



MINUTES OF LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

**COVID-19 - LCETB BOARD MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM AND WAS A COMBINED
REMOTE AND HYBRID MEETING**

on Tuesday, 16th November, at 4 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Chairperson
Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy
Mr. Michael Cregan
Cllr. Michael Donegan
Ms. Elaina Fitzgerald
Cllr. Liam Galvin
Mr. Michael Guilfoyle
Ms. Catherine Hehir
Ms. Sheila Hickey
Cllr. Gabriel Keating
Cllr. Sarah Kiely
Cllr. Joe Killeen
Cllr. Paul Murphy
Cllr. Ann Norton
Mr. Mark O'Dea
Mr. Donal ÓhAiniféin
Cllr. Elena Secas
Cllr. John Sheahan
Cllr. Brigid Teefy

In attendance: Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive
Ms. Shelagh Graham, Director of Organisation Support and Development
Mr. Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training
Mr. Donncha O'Treasaigh, Director of Schools
Mr. Denis O'Brien, Head of Corporate Services and ICT
Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services

1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences

Apologies: Mr. Sean McMahon
Ms. Marian Petty

Condolences:

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Mr. Gerard Lyons (Marshal House) on the death of his sister, Ms. Maura Lyons.
- Ms. Ann Bermingham (Marshal House) on the death of her sister, Ms. Mary Morrison.
- Ms. Helen Ryan (Mungret Community College) on the death of her mother, Mrs. Christina Ryan.
- Mr. Donncha O'Treasaigh (Marshal House) on the death of his mother in law, Mrs. Christina Ryan.
- Ms. Nora Power (Marshal House) on the death of uncle, Mr. John Banks.
- Ms. Carmel Fox, Ballyhoura, on the death of her husband, Jim.
- Ms. Leesha Foley (LCFET Kilmallock Town Campus) on the death of her mother-in-law, Ms. Noreen Foley.
- Family of Fr. Michael Sheehy, (BOM Kilrush Community College).

As a mark of respect on the bereavement of Mr. Michael Guilfoyle's father, the meeting was adjourned for two minutes.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interests

All Board Members confirmed no conflict of interest with any Agenda item.

3. For Adoption;

Minutes of Meeting of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, held on 21st September, 2021, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Mr. Michael Cregan.

4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Governance:

a. Business Continuity Plan incorporating COVID-19 Update

The Board was briefed on the measures in place to help stem the flow of Covid throughout the organisation. The CE advised that the Cabinet were meeting to discuss public health measures and an announcement was imminent. The CE and Members paid tribute to all staff members across the organisation.

The Chairperson paid tribute in particular to the staff in Marshal House and again commended them on their ability to adapt to the changing environment.

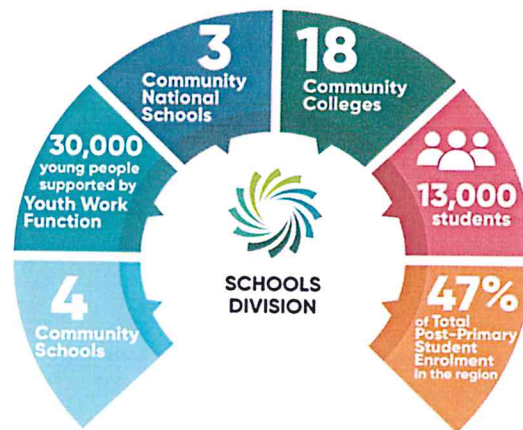
The Chief Executive advised that staff were in the process of a staggered return to Head Office but that this would be reviewed in light of pending Government announcement.

6. Correspondence

Department Correspondence

<u>CL 0047/2021</u> 16th September, 2021	Re: Guidelines for the use of Reduced School Days in Schools.
<u>CL 0048/2021</u> 17th September, 2021	Re: Home Tuition Grant Scheme for children without a school place.
<u>CL 0049/2021</u> 17 th September, 2021	Re: Home Tuition Grant Scheme in respect of Maternity Related Absences.
<u>CL 0050/2021</u> 27 th September, 2021	Re: COVID-19 Operational Supports for primary schools for 2021/2022.
<u>CL 0051/2021</u> 1 st October, 2021	Re: Revision of salaries of certain grades other than Teachers and SNAs employed by ETBs with effect from 1 October 2021.
<u>CL 0053/2021</u> 1 st October, 2021	Re: Revision of Salaries Clerical Officer and Caretakers 78 79 schemes with effect from 1 October 2021.
<u>CL 0054/2021</u> 1 st October, 2021	Re: Revision of Salaries of School Secretaries and School Maintenance Staff in Community and Comprehensive Schools with effect from 1 October 2021
<u>CL 0055/2021</u> 1 st October, 2021	Re: Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) with effect from 1 October 2021.
<u>CL 0056/2021</u> 1 st October, 2021	Re: Revision of Teacher Salaries with effect from 1 October 2021.

7. For Consideration; Chief Executive's Report Incorporating;



Schools Division

Community National Schools

Glenroe Community National School moved into the refurbished school building on 12th November, 2021. The building has been refurbished to the Department of Education specifications. A Special Needs Assistant has also been employed by Limerick Education and Training Board to support the school's inclusive provision for children with additional needs who live in the community.

Post Primary Schools

Update on Reopening Schools

All schools remain open in accordance with the Department of Education advice on operating schools during Covid-19.

Schools receive regular advice and support from Schools Division on;

1. Health advice for parents
2. Returning to school
3. Wellbeing advice and resources during COVID-19
4. Frequently raised topics

The Measures implemented in Schools to minimise the risk of introduction of infection in our schools and managing risk of spread have been very effective due to the very careful due-diligence and care of schools. Schools have also been supported with accessing temporary substitute teachers by the Human Resources section.

Principals and Deputy Principals Meetings

Weekly online meetings with school principals and deputy principals via Zoom take place each Thursday morning between 9.30 am and 10.30 am to support schools and share best-practice on addressing the challenges of managing schools during Covid-19.

Training and Supports for post-primary schools

Support seminars and training are planned for post-primary personnel in the following areas;

- Transition Year Coordinators Forum
- Guidance Counsellor Forum
- Digital Clusters Forum
- Student Support Team Coordinators online meeting
- Online meeting of Special Education Needs Coordinator Forum
- Leading Inclusive Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LILTA) online meeting
- Newly appointed teachers to the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools

The supports and resources made available by the Department of Education have been made available to our schools on a central hub on the Schools Division Support site - www.lcetbdrive.ie. This also includes resources that the Director of Schools and the Support Team have created and developed.

Middle Leadership Seminars

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board invited Assistant Principals in our schools to a specially tailored series of three on-line seminars during 2021 and 2022.

Ms. Elizabeth Flanagan (retired principal), Dr. Finn Ó Murchú (Mary Immaculate College, Thurles Campus), and Mr. Donncha Ó Treasaigh (Director of Schools) hosted the first of these events on 13 and 14 October 2021. The purpose of these seminars is to stimulate and support participants to interrogate what Middle Leadership means and asks of them, underpinned by theory and applied practice. The series will support participants to enhance both their competence and confidence in responding to changes in schools.

Student Support Teams Cluster Day

Zoom meetings of all SST Coordinators took place in September and October 2021 with updates and an input from Dr. Jennifer McMahon (University of Limerick) on supporting young people with managing anxiety during Covid-19.

BT Young Scientist 2022

A total of seventeen (17) projects, from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools, have qualified for the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition at the RDS, Dublin, 12-14 January 2022. A summary of the schools, number of projects and titles of the successful projects are outlined in the table below;

School	Number of Projects accepted by BT Young Scientist 2020	Titles, Names of Teachers and Students of Projects
Mungret Community College	4	To Investigate the attitude of Irish people towards the Irish language - Jessica Heffernan & John McCarthy - Aadith Cheruppumpullil Colour Changing Nail Polish - Jessica Heffernan & John McCarthy - Grace Kelly and Rachel McKenna To Investigate Whether Or Not Irish Teenagers Are Desensitized to Violence - Jessica Heffernan & John McCarthy - Cathal Carmody and Kate Swift To investigate the changing attitudes and prejudice against Islam and Muslims - Jessica Heffernan & John McCarthy - Adeel Mujahid
Kilkee Community College	2	'The Future of the Loop Head Peninsula' The project aims to investigate the declining population of the Loop Head Peninsula and propose strategies to ensure a sustainable population for the future. Teacher: Laura Egan Group 1- Aine Bonfil, Ella Nagle and Matylida Williams

		<p>'Coastal Coverings'</p> <p>The project aim is to create a biodegradable face mask made of fabric constructed from seaweed fibres, that prevents acne and skin disease as well as reducing the spread of respiratory disease.</p> <p>Group 2-Hana Haggag, Ava Walsh and Liam Ferguson</p>
Coláiste Chiaráin	2	<p>ClimateActionNow.Com (Séan O'Sullivan & Sarah O'Sullivan) - Teacher: Edel Farrell</p> <p>How Much Waste is in Leftover Condiment Bottles? (Rosemary Lucey & Sarah Jane Noonan) - Teacher: Edel Farrell</p>
Desmond College / Gaelcholáiste Uí Chonba	8	<p>1 Alert System to Warn of Harmful UV Rays. "Mela No More" Laura Brennan Individual Junior</p> <p>2 Self Watering Plants Emma Greaney Faye Murphy Group Intermediate</p> <p>3 "Canine Comfort" Device to assist dogs with phobias arising from thunderstorms & pyrotechnics Madison Brouder Ciara Barrett Group Junior</p> <p>4 E.A.T. Eating Assistive Technology Aoibhilinn Heath Individual Junior</p> <p>5 Sanitising Station Lucy Flaherty Trevor O' Shea Senior</p> <p>6 Smart Ruler "Reduce errors due to ADHD and Dyslexia" Niamh O' Mahony Alzbeta Barisova Senior</p> <p>7 Chicken Motel Edel McMahan Róisín Solley-Ambrose Intermediate</p> <p>8 Aeroacoustic's of the swinging corrugated tube Jack Kelly Ethan Kirwan Senior</p> <p>Teacher for all projects: Donal Enright</p>

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools will support a virtual interactive webinar to educate TY Students on the roles, career paths, subjects, study and days in the lives of Health Care Workers (HCWs) across clinical areas. This will be rolled out to TY students across counties Clare and Limerick in collaboration with the UL Health Sciences Academy project team, clinical staff, students and teachers.

The areas to be included in this interactive webinar are; Clinical Care and delivery, GP, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physio, Nursing, Lab, X-Ray, social worker and psychiatry. Health care attendants who may have progressed in their career showing career progression.

Local Creative Youth Partnership

Overview of Late Autumn/Winter Programme 2021

Programme Element	Location/Dates	Status	Participant Numbers
Future Film Makers	<p>Future Film Makers: Phase 1, ran over two weeks in October with 9 participants registered. 5 young people completed all elements of Phase 1 with one trainee taking up a paid work placement with Foundation in Troy from November 8th.</p> <p>Phase 2 of this programme, comprising Screen Skills Ireland's <i>Passport to Production</i>, is currently being offered to trainees in mid-November. Further opportunities including a visit to the <i>Ros na Rún</i> set and a showcase in LIT Millennium Theatre are likely to take place in January. Film Tutor, Audrey Concannon has led out on this programme, co-funded by Limerick Council via Regeneration.</p>	Phase 1 Complete	9 Participants
Ennistymon Vocational School	<p>After Schools Clubs have commenced in Ennistymon in association with Ennistymon Vocational School, Limerick Youth Service, Ennis School Completion with John Lillis facilitating an audio project with Traveller girls.</p>	Recently started	6 participants

Kilkee Youth Theatre	Initiated during the September festival, Call & Response, Kilkee Youth Theatre is operating throughout October and November in Cultúrlann Sweeney with support from Clare County Council.	Ongoing	7 participants
Christmas Wreath Making	Christmas Wreath Making will take place again in Kilrush as well as with Clare Youth Service in Ennis who plan to create a large wreath for the outside of their building on Carmody St. Shannon Training Centre has kindly agreed to help with the larger piece.	Waiting to start	20 participants
Griffin House Dance programme	Dance Limerick is facilitating weekly workshops for Griffin House residents in their studio on John Sq. In collaboration with Limerick Youth Dance, facilitated by Rachel Sheil.	Ongoing	12 participants
St. Clements After School	Creative Tech and Drama After School Club has just commenced in St. Clements School in Limerick with tutors James Ryan and John Hogan. Supported by Kinia.	Recently Started	12 participants
King Thomond Centre Lisdoonvarna	Children's Story and Drama workshops are about to commence in King Thomond Centre, Lisdoonvarna with tutor Jacinta Sheerin.	Waiting to start	6 participants
Pallasgreen Mural	Pallasgreen Community Association and Youth Club are supporting this project due to commence in November with tutor Julianne Hennelly	About to start	10 participants
Visual Art workshops Limerick Southside	Visual Art programmes in Southill Hub and West End Youth Centre continue with tutors James Ryan and Julianne Hennelly	Ongoing	12 Young people

Abbeyfeale Music Workshops	Following a very successful workshop as part of Call & Response, Foróige, West Limerick Resources and West Limerick School Completion are supporting a HipHop music programme, with a group of Traveller boys, in Abbeyfeale, led by Frank McCarthy.	Waiting to start	12 young people
St. Mary's Young Mothers	In collaboration with The GAFF and King John's castle, St. Mary's Young Mothers will record dramatic monologues in the grounds of King John's Castle.	Ongoing	6 young people
Griffin House and Garryowen CDP	This is an intergenerational Project, initiated by The GAFF and supported by Dance Limerick as well as the LCYP. Four young residents from Griffin House will interview four older residents from the Garryowen area about their lives working in Limerick factories in the 20 th century.	About to start	4 young people 4 older residents

Youth Work Team Board Updates November 2021

Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative 2021 – 2022

This initiative aims to support the employability of young people aged between 15-17 that are not in education, training or employment with a particular focus on young people with additional needs including young people with a disability and mental health issues. This initiative will involve supporting young people's employability through enabling core skills improvements based around the seven proximal outcomes of communication skills, confidence and agency, planning and problem-solving, relationships, creativity and imagination, resilience and determination and emotional intelligence. Two submissions were submitted to the Department for funding in September and we are awaiting final decision on the successful applicant.

UBU Your Place Your Space: Planning and Progress Review meetings (PPRM)

Twenty-six projects had PPRM meetings with the Youth Work team in October/November. These meetings are pivotal as they provide both partners the space and time to discuss all elements of the work for the UBU Your Place Your Space scheme, in particular the work with young people.

The Youth work team were delighted to see evidence of good practice and the opportunity to meet with youth work managers and youth workers in the community.

Strategic Planning Sessions

The youth work team engaged in two workshops October/November to review our work and to focus on developing a Youth Work Plan. Our current plan concludes in 2021. The sessions were invaluable as they provided clarity, focus and direction for our work.

Limerick and Clare ETB Youth Work Committee

The Youth Work Committee held their first in-person meeting on 3rd November. Clare Comhairle member Caitlin presented on the recent successful campaign of securing the Youth Travel Card, the card provides a 50% discount on all public transport systems for all young people up to the age of 23. A brief consultation exercise was conducted with the committee on developing the next Youth Work Plan.

Summer Circus School Southill

Initiated in collaboration with the Local Creative Youth Partnership. Outdoors in Southill Hub in collaboration with Garryowen CDP and West End/Weston Youth Centre. The Summer Circus was a huge success.

Greenfield Sites

In September, we submitted an application in relation to the UBU New Services Panel in 2022-23 for a UBU project in Rural Co. Clare. Our application was successful and we are number seven on the panel for funding if funding becomes available.

Please check out our Facebook page for updates and news.

Boards of Management

On the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Mr. Michael Cregan, Ms. Anne Marie Cussen was appointed to the Board of Management of Desmond College, Newcastlewest.

The CE advised that Mr. Sean McMahon had resigned from the Board of Kilmihil Community College and sought nominations from Board Members. On the proposal of Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Members were advised to contact Ms. Shelagh Graham, OSD, if they would like to have their name put forward for appointment to the Board. The CE thanked Mr. McMahon for his contribution to the Board of Kilmihil Community College.

FET Division



Full-Time Provision

PLC, VTOS, Apprenticeship, Youth Education & Training

PLC

College of FET LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus is delighted to have commenced on-site teaching and learning for 2021/2022 with approximately 850 full-time learners registered and attending classes; This Campus was delighted to celebrate the Virtual Graduation on 21st October. Staff and management offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to all the 2021 Graduates;

The Accounting Technician Apprenticeship has successfully begun and this Campus is now offering, for the first time, the National Hairdressing Apprenticeship; Staff have undertaken extensive professional development this year in areas such as T&L, use of technology in the classroom, UDL, leadership and wellbeing; This Campus has fully and constructively engaged with TEL this year in order to maximise the effectiveness of its Teaching and Learning approach. Visits have also begun at secondary schools as part of their recruitment drive for the 2022/2023 academic year. LCFE is in the process of planning its marketing campaign for next year.

Evening Provision

For September 2021 season – College of FET, LCFE Night School together with College of FET, Cappamore Campus enrolled 950 learners that are part of 92 courses running successfully with 71 onsite and 21 online / blended mainly QQI accredited courses;

Working through the Covid-19 restriction period has been a challenge for all with practical based courses badly affected however, demand for class-based courses has increased slowly with waiting lists for some arts and crafts courses. The preparations that were put in place to offer a suite of both class based and online courses for the Sept 2021 new season has paid off and LCFE will continue to build on this success; New LCFE Night School Online courses in Digital Device Skills and Property Valuation are successfully running, as are courses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday nights at Cappamore Campus.

VTOS

This programme continues with its efforts to shape a more integrated identity within the College of FET, Kilmallock Road Campus. Preliminary meetings have taken place with LCFE Management. VTOS KRC has just started delivering a new online/blended Healthcare course (QQI Major Award). Priority was given to pre-apprenticeship promotions.

VTOS Scariff Campus has commenced a new Fashion Design course. A new Music and Lab Techniques course started at Ennis Campus.

On Friday, October 22nd, Learners and staff at VTOS Kilmallock Town Campus dressed up in Halloween costumes, and had a coffee morning, before they broke up for the midterm. A trainee teacher in Adult Education from MIC also commenced. This trainee teaches Web Design and Digital Media and will be with the VTOS provision until Christmas 2021.

Apprenticeships

All upcoming apprenticeship intakes are scheduled at full capacity at College of FET Shannon Campus. The emergency provision for certain apprenticeship courses such as Plumbing and Electrical will roll out in Shannon with the next intakes, starting October and November. AAG have announced their acquisition of Lufthansa Technik. The Manager at Shannon Campus has written to AAG seeking reassurances on their commitment to current classes and their plans for further training. Courses run in Kilrush over the past number of years are beginning to pay dividend. All learners from the last employability skills have progressed on to employment.

College of FET Raheen Campus: Training rigs for insulation installation are currently being developed at the College of FET, Moyross Youth Academy Campus. These rigs will enhance the technical employability skills training currently provided and will prepare learners for insulation installer jobs.

Youth Education & Training: In October the College of FET, Raheen Campus started the rollout of a comprehensive school project. Four schools participated on two day-taster programmes in CNC with participants from Thomond College. The next phase of this school project will commence in November with one-day hairdressing workshops for LCA and TY pupils.

Youthreach

A key development for this term has been the new Learner Mentor Initiative (LMI) at Kilmallock Road Campus. As a result, a new additional staff member has been employed to coordinate the Initiative. Mentoring Training has been provided to all centre staff with a view to better working with learners in their mentoring role. Another initiative being piloted within Youth Education and Training this year is the Pathways to Careers in the Outdoors – this is proving very successful with KRC Youthreach learners and staff.

FAI, Player Development Programme at KRC is in its 13th year running, back up to full quota of 24 learners after having 22 last year due to Covid.

East Clare Campus: Learner Mentoring Initiative (LMI) additional Resource Staff person has been recruited for three days a week. Tracking and supporting of six learners who finished in July is ongoing and five of those now successfully engaging on full-time higher-level courses.

Music Generation

Eight students have embarked on new full time Music Course, QQI Level 5, which is being offered by Music Generation Clare in partnership with PLC & VTOS. This course is a pilot programme with an emphasis on Music Technology/Sound Engineering, one of the most employable areas within the Arts sector.

MGCE's annual Musicalé Festival took place on 29th and 30th October this year in Ennis's Clonroad Campus, supported by €2000 in funding from Creative Ireland. This Festival was open to all young people aged 8yrs to 18yrs and included performances from high profile musicians including Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh and Donal Lunny. MGCE will be expanding their team shortly and are currently in the process of recruitment. The closing date for any interested applicants was 25th October.

Hospitality & Tourism

Learners and apprentices from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's College of Further Education and Training, Hospitality Campus were ecstatic recently as they scooped multiple accolades at the Chef Ireland Culinary Competitions 2021. The event, hosted by the Panel of Chefs of Ireland, took place over three days (November 2nd - 4th) at CATEX, Ireland's largest food service and hospitality exhibition at the RDS in Dublin. Over the three days, the team from the College of Further Education and Training, Hospitality Campus in Limerick took home an incredible haul of awards. Altogether, the team took home six gold medals, eight silver medals, five bronze medals and two certificates of merit, with every learner contributing to the impressive tally.

Part-Time Provision

Core Skills

Core Skills Clare have started the term with some new course topics with a green agenda: Winter Gardening in Shannon, Garden Craft and Biodiversity. The Ennis Embroidery class went to Clare Museum and are following patterns created over 100 years ago.

ESOL Refugee Resettlement Programme

Seven Syrian families recently resettled in Clare, three in Ennis and four in Shannon. The adult learners are attending English language and literacy classes. The young adults in Shannon are travelling on the Youthreach bus to attend classes at the College of FET Ennis Campus. LCETB is providing English language support to two of the secondary school students in the evenings.

Community Education and Training

Two separate initiatives are currently taking place with Travellers:

1. In collaboration with SICAP an eight-week programme for Traveller women from Childers Road and Castletroy using crafts and cookery for team building;
2. In collaboration with Drugs Education Prevention Strategy/Limerick City CDP a horse-care course for Traveller men and their sons;
 - Participating in ETBI Wider Benefits of Learning pilot project to test a framework for measuring the social, health, wellbeing etc. benefits of participating in FET.

Vocational & Employee Skills Development

Two VESD Limerick City tutors completed the Gilly Salmon training and benefitted immensely. This initiative gives the opportunity to maintain innovative and high quality standards in the work where 'blended' provision is a central part of current delivery. Other tutors will participate in this training as 2021/22 progresses.

VESD Limerick City staff were involved in a Learner Digital Induction project, creating a PowerPoint presentation with voiceover to help learners with FETCH registration, our Virtual Learning Environment: Teams, and the services available via the Active Inclusion Support Service. Tutors can use this resource as part of their induction to cover all the digital info learners will need when commencing on course.

Support Services

Active Inclusion

- Learner Supports continue to be promoted consistently across FET with 627 learners registering for support between 24/08/21 and 8/10/21. <https://learningandskills.ie/learner-supports/>
- Active Inclusion Support Service are currently planning a FET Learner Wellbeing and Mental Health policy and framework to support the work at provision level. During October 2021, the processes and activities currently in place were audited to support Learner Wellbeing and Mental Health. 131 responses were received from staff in relation to what AISS needs to include in their policy framework and action plan;
- Active Inclusion Support Service have received approval under the Mitigating Against Educational Disadvantage Fund 2021 to operate a Learner Assistance Fund in 2021. The fund will allow learners to access financial supports to mitigate against financial hardship with costs such as books and class materials, rent and other utility bills, food, essential travel, childcare costs, medical costs;
- A new AISS Support Officer has been appointed to Limerick College of Further Education.

Enterprise Engagement

- Weekly engagement with Skills to Advance Groups for Career Guidance Support;
- Information webinar on full and part-time provision delivered to DSP Officers in Limerick and Clare area;
- Weekly online delivery of a pilot guidance programme - Vocational training guidance initiative based in Kilrush, Co. Clare;
- Invite issued to Minister Harris to attend Coding for Women traineeship in collaboration with industry on Monday December 13th. Event will be held in industry setting;
- Enterprise Engagement Support Service hosting information seminar for transport sector on November 4th in the Radisson Hotel. EESS will outline new HGV Traineeship, currently advertised;
- HGV traineeship developed in collaboration with HGV sector in the Mid-West, advertised through social media, commencing November 17th;
- EESS currently collaborating on Electronics traineeship with electronics sector in Mid-West.

Information, Recruitment & Guidance Support Service

- EESS Guidance Support Service in 19 ETB schools – presentation given by EESS and Mid-West Regional Skills forum to initiate the industry briefings for Guidance by the EESS. First briefing scheduled for December.

Quality Assurance

- New FET Strategic Framework 2021-2025 at design stage;
- LCETB/AONTAS Regional Learner Forum to be held online on 2nd and 3rd of November 2021;
- QAR Final Report to be published by QQI by end of November 2021 – 3 months to produce an implementation plan;
- Evaluation plan devised for SENI rollout project.

Professional Development

- Professional Development Support Service (PDSS) submitted two Staff Mobility Accreditation Applications for Erasmus Plus funding. If successful, this would give access to funding for staff over a 5-year period;
- Co-hosted a European Council for Modern Languages Training and Consultancy event with University of Limerick on the topic of 'Language for Work' with 30 participants;
- PDSS has linked in with a number of other Support Services in the delivery of professional development for learning practitioners and managers.

8. For Adoption;

a. Finance Report

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Sarah Kiely.

b. Reports from the Audit and Risk Committee dated 30th March and 9th June, 2021.

Adopted on proposal of Cllr Michael Cregan, seconded by Cllr. Paul Murphy.

c. Draft Strategy Statement 2022-2026

Following a comprehensive presentation on the circulated Draft Strategy Statement 2022-2026 by the Director of Organisation Support and Development, Ms. Shelagh Graham, the Strategy Statement was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Sarah Kiely.

AOB

Cllr. Elena Secas queried buildings owned by the ETB in Cecil Street and the use of same going forward. The CE advised that talks were ongoing in relation to this matter and that he would keep the Board updated on any progress.

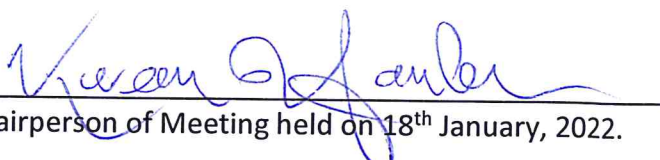
Cllr. Ann Norton paid tribute to the social media campaign in relation to SET.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 18th January, 2022 at 4 p.m.

On conclusion of the meeting the Chairperson thanked all Members for their participation in the meeting and wished all Members a very Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

George O'Callaghan
Chief Executive.

Signed:


Chairperson of Meeting held on 18th January, 2022.