Hynes, David	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓				
Ireton, Robert**			✓	✓	✓	✓				
Dee, Jacques	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓				
Joy, Michael	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kavanagh, Paddy	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓				
Kennedy, Denis	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kinsella, Michael	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Kyne, Billy	✓	-	-	-	-	-				
Long, Anna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Moore, Jim	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Murphy, Barbara Anne							✓	✓	✓	✓
Murphy, Nessa	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nugent, Pat	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Connell, Matthew	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-				

O'Connor, Francis	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓				
O'Donnell, Catherine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
O'Dowd-Smyth, Christine	✓	-	-	-	-	-				
O'Leary, John	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓				
O'Neill, Laurence	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓				
O'Ryan, Michael J	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Shea, Lynda	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓				
Ó Súilleabháin, Fionntán							✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Sullivan, Lola							-	-	✓	-
Parle, Alison	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-				
Pratt, John	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓				
Quinlan, Catherine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Reck, Padge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Roche, Mary	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Rothwell, Georgina	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓				
Ryan, Joe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Ryan, Seamus	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-				
Uas Suipeil, Liam	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Waldron, Paul	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓				
Wall, John							-	-	✓	✓
Walsh, Davy	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-				
Walsh, Jack	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-				
Walsh, Theresa	✓	✓	-	-	-	-				
Webb, Colin	✓	-	-	-	-	-				
Wright, Teresa	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-				
Wise, Gary	✓	✓	-	-	-	-				

*Joined the Committee in November 2014

**Joined the Committee September 2013

The following policies were adopted by the Committee in July 2013:

Absence Management and Sick Leave Policy

Adoptive Leave Policy

Alcohol and Drugs in the Workplace Policy

Annual Leave Policy

Bereavement and Compassionate Leave Policy

Carers Leave Policy

CCTV Policy

Data Protection Policy

Dignity and Respect Policy

Disciplinary Procedure Non-Teaching

Document Retention Schedule

Dress Code Policy

Educational Assistance Policy

Employment of Relatives Policy

Equal Opportunities Policy
ETB Property Policy
Ethics and Protection of Staff (related to Terms of Employment) Policy
Eye and Eyesight Testing Policy
Family Friendly Workplace Commitment
Gifts and Entertainment Policy
Health & Safety Policy Safety Statement
Job Sharing Policy
Jury Service Policy
Marriage Leave Policy
Maternity Leave Policy
Mobile Phone Policy (Business Mobiles)
Payroll Policy
Performance Appraisal Policy
Personal Property Policy
Probation Policy
Promotion Policy
Public Holidays Policy
Recruitment Policy
Redundancy Policy
Reference Checking Policy
Salary Scheme Policy
Severe Weather Policy
Smoke Free Workplace Policy
Study Leave Policy
Termination of Employment Policy
Terms and Conditions of Employment Policy
Working Hours and Time Keeping Policy

The following policies were adopted by the Committee in March 2014:

Acceptable Internet Use Policy
Acceptable Email Use Policy
Approved Application Use Policy
Computer Password Policy
Mobile Computer Use Policy
Wireless Use Policy

Administration Offices of Waterford and Wexford ETB

Head Office: Ardcahan Business Park
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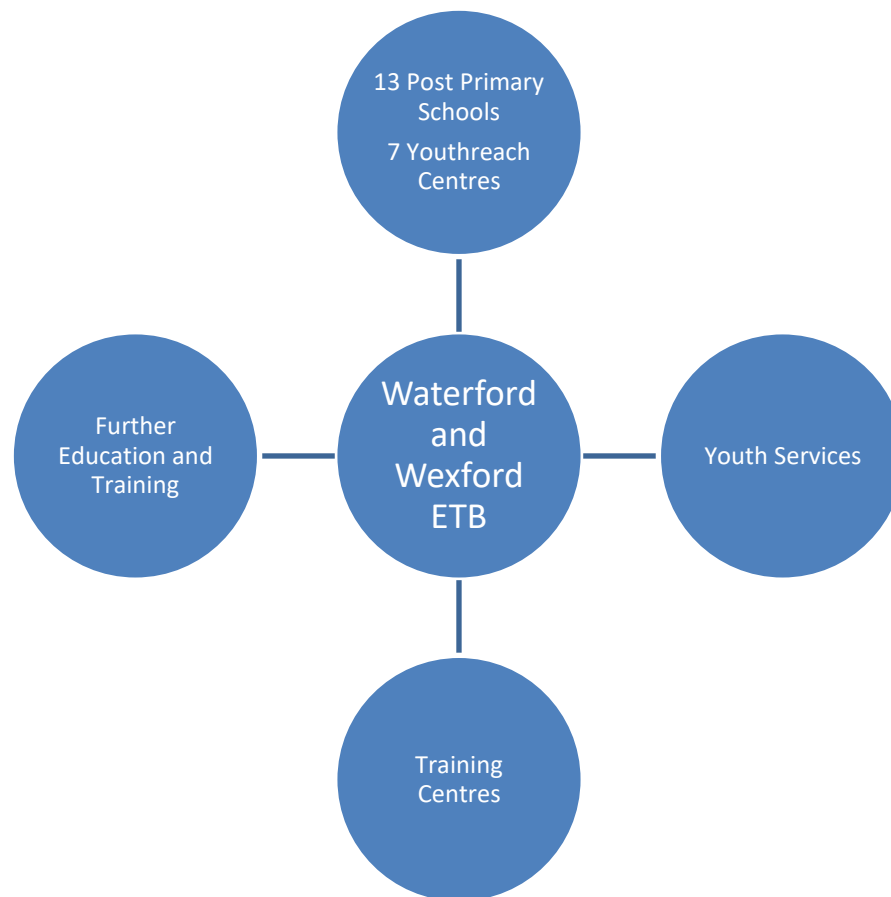
Tel: 051 301500
Email: info@wwetb.ie
Website: www.waterfordwexford.etb.ie

Waterford and Wexford ETB Senior Management Team

Clare McMahon, Chief Executive Officer (July 2013 to June 2014)
Eilís Leddy, Chief Executive Officer, Acting (June 2014 to December 2014)
Eilís Leddy, Education Officer (July 2013 to June 2014)
Michael O'Brien, Education Officer, Acting (October 2014 to December 2014)
Anne Marie Jones, Human Resource Manager
Jim Maher, Finance Officer
Fintan O'Reilly, Head of Corporate Services

Overview of Services

On 1 July 2014, the FÁS/SOLAS Training Centres in Waterford and Wexford came under the governance of WWETB.



Location of Centres within Waterford and Wexford ETB



Non-Designated Community Colleges

Bridgetown Vocational College
 Bunclody Vocational College
 Coláiste Abbain
 Coláiste an Átha
 Coláiste Cathail Naofa
 Creagh College
 Enniscorthy Vocational College
 New Ross Vocational College
 Wexford Vocational College
 St Declans Community College
 Waterford CFE

Community Schools where WWETB are joint patrons

Blackwater Community School
 Gorey Community School
 Ramsgrange Community School

Designated Community Colleges

Meánscoil san Nioclás
 St Pauls Community College

Youthreach Centres

Dungarvan
 Enniscorthy
 Sub La Waterford
 Tramore
 Waterford
 Wexford

Shielbaggan OEC

Education & Training Centres

Bunclody
 Dungarvan
 Enniscorthy
 Gorey
 Kilmacthomas
 Lismore
 New Ross
 Ozanam Street
 Railway Square
 Tramore

Waterford
 Wexford

Financial Summary

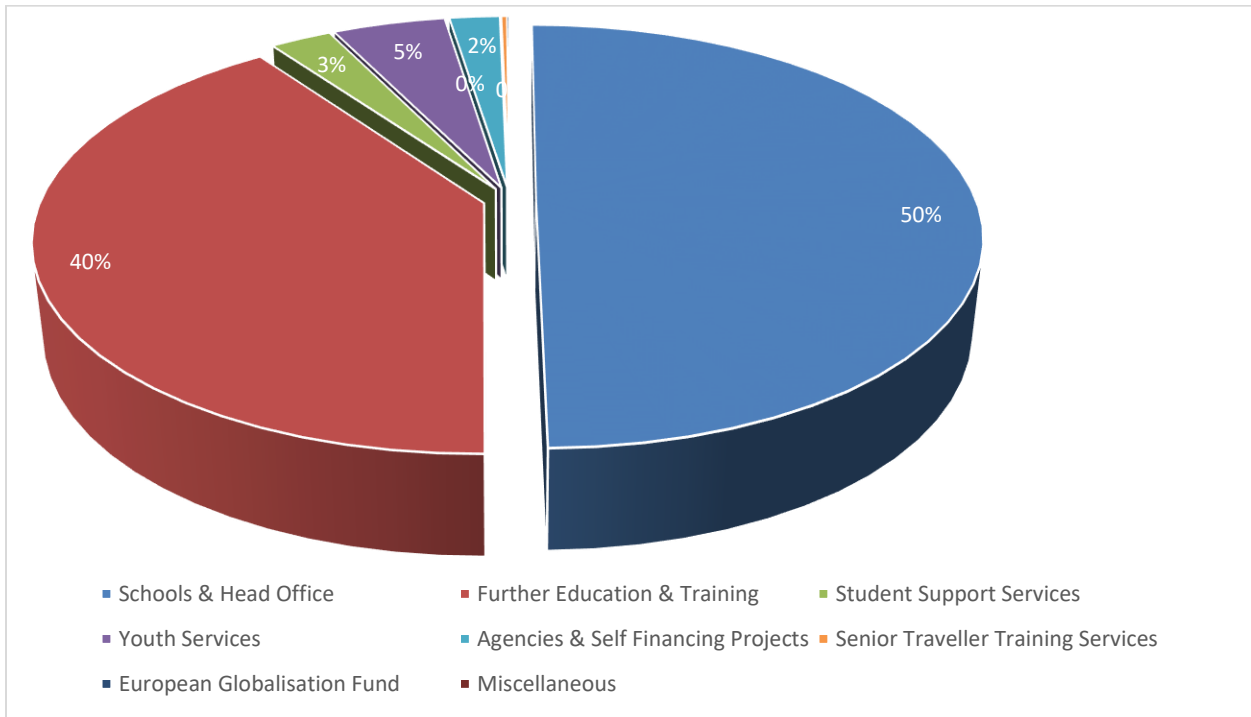
Waterford and Wexford ETB accounts for the 18 months ended 31 December 2014 have been prepared in a form directed by the Department of Education and Science and have been submitted to them. The accounts have been audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG), in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.

The following table sets out, in summary form, the receipts and payments for the eighteen months ended 31 December 2014.

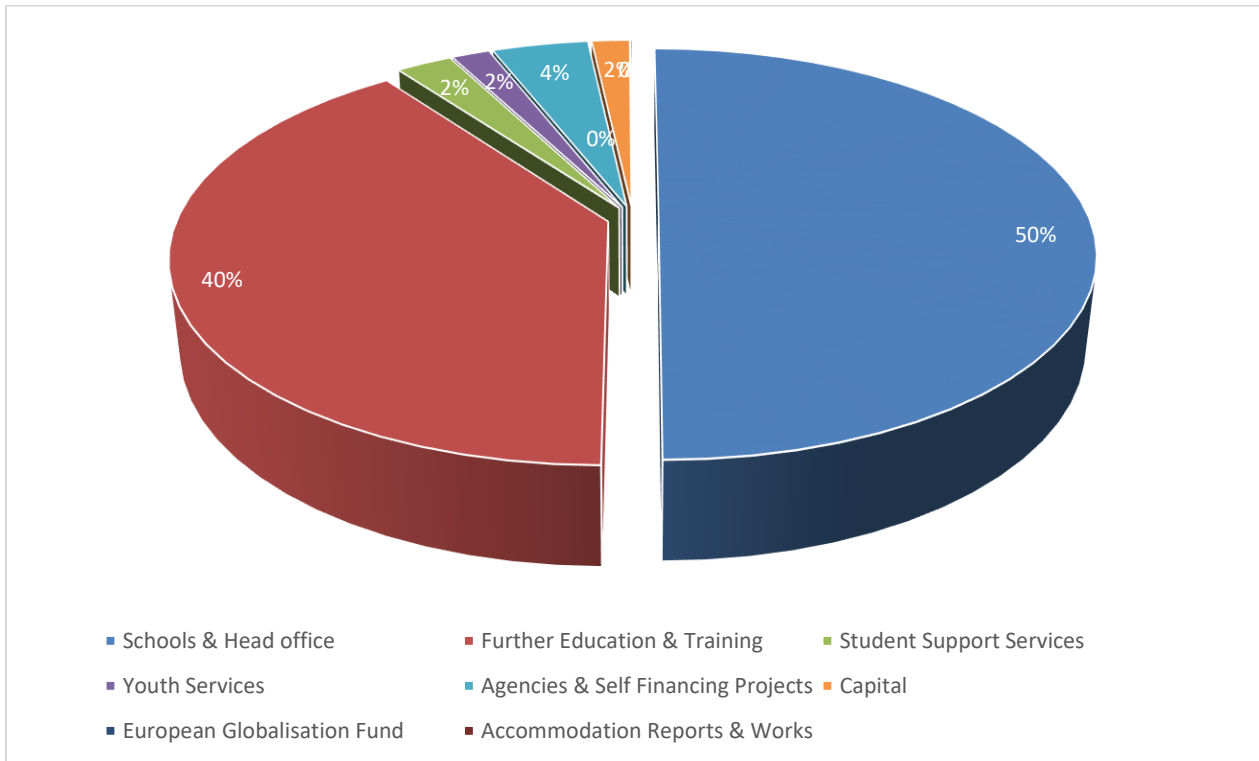
Operating Account for the Eighteen Months Ended 31 December 2014

	2013/2014
	€
RECEIPTS	
Schools & Head Office	57,184,586
Further Education and Training	46,199,740
Student Support Services	3,014,482
Youth Services	1,876,455
Agencies & Self Financing Projects	5,541,612
Capital	2,471,362
Others: Senior Traveller Training Services	270,012
European Globalisation Fund	109,649
Miscellaneous	328
	116,668,226
PAYMENTS	
Schools & Head Office	57,942,160
Further Education and Training	46,087,257
Student Support Services	2,849,179
Youth Services	1,943,705
Agencies & Self Financing Projects	4,907,141
Capital	1,930,644
European Globalisation Fund	88,998
Accommodation Reports and Works	10,466
	115,759,550
Cash Surplus/(Deficit) For Period	908,676

Summary of Receipts



Summary of Payments



Board Members Expenses for the 18 Months Ended 31 December 2014

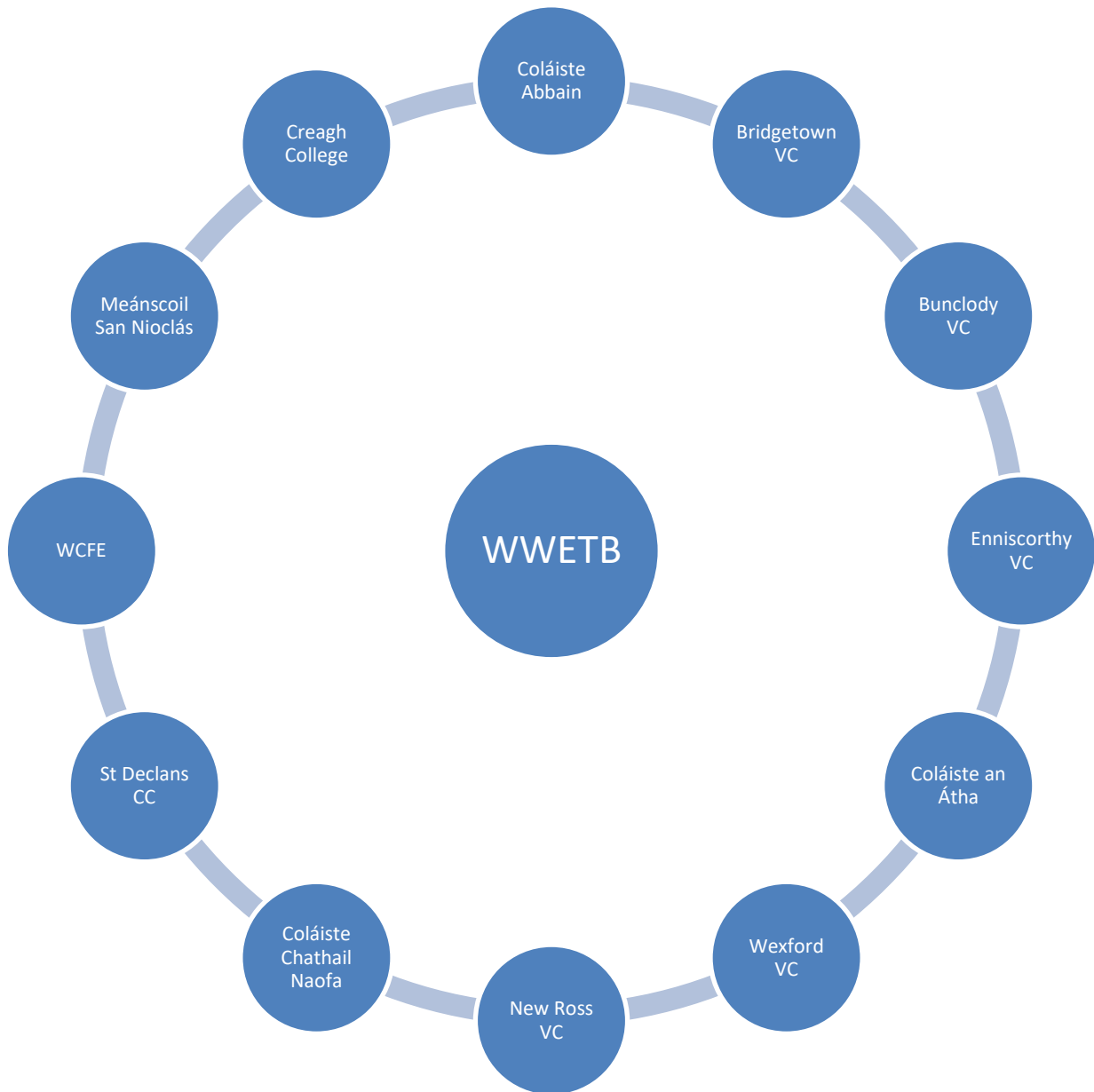
Board Member	Statutory Meetings	Board Related Meetings	Total
	€	€	€
Breathnach, Maire S	-	-	-
Butler, Anthony	795.96	-	795.96
Byrne, Malcolm*	1,003.68	-	1,003.68
Byrne, Peter	988.50	-	988.50
Callanan, Susan	772.35	-	772.35
Carthy, Ger*	256.08	-	256.08
Codd-Nolan, Kathleen*	1,487.57	1,560.00	3,047.57
Coffey, Oliver	786.55	2,623.66	3,410.21
Cogley, Breda*	-	-	-
Collins, Geoffrey*	525.16	-	525.16
Cronin Tom*	-	-	-
Crosgrove, Michael	160.24	-	160.24
Cummins, John	215.73	-	215.73
D'Arcy, Jim	273.28	703.68	976.96
Doocey, Declan	1,590.26	428.36	2,018.62
Dunne, Morgan	965.13	-	965.13
Doyle, David*	1,289.96	260.00	1,549.96
Dunphy, Janet	-	-	-
Evoy, John*	-	-	-
Farrell, Mary*	103.01	-	103.01
Fenlon, Anna	162.08	-	162.08
Fitzgerald, Mark*	108.13	-	108.13
Fitzgibbon, Niamh	142.10	-	142.10
Flynn, Austin	409.22	88.40	497.62
Gannon, Loughlin	409.74	-	409.74
Greene, Mary	369.45	383.31	752.76
Higgins, Tom	-	-	-
Hynes, David	460.56	-	460.56
Ireton, Robert	686.15	-	686.15
Jacques, Dee	756.71	372.62	1,129.33
Joy, Michael	2,566.76	504.12	3,070.88
Kavanagh, Paddy	384.04	-	384.04
Kennedy, Denis	625.51	260.00	885.51
Kinsella, Michael	1,855.97	-	1,855.97
Kyne, Billy	155.37	-	155.37
Larkin, Annette	-	-	-
Long, Anna	582.03	-	582.03

Board Member	Statutory Meetings	Board Related Meetings	Total
	€	€	€
Moore, Jim*	1,341.18	650.00	1,991.18
Murphy, Barbara Anne*	455.28	-	455.28
Murphy, Nessa*	1,050.22	-	1,050.22
Nugent, Pat	785.24	141.05	926.29
O'Connell, Matthew	544.30	-	544.30
O'Connor, Francis	1,229.60	-	1,229.60
O'Donnell, Catherine*	3,142.35	2,080.00	5,222.35
O'Dowd-Smyth, Christine	145.05	-	145.05
O'Leary, John	346.29	-	346.29
O'Neill, Laurence	898.08	534.68	1,432.76
O'Ryan, Michael J	927.96	66.49	994.45
O'Shea, Lynda	1,168.85	592.67	1,761.52
Ó Súilleabháin, Fionntán*	-	-	-
O'Sullivan, Lola*	126.76	-	126.76
Parle, Alison	299.71	-	299.71
Pratt, John	279.08	126.15	405.23
Power, Ann Marie	-	-	-
Quinlan, Catherine	1,042.89	2,282.36	3,325.25
Reck, Padge	876.21	-	876.21
Roche, Mary*	428.69	431.93	860.62
Rothwell, Georgina	482.46	-	482.46
Ryan, Joe	672.39	-	672.39
Ryan, Seamus	152.05	-	152.05
Uas Seipeil, Liam	677.01	101.93	778.94
Waldron, Paul	343.24	-	343.24
Wall, John*	123.71	-	123.71
Walsh, Davy	342.21	406.58	748.79
Walsh, Jack	343.24	-	343.24
Walsh, Theresa	167.07	-	167.07
Webb, Colin	134.06	-	134.06
Wright, Teresa	369.93	-	369.93
Wyse, Adam	40.52	-	40.52
Wyse, Gary	152.05	-	152.05
TOTAL	39,974.96	14,597.99	54,572.95

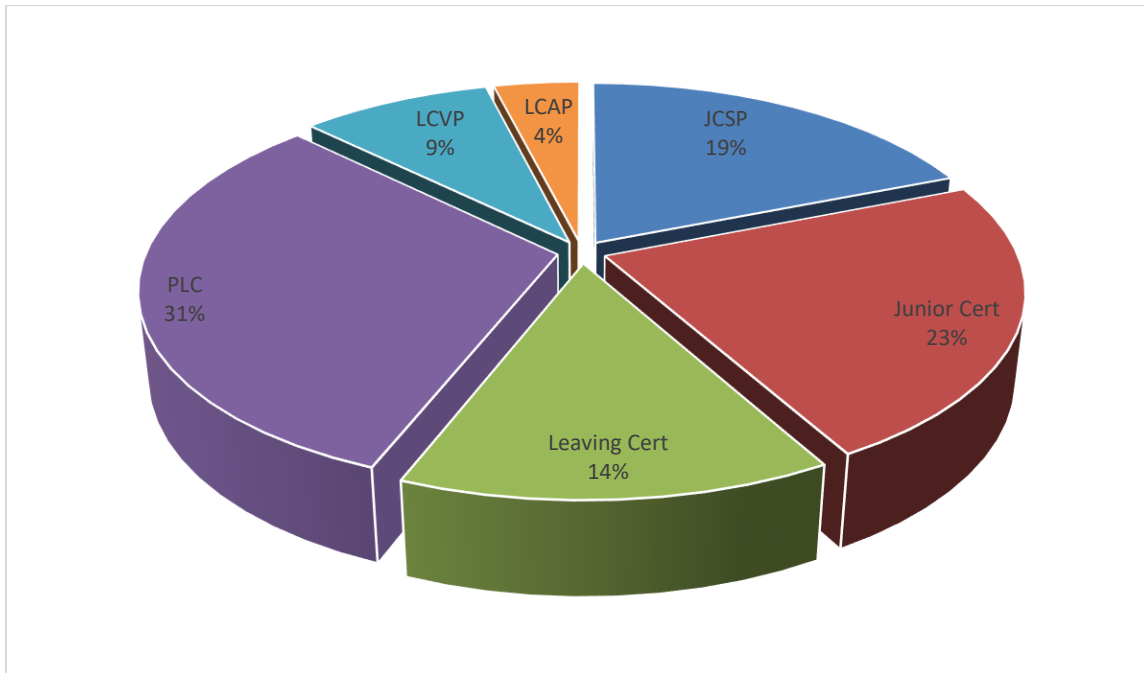
*Board Member at 31 December 2014

Second Level Education

There are thirteen Waterford & Wexford ETB second level schools across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford. They offer a comprehensive range of day school courses to Junior Certificate, and Leaving Certificate, including Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. The colleges are non-denominational and co-educational and offer a learner centred environment.

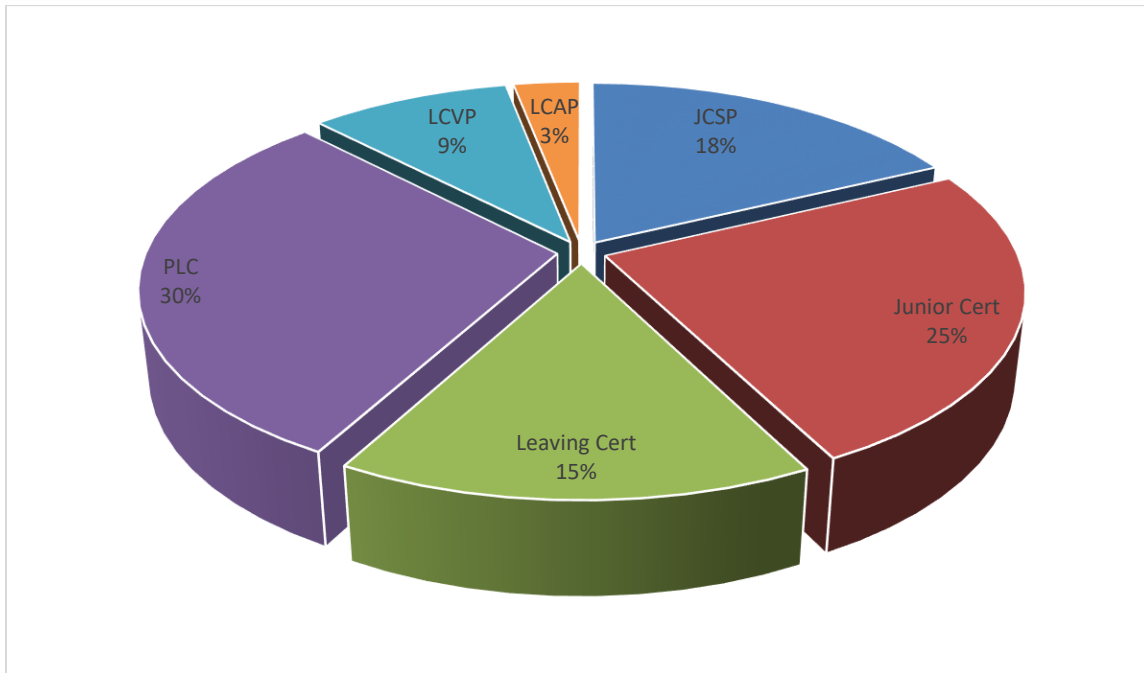


Enrolments at 30 September 2013



College	JCSP	Junior	Leaving	PLC	LCVP	LCAP	Total
Bridgetown VC	99	252	69	20	135	42	617
Bunclody VC	106	0	5	63	56	0	230
Coláiste Abbain	73	0	28	33	17	0	151
Coláiste an Átha	119	52	16	42	60	24	313
Coláiste Chathail Naofa	80	0	1	224	45	23	373
Creagh College	0	258	0	0	0	0	258
Enniscorthy	100	237	66	299	38	38	778
Meánscoil San Nioclás	67	0	61	0	0	0	128
New Ross VC	81	0	46	88	0	21	236
St Declans CC	73	263	307	0	0	17	660
St Pauls CC	125	71	159	40	36	21	452
WCFE	0	0	0	746	0	0	746
Wexford VC	103	103	4	136	87	27	460

Enrolments at 30 September 2014



College	JCSP	Junior	Leaving	PLC	LCVP	LCAP	Total
Bridgetown VC	81	261	56	22	144	31	595
Bunclody VC	104	0	5	59	57	0	225
Coláiste Abbain	71	0	33	26	16	0	146
Coláiste an Átha	113	66	29	40	63	15	326
Coláiste Chathail Naofa	95	0	2	192	51	8	348
Creagh College	0	313	61	0	0	0	374
Enniscorthy VC	108	232	90	287	47	37	801
Meánscoil San Nioclás	63	0	68	0	0	0	131
New Ross VC	86	0	36	94	0	18	234
St Declans CC	67	274	321	0	0	17	679
St Pauls CC	99	108	162	42	41	16	468
Wexford VC	108	112	1	145	95	28	489
WCFE	0	0	0	746	0	0	746

Bridgetown Vocational College

Principal: Ms Fionnuala Greene
Deputy Principal: Mr Adrian Power



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Teacher Allocation for 2013/20145: Full Time Day Courses 52.13 WTE Teachers
10.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 51.55 WTE Teachers
10.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Bridgetown Vocational College aims to provide a holistic educational experience meeting the diverse needs of the community in a positive learning environment.

We encourage all students to realise their full potential and develop a sense of self-worth by promoting mutual respect, co-operation and tolerance.

Introduction:

Bridgetown Vocational College is situated in the village of Bridgetown, in the heart of South, Co Wexford. The college has 40 classrooms including specialist rooms for Art, Home Economics, Metalwork, Craftwork, Computer Aided Design and Woodwork. Students have access to three laboratories, three computer rooms, a library, a large gymnasium and a canteen. The college also has an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) unit. The college is multi-denominational, co-educational and non-selective in its intake, supported by the Board of Management and the Parents' Association. It caters for a catchment area stretching from Wellingtonbridge to Rosslare Harbour, and from the sea to Forth Mountain. The college ethos promotes respect, seeks to promote the development of the potential of each individual and aims to generate moral and social responsibility.

Subjects Offered:

Subjects offered include: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Religious Education, CSPE, Social Health and Physical Education, French, Art, Craft & Design, Technical Graphics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Home Economics, Business Studies, Theatre & Stage, Music.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Students enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities thanks to staff who give generously of their time and talents. Extra-curricular activities provided include: athletics, basketball, camogie, equestrian events, football, hurling, handball, outdoor education, rugby and soccer. Students produce a newspaper entitled "The Bridge" and they are encouraged to participate in competitions in the following areas: art, public speaking, enterprise and essay writing. Each year a variety of musical productions are staged and many students participate in our choir and orchestra.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- **Continuous Professional Development**
 - Differentiation and the Continuum of Support.
 - Active Methodologies
 - Motivation and Team Building
 - Stress Management
 - Junior Cycle Reform
 - Microsoft Applications: Power Point and Excel
- **Home School Community Liaison Service**

Ms. Browne was appointed as our first HSCL Officer and took up office from September 2013
- **Behaviour for Learning Supports**
 - Ms. Gordon was appointed to the position Behaviour for Learning Teacher
 - A Strategy Team and a Referrals Team were established to support the initiative.
- **New Working Groups:**
 - Junior Cycle Reform
 - Programme Development (LCA/LCVP/TY)
 - Mechanisms for Determining LC1 Option Subjects
 - Student Motivation/Behaviour Management
 - Whole School Literacy/Numeracy
 - Extra-curricular Activities/Facilities
- **Subject Inspection**

Jacqueline Ní Fhearghusa, DES Inspector, conducted an Irish inspection on 19 November 2013. Our Irish teachers were commended for their enthusiasm and commitment.
- **School Improvement Planning**

The Literacy Committee developed a whole-school Literacy Plan.
- **Student Motivation/Positive Behaviour Management**
 - The Student Motivation Working Group developed an award system to acknowledge positive attitudes, excellence, effort and initiative.
- **Building of our new ASD Unit commenced.**
- **Parents Association**
 - Two Hamper Draws were organised by the Parents' Association.
 - The PA assisted with the organisation and running of our Open Evenings and two Careers Nights for students
- **Canteen: New management and new menu!**

Bunclody Vocational College

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Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 21.55 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 21.33 WTE Teachers
4.00 SNA

Mission Statement

We endeavor to provide a quality education to all our students in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. We aim to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Introduction:

Bunclody Vocational College is a co-educational school delivering educational excellence to the people of Bunclody and its surrounding areas for the past sixty years. The school is committed to high quality education and their mission is based on meeting the needs of all students in their care. An extensive programme of Junior and Leaving Certificate subjects are offered as well as a broad adult education programme.

The low pupil-teacher ratio is one of the many advantages to be gained from attending the school. This allows for small focused classes and all students are encouraged to take as many higher level subjects as possible.

Subjects Offered:

Subjects offered at Junior Cycle include: Art, English, Maths, Environmental & Social Studies, Gaeilge, Geography, Materials Technology (Wood), History, Science, CSPE, Business Studies, Materials Technology (Metal), French, Home Economics, Religion, SPHE, Technical Graphics, Technology, PE.

Subjects offered at Senior Cycle include: English, Gaeilge, Maths, Accounting/Business, Biology, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Engineering, French, History, Engineering, Art, Careers, DCG, LCVP, Geography, Religion, PE.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Students are encouraged to participate in activities outside of the classroom. These include sports, drama, charity work, projects and competitions.

Throughout the year students take part in charity walks, bag packing, non-uniform days, selling badges etc. to raise funds for local charities and also for the Lourdes trip. Charities that have received funding include the Lions Club, St Vincent de Paul and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

All students are encouraged to participate in sports and a number of students make the weekly trip to Butterfly Farm to learn how to horse ride. Many of the students are part of football, basketball, soccer and hurling teams.

In conjunction with the English curriculum, drama workshops are held regularly and students attend plays and performance outside the school. Students take part in their own productions which are televised in the school. There are also free music lessons on Wednesday afternoons.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- Funding was received for a new extension consisting of three classrooms, a new Woodwork/Construction Studies room and toilet facilities. This development represents phase one of our schools 2020 vision.
- Bunclody Vocational College student wins the Young Technologist award making it four wins in a row in this national competition. Both representatives in the competition, from the Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny area, were from this school.
- Another student won a prestigious cookery competition entitled "Take Away My Way"
- Student receives a Pramerica Community Spirit Award for spearheading a project to raise €28,000. The funds raised were used to purchase a wheelchair accessible motor vehicle for a young girl with a disability in our community. Students also engaged in a fundraiser for victims of the hurricane in the Philippines. They also supported the Christmas shoebox appeal and a fundraiser for the South East Animal Rescue unit.
- Numeracy SIP plan developed for September 2014.
- Two students represented the school in the Irish Junior Maths Competition.
- A number of staff engaged in the Forbairt Initiative aimed at promoting Numeracy in our College.
- BVC was delighted to engage with Kerry Foods as part of the Schools Business Partnership Programme. This programme is hugely influential in assisting senior students with decisions around career choice and with developing their interview skills.
- Motivational guest speakers to the school this year included football star Paul McGrath and John Lonergan, former governor of Mountjoy prison.

Coláiste Abbain

Principal: Mr Senan Lillis

Deputy Principal:

Mr Edmund Creane to September 2014

Mr John Nolan from September 2014



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1.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 14.95 WTE Teachers
1.00 SNA

Mission Statement

We endeavor to provide a quality education to all our students in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. We aim to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Introduction:

Coláiste Abbain is situated in the village of Adamstown in the heart of County Wexford. It was officially opened in May 1937 and it is serving its community and hinterland for 80 years. The college is non-denominational and co-educational and provides Second and Third Level courses. Coláiste Abbain boasts of excellent academic achievements and its past students have gone on to further education in every Third Level establishment in Ireland. Coláiste Abbain endeavours to provide a quality education for all its pupils in a caring, disciplined and respectful environment. The school aims to prepare students for life and responsible citizenship and motivate them towards the achievement of their full potential.

Subjects Offered:

All students study a set of core subjects that include: Irish, English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Civic Social and Political Education, Social, Personal and Health Education, PE and Computers. Students have a choice from the following additional subjects: Metalwork, Woodwork, Business Studies, Home Economics, French, Music, Art, German and Technical Graphics.

The Leaving Certificate students are divided on the basis of subject choice. All students study a set of core subjects that include: Irish, English, Maths, Career Guidance and PE. They also choose additional subjects from: Engineering, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Business, Geography, Biology, French, Art, Music & Design and Communication Graphics.

LCVP is also offered in the school, where students sit six regular Leaving Certificate subjects and two link modules which are: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities form a vital part of school life and include debating and public speaking, hurling, Gaelic football, soccer, basketball, badminton, young entrepreneur, craft fair and fitness classes.

Coláiste an Átha

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Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 24.42 WTE Teachers
1.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 25.34 WTE Teachers
1.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Coláiste an Átha is dedicated to providing a quality education in a caring and supportive environment where the holistic development of each individual student is nurtured.

Introduction:

Coláiste an Átha is a co-educational inter-denominational, post-primary college providing Junior, Leaving and Post Leaving Certificate Programmes. Very dedicated staff, working together as a team delivers an education that prepares students for life. Coláiste an Átha, formerly Kilmuckridge Vocational College, has been in existence since the late 1930's opening its doors as a typical two roomed rural Vocational School offering, in addition, Home Economics and Rural Science.

Subjects Offered:

At Junior Level, the following subjects are offered: Gaeilge, English, Maths, Geography, History, French, German, Spanish, Science, Art, Materials Technology, Woodwork and Metalwork, Construction Studies and Engineering, Technical Graphics and D.C.G, Home Economics, Music and PE.

At Senior Level, the following subjects are offered: Gaeilge, English, Maths, Geography, History, French, German, Spanish, Science, Art, Business, Accounting, LCVP, Materials Technology Woodwork, Construction Studies and Engineering, Technical Graphics and DCG, Home Economics, Music, PE and Business.

The Junior Certificate School Programme is also on offer in the school.

LCVP and the Leaving Certificate Applied, are also available at Senior Level.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Coláiste an Átha provides a wide range of extra-curricular activities including hurling, camogie, soccer, basketball, rugby, athletics and equestrian.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- Student Population 311 students
 - 40 PLC
 - 271 at second level
- Walk in my Shoes, Mental Health Awareness raised €2455, the highest in Co Wexford and the Country

Coláiste Chathail Naofa

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Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 29.75 WTE Teachers
2.25 SNA

Mission Statement

Coláiste Chathail Naofa aims to be a centre of excellence in education where all students are encouraged to achieve their full potential in all aspects of their educational and personal development in an environment of care and mutual respect.

Introduction

Located near Dungarvan town centre, Coláiste Chathail Naofa provides education to Leaving Certificate standard while offering a wide range of Post-Leaving Certificate courses and evening classes.

Coláiste Chathail Naofa is named after a local Irish Saint, St. Cathaldus, who was born near Dungarvan Co Waterford. Having spent many years in Ireland, he went on to Italy to become as famous in Italy as St. Patrick is in Ireland.

Courses offered: Junior Certificate Schools Programme, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

Highlights of 2013-14 include:

Coláiste Chathail Naofa hosts Charity Cycle Tour.

On Wednesday 24 April, Coláiste Chathail Naofa will be used as an anchor school for the 'Cycle Against Suicide,' .This is a charity cycle around Ireland.



Coláiste Chathail Naofa students attend launch of All Ireland Take Away My Way Cookery Competition.

On Tuesday 3 December, Silvana Fanone (5th Year Home Economics student) and Matt Saunders (2nd Year Home Economics student) along with their Home Economics teacher Helen Power attended a photo-shoot in the Tannery Restaurant to mark the launch of the 'Takeaway My Way' project for post primary students.



Pictured above are students Silvana Fanone and Matt Saunders with Paul Flynn in the Tannery Restaurant to mark the launch of the 'Takeaway My Way' project. 'Takeaway My Way' is a fun challenge for post primary students.

Creagh College

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Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 19.85 WTE Teachers
2.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 27.37 WTE Teachers
3.00 SNA

Mission Statement:

Creagh College believes in the provision of a positive learning experience that nurtures mutual respect and personal responsibility within a safe, fair and caring environment. We are committed to the pursuit of excellence in all of our activities.

Introduction:

Creagh College is a co-educational, multi-denominational post-primary college which is committed to the pursuit of excellence in all activities and to the provision of a teaching and learning environment that caters for the diverse needs of young people in the Gorey area in a safe and respectful environment. Creagh College promotes the development of the whole person and aims to nurture responsible citizenship. Student development is based on principles of respect for self, for others and the environment.

Creagh College moved into its new, permanent home on 28th April 2014. The new purpose-built Creagh College Campus has been designed to motivate and inspire our students.

Subjects Offered:

For first year all students study the following compulsory subjects: English, Irish, Mathematics, French or Spanish, Science, SPHE, CSPE and PE. In addition, each student chooses five subjects to study from the following: Art, Craft & Design, Business Studies, Classical Studies, Geography, History, Home Economics, Music, Materials Technology (Wood), Materials Technology (Metal), Religious Education, Technology and Technical Graphics.

Extra-curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities at the college include, debating, chess club, a traditional music club, a quiz club, a green schools committee, a student council and art club. Sport is also encouraged in the school, primarily for physical activity, which is recognised as a component of good health. The sporting extra-curricular activities include, rugby, soccer, Gaelic football and camogie.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- Relocation in April 2014 to new state-of-the-art PPP building.
- First Junior Cert class (June 2014).
- Establishment of Transition Year Programme in September 2014.
- Introduction of eLearning programme for all first years in 2014.
- Roll-out of enterprise standard wi-fi and 100mb broadband systems.
- Began roll-out of reformed Junior Cycle programme (September 2014).
- WSE-MLL (December 2014).

Enniscorthy Vocational College

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9.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 60.85 WTE Teachers
9.00 SNA

Mission Statement

Enniscorthy Vocational College endeavours to provide a secure and supportive educational environment where all students can experience a quality of education appropriate to their intellectual, physical, personal, social, moral and spiritual needs in a changing world.

Introduction:

Enniscorthy Vocational College is a co-educational school under the authority of Waterford and Wexford ETB. The school caters for Second Level students and Further Education students. Teachers are encouraged to adopt a flexible student-centred approach in the delivery of the curriculum. This ensures inclusiveness and the needs of all students are catered for. There is an excellent pastoral care system in the school to assist students during their time there.

Subjects Offered:

At Junior Level, the following subjects are offered: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, German, Science, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Metalwork, Materials Technology (Wood), Technical Graphics, I.T., Religion, P.E and Career Guidance. The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also offered.

At Senior Level, the following subjects are offered: Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, German, Physics, Biology, Agricultural Science, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Construction Studies, Design & Communications Graphics, Metalwork, I.T., Religion, P.E. and Career Guidance.

The Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programmes are also offered in the College.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: hurling, football, soccer, rugby, badminton, basketball, debating, music, variety show, school tours, enterprise club, creative writing and the Gaisce awards.

examination. Religious Education, Computer Studies and SPHE also form part of the Junior Cycle Timetable.

At Senior Level, students have the option to study at Higher and Ordinary levels in all subjects. In addition Irish and Mathematics can be taken at Foundation level. All students study the following compulsory subjects: English, Mathematics and Irish with the option of four subjects from the following: Art, Biology, Business Studies, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Engineering, French, Geography, History and Home Economics. Students also study the non-examination subjects, Health Education, Career Guidance, Computers, Physical Education and Religion.

PLC courses offered: New Ross Vocational College have developed a range of Post Leaving certificate courses to suit the demands of the local community and the interests of the students in the community of New Ross. The college offers five courses at QQI level 5 – Early Childhood Care and Education, Community and Health Services, Horticulture, Information Processing and Office Administration; and one course at QQI level 6 in Early Childhood Care and Education. These courses offer students a route to both employment and further education with links with WIT and CIT to support progression to these colleges.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Hurling, Football, Soccer, Basketball, Rugby, Athletics and Outdoor Education.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

New Ross Vocational College had a Whole School Evaluation in October 2013 where a team of inspectors visited the school for a week. The WSE findings were very positive. There is good leadership in the school including distributed leadership roles to staff; there is well advanced school development planning including good documentation; there is a broad curriculum offered in the school including extracurricular activities. The quality of inclusion and of care of the students is seen as a strength; the quality of teaching and learning was good to very good. There has been good progress in previous recommendations from inspection reports and there is good progress in School Self Evaluation processes. The teaching staff and the Board of management were very pleased with the findings.

New Ross Vocational College had a follow through Business Inspection in October 2014 with the resulting report being very positive. The findings were that the previous recommendations have been acted on with good progress on curriculum planning, improved use of ICT and improved use of assessment for learning while homework skills need to be developed further.

South East Radio broadcasted its afternoon show from New Ross Vocational College In October. They interviewed a number of members of the school community giving an insight into the strengths and student achievements of New Ross Vocational College. They interviewed the Principal Suzanne Barrett, members of the teaching staff, current and past students and parents in an entertaining afternoon, which promoted the school and highlighted the schools community links. Students also saw first-hand the working of an outside broadcast.

The final highlight of the academic year was the Awards Day in May, where students achieved many awards in academic, personal and sporting achievements.

The school improvement plan this year focused on the Literacy plan. A team of teachers developed the Literacy plan which supports strategies to further the development of Literacy across the curriculum.

Meánscoil San Nioclás

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Ráiteas Misín:

‘Sí an aidhm atá againn ná daltaí a ullmhú don saol agus iad a fhorbairt go lán a gcumais. Éascaítear an bóthar intleachtúil, fisiciúil, sóisialta agus spioradálta dóibh.

Cuirtear scoth na múinteoireachta ar fáil agus cothaítear labhairt na Gaeilge agus cur amach ar na traidisiúin Ghaelacha mar chrann taca do gach dalta agus iad á seoladh amach féin domhan mór.

Soláthraimid deiseanna foghlama fad saoil agus gnéithe éagsúla den gcultúr Gaelach i measc muintir na nDéise idir óg agus aosta.

Curaclam na Scoile

Teastas Sóisearach: Gaeilge, Béarla, Mata, Stair, Tíreolaíocht, Eolaíocht, Spáinnis, Ealaín, Staidéar Gnó, Teagasc Críostaí, Teicneolaíocht Ábhar Adhmad, Eacnamaíocht Bhaile, Gairmthreoir, Amhránaíocht, Ceol, SPHE, agus Polaitíocht.

Ardteist: Gaeilge, Béarla, Mata, Stair, Tíreolaíocht, Spáinnis, Bitheolaíocht, Ceimic, Fisic, Staidéar Gnó, Ealaín, Staidéar Foirgníochta, Grafaic Dhearaidh agus Chumarsáide, Eacnamaíocht Bhaile, Gairmthreoir, Amhránaíocht, Ceol agus Teagasc Críostaí.

Seach-churaclam:

Foirne Peile agus Iomána, Foireann Camogaíochta, Peil na mBan, Ceol Traidisiúnta, Cór, Labhairt Poiblí, Rámhaíocht, Drámaíocht, Rasaíocht Trastíre, Club Ealaíne, Club Spáinnise agus Club Fisice.

Buaicphointí 2013/2014:

- **An Chéad Áit** in Éirinn buaite ag an Grúpa Ceoil 'Nuada' ag Ceolchoirm sa Cheoláras Náisiúnta na hÉireann i mBaile Átha Cliath.
- Daltaí na hIdirbhliana i g**Craobh na hÉireann** den Junk Kouture.
- Buaiteoir uile Éireann sa chomórtas **UNESCO**.

Buaicphointí 2014/2015:

- Sárthaispeántas léirithe ós comhair an Phobail le linn Ceolchoirm na Nollag.
- Peil na mBan Seaimpíní na Mumhan
- Dalta na hIdirbhliana ag tabhairt oráide ar son Chomhairle na nÓg d'Uachtarán na hÉireann i bPort Láirge.

Wexford Vocational College

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Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 37.28 WTE Teachers
7.00 SNA

Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 38.96 WTE Teachers
7.00 SNA

Introduction:

Wexford Vocational College has put together an educational, pastoral and extra-curricular programme that takes account of the fact that students have many different needs and different ways of learning. There is not just one type of Junior Certificate, but two, and there is not just one type of Leaving Certificate, but three. Many of the colleges' students progress to Further and Higher Education and to direct employment. A wide range of Further Education Courses are offered for school leavers and mature students. All students should be happy, respected and encouraged to reach their potential and that is taken care of in this school. Through encouraging respect for each other and valuing the opportunities available, we all grow and learn.

Subjects Offered

The Core Subjects at Junior Certificate level are: Civic, Social & Political Education, Irish, English, Mathematics, Science, Social, Personal & Health Education and Physical Education. Students also choose from the following: Art, Business Studies, French, Geography, History, Technical Graphics, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Music, Religious Education and Computers.

The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also offered in the School.

At Senior Level, the Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied are on offer. For the Leaving Certificate the core subjects of English, Irish and Mathematics are on offer as well as elective subjects including; Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Construction Studies, Design & Communications Graphics, Economics, Engineering, French, Geography, Home Economics and Physics. Career Guidance, Health Education, Religion and Physical Education were also be taken as non-exam subjects.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: basketball, fishing, soccer and outdoor education.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- A subject inspection for English produced a very positive report with some constructive recommendations. The Inspector was very pleased that all previous recommendations were acted on.
- Music was introduced to the college curriculum this year and funding was recently secured for equipment.

St Declan's Community College

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Deputy Principal: Ms Mary Dunbar



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Teacher Allocation for 2013/2014: Full Time Day Courses 45.61 WTE Teachers
3.75 SNA

Introduction:

St Declan's Community College is a modern co-educational school under the auspices of Waterford and Wexford ETB. As it passes the fortieth anniversary of its opening, St Declan's continues to develop as the focus of second-level education in mid-Waterford.

The size of the student population has increased greatly over the years, and the schools accommodation has expanded to meet student needs. The most recent extension was opened in September 2008, which included an ASD unit. Students attending the ASD unit move between the unit and mainstream classrooms as inclusion of all students is considered best practice. The benefits of this unit will be evident within the school and in the wider community. St Declan's offers its students a highly comprehensive range of subjects to Junior and Leaving Certificate Level. Fourth year is very well established, while programmes such as Junior Certificate Schools Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied add further breadth to the Curriculum.

Subjects Offered

Subjects offered at Junior Certificate Level include Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Religious Education, Art, Craft and Design, Physical Education and History.

The Junior Certificate Schools Programme is also on offer.

Subjects offered at Leaving Certificate Level include Irish, French, Economics, English, German, Business Organisation, Religion, Accountancy, Biology, Geography, Music, Chemistry, History, Physics, Maths, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Art, Craft & Design, Physical Education, Career Guidance, Construction Studies, Engineering Technology, Technical Drawing.

The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is also on offer.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Hockey, Equestrian Sports, Athletics, Badminton, Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie, Soccer, Orienteering, Ladies Soccer, Table Tennis, Swimming and Outdoor Pursuits.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- The School was awarded its Fifth Green Flag
- The Senior Soccer team were winners of the Munster Final

- The Senior Hockey team were winners of the South East Final
- The Parents Council held two successful Book & Cake Sales
- Retreats and masses were organised by the RE Department, which raised money for Trócaire
- Fifth years went on a visit to see MacBeth in the Theatre
- For World Book Day a competition was organised where TYP students dressed as book characters for First Years to identify
- Mentor Training and various activities were organised by Mentors for First Years throughout the year
- Friendship Week, an inaugural event was set up in the school to help counter bullying
- Awards Ceremony took place with special guest Liam O'Neill, Uachtarán CLG
- In Athletics, Hayley Fitzsimons won a gold medal in the World Dwarf Games
- Seán O'Brien represented the school in the All Ireland Cross Country in Belfast
- Kate Hickey won silver in the Girls Senior Discus and Bronze in the Girls Senior Shot Putt
- Stephen Walsh won bronze in the Intermediate Boys and Shane O'Brien won bronze in the Minor Boys 800 meters
- Comhairle na nÓg – Cyber Day: Aoife Cusack & Catherine Ryan made a presentation to Schools in Dungarvan on cyber-bullying. This initiative later won an All-Ireland award.
- UCD Entrance Scholar, Aislinn Finnegan for Medicine
- TCD Entrance Scholar, Aoife Mulhearn for German & Business
- Cathal Dee achieved the top 10 in Ireland for Junior Certificate Metalwork
- Eight students were presented with an award in recognition of achieving A grade in Junior Certificate Business by WIT
- A successful open night was held on 12 November 2013
- The Awards Ceremony was held on the 26 May 2014
- Sponsored Walk held on the 11 April 2014
- Pastoral Care Team – NEPS psychologists have visited the school on a number of occasions meeting with the full staff and the Pastoral Care Team during this year. The Pastoral Care Team have revised the referral system in place in school and have decided on frequency of meetings.
- Entrance Assessment – 115 students sat the Entrance Assessment on the 1 March.
- COSI (Community of Social Innovators, this emanating from the Young Social Innovators project) team gave a presentation to staff outlining their work. St. Declan's is one of 28 schools selected in the country.
- Zoe O'Donoghue was presented with a scholarship in UCD
- The Under 15 soccer team were Munster Finalists
- Sixth Years went on a trip to the Garda College in Templemore
- Fifth Year students went on a trip to UCC
- Athletics
 - Munster Schools Cross Country – 3rd place in Junior Boys
 - Barry Keane 3rd in the Intermediate race

- All Ireland Junior Boys finished in 7th place, Barry Keane was 3rd and went on to represent Ireland in Cross country competition and the Irish team won silver
- Munster Schools Indoor Championships; Shane O'Brien won silver and the Junior Boys Relay won bronze
- During Seachtain na Gaeilge many activities were organised
- Over €2000 was raised during the Trócaire 24 hour fast
- The Schools Badminton team qualified through the County and Province, but were defeated in the All-Ireland series
- Sponsored Walk/Run raised over €5000
- COSI – the theme picked for this year is community. Work primarily focused on the possible placing of Pylons in the community. Secondly it focused on the Sunflower shop in Kilmacthomas. The COSI team won best Poster at the all-Ireland YSI showcase Wednesday 7 May.
- There were four students on the All Ireland Camogie B Minor Champion panel; Orla Flynn, Sibéal Harney, Emily White and Catherine Kelly
- There were excellent Leaving and Junior Cert Results with Niamh Galvin receiving 585 points
- An Open Night was held on November 11
- Students represented St. Declan's at Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in Croke Park
- A Soccer Trip took place to Manchester
- Friendship Awareness Week was held
- A 1st Year Quiz was organised by the 5th Year Mentors
- Niamh Galvin – Trinity College Dublin Entrance Exhibitions Award for high performance in Leaving Certificate 2014
- Ross Flaherty – International Junior Science Olympiad (students who obtained 95% or more in Junior Cert Science and Maths)
- Irish Beaver Computer Contest – Seamus Burke and Ross Flaherty were chosen as a result of their high achievements in Maths in the Junior Certificate
- Sports – Golf Society up and running
- Transition Year
 - Wheelchair basketball
 - Ice skating in Waterford
 - Trip to Dublin to see Happy Days
 - Visit to Leinster House – protest about Pylons
 - Yoga class
 - RSA Demonstration – car crash simulator
 - GAA coaching course for some TY students
 - Work placement
 - Kilfinane trip

- A number of students took the Irish Board of Speech and Drama exams and Amber Searson was awarded the Gold medal
- Trip to Coumshingaun
- Trip to Ardmore
- Lourdes Pilgrimage - Stephen Lannon helped on the Waterford and Lismore Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- CSI Workshop
- Trip to CIT and Ice Skating
- Trip to see Shrek
- Crazy hair and make-up day was held to raise funds for Autism Awareness and Dogs Ireland

St Paul's Community College

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Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 41.79 WTE Teachers
12.00 SNA

Mission Statement

St Paul's Community College is a multi-denominational, co-educational school providing an inclusive learning environment for all. We recognise and respect each student as an individual, embracing a variety of learning and teaching styles and aspiring to encourage each student's unique skills and talents. St Paul's Community College encourages the involvement of parents through home school contacts and through the involvement in the development and growth of the Parents Council.

Introduction:

St Paul's Community College is situated on Browne's Road, a stretch of road almost a mile in length, which runs from Tycor Road at the Waterworks to the main Waterford/Cork Road, opposite Woodlawn Grove housing estate.

The aim of the College is to provide a safe, friendly, well-disciplined teaching and learning environment, where mutual respect is promoted. Each student is afforded the opportunity to reach their potential in education. The active participation of all members of the school community in the life of St Paul's Community College is encouraged and this is currently exemplified by a vibrant Parents Council.

Subjects Offered

For the Junior Cycle, St Paul's Community College offers all subjects at Higher and Ordinary level. In addition, Foundation level is offered in English, Mathematics and Irish for some students. Subjects offered at Junior Cycle include: Irish, English, Maths, Science, French, CSPE, Geography, History, Business Studies, Home Economics, Music, Art, Technical Graphics, Woodwork and Metalwork.

For the Senior Cycle, the established Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme are offered.

Subjects offered include: Irish, English, Maths, French, Physics, Engineering, History, Business Organisation, Home Economics, German, Biology, Construction Studies, Geography, Economics, Music, Chemistry, Technical Studies, Art and Economic History. Non examination subjects include; Computer Studies, Physical Education, Religion, Career Guidance and Health Education.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Extra-curricular activities include: Basketball, Gymnastics, Volley Ball, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Hurling, Circuit Training, Health and Fitness Gym, Handball Alley and Soccer.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:*September 2013*

- Niall De Burca, Storyteller, launches our Year of Literacy
- Study Skills Session for all Sixth and Third Year Students
- First – Third Year Parent Coffee Mornings in conjunction with HSCL

October 2013

- European Direct Soapbox Competition – Waterford City Libraries
Kirsten Power Hennessy from St. Pauls Community College, and former JCSP Student, won the South East Competition and participated in the National competition in Dublin, in November. “Citizens are at the heart of Europe”
- Maths Week – Numbers All around Us Initiative
- Dr Pdraig Kirwan from Calmast spoke to Junior Cycle Students
- Friendship Week took part this Month

November 2013

- Buzzwork Theatre Company did a Workshop on Cyber Bullying
- Science Week took part from the 11 to 15
- All First Years and Senior Biology Students went on a trip to the Reptile Zoo
- Robert O’Connor gave a talk on the Enigma Code for all Transition Year Students
- Sheila Porter from Sci Fest visited to look at Science Projects
- Science Expo took part in the Library for all Junior Cycle Students
- Bit It Program (First Year workshop on getting rid of chewing gum responsibly)
- Graffiti Theatre Company (Project Sponsored by UCC subject: Staying in school, taking responsibility for learning and briefing on opportunities at Third Level). As part of college Awareness Program.

December 2013

- TY & St Pauls BNS Paired Reading Project “Christmas Celebration”
- Coffee Morning for Parents Council hosted by the Principal

January 2014

- Wednesday January 15 – Study Skills for Second Years organised by WSCP funded by Waterford Area Partnership and Waterford Public Libraries – Facilitators, New Generation
- Niall de Burca visited on Monday January 27. As part of outreach and school promotion we invited Fifth Class students from St Pauls BNS and Presentation Primary to a session in our library. Second Years had two sessions with Niall based on the merit system.
- Maths for Fun HSCL Initiative. Tuesday 28 January In-service for JCSP schools on whole school approach to literacy
- Allie Heying from Waterford Institute of Technology gave Calligraphy and Culture workshops to First Years to celebrate Chinese New Year

March 2014

- Secahtain na Gaeilge
- Chess Challenge with our chess club and teachers
- Skills at Work Program, hosted in the Library, for Senior Cycle Students
- Make a Book Exhibit in Cork
- Declan Courtney from Comici Gael did an Irish Writing/Drawing workshop, celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, for all First and Second Year Students
- Fádo Project Celebration at Christ Church Cathedral. This music and poetry project commenced in September with five Waterford Secondary Schools participating. Students composed poems based on artefacts on display at Reginalds Tower. We wrote poems about the Viking Pin, Anvil and Longship. These were then put to music and performed by students. This was a project involving First and Transition Year Students.

April 2014

- Connect Respect Program for first years (Garda workshop on cyberbullying)
- Visit from Green Party MEP Candidate, Grace O’Sullivan, and why they should vote
- Chess Challenge between St James and St Aidans
- Trip to Bord Gáis to see War Horse

May 2014

- WRAP Celebration in the National Library with JCSP students
- Colm Keegan – Poetry Workshop
- Trip to Waterford Airport for JCSP students – “writing a report”
- Science Field Trip, Fenor Bog, Mini Farm and Dunhill Castle
- Trip to EU Space Centre Belgium

July 2014

- Summer Reading Program in conjunction with JCSP Library & Waterford School Completion.
Thirty five St. Paul’s students participated either as student leaders or participants. Students met in the library in the mornings and read, played board games and debated. In the afternoon there were activities planned which included art & craft, sport and swimming.

September 2014

- Coffee Morning for all parents by year group (First – Sixth) hosted by principal and HSCL
- Waterford Comhairle na nOg Meeting

October 2014

- Maths Week
- Skydome visited all first and second years.
- Graffiti Theatre Company returned to school to deliver a program sponsored by UCC subject: Staying in school, taking responsibility for learning and discussing the possibility of going on to third level. They met with a first and second year groups.
- Colm Keegan visited first and second year students to deliver a writing workshop.
- JCSP School Library is recipient of School Library Award for 2013 - 2014

November 2014

- Amazing Brains – Study skills for first and third year students and their parents

- Makey Makey Workshop was held as part of Science Week.
- Reptile Zoo Animal conservation as part of Science Week
- Kev Sutherland – Graphic art workshop
- Hope Foundation Speaker, Sr. Helena made a visit to the College
- Graffiti Theatre Company performance of “Hoods” by Angela Betzien, Two ‘Hoods’ ride the train each night to a wrecking yard on the outskirts of the city. Here in this cemetery of stories they are storytellers as they leap from one imaginary car wreck to another, acting out different scenarios relating to Children’s rights.

December 2014

- Niall De Burca visited the school this month as part of our Christmas Celebrations
- Paired Reading Christmas Celebration– Transition Year Students and First Class St. Pauls BNS.

Waterford College of Further Education

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Deputy Principal: Mr Michael Normoyle



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Teacher Allocation for 2014/2015: Full Time Day Courses 42.84 WTE Teachers
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Introduction:

Located in the heart of Waterford City, WCFE offers the largest range of Further Education Courses in the South East. Over the past ten years, the College has increased its enrollment for day time and night time students. This reflects the College's excellent reputation for providing high quality courses leading directly to employment or third-level education. Our state of the art facilities and motivated teaching staff allow us to provide you with the opportunity to pursue your personal and academic goals. We welcome students of all ages, abilities and nationalities and promise to provide you with a learning environment which is both innovative and supportive.

WCFE graduates enjoy professional qualifications certified and accredited by national and internationally recognised examining and professional bodies.

Courses Offered

Full time day courses include: Photographic Studies, Art & Design Portfolio, Advanced Certificate in Photography, Beauty Therapy, Holistic Therapies, Business Studies, Business Studies with Digital Marketing, Advanced Certificate in Business, Advanced Certificate in Childcare, Childcare, Special Needs Assistant, Applied Social Studies, Computer Systems and Networks, Multimedia, Construction Technology, Electronic Technology, Hairdressing, Journalism and Photography, Sound Engineering and Music Technology, Nursing Studies, Healthcare Support, Fitness and Health, Sport Therapy & Injury Management, Sport, Physical Fitness and Massage, Sport & Recreation, Hospitality Operations, Tourism and Travel Industry Studies.

Evening Courses include; **Childcare:** Level 5 Understanding Special Needs, The Emotional Life of the Child. **Education:** Training Delivery and Evaluation, Returning to Education Foundation Course.

Business: Level 4 Bookkeeping and Accounts, Introduction to Management for Beginners, Level 5 Payroll Manual and Computerised, Level 5 Start your own Business. **Beauty/Hairdressing** Introduction to Hairdressing, Introduction to Barbering, Introduction to Massage and Complimentary Therapy, Introduction to Beauty Therapy, Style and Image.

IT. IT for Beginners, Introduction to Web Design, Introduction to Graphic Design, CAD, Introduction to Software Development. **Photography Basic** Digital Photo Imaging.

Counselling/Psychotherapy/Psychology Introduction to Psychotherapy with Counselling Skills, Introduction to CBT, Introduction to Psychology, Healing through Play – A psychotherapeutic Approach. Art Therapy. **Other Courses:** Archaeology 1 and 2, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Sign Language, Strength and Fitness, Sports Massage, Philosophy, Guitar, Woodturning, Art, Painting, Textiles, Flower Arranging, Gardening, Cooking, Cake Craft, English Literature, Creative Writing.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- WCFE win in 3 Categories at the National Irish Schools Hairdressing Competition 2014
- WCFE host the Fourth Series of the Lecture Series in the Theatre Royal in Waterford City with guests including Fergus Finay, Billy Walsh, Dr. James Reilly and Paul Connolly

Outdoor Education Centre

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education Centre

Co-Ordinator: Mr Colin Gibbon

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Website: www.shielbagganoec.com

Background Information:

Shielbaggan Outdoor Education and Training Centre (SOETC) has been providing outdoor education for over 25 years and is situated at the base of the Hook peninsula.

SOETC provides outdoor education through adventure sport, on land and sea, primarily for young people but also for adults. The location amongst some of the best beaches in Ireland and the favourable weather in the “Sunny South East” makes SOETC the ideal location to bring a group to come and improve your skills.

At SOETC we are proud to provide quality outdoor programmes for a diverse range of clients. Employing some of the most highly qualified instructors we work to tailor courses to clients’ needs. Whilst SOETC works primarily with groups from Education and Youth work we also provide courses for individuals as well as specialist courses for both instructor training and the emergency services.

Activities Offered

Activities Offered in the Centre include Caving, Rock Climbing and Abseiling, Kayaking and Canoeing, Archery, Sea Kayaking, Orienteering, Team Building, Hillwalking, Surfing, Coaststeering and High Ropes.

Training Courses Offered

A number of Training Courses are offered in the Centre, which include; River Safety and Rescue, Coaststeering, Sea Kayaking, First Aid Courses and Powerboat Courses.

Centre Usage July 2013/June 2014

Users	No. of Students
Schoolgoers/Students – Irish	3785
Schoolgoers/Students – Foreign	37
Adult	441
Youth & Special Needs Groups	1082
Training Courses	67
Misc	908
TOTAL	6320



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Adult Guidance Service

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

Mission Statement

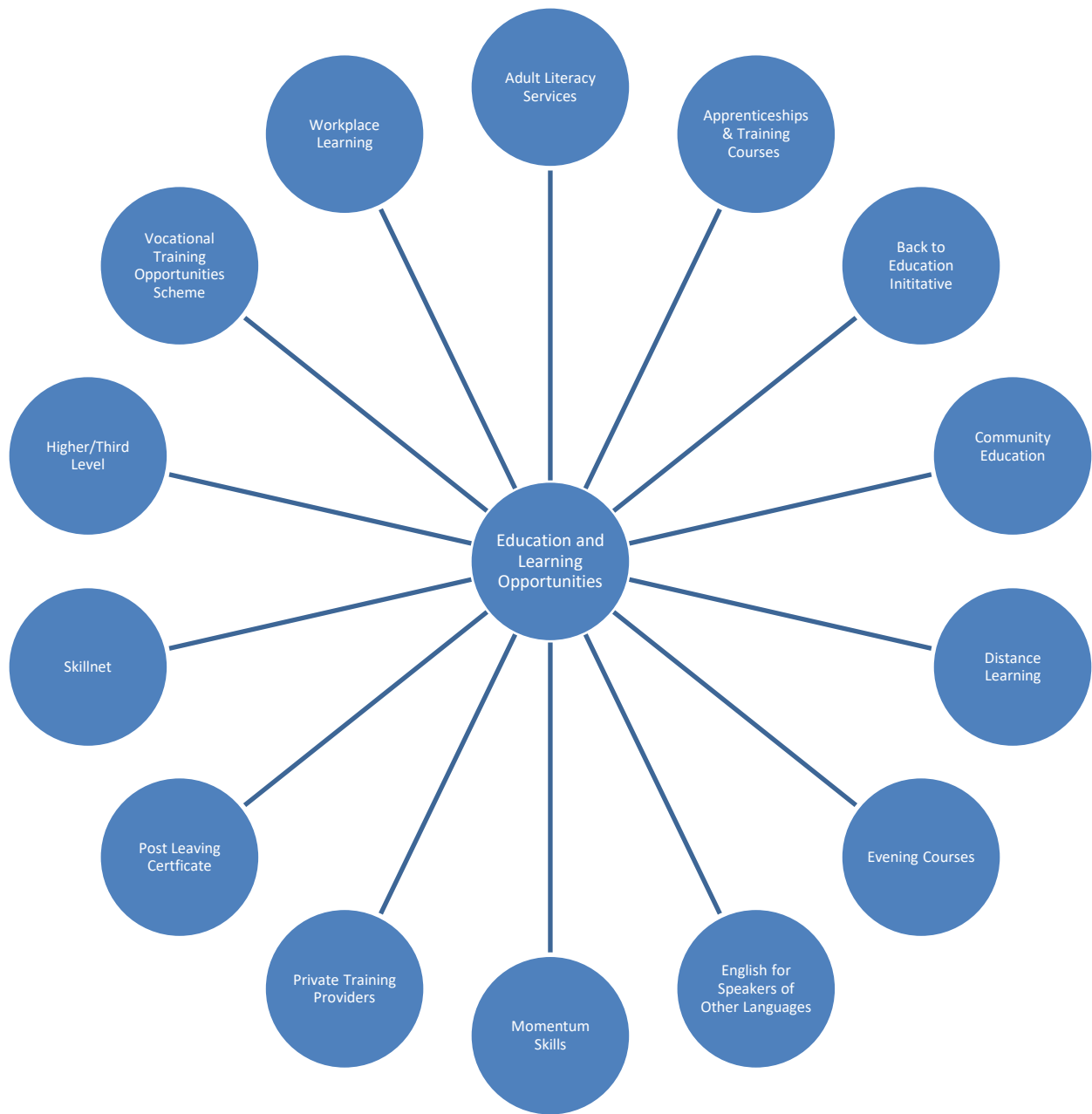
An opportunity to look at your present situation and plan for the future.

Introduction:

The Adult Guidance service is a free, confidential service that provides information on adult education and training opportunities as well as one-to-one guidance to support people in making informed educational, career and life choices.

The Service provides guidance counselling and information services to individual clients and to groups, and referral services to other agencies, as appropriate. Support and advice in the field of guidance and counselling to staff in adult education centres, and support in the development of an integrated curriculum of learning, guidance and progression.

There are a wide variety of choices available to clients, which include: Adult Literacy Service, Apprenticeships and Training Courses, Back to Education Initiative, Community Education, Distance Learning, English for Speakers of other languages, Evening Courses, Higher/Third Level, Momentum Skills, Post Leaving Certificate, Private Training Providers, Skillnet, Springboard, Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and Work Place Learning.



Wexford

Guidance Counsellor: Grace Finlay

Information Officer: Mary Ruth Tobin

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2013/2014 Participant/Staff Figures

Participant Numbers		
Male	659	49%
Female	687	51%
TOTAL	1346	

Staff Numbers – Paid		
Male	0	%
Female	2	100%
TOTAL	2	

Highlights for 2013/2014

- Attended monthly network meetings of local agencies in Wexford town
- Worked specifically with First Year VTOS students providing 1:1 guidance support
- Involved in the development and delivery of the 'Discover' programme that was piloted to adults referred by the DSP
- Participated in Careers Fair organised by Bunclody Vocational College, providing educational guidance and information to those who attended
- Attended the Drugs Task Force event in Gorey, which was organised as a forum to bring together a range of stakeholders to get their input on drug-related issues
- Met BTEI participants on Project Futsal Soccer Coaching course to prepare for college interviews scheduled in May
- The Adult Guidance Counsellor worked with an essential skills group from CUMA who are working on goal setting and decision making skills as part of their Level 2 programme delivered through Adult Literacy
- The Adult Guidance Counsellor worked with a BTEI group doing a Portfolio Preparation course to discuss the college application process. This programme was developed in consultation with Wexford Campus for ETB adult learners who intend applying for the degree in Art in IT Carlow (Wexford Campus).

Adult Literacy Programme

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

Waterford and Wexford ETB's Adult Literacy Programme provides a free and confidential service for adults seeking help to improve their literacy/numeracy skills.

Waterford City Adult Literacy Service

Adult Literacy Organiser: Joann Power

Address: Adult Literacy Service, Unit 1A, Railway Square, Waterford
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Email: joannpower@wwetb.ie

The Adult Literacy Programme provides adults with a chance to learn basic skills which may be needed for employment, further study and for use in their daily lives. There are opportunities to develop a range of skills in areas such as reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, form filling, letter writing, computer literacy and personal development.

The tuition is free of charge and may be offered on a one to one basis or in a group setting depending on individual needs. Students can choose what they want to learn (by identifying their interests and needs) and they can work at their own pace.

Courses Offered

A range of accredited courses at QQI Level 1 to 3 are available. Other programmes include; Intensive Tuition in Core Skills, Workplace Programmes and Family Learning Programmes.

The Intensive Tuition in Core Skills develops core skills in reading, writing, communications, maths and computers. Participants study in small groups for six hours a week for a 14-week block. This course is a good starting point for adults who left school early and wish to get back into education.

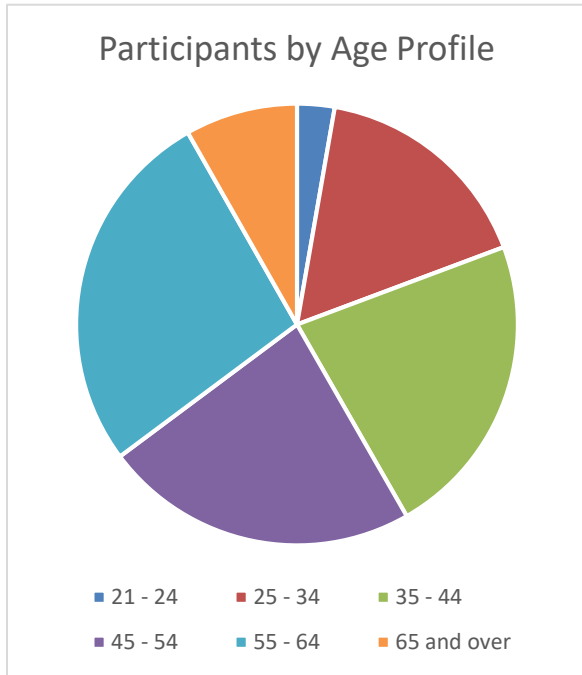
The Workplace Programmes provide core skills needed for the modern workplace. Participants develop their communication, maths and ICT skills in a small group setting.

The Family Learning Programmes recognise that parents are the primary teachers of their children. They provide support for parents/guardians and are an opportunity to discover the fun of learning together.

The Adult Literacy Service provides free and confidential group classes and one-to-one tuition for adults who wish to improve their reading, writing, spellings, maths or basic computer skills.

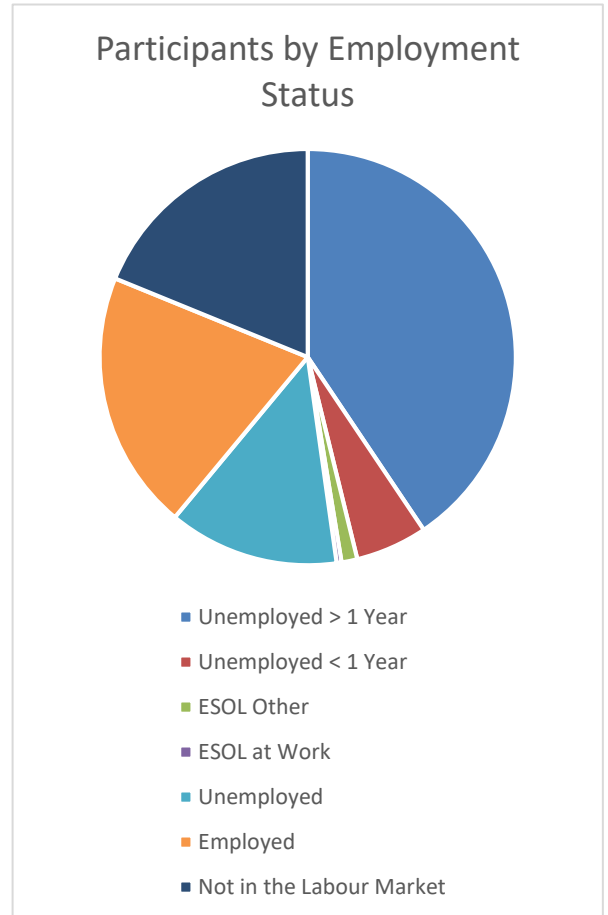
Classes are part-time and are provided by trained tutors in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Statistics for 2013/2014

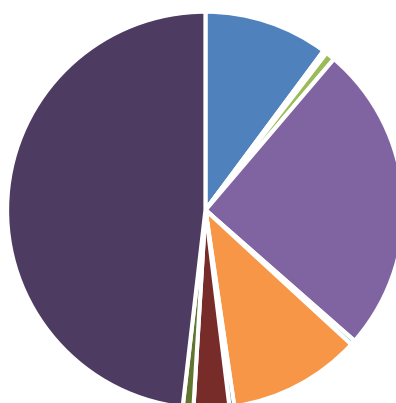


Age Profile	Male	Female	Total
21 - 24	15	14	29
25 - 34	71	104	175
35 - 44	121	116	237
45 - 54	95	149	244
55 - 64	124	161	285
65 and Over	32	55	87

Employment Status	Male	Female	Total
Unemployed > 1 Year	179	250	429
Unemployed < 1 Year	21	38	59
ESOL Other	2	11	13
ESOL at Work	2	2	4
Unemployed	64	76	140
Employed	92	121	213
Not in Labour Market	98	101	199



Participants by Target Group



- Person with Disability
- Substance Misuser
- Ex-Offender
- Early School Leaver
- One-Parent Family
- Traveller
- Refugee
- Asylum Seeker
- Migrant Worker
- Other

Age Profile	Male	Female	Total
Person with Disability	59	46	105
Substance Misuser	3	0	3
Ex-Offender	8	0	8
Early School Leaver	140	121	261
One-Parent Family	2	2	4
Traveller	14	98	112
Refugee	0	4	4
Asylum Seekers	11	19	30
Migrant Worker	0	9	9
Other	218	280	498

**Waterford County Adult Literacy Service
Dungarvan and West Waterford**

Adult Literacy Organiser: Nicola McCarthy Hanlon

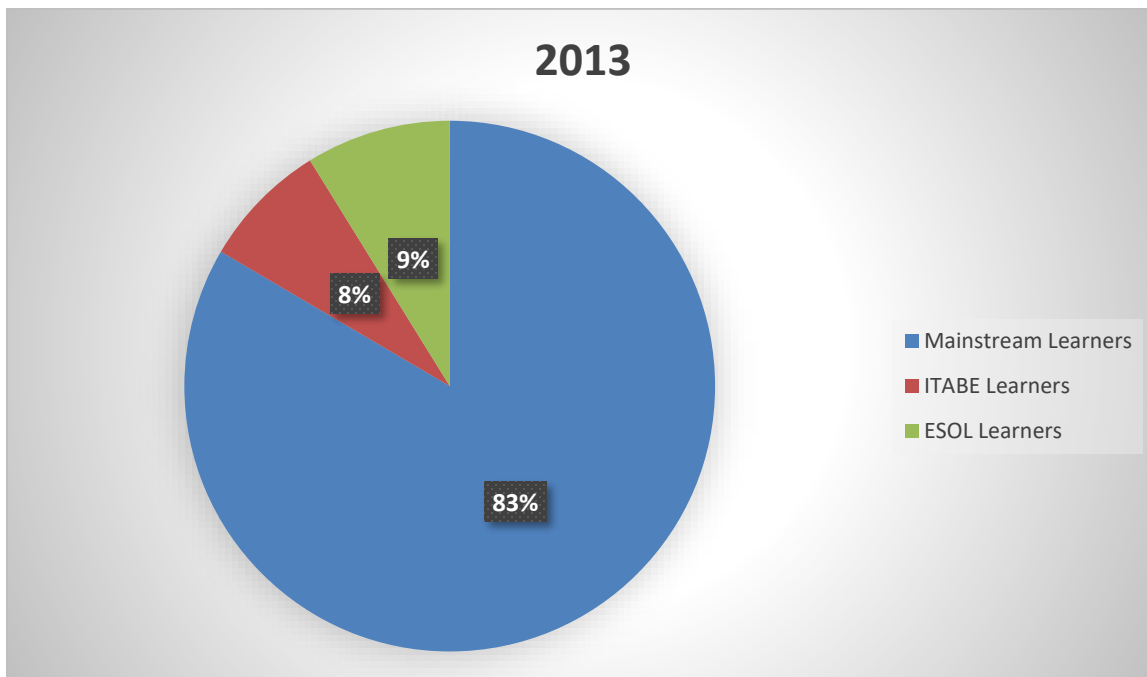
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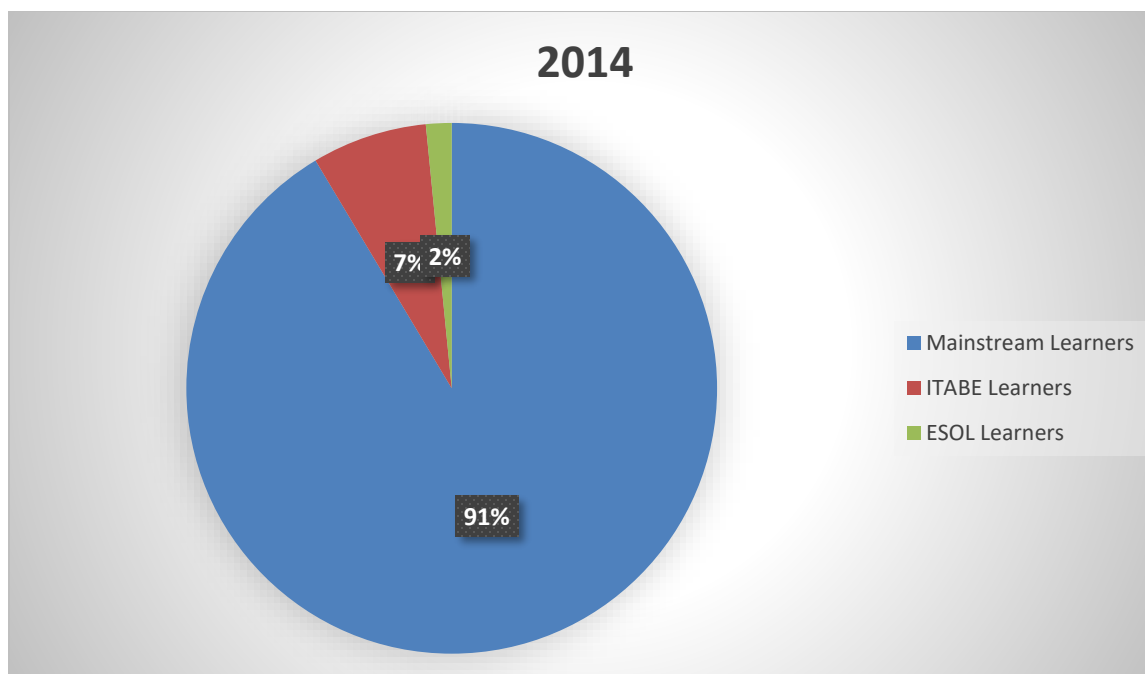
Introduction:

County Waterford Adult Literacy programmes are varied and are developed to encourage adults to return to learning. The courses are based in the following locations:

1. Adult Learning Centre, Wolfe Tone Road, Dungarvan. Phone: 058-42774
2. Ballymacarbry Community Centre, Ballymacarbry. Phone: 058-42774

Learner Statistics





Highlights of 2013/2014

- 56% of the Learners of all programmes are long term unemployed
- 161 certs were awarded at Level 3 and 73 learners were awarded HSE “Cook It” Certification
- Two books were launched this year:
 - “Games of the Déise”, which was a DEIS funded programme for parents and young people in Coláiste Chathail Naofa
 - “Mar a bhí is mar atá”, was launched in Meánscoil San Nioclás
- Training was carried out for all Tutors on the new Level 1 and Level 2 Programmes which will ensure that certification is available to all literacy learners.
- Staff in the centre took part in the Numeracy Conference in Co. Dublin and had a stand showcasing some good numeracy models being used in the centres.
- Staff in the centre started the Maynooth Integrating literacy course and completed to certification level.
- Programmes started in the Ballymacarbry Community centre and the programmes expanded to include two ITABE programmes in 2014.
- The adult literacy service began working on school based programmes in 2013 (Coláiste Chathail Naofa, St. Mary’s Primary School, St. Josephs School and Meánscoil San Nioclás) all DEIS schools. The target group were the parents of children attending the schools. This model was a great success and continues to date.
- The literacy service started programmes in the Library in Tallow and this continue with a Horticulture programme. Certification was awarded to all participants on the programme and over half of the group continue doing courses.

- The Adult literacy service began working in the Respond Community house where budgeting, basic cooking skills and computers were available to the residents.
- A Summer Literacy Programme was run in the centre for targeted parents and children from the Dungarvan DEIS schools.
- The Adult literacy service worked with St. Vincent de Paul to present money management, basic cookery and healthy eating programmes throughout West Waterford.
- The Adult Learning centre continued to engage with communities throughout the county in 2013/2014 and has made major steps in bringing the service to the people. Travel costs have been a difficulty with learners; so engaging with community groups is one way of ensuring provision to those most in need.



A story sack of the Three Little pigs made in St. Mary's school, Dungarvan as part of a DEIS family learning project.

The very Hungry Caterpillar story sack in St. Josephs School, Dungarvan – reading to the children in the school.



Waterford County Adult Literacy Service Waterford County East

Adult Literacy Organiser: Emma Tobin

Address: Adult Literacy Service, Tramore, Co Waterford

Tel: 051 393794

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Introduction:

The Adult Learning/Adult Literacy Programme provides adults with a fresh start to learn basic core skills needed for employment, further study and daily life. With the Programmes you learn at your own pace, the classes are based around the interests and needs of participants. You can receive individual support by working with your own tutor to develop your skills. Small group classes provide excellent opportunities to learn new skills and to make new friends. Classes are provided both during the day and in the evening and courses are free to adults.

Courses Offered

Programmes offered include; Read and Write with Confidence, Learn to Love Maths, Intensive Tuition in Core Skills, Workplace Programmes, Family Learning Programmes and ESOL. A range of accredited courses at QQI Level 1 to 3 are available and include Computers and Internet Skills, Maths, Food and Cookery, Food and Nutrition, Childcare, Personal Development, Communications, Graphic Communications, Horticulture, Irish, Personal Effectiveness, Consumer Awareness, Desktop Publishing.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

Key Developments in the Programme:

- 102 Awards at FETAC Level 2 and 43 Awards at FETAC Level 3 achieved by learners.
- Provision of a variety of tuition models to suit needs of learners including small group, one to one, family learning.
- ITABE programmes delivered in Portlaw and Tramore. The Tramore ITABE programme is made up of long term unemployed men using FETAC Level 2 Food and Nutrition as a themed literacy programme.
- Provision of intensive literacy programmes outside of the ITABE funding to provide for progression of learners.
- Provision of Numeracy tuition at FETAC Level 2 and FETAC Level 3 with progression option to Level 4 under the BTEI programme.
- Family Learning Programmes with residents of Atlantic House and Ocean View Hostels.
- Family Learning Programmes delivered in partnership with RESPOND, Tramore.
- Waterford and Wexford ETB Literacy Services, publications of Student Progression Tutor Records and Learner Journals.

- Participation in the drawing up of Child Protection Guidelines for Adult Literacy Service.

Examples of intra-agency activities across the ETB/with other Learning Programmes

- Tramore Adult Literacy Scheme has been working with the Guidance Service. The Guidance Service has met with the literacy tutors and learner groups.
- ALO carried out a Health and Safety check on Tramore Education Centre as per Safety Statement Recommendations with Tramore Youthreach, BTEI and Community Education.
- Working with Community Education to help plan and assist in ESOL assessment.
- Joint Awards Ceremony for Tramore Literacy, BTEI, Youthreach and Community Education
- Continually working with BTEI, Community Education Coordinators to plan and implement tuition for Tramore to address the needs of learners.
- Team meetings with Literacy Organisers and Manager across the ETB.

Co-operation with external organisations/agencies etc.

- Tramore Adult Literacy Scheme is represented on the Tramore Network Group. Tramore Network Group consists of a number of agencies working in the Tramore area. The purpose of the Tramore Network Group is to heighten awareness of community services within the Tramore catchment area, provide easy access to all these services (removing barriers such as cost, sourcing information, location & awareness), provide a multi-agency holistic approach to clients/participants of services i.e. to refer some client needs if required, share & provide information across the group – courses, information of mutual benefit etc.
- Social Welfare visited the Centre to speak to learners and learners had the opportunity to ask questions about their entitlements.
- Clodagh House, Portlaw provide a room for literacy tuition.
- Further referrals from HSE Occupational Therapist working with Mental Health.
- Tramore Library facilitated library visits and membership for our learners.

Wexford Adult Literacy Service

Adult Literacy Organiser: Don Murphy

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Statistics

Total Number of Learners: 410

Total Number of Groups to Date: 48

Key Developments

- Adult Literacy MADE group won the Aontas Awards
- Fergus Dolan from NALA visited the Tutors Group meeting to get feedback and information on improved services.
- Summer Programme
 - Social Day for Gorey Learners
 - Bunclody Group travelled to JFK Park and JFK Homestead for Summer Social

Integration of Services

- VTOS Study and Literacy Support in New Ross
- VTOS Study and Literacy Support in Gorey
- VTOS Study and Literacy Support in Enniscorthy
- Working with Community Education on a new programme in Ozanam House
- Working with BTEI on the ESOL
- Vocational College Wexford – ITABE Group

Interagency Activity

Co-operation takes place with the following external organisations/agencies:

- County Wexford Community Workshop
- St. Aidens, Gorey
- St. Senans Primary School, Enniscorthy
- RESPOND, Enniscorthy
- Books4babies
- Youthtrain, Wexford
- Ozanam House Men's Hostel, Wexford
- Cornmarket Project, Wexford
- Kennedy Park National School
- Library Services, Wexford
- National Learning Network

Back to Education Initiative

Community Education Facilitator: Fran Kennedy

The Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) is a flexible, part-time training programme providing opportunities to return to learning. It provides the chance to combine a return to education and training with family, work and other responsibilities. Delivery times are flexible and are decided by the group. Any person who has left full-time education can apply to take part; however, priority is given to people with less than leaving certificate standard of education.

County Waterford BTEI Service

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Waterford City BTEI Service

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Wexford BTEI Service

BTEI Organiser: Liz Duffy
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Community Education

Community Education Facilitator: Fran Kennedy

The Community Education Programme supports local communities and community based groups in County Waterford, Waterford City and County Wexford.

Community Education is informal learning that contributes to the development of the local community. Grants and Tutor Hours are available to community groups. Each application is individually assessed.

Due to the volume of applications, priority is given to groups who organise community education programmes for people who may face acute barriers to taking part in education: Older people, women experiencing disadvantage, people with disabilities, travellers, ethnic minority groups, unemployed, lone parents, men experiencing disadvantage, carers, ex-offenders.

County Waterford Community Education

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Waterford City Community Education

Community Education Facilitator: Helen Rafferty

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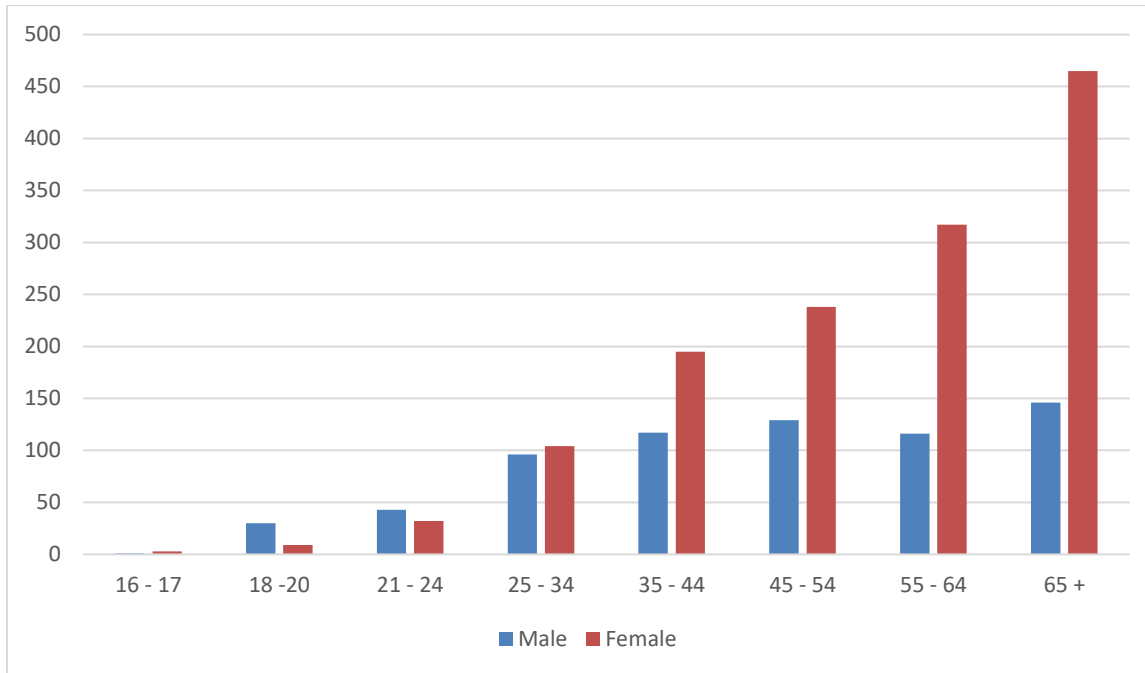
Wexford Community Education

Community Education Facilitator: Anne McDonnell

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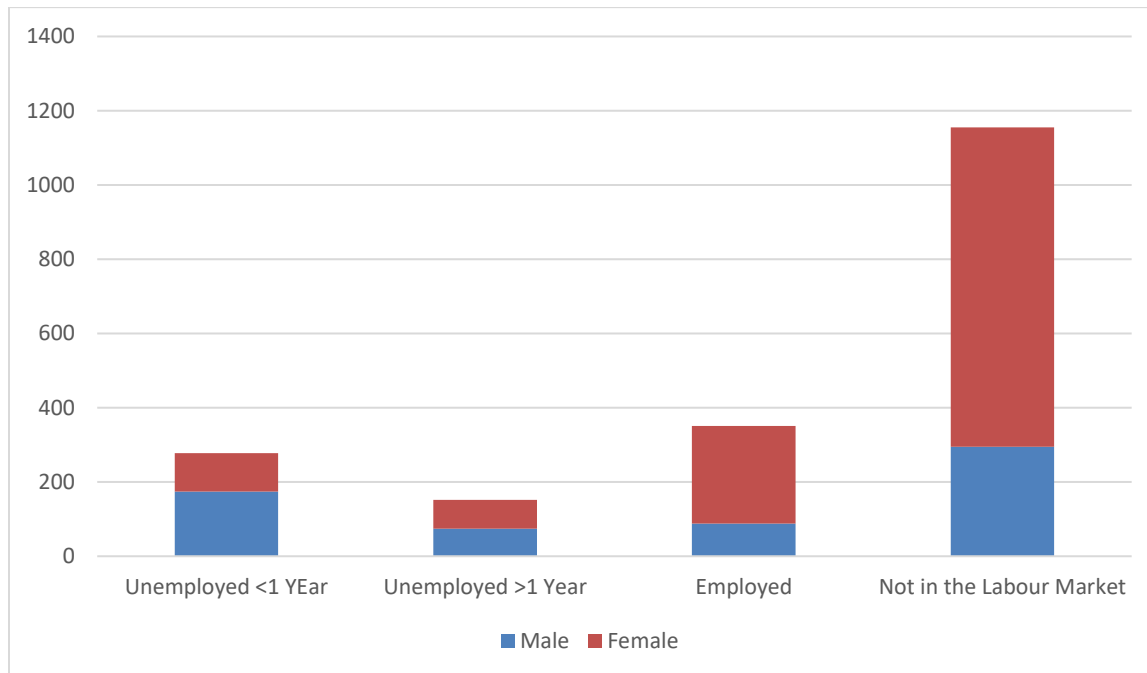
2013 Highlights

Community Education Age Profile



Age Bracket	Male	Female	TOTAL
16 - 17	1	3	4
18 - 20	30	9	39
21 - 24	43	32	75
25 - 34	96	104	200
35 - 44	117	195	312
45 - 54	129	238	367
55 - 64	116	317	433
65 +	146	465	611

Employment Status of Learners



Employment Status	Male	Female	Total
Unemployed <1 Year	174	104	278
Unemployed >1 Year	74	78	152
Employed	88	263	351
Not in the Labour Market	295	860	1155

Number of Participants in Community Education by Target Group in 2013

Target Group	Male	Female	Total
Person with Disability	164	163	327
Substance Misuser	45	1	46
Ex Offender	8	1	9
Early School Leaver	20	65	85
One Parent Family	3	17	20
Traveller	42	29	71
Homeless	3	20	23
Refugee	0	2	2
Asylum Seeker	1	18	19
Migrant Worker	3	8	11
Other	374	1028	1400

*Please note this is quite high and includes older people, unemployed/underemployed, rurally isolated, those not in the labour market

Number of Participants by Course Type in Community Education 2013

Course Type	Male	Female	Total
IT including Basic Computers	111	308	419
Social and Personal Development	105	230	335
Community Arts/Hobbies	179	442	621
Parenting	2	9	11
Vocational Programmes/Training	38	164	202
Health and Fitness	36	160	196
ESOL	38	66	104
Community Development	132	109	241
Special Needs	132	109	241
Other	69	49	118

Number of participants by time spent on the Scheme in Community Education in 2013

Length of time	Male	Female	Total
Less than 1 year	299	602	901
1 – 2 years	284	530	814
3 – 5 years	67	210	277
5 + years	46	45	91

Number of participants who achieved certification in Community Education in 2013

Certification Level	Male	Female	Total
QQI Level 3 (Minor Award)	9	11	20
QQI Level 4 (Minor Award)	6	7	13
QQI Level 5 (Minor Award)	4	23	27
QQI Level 6 (Minor Award)	1	37	38
QQI Level 4 (Major Award)	-	3	3
QQI Level 5 (Major Award)	-	13	13

Amalgamation

- Standardisation of Grant Application Form, SLA and associated forms for Community Education Grants.
- Established the Community Education Team
- Continuing Professional Development
- We delivered Level 6 Group Work to 13 Adult and Community Education Tutors.
- A staff member also participated in Irish Sign Language training.

Promotion

- Advertisement in Co. Wexford Press regarding Co. Wexford VEC's funding to community and voluntary groups
- Tramore Men's Cookery Group cooked Christmas Dinner for 40 learners and staff in Tramore Education Centre
- There was a launch of a DVD celebrating 10 years of Community Education Facilitators and highlighting and promoting the work that is done.
- Co. Waterford hosted two Community Group Gatherings in 2014 and an Eco Walk on Tramore Beach.

Programme Development

- Worked with FAS on the delivery of Career and Life Skills in Ozanam Street Adult Education Centre
- The CE service supported Irish Classes in An Rinn in conjunction with Udaras na Gaeltachta . Digital skills classes through Irish were also provided.
- WWETB were successful in securing funding for Round 2 of Benefit. A commitment has also been made from our resources for progression and sustainability.
- SkillETB, a training initiative for HSE Care Workers was hosted in Co. Waterford and Co. Wexford.
- "Through the Eyes of Traveller Women" was launched by Dungarvan Traveller Women's Group.
- Worked in partnership with Waterford Leader Partnership to deliver an 8 week training programmes for the unemployed.

External Partnerships:

Sr Phils Group, Ballybeg FRC, Traveller CDP Men's Group, Sacred Heart FRC, Larchville/Lisduggan CDP, St Brigids FRC, Lisduggan Men's Group, Ceim Eile, Respond!, U Casadh, Company Club, Deise ARA, Comeragh ARA, Suir ARA, Ex Waterford ARA, Best Foot Forward, St. Patricks Hospital, Tory and Parkside Disability Services, Alzheimers Association, Parkisons Association, Deaf Hear, IWA, Rehab Care, Tallow Enterprise Centre, Lismore Women's Group, Lismore Education Centre, Ballinroad ICA, Tourin Community, Dungarvan Men's Shed, Deise Women's Group, Tramore Mens Cookery Group, Dungarvan Traveller Support Group, Ban na Gaoithe Womens Group, Respond Parents Group, Respond Dungarvan, Kilmacthomas Womens Group, Monday Madness Portlaw, Newport Day care Centre, Deise Mens Group, Kinsalebeg, An Rinn, Ballymacarbry ICA, Tramore ICA, St Jospehs and St Marys School, Deise Daycare Centre, Cappoquin Day Care Centre, St Cartridges Residential Home

Promotion of Community Education Ethos:

- A tool has been developed nationally to Capture the Wider Benefits of Learning in Community Education provision.

Supporting Volunteering

- A QQI7 in Community Project Management was delivered to funded groups in Enniscorthy.

2014 Highlights

Theme for the Year "Community Arts"

CPD

- Community Arts Training Day facilitated by Peter Hussey Crooked House Theatre Company was held in January 2014. 25 tutors from across WWETB attended.

Supporting Volunteerism

- WWETB supported Degree in Community Education and Development.
- Capacity Building workshops for WWETB funded groups in Co. Waterford in partnership with Community Forum, facilitated by Martin Fitzgerald.
- Co. Waterford Community Education Programme mentored a person studying a Masters in Community Arts – this was mutually beneficial as the person delivered QQI 3 Visual Arts as part of her teaching practice.
- Provision of training to Gorey Active Retired members who wished to become volunteer IT mentors/teachers.

Programme Development

- 23 Community Education Groups participated in the Animated Communities event in Christchurch Cathedral in Waterford City. This was the culmination of 20 weeks of community arts classes. The event celebrated the power of arts in our lives and wove

together the work of groups in Visual Art, Dance, Spoken Word Crafts, Music, Drama, Poetry and Song.

- Delivered Benefit 4 Programme (Introduction to Internet and Email) across the three counties. In 2014 DCNR celebrated its 100,000 learner with an event in Dublin Castle. Learners from WWETB attended and participated in the event.
- Linked to GIY (Grow it Yourself) in to deliver workshops in Tramore and Dungarvan.
- Secured funding through National Bike Week for Ban na Gaoithe Womens Group Tramore.
- Continue to provide Basic English language conversation classes in Co. Waterford.
- A Men's Cookery class has been established in Tramore in partnership with Adult Literacy.
- Working with the Direct Provision Centres in Tramore to provide language and life skills programme to Asylum Seekers.
- Partnership work began with Tusla in 2014 with a view to ETB using Clodagh House as a venue for community education groups.
- Established No Limits Community Groups in Adult Education Centres in Co. Waterford, which provides a fun, interactive social space for people.
- Level Up a Digital Skills Programme for Young Adults was delivered in partnership with SWWCDP. The programme focused on enhancing digital skills including creating on line games.
- Some Benefit 4 programmes progressed onto BTEI QQI 3 Internet and Email.
- CE County Wexford are working closely with Wexford County Council on the delivery of Enhance Learning Programme QQI 5 for employees of Wexford County Council.
- Delivery of SkillVEC to Home Helps and Health Care Assistants in Waterford and Wexford.

Promotion of Community Education Ethos

- WWETB recorded a pod cast of community education learner stories under the headings Well Being, Supporting Families, Supporting Communities, Enhancing Employment prospects. This was recorded in Tramore Community Radio.
- Started the process of establishing a Community Education Network of WWETB funded groups.
- Co. Waterford Community Education newsletter was launched and circulated between funded groups.

External Partnerships

Tramore Community Radio, Ceim Eile, Ballybeg FRC, TREO, Waterford Youth Arts, Waterford Men's Shed, St Bridgids FRC, IWA, Focus Ireland, Waterford Traveller CDP, Waterford Women's Centre, Tory Services, Parkside Services, St. Pauls Community Project, Tintean Housing Association, Parkinsons Association, Sacred Heart FRC, Best Foot Forward, Respond!, ABI Waterford City, St Patricks Hospital, Waterford Leader Partnership, Dr Martins day Care Centre, Ballinroad ICA, Ballymacarbry ICA, Ballyduff Upper Group, Deise Daycare Centre, Deise Womens Group, Kinsalebeg Community Group, Lismore Women's Group, Dungarvan Men's Shed, Men's

Social Change Dungarvan, Newport Day Care Centre, Dungarvan Quilting Group, Tallow Enterprise Centre, Dungarvan Traveller Support Group, Ban Na Gaoithe, Cheekpoint Development Group, Kilmeaden Women's Group, New Beginnings Women's Group, Tramore Community radio, Tramore ICA, Tramore Men's Group, Twist it Tuesday, South West Wexford Community Development Group, New Ross Men's Shed, Gorey Men's Shed, Raheen FRC, Wexford Vocational College Parents Group, Irish Men's Shed Association, FDYS, Ramsgrange Community School, Wexford VC, CBS Primary School, Taghmon FRC, Southend FRC, HSE, Taghmon Mens Shed, RESPOND, Gorey Active Retirement, Wexford Library, Wexford CDP Network, Wexford County Council, Ballyroebuck Hall, Deaf Hear, Failte Womens Group New Ross, New Ross Community Health Group, New Ross Digital, Wexford Community Health Project, ABI Wexford, Bunclody Mens Group, Ferns Art Group, New Ross CDP, New Ross Parents Group, Ozanam House, Ramsgrange Community Garden, The Faythe NS, Windmill Therapeutic Training Centre, IWA,

- Member of Dungarvan Education Network.
- The Minister for Education Mr. Ruairi Quinn visited Tramore Education Centre in March 2014. The newly established Tramore Men's Cookery Group made lunch on the day.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Adult Education Officer: Michael Kirwan

English Languages are available throughout the ETB in our adult education and training centres for migrant workers, the unemployed and asylum seekers.

Priority is given to those in need of Basic English language skills to a level of functional competency (A2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or NFQ Level 3).

Accreditation at NFQ Levels 4 and 5 and/or IELTS preparation may be offered in some centres for a fee.

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

Adult Education Officer: Mary Walsh

There are nine Further Education and Training Centres that offer VTOS in Waterford & Wexford ETB across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford.

The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme is an educational opportunities scheme for unemployed persons which is funded by the Department of Education and Skills. The Scheme is operated through the 16 Education & Training Boards countrywide and provides a special range of courses designed to meet the education and training needs of unemployed people.

Prior to the amalgamation there was an allocation of 100 places in Waterford County, 200 place in Waterford City and 220 places in Wexford, giving a total allocation of 520.

Bunclody Adult Education Centre

Co-Ordinator: Ms Mary Waters



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Introduction:

The Adult Education Centre in Bunclody is a 20 place centre delivering QQI Level 4 Major Modules in Employment Skills and General Studies.

Major Modules Offered:

- Employment Skills QQI 4 and General Studies QQI 4.
- Subjects Delivered include:
 - At Level 3: French
 - At Level 4: Communications, ESOL, Teamworking, Work Experience, Information Technology, Customer Service, Career Planning, Understanding Interculturalism, Digital Photography.
 - At Level 5: Word Processing, Work Experience

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- This year saw a change in direction, due to the growing need for full time education for those whose first language is not English. ESOL classes were incorporated into the curriculum.
- As part of Teamworking QQI Level 4, the students produced a calendar with the proceeds going to the ISPCA.
- Students took part in a debate with an outside adjudicator.
- An International Food Day took place in the centre, where all students made food from their own country for all to sample. This was part of Understanding Interculturalism QQI Level 4.

Dungarvan Adult Education Centre

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Introduction:

The Dungarvan Adult Education VTOS Centre at Wolfe Tone Road, Dungarvan, offers full time courses

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include General Learning (QQI Level 4), eBusiness (QQI Level 5), Tourism with Business (QQI Level 5), Office Administration (QQI Level 5), Retail Practice (QQI Level 5), Business Administration (QQI Level 5) and Art (QQI Level 5).

The Business courses will provide students with a broad range of business and computing skills to work in the modern business and financial sector. Many subjects in year 1 start at level 4, progressing to level 5 in year 2.

Work experience will be undertaken 2 weeks in Year 1 and 2 weeks in year 2. The students will achieve a Level 4 General Learning Award (4M2010) in Year 1 and all or a combination of Level 5 awards in Year 2.

The Art course is a 2 year course that covers all the essential areas within Art, practice. Many subjects in year 1 start at level 4, progressing to level 5 in the second year. Subjects covered are Painting, Drawing, Batik, Weaving and Sculpture.

Duration: 2 years, full-time.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

The 2nd year Art students as part of their Teamworking and Work Experience modules, refurbished the VTOS Canteen. We had an official opening were Mary Walsh the AEO open the new canteen. The opening was attended by one of the local newspapers.

Annual Awards night in Lawlors Hotel Dungarvan was well supported again and we had a large number of students receiving awards.

The Annual Art Exhibition was held in the Old Market House Arts Centre. The exhibition was opened by the Co Waterford VEC CEO Paddy Lavelle. The exhibition was open for three weeks and many students sold some of their work.

Enniscorthy VTOS Centre

Centre Co-Ordinator: Ms Eithne Agar



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Introduction:

The policy and ethos of the Enniscorthy VTOS Centre is of “an open and accessible programme of learning structures around the needs of the learner”.

Courses Offered:

General Studies (QQI Level 5), this programme of learning is aimed at those who wish to progress to Third Level or Further Education at Level 6 and offers a broad range of knowledge and key skills development.

Business Administration (QQI Level 5), the overall aim of this programme is to provide the learner with the opportunity to build the knowledge, skills and competence required for participation in higher education, including acquiring a broad range of knowledge for an academic discipline, and key skills for academic research and enquiry.

General Learning (QQI Level 3), basic skills development for those who may have left school early, who are considering progression to a PLC or employment and are capable of learning at Level 3.

Employability Skills (QQI Level 3), basic skills development for those who may have left school early and who are considering progression to employment and are capable of learning at level 3.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

Student Numbers: 40

“Celebrating Excellence in Teaching and Learning”



Fiona Dee IT Teacher with learners



Maths Class under the expert tuition of Terry Ryan

In 2014, the VTOS programme celebrates 25 Years in operation this year. Located locally at the Bellefield GAA Complex the programme has delivered excellent programmes for 22 of those 25 years. We have had periods of great change but VTOS has been as perennial as the grass and has kept flowering for the students year after year.

Captions such as ‘igniting the flame that burns a lifetime’, ‘It’s never too late for a second chance education’ and ‘VTOS Spells Success’ have been appropriate and will continue to be so.



‘A picture paints a thousand words’ so it is said so let’s read the attached photo, taken at our recent awards ceremony, and see what it says to us...

On the far left we have Fiona Dee, our IT Teacher, who has had the distinction of equipping so many of our students for further studies and employment. Next in line Dr John Doran, who attributes to VTOS, the foundation for his transition from 0 to 10 on the national Framework of Qualifications. To the fore: Mary Walsh AEO of the newly constructed Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board. VTOS Enniscorthy Co-ordinator, Eithne Agar, next in line. To the right of the photograph: Tony Kynes, has progressed from our hallowed halls to Wexford Carlow IT Campus and has distinguished himself with a Master’s Thesis of 60,000 words on the retail sector in Wexford Town. He currently teaches at the Campus and teaches Research Skills at the VTOS Centre. He equally acknowledges that without VTOS he would never have achieved all he has done. Behind the camera: James Quirke, our Media teacher must be credited with bringing a wealth of talent into the Centre. There are also the unseen heroes in this photo who are equally an essential part of Team VTOS Enniscorthy. Terry Ryan, Business Studies; Miriam O Sullivan, Culinary Arts and Social Studies; Geraldine Dunne, Computer Literacy and Learning Support, Hugh Dunne, Woodwork and Mary Barron Occupational First Aid.

Launch of VTOS Book Celebrating 25 Years

The staff and students celebrated the publication of the VTOS 25 Years Commemorative Book titled ‘Silver Linings’ VTOS 25 Years Transformation Through Education, which was launched by Gerry Griffin National VTOS Co-ordinator at the recent NAVC Conference in Athlone. This was in conjunction with the Photography Exhibition ‘Escape the Everyday’ which opened at the

centre on the same occasion. There was a great atmosphere in the Centre and everyone celebrated with a Magnum Ice Cream! Magnum and Intel also celebrate 25 Years.

Identifiable trends and considerations for the future 2013:

Male / Female Ratio: 22 male 18 female

Age Profile: 80% below 25 years of age

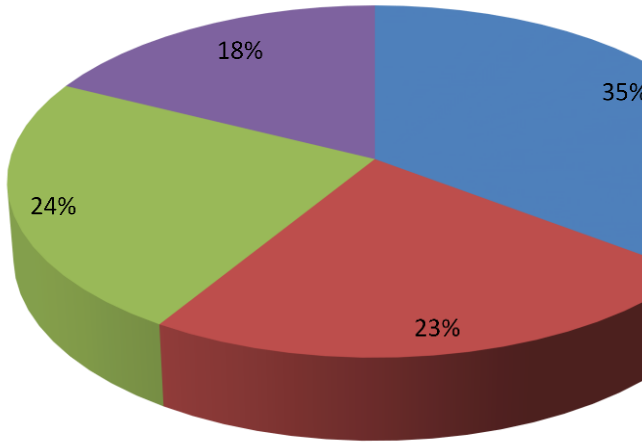
An increasingly younger profile of student has presented challenges which staff have responded to with professional skill, resulting in a high retention rate.

A significant number, over 50% progressed to further education with an increase in the numbers with Leaving Cert standard on entry.

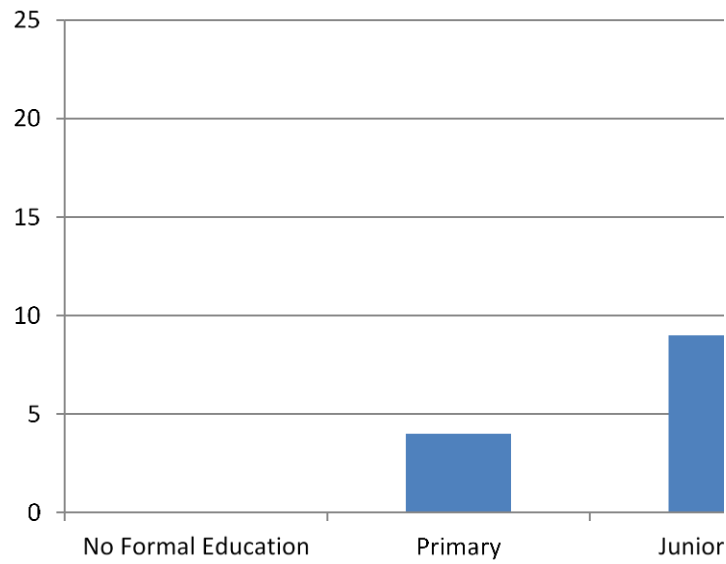
Trends for 2014:

- An increase in progression to employment and of those returning to original status.
- A higher number of those with Leaving Certificate is noteworthy.
- A two to one ratio of Female to Male students.
- 70% below 25 years of age.
- 53% progression to further education
- An increase in those with lower than Junior Cert Education.

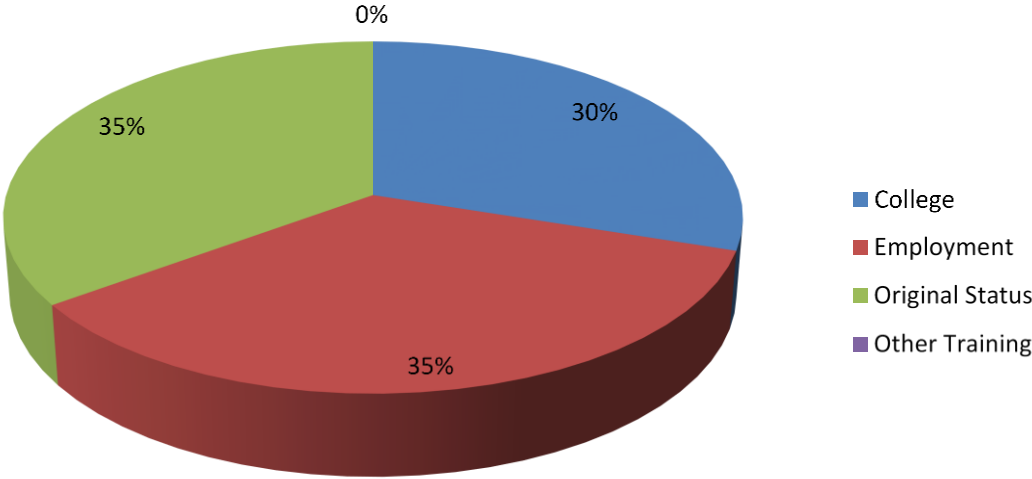
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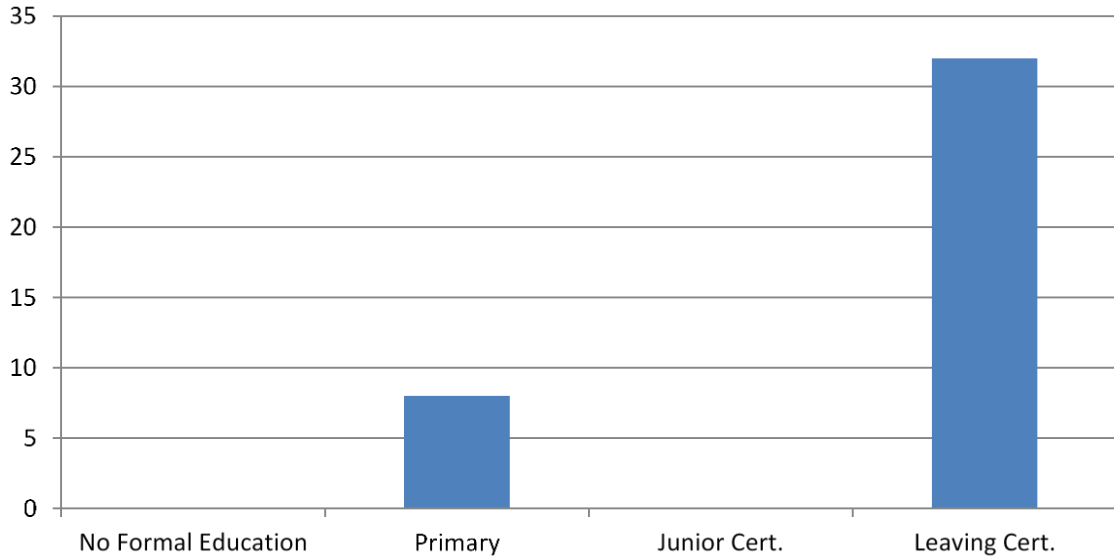
Current Student



Progression of VTOS 2014 Students



Current Students Prior Education



Gorey Adult Education Centre

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Introduction:

VTOS is a return to learning programme which allows adult learners to explore and develop their skills and interests in a general learning course where they can build their confidence and identify opportunities for building a career. Twenty students will get an opportunity to return to full time education and achieve qualifications in a wide range of skills for employment or to progress to third level education.

VTOS is geared for those who may not have experienced success in their previous time in education but are now interested in getting a quality qualification across a broad range of subjects.

Courses Offered:

The course can last for two years, after successfully completing first year and is full time. The first year is designed to build a solid foundation of up to date skills, to access employment in today's economy. In the second year there is the opportunity to acquire a QQI Level 5 qualification in Business or General Studies which will help students to progress to third level education or employment depending on the persons plan.

Kilmacthomas Adult Education Centre

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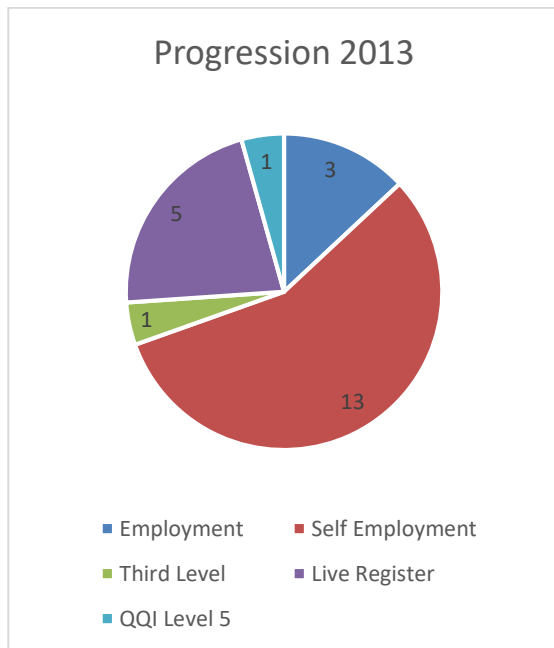
Tel: 051 294680
 Website: www.waterfordwexford.etb.ie

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Start Your Own Business, Business Studies, Information and Communication Technology Skills, Retail Skills and Horticulture.

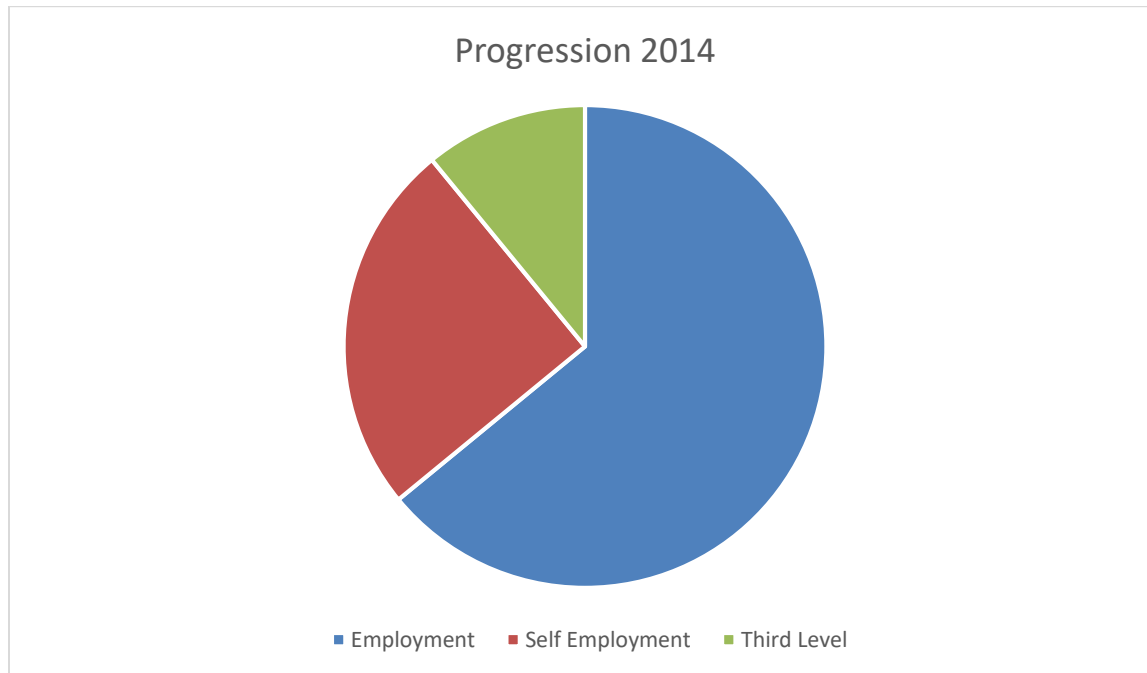
Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

The progression of learners who completed the VTOS Start-Your-Own-Business course in June 2013 and June 2014 is outlined in the tables and charts below.



	Male	Female	Total
Employment	1	2	3
Self-Employment	10	3	13
PLC	-	-	0
Higher Level Education	-	1	1
SOLAS Training Centre	-	-	0
CE Scheme/Rural Social Scheme	-	-	0
BTWA/Enterprise Allowance	-	-	0
Live Register / Original Status	3	2	5
Other (QQI Level 5)	1	-	1
TOTAL	15	8	23

Progression for Learners completing a 2 year course in Summer 2014



	Male	Female	Total
Employment	1	1	2
Self-Employment	3	5	8
PLC	-	-	0
Higher Level Education	-	2	2
SOLAS Training Centre	-	-	0
CE Scheme / Rural Social Scheme	-	-	0
BTWA / Enterprise Allowance	-	-	0
Live Register / Original Status	-	-	0
Other (QQI Level 5)	-	-	0
TOTAL	4	8	12

New Ross Adult Education Centre

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Introduction:

VTOS aims to give unemployed people education and training opportunities which will develop their employability. By completing a VTOS course, participants will gain recognised national qualifications up to QQI Level 5.

The centre provides a supportive environment for learners who wish to return to education at any stage of their adult lives. You will have the chance to update your education and skills and will be prepared to engage in further education or to gain paid employment.

Courses Offered:

Courses Offered include Employability Skills (QQI Level 3) with subjects including Communications, Career Preparation, Mathematics, Art & Design, Work Processing, Personal Effectiveness.

Office Skills (QQI Level 4) with subjects including Communications, General Office Skills, Business English, Business Calculations, Information Technology Skills, Customer Service, Bookkeeping and Accounts, Work Experience.

Culinary Skills (QQI Level 4) with subjects including Culinary Techniques, Pastry, Baking & Desserts, Menu Planning, Catering Operations & Systems, Team Working, Personal Effectiveness, Work Experience, Work Processing, Functional Maths.

Professional Cookery (QQI Level 5) with subjects including Culinary Techniques, Pastry, Baking & Desserts, Menu Planning & Applied Nutrition, International Cuisines, Meal Service, Food Science & Technology, Personal Effectiveness, Work Practice, Work Processing.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- Culinary Skills QQI Level 4 award offered for the first time in VTOS New Ross from August 2013.
- VTOS New Ross was presented with an award in the best kept allotments category of the New Ross Tidy Towns Competition.
- A former learner, who completed in June 2013, commenced a JobBridge placement in the Centre as an Events' Organiser.
- QQI awards were presented to 2013 graduates in Employability Skills, Employment Skills, General Learning and Culinary Skills.

- Learners attended WIT Open Day.
- Learners were presented with certificates in HACCP, Basic First Aid and Manual Handling.
- The Coordinator attended the NAVC conference.
- An Open Day was held for the recruitment of new learners. Existing Culinary Skills learners coordinated the organisation and catering for this event as part of their Teamworking module assignment.
- The Coordinator participated in the Waterford Jobs and Advice Fair conjunction with Adult & Community Education staff.
- The Coordinator and teacher Renée Langton visited Cork College of Commerce to research progression options from the Culinary Skills course.
- An exhibition of work by the Historical Studies group was held on display for the summer months at The Dunbrody Visitors' Centre.
- A former learner, who completed in 2010, passed his Leaving Certificate Mathematics from New Ross Vocational College.
- Office Skills QQI Level 4 and Professional Cookery Level 5 awards offered for the first time in VTOS New Ross from August 2014.
- The Coordinator hosted an information stand as part of an Open Evening held in the Centre in conjunction with Adult Literacy and BTEI programmes.
- In collaboration with FDYS, Professional Cookery learners cooked for a 'Strengthening Families' programme for 14 evenings/weeks and consequently were nominated for an Aontas Star Award.
- The Coordinator participated in the Wexford Education, Training and Advice Fair - holding a stall in conjunction with Adult & Community Education staff.
- The Coordinator and teachers Renée Langton and Debbie Newport visited Kinsale College of Further Education to collaborate on cookery course material.
- Learners attended WIT Open Day.
- Professional Cookery learners cooked and served a Christmas meal to all in the Centre.
- A cheque for €160.00 was presented to New Ross River Search and Rescue- the results of a fundraising event.

Waterford College of Further Education

Centre Co-Ordinator: Ms Cairein Phillips



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Introduction:

Adult Access VTOS, WCFE which is a core Vocational Opportunities Training Scheme (VTOS) provision, is unique in this area as it is part of a larger college giving the students all the advantages of the larger college. Adult Access delivers interesting, worthwhile and relevant courses to adults. There are 100 places available for these two years courses.

Special attention is given to supporting those who have been out of the education system for some time with individually designed tutorials. In addition, extensive provision of English language lessons are integral parts of the course for those for whom English is not their first language.

Courses are delivered in groups dedicated to adults as part of a larger college and give students access to a broad range of facilities including, canteen, gym, library, common room, student cards and open access computer rooms. Importance is given to fun and enjoyment with student activates throughout the year. Along with the main components learners can participate in workshops that enhance their college experience such as study skills, career planning, health related activities, entrepreneurship, customer facing skills, interview preparation, personal care, presentation skills, team working, conflict resolution, occupational first aid, manual and patient handling, drama, complementary therapies, and hair care for carers.

Some students come to the course to improve their existing qualification but many choose to change career direction. Many graduates move directly into employment and many more move on to further education, both within the college and to third level. Graduates achieve worthwhile level 5 QQI certification, on courses that are constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of students and employers.

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Social and Health Care Studies, Childcare and Business Studies.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

Adult Access VTOS moved to new premises within the campus of WCFE. The premises are located in Burchall House. These new light and airy rooms are considered to be fantastic by the students and give the students a separate space in which to study and relax.

Adult Access piloted a new course to provide full time education at FETAC level 4 to meet the needs of those for whom English was not their first language. Extensive English language lessons were integrated into the courses provided. This course proved to be extremely popular with most of the students moving on to a full level 5 certificate in their second year.



As usual our graduates moved on to employment, further education and higher education.

Statistics at the end of 2014:

- There were 94 students
 - 21 male and 73 female students

Course Statistics

- 27 in the business studies area
- 67 in the social, community, health and child care areas
- 50 students were in first year of the course
- 42 students were in second year of the course
- The majority of the second years graduated with a full level 5 QQI major award while all the first years achieved component awards. Most graduates progressed to employment or to further or higher education.

Waterford VTOS

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Waterford VTOS (formerly Waterford Adult Education Centre) has been offering courses to adults under the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme since 1994. A range of full-time educational and training courses are available to adults who are aged 21 years or over and in receipt of eligible Social Protection payments.

The emphasis is on providing quality education in a friendly, supportive environment enabling our graduates to progress on to employment, self-employment or to further education. Our courses are accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), formerly FETAC, which testifies to the standard and professionalism of the education and training being offered.

Ancillary services, such as a student canteen and access to the internet, English language, literacy and numeracy support classes further enhances the learning environment of our students. There are no college fees and affordable childcare assistance is provided through the Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS). Waterford VTOS is located near the city centre and is well serviced by bus routes.

Programmes Offered:

Information Technology & Business Administration. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Award in Business Administration 5M2468 and Information Processing 5M2067

Subjects: Word Processing, Database Methods, Spreadsheet Methods, Work Experience, Communications, Business Administration, Payroll; Manual & Computerised, Accounts; Manual & Computerised, Marketing, Desktop Publishing, Web Authoring and Medical Terminology.

Art, Craft & Design. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Creative Craft 5M1981

Subjects: Stained Glass/Decorative Glass Design, Drawing, Design Skills, Ceramics, Art Metal-craft, Wood Finishing, Combined Materials, Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design, Painting, Communications, Work Experience, Introduction to Computers.

Interior Design & Decoration. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Interior Design 5M5054.

Subjects: Architectural Drawing, Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design, Ceramics, Furniture & Fittings, Design Skills, Combined Materials, Communications, Work Experience, Materials & Finishes, Drawing, Colour & Light, Computer Illustrated Graphics, Introduction to Computers & CAD.

Fashion Design & Accessories. Accreditation: QQI Level 5 Award 5M3865.

Subjects: Garment Construction, Fashion Industry & Design Studies, Pattern Drafting, Drawing, Textiles, Embroidery, Ceramics, Combined Materials, Communications, Work Experience and Introduction to Computers.

Highlights for 2013/2014



Waterford VTOS Awards Ceremony

March 2014, Sharon Fogarty, First Year Fashion Student, being presented with a QQI Level 5 Award by the Mayor of Waterford, Cllr. Tom Cunningham

Fashion Show

Model wearing Avante Garde design as part of the Second Year Fashion Design Show, QQI Level 5





Craft Exhibition

Second Year Craft, Art and Design hosting their annual exhibition (QQI Level 5) in the Municipal Library, Waterford City

Interior Design Exhibition

Second Year Interior Design & Decoration (QQI Level 5) in Colourtrend, Waterford City.
Pictured: Martin Horinek, student with upcycled dresser





Kite Design Centre

Launch of the “First Flight” initiative with the Waterford Local Enterprise Office. Pictured Helena Finlay, VTOS Co-ordinator, Ciaran Cullen, Acting CEO Waterford City Enterprise; Lenka Jindrichova, Craft student; Andrew Phelan, Craft student; Cormac Leane, Craft Teacher and Lucia Domoradova, Fashion Design Graduate.

Wexford VTOS

Centre Co-Ordinator: Ms Ann Slaven



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Introduction:

The Wexford Adult Education Centre is located at Westgate in Wexford. Courses on offer may vary from year to year depending on the needs and interests of incoming students. All courses offer nationally and internationally recognised qualifications.

The centre provides a supportive environment for learners who wish to return to education at any stage of their adult lives. All levels are catered for and you will be welcomed regardless of age, sex, educational background, or ability. You will have the chance to update your education and skills and will be assisted on to further education or into employment. Maybe you want to help your children with their homework. Maybe you want to meet like-minded adults. Whatever your motivations, VTOS might be your solution.

Courses Offered:

Sport Recreation and Exercise

- Exercise and Fitness
- Sport and Recreation Studies
- Teamworking
- Nutrition
- Hurling Coaching
- Sport Injury Prevention
- Safety and Health at Work
- Communications
- Work Experience

Business Administration

- Business and Administration Skills
- Word Processing
- Text Production
- Bookkeeping Manual and Computerised
- Database Methods
- Business Calculations

- Communications
- Work Experience

Information Processing

- Information and Communication Systems
- Spreadsheet Methods
- Accounting Manual and Computerised
- Payroll Manual and Computerised
- Database Methods
- Internet and Email
- Desktop Publishing
- Communications
- Work Experience

Leaving Certificate for Adults

- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Accounting
- Business
- French

Microsoft Office Specialist

- Access Core
- Excel Core
- Word Core
- Powerpoint Core
- Excel Expert
- Word Expert

General Learning with Sports Coaching

- Research and Study Skills
- Teamworking
- Work Experience
- Safety and Health in the Workplace
- Occupational First Aid
- Hurling Coaching
- Gaelic Football Coaching
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Communications
- Work Experience

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- Number of Students enrolled: 80
- Links forged with Local Employers through Work Experience programme
- Sport students provided sports training in local primary and secondary school and organised Fun and Fitness days in Primary schools
- Coaching students acted as coaches for Easter and Summer Camps run by the GAA
- Charity and fundraising events were organised by class groups as part of Teamworking project
- 36 students progressed to employment, 1 to self-employment, 10 to Third Level, 4 to CE and 1 to internship
- An ex VTOS student received Student of the year Award at Carlow IT

Youth Work

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board as part of ETB Act 2013 supports the coordination, provision, assessment and administration of Youth Work.

Youth Work is defined in the Youth Work Act 2001 and the ETB Act 2013 as:

A planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young persons through their voluntary participation, and which is

- a) complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training;
- and
- b) provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations.

The ETB have 2 Officers working in Youth Affairs:

Youth Development Officer: Joe Gough

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Area of responsibility: Waterford city

Youth Officer: Martin Fitzgerald

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Area of responsibility: Waterford (excluding the city of Waterford) and Wexford Counties

Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2013/2014 Allocations

In the counties of Waterford and Wexford (excluding Waterford city) the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board allocate annual grants to volunteer led youth clubs and groups. The purpose of the grant is to support local community based groups to provide Youth Work services in their locality. A total of 60 groups received €49,793.11.

These grants are key to the clubs involved and can be seen as support to young people from across all areas of need and location to achieve their full potential.

Name of Club/Group	Amount €
Abbeyside Girl Guides Brownies and Ladybirds	1,038.19
Activ8	789.02
Askamore Foroige Club	705.97
Ballinroad Youth Club	747.49
Ballycullane Foroige Youth Club	747.49
Ballyduff Upper Foroige Club	705.97
Ballygarrett Youth Club	872.08
Ballymurn Youth Club	955.13
Blackwater Fororige Club	872.08
Boolavogue Foroige Club	872.08
Bree Macra na Feirme	664.44
Bree Youth Club	955.13
Bridgetown Youth drop in	332.22
Bunclody Foroige Club	705.97
Catholic Guides of Ireland (Castlebridge)	789.02
Clonard Girl Guides	1,038.19
Courtnacuddy Youth Club	955.13
Craobh na gComarach CCE	622.91
Crossabeg Youth Club	789.02
Danescastle Music Group	622.91
Davidstown Foroige Club	747.49
Dungarvan No Name Club	955.13
Enniscorthy Brownies	872.08
Fusion	789.02
Group 203 Irish Pilgrimage Trust	249.16
Kidz 4 a reason	955.13
Kilmore Quay "Youth Drop in"	332.22
Le Cheile	789.02
Lismore Foroige Club	789.02
Marshalstown Youth Club	913.60
Monageer Foroige Club	789.02

Murrintown Youth Club	1,038.19
New Ross Music Collective	622.91
New Ross No Name Club	955.13
No Limits Youth Club	747.49
Order of Malta	872.08
Oylegate Youth Club	872.08
Passage East & Crooke Foroige Club	913.60
Planet Youth Club	747.49
Rendezvous Youth Café	872.08
Ring of Hook No Name Club	913.60
Riverchapel Courtown Foroige Youth Club	872.08
Seashell Ladybirds, Brownies & Guides	955.13
St. Aidans Catholic Guides of Ireland	1,038.19
St Josephs Youth Club	705.97
St. Paul's Scout Group, Blackwater	955.13
Tallow Foroige Club	789.02
Terrerath Youth Club	789.02
Tramore Unit - Catholic Guides of Ireland	955.13
The Ballagh Youth Club	872.08
The Wolf Pack	789.02
1st Gorey Boys Brigade	500.00
2nd Wexford Clifford St.	1,038.19
2nd Wexford Port of Wexford Sea Scouts	955.13
4th Waterford Abbeyside Scouts	1,038.19
11 th Waterford Dungarvan Scout Grup	1,038.19
26th Tipperary Scout Group	872.08
31st Waterford Scout Group	1,038.19
31st Wexford Ballyhuskard Scout Group	1,038.19
35th Waterford Copper Scout Group	1,038.19
TOTAL	49,793.11

Highlights for 2013/2014

Introduction of National Quality Standards Framework for youth projects and services with:

- Dungarvan Community Youth Project,
- Woodstown Youth Centre
- Dungarvan Youth Information Centre.
- WSTCYS (including :Youth Information Centre, Ballybeg SPY, SHY SPY)
- Youth New Ross
- FDYS overall projects

Introduction of Quality Standards for Volunteer-led Youth Groups including uniformed groups, youth clubs, foroige clubs and independent youth groups

Youthreach

Adult Education Officer: Mary Walsh

There are seven Youthreach Centres in Waterford and Wexford ETB across the Counties of Waterford and Wexford.

Youthreach is a programme of education, training and work experience for early school leavers provided in an out-of-school setting. Youthreach aims to give young people a second chance to gain education and training, a chance to develop new skills, a chance to gain national certification and progress to further education or training, a chance to find employment.

In Youthreach there was an allocation of 245 places in total. There were originally 45 places in Co Waterford, 75 places in Waterford City and 125 places in Co Wexford.

Dungarvan Youthreach

Co-Ordinator: Ms Maria Carney



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Introduction:

The aim of Dungarvan Youthreach is to provide a second chance programme of education and development to young people in a safe, supportive and holistic environment.

Courses Offered:

Certified Learning

- The Leaving Certificate Applied.
- FETAC General Learning Certificate (Level 3).

Non-certified Learning

- Summer programme.
- Vocational certification (Safe Pass, Safe Food, First Aid and Canoeing).
- Work Experience.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

- 8 young people achieved their Leaving Certificate Applied in 2013 and 7 completed it in 2014.
- 22 component FETAC Level 3 certificates were awarded and 3 Full FETAC Level 3 Certificates were achieved.
- To raise awareness of our European identity we worked with our National agency LEARGAS to avail of the following:
 - Three Youthreach students and two staff joined 25 other young people from Greece, Romania, Cyprus and Estonia to participate in a training course on EU citizenship in Limassol Cyprus. This was a highly valuable learning experience. All participants were awarded their EU YOUTHPASS certificates.
- In May 2014, Maria Carney, participated in a study visit on vocational education for young people in Malta.
- In March 2014, the Centre was inspected by the Department of Education & Skills. The findings commended the staff and students and many good practices were identified.

Enniscorthy Youthreach

Co-Ordinator: Mr John Brennan



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Introduction:

Enniscorthy Youthreach Centre strives to provide a caring and learning environment for all our learners where mutual respect and fairness is the key in allowing individuals to achieve their full potential. The aim of Youthreach is to provide education, training and certification for early school leavers, to provide a structured programme to help the individual learner

Programmes Offered:

Gateway. This programme is introduced to cater for learners who need help with literacy and numeracy. It also consists of practical classes such as Home Economics, Information Technology and Woodwork. Literacy and numeracy is provided on a one to one basis.

Foundation Level. This one year programme gives learners an opportunity to become familiar with on-going assessment and doing task work.

Leaving Certificate Applied. This is an option revised Senior Cycle structure and was introduced in Summer 1995, subjects offered are: Art, Craft & Design, English & Communications, French, Gaeilge, Hair & Beauty, Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Information Technology, ECDL, Leisure & Recreation, Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Vocational Preparation & Guidance, Woodwork & Construction, Digital Media, SPHE.

Other Programmes Delivered include ECDL, Steer Clear, First Aid and Manual Handling

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

Numbers of Learners on 31 December 2013		
Male	Female	Total
21	17	38

Number of Learners on 31 December 2014		
Male	Female	Total
20	18	38

Age of Learners 31 December 2013		
Age	Male	Female
15	1	1
16	7	5
17	9	5
18	3	6
19	1	0
20	0	0

Age of Learners 31 December 2014		
Age	Male	Female
15	0	0
16	5	5
17	8	11
18	6	2
19	1	0
20	0	0

Number of Learners who left the Programme 31 December 2013		
	Male	Female
Employment	0	0
Social Care	0	0
Marriage	0	0
Returned Home	0	1
Other Training	1	0
Not Known	1	0

Number of Learners who left the Programme 31 December 2014		
	Male	Female
Employment	1	0
Social Care	2	1
Marriage	0	0
Returned Home	0	1
Other Training	0	0
Not Known	1	0

The Numbers who completed Certified & Non Certified Courses

As at 31 December 2013		
	Male	Female
<i>LCA</i>	6	2
<i>FETAC Level 3</i>	12	9
<i>ECDL, Basic First Aid, Steer Clear & Manual Handling</i>	28	16
<i>SPHE/RSE</i>	6	4
<i>Summer Programme</i>	13	15

As at 31 December 2014		
	Male	Female
<i>LCA</i>	4	8
<i>QQI Level 3</i>	1	1
<i>ECDL, Basic First Aid, Steer Clear & Manual Handling</i>	26	36
<i>SPHE/RSE</i>	12	23
<i>Summer Programme</i>	7	12

During an internal Centre Evaluation, the facilitator visited the Centre on 4 and 5 July 2013. The following nine areas were selected by Staff for Evaluation:

- Ethos
- Planning
- Work Experience
- Premises
- Equipment
- Staff Team
- Staff Recruitment & Induction
- Code of Behaviour

- Recruitment of Learners & Admission

An internal Centre Evaluation took place on 28 and 29 August 2014. The following nine areas were selected by staff for evaluation:

- Administration and Financial Management
- Record Keeping
- Health & Safety
- Staff Development & Training
- Staff Support
- Social Environment
- Interculturalism
- Support Structures for Learners
- Social, Personal & Health Education

New Ross Youthreach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Betty Doyle /
James O' Hanlon



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Introduction:

New Ross Youthreach is committed to maintaining a welcoming, caring and safe learning environment where learners can progress at their own pace to achieve their individual potential in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The aims of New Ross Youthreach are to provide a caring, secure and disciplined environment where learners learn and teacher teach, to provide a broad-based curriculum which seeks to meet the varying needs and abilities of individual learners, to foster the development of each learners skills, knowledge and self-esteem as well as his/her enthusiasm for learning, to help learners to develop skills for future life and for responsible citizenship, to promote moral values, self-discipline and self-respect for themselves and respect for others.

Programmes Offered:

The programmes on offer include; Leaving Certificate Applied, QQI – Levels 3 and 4, Special Educational Needs Initiative (SENI), Guidance and Counselling Service, Learning Support Programme, Literacy/Numeracy Provision and Home School Community Liaison.

Highlights of 2013/2014 include:

January

- The centre had a successful DES inspection in 2014. Learners achieved their QQI award at level 3 in October and others completed Leaving certificate Applied in June.

September 2014

- New Student Intake and Induction
- Initial Assessment: WRAT 4
- Programme Planning: Teachers prepared programme plans
- Stuy – ZestLife Presentation

October 2014

- QQI Assessment
- Data Protection Course
- New Student Intake and Induction

- Sponsored Walk

November 2014

- New Student Intake and Induction
- Task Day

December 2014

- Christmas Dinner in Centre
- Centre Student Reports
- Ice Skating in Kilkenny
- Numeracy Initiative (Question of the week)
- SENI Report
- Mary Gordon visit

After coordinating the centre since it opened Betty Doyle retired as Co-ordinator in July 2014.

Tramore Youthreach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Gerard McManus



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Introduction:

Youthreach is part of a national programme that offers second chance education and training to 16-20 year olds. It is aimed at early school leavers and is designed to give young people the opportunity to gain confidence and engage in the formal certification process in an 'out of school' setting. It is a full-time year round course where learners receive a weekly training and travel allowance.

Number of Learners:

Numbers of Learners in 2013		
Male	Female	Total
12	7	19

Number of Learners in 2014		
Male	Female	Total
12	6	18

Exam Results 2013: 4 Merits and 2 Pass

Exam Results 2014: 3 Distinction, 3 Merits and 1 Pass

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Leaving Certification Applied and QQI Level 3. In addition to formal learning, the following services are provided: Work Experience, Sports & Recreation, Mentoring and Support, Careers Information, Personal & Social Development and Literacy & Numeracy Development.

To start the journey in Tramore Youthreach all of our Learners have an assessment in Rat and Cat, these tools are to support the Learner and gives the Team an insight and understanding of their level. This also help when requesting reasonable accommodation for the Learners. Each learner has a one to one review in the academic year, which is part of their development in the centre and preparation for exiting the Program. Each learner has a mentor assigned to them to help and support them in their attendance and work engagement with the LCA.

Highlights for 2013/2014

- During the year Staff attended a number of training programmes which included; drugs awareness, team coaching, SPHE/RSE, restorative practice and instructional leadership.
- Educational Trips/Outings for the learners included:
 - Visit to the Dunbrody
 - Historical trip to Waterford
 - Historical trip around Tramore
 - Laser Blast
 - Beat the Blues Programme
 - Art Exhibition
 - International Football Game
 - Ploughing Championship
- Work Experience is an integral part of the LCA and the learners engage in placements they have an interest in as they consider and decide their chosen paths. We have a very good relationship with the local business community.
- Over the two-year period we have had open evenings with Parents/ Guardians with guest speakers from the local community, Garda, Drugs worker, TYRE Project, Tulsa, and other Volunteer groups.
- The Centre Co-Ordinator has been interviewed on local radio to speak about the Youthreach Program.
- The staff team selected Quality Standard areas to be evaluated during the ICE Process of 2014, the report is available from the Centre to view.
- The Michael Sweetman Educational Trust, with the generous assistance of *Education and Training Boards*, and the support of the European Parliament (assisted by European Movement Ireland and *Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI) (Formerly VEC)*, will award a visit to Strasbourg, France to 24 Leaving Certificate Applied students, attending an ETB School, College or Centre. The visit will take place 24th – 27th January, 2017. While in Strasbourg the winning students will visit the European Parliament. They will have the opportunity to meet, work and socialise with students from other European States. Each winning student will commit to taking an active part in the EUROSCOLA forum in the European Parliament; to prepare diligently for it – and afterwards to forward a short report (written and/or photographic) to ETBI following the visit. In 2013/14/15 we had three Learners attend the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Waterford Youthreach

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Jim D'Arcy

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Introduction:

While working with early school leavers, our aims are to provide education and vocational guidance to early school leaver in order to improve future employment and training prospects, to provide a caring, effective and safe environment where education can take place, to provide educational programmes which are learner-focused and reflect their vocational, social and health needs, to encourage the development of life-skills in a respectful and caring manner, to support all early school leavers equally and fairly

Courses Offered:

Courses offered include: Leaving Certificate (1 Year), Leaving Certificate Applied (2 years), Horticulture, Sports Performance. The Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied courses are open to any young person who has an active interest in learning that would like to return to education. Literacy and numeracy are a constant focus as part of all courses offered within the centre and there is a dedicated literacy team who supports students one-to-one. Literacy and numeracy are a fundamental part of our centres ethos. Pupils are encouraged to return to education and to take an active interest in their progression to third level courses, vocational apprenticeships and/or job application.

Wexford Youthreach

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Introduction:

Youthreach Wexford operates in an evolving society, aiming to develop the learner's full potential in a caring, respectful, educational and safe environment.

The aims of Youthreach are

- to provide a response to the needs of early school leavers.
- to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to make the transition from Youthreach to Further and Higher Education, training, work and adult life.
- to foster a willingness among learners to engage in learning.
- to provide a range of educational programmes on an on-going basis.
- to create an awareness of nature, an appreciation of the environment and the impact we all have on it.
- to develop in the learner a knowledge that we live in an ever changing and intercultural society.

Programmes Offered:

Programmes offered include; Leaving Certificate Applied, FETAC Level 2 and Level 3, Literacy & Numeracy Provision, SPHE and RSE.

Highlights of 2013/14 include:

- Staff training
- Shielbaggan – outdoor pursuits
- Parents and employers' coffee morning
- Work Experience
- LCA Task examinations
- Awards day
- Sports Day
- Summer Barbecue

Youthreach Subla Centre

Centre Co-Ordinator: Mr Mark O’Sullivan

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Introduction

Youthreach Subla Centre is an education centre for young people who are aged between 15 and 20 years, have left the mainstream school system, do not attend other existing educational or training provision and have not secured fulltime employment. The centre encourages a culture of educational attainment for young people in a safe, secure, supportive and caring environment. We provide a genuinely integrated holistic education and support network for early school leavers while maintaining our strong links with the Traveller Community.

Programmes offered

Leaving Certificate Applied

This course aims to provide young people with the abilities and skills to enable them to complete a Leaving Cert Applied. It runs across two years on a full-time basis and subjects studied include English & Communications, Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Vocational Preparation and Guidance, Information and Communications Technology, Active Leisure Studies and Leisure & Recreation.

Highlights2013/2014:

- The graduation of LCA Year 2 class after completing course in the Summer of 2014 and the beginning of new LCA Year 1 class in September 2014.
- Centre outings and trips included:
 - The National Ploughing Championships in Laois
 - Shielbeggan Outdoor Activity centre, Wexford.
- Activities Included:
 - Soccer tournament in Kilkenny City
 - Mud-run in Kilmacthomas
 - Horse-riding in Tramore
 - Quadding in Clonroche
 - Go-karting in Kilkenny
 - Surfing in Tramore
 - Climbing in the Comeragh mountains.
- Visitors and outside educators to the centre included
 - Drug Awareness programme
 - Squashy Couch sexual health programme
 - Traveller CDP healthy eating programme.

Training Services

Waterford and Wexford Training Services are dedicated to ensuring your learning experience is enjoyable and successful. Our experienced team provide a very high standard of training and support to assist you in your journey towards a brighter future.

At our purpose built facilities we offer a variety of courses that are suitable for many different learners – jobseekers, people entering the workforce for the first time, early school leavers, people with disabilities, those wishing to change careers and people looking to refresh their knowledge or gain new skills.

Waterford and Wexford ETB have two Training Centres, one in Waterford City and one in Wexford Town.

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Wexford Training Centre

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Training Course

These courses provide learners with essential and valuable skills to make them potentially valuable employees. On successful completion of these courses, learners will gain formal qualifications. These courses are delivered on a full-time, part-time, blended or evening basis.

- Day courses are usually full-time and provide you with essential and valuable skills that aim to make you more employable. Our day courses offer formal qualifications recognised by Industry to help you enter the workforce. If you are a jobseeker, looking to refresh your knowledge, gain new skills or enter the workforce for the first time we may have a suitable day course for you.
- Evening courses are delivered by night and are aimed at people who may want to learn new skills or want to build on their current skills but may not be available for training during the day. The courses on offer can provide you with essential and valuable skills that make you more employable. Evening courses offer formal qualifications recognised by Industry. If you are looking to refresh your current skills, gain new skills or enter the workforce for the first time we may have a suitable evening course for you.
- These courses are designed to improve the skills of people who may need additional support to obtain a job or progress to higher-level training. If you have been unemployed for a long time, are an early school leaver or have a disability these courses may be suitable for you. Training is provided by Community Training Centres, Specialist Training Providers and Local Training Initiatives.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship is the recognised means by which people are trained to become craftspeople in Ireland. Apprenticeship involves a combination of learning in the classroom and on-the-job training and aims to develop the skills of the apprentice to meet the needs of industry and the labour market.

Traineeships

Traineeships are job specific and industry endorsed training programmes. A traineeship combines learning at the training centre with on-the-job training. Traineeships are specific to jobs that are not taught as apprenticeships but do require skills that are best learnt through on-the-job training.

Construction Skills Certification Scheme

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) is for people who are interested in working in the construction industry in a non-craft job. The scheme trains, assesses, certifies and registers people to work in the construction industry.

Quarry Skills Certification Scheme

The Quarry Skills Certification Scheme (QSCS) is for people who are interested in working in the quarrying sector in a non-craft job. The scheme trains, assesses, certifies and registers people to work in the quarrying sector.

E-Learning at the Library

This is a foundation programme for people who are interested in learning the basics of information technology. The programme is open to anyone and is delivered by ETB in partnership with the Library Council of Ireland.

Community Training Centre (CTC)

Training programmes run by CTCs are for early school leavers under the age of 21 who have left school with minimal or no formal qualifications. These programmes offer training, guidance and individual support to help each learner achieve qualifications and employment

Local Training Initiative (LTI)

Local Training Initiatives are provided by independent community organisations such as Youth Services or Family Resources Centres. The training is aimed at people aged between 18-35 years old who have most difficulty getting a job because they have no formal qualifications, or qualifications that are no longer relevant and have been out of work for a long time. Learners are provided with training, guidance and individual support to help them get qualifications and enter the workforce.

Specialist Training Programme (STP)

Specialist Training Providers provide flexible training courses that are designed for learners who have a disability. Learners in STPs are provided with personal, social and vocational skills training and development leading to qualifications and assistance to obtain employment.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board provides support to over 2,000 staff delivering education services in our schools and centres throughout Counties Waterford and Wexford. Our aim of this Department is to attract and retain staff and support them in their employment by developing and maintaining best practice HR structures, policies and procedures.

The main areas of responsibility for the Human Resource Department include: pay administration, staffing levels, management of staff leave entitlements and superannuation and retirement benefits.

Staff vacancies are advertised on our website www.waterfordwexford.etb.ie and applications are received by hard copy. New appointees are subject to Garda Vetting procedures.

Corporate Services

Education Grants

Waterford and Wexford ETB administers grants/scholarship schemes for students attending courses in further and higher education approved by the Department of Education and Skills. There is also an additional payment called the Special Rate of Maintenance Grant which is available to students whose income includes an eligible Social Welfare payment and whose total income is below a specific band.

Payments are made by Waterford & Wexford ETB to students awarded under the VEC Scholarship Scheme and to students who have been awarded under the PLC Maintenance Grant Scheme who are attending courses at PLC centres. Payments under the TLT Scheme are made directly by the college.

The following table illustrates the levels of financial support provided in 2013/2014

Scheme	PLC	TLT	VEC	Total
New Awards	0	0	0	0
Renewal Awards	0	90	285	375
Total Awards	0	90	285	375

Health & Safety

In 2013/2014, 30 employees of Waterford & Wexford ETB took part in Occupational First Aid (OFA) Training.

Occupational First Aid courses are designed to provide the learner with the knowledge and practical skills to give effective life support, diagnose and treat injuries or illness within the workplace. It also aims to give the understanding required to comply with the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work regulations.

Refresher training in OFA is provided annually.

Buildings Section

Waterford and Wexford ETB continued, in 2013 and 2014, to improve the physical teaching and learning environment in all its schools, colleges and centres through a comprehensive Capital Development Programme.

The provision of a new school under the methodology of the Public Private Partnership (PPP), Creagh College, was progressed significantly during 2013 and the building was officially opened in April 2014.



1D203555 Photography: Peter Barrow, 4th September 2013, Tel: 087-2559638

The picture above shows an aerial photograph of the site from September 2013. The new school is the building in the centre, with the car park and pitches to the rear.

The following projects were developed under Emergency Works Grants:

- Selskar College Link Works
- Bunclody Vocational College Prefab works
- Coláiste an Átha toilet works

The following projects were developed under the Summer Work Scheme:

- Bunclody Vocational College toilet refurbishment
- Coláiste an Átha toilet works

The following projects were also developed during 2013/2014:

- Bunclody Vocational College Home Economics Refurbishment
- Bunclody Vocational College reflection room
- Wexford Adult Education Centre refurbishment

The following leases were signed/renewed in 2013/2014:

- WCFE, 10B Durands Court, Waterford City
- WCFE, 2A and 9B Durands Court, Waterford
- WCFE, Burchall House

Appendix 1

Abbreviations

ALO	Adult Literacy Organiser
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
BNS	Boys National School
BTEI	Back to Education Initiative
C & AG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CC	Community College
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
CIT	Cork Institute of Technology
COSI	Community of Social Innovators
CSCS	Construction Skills Certification Scheme
CSI	Centre for School Improvement
CSPE	Civic, Social and Political Education
CTC	Community Training Centre
DCG	Design and Communication Graphics
DES	Department of Education and Skills
DSP	Department of Social Protection
ECDL	European Computer Driving Licence
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ETB	Education and Training Board
ETBI	Education and Training Boards Ireland
EU	European Union
FÁS	Foras Áiseanna Saothair
FETAC	Further Education and Training Awards Council
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
HSCL	Home School Community Liaison
HSE	Health Service Executive
ICT	Information Communications Technology
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
ISPCA	Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
IT	Information Technology
ITABE	Intensive Tuition in Adult Basic Education
JCSP	Junior Certificate School Programme
LCA	Leaving Certificate Applied

LCAP	Leaving Certificate Applied Programme
LCVP	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
LTI	Local Training Initiative
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MOS	Microsoft Office Specialist
NFQ	National Framework of Qualifications
OFA	Occupational First Aid
PE	Physical Education
PLC	Post Leaving Certificate
PPP	Public Private Partnership
QQI	Quality and Qualifications Ireland
QSCS	Quarry Skills Certification Scheme
RE	Religious Education
REGSA	Regional Educational Guidance Service for Adults
RSA	Road Safety Authority
SENI	Special Educational Needs Initiative
SHY	Sacred Heart Youth Project
SIP	School Improvement Plan
SOLAS	Seirbhísí Oideachais Leanúnaigh Agus Scileanna
SPHE	Social, Personal and Health Education
SPY	Special Projects for Youth
STP	Specialist Training Programme
SUSI	Student Universal Support Ireland
TLT	Third Level Maintenance Grant Scheme for Trainees
TY	Transition Year
TYP	Transition Year Programme
UCC	University College Cork
UCD	University College Dublin
VC	Vocational College
VEC	Vocational Education Committee
VTOS	Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme
WCFE	Waterford College of Further Education
WIT	Waterford Institute of Technology
WSE	Whole School Evaluation
WSTCYS	Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service
WTE	Whole Time Equivalent
WWETB	Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board
YSI	Young Social Innovators



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