



**MINUTES OF LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

**COVID-19 - LCETB BOARD MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**Present:**

- Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Chairperson
- Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy
- Mr. Michael Cregan
- 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
- Ms. Marian Petty
- Cllr. Elena Secas
- Cllr. Brigid Teefy

**In attendance:**

- Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive
- Ms. Shelagh Graham, Director of Organisation Support and Development
- Mr. Denis O'Brien, Head of Corporate Services and ICT
- Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services

**1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences**

**Apologies:**

- Cllr. Michael Donegan
- Mr. Sean McMahon
- Cllr. John Sheahan
- Mr. Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Ms Niamh O'Hara (Colaiste Iosaef Kilmallock) on the death of her mother, Ms. Anastasia O'Hara.
- Ms. Nora Stokes (College of Further Education and Training, Cappamore Campus) on the death of her father,
- Ms. Jackie Daly (Kilmallock Road Campus) on the death of her nephew, Mr. Austin Ward.
- Ms. Lorraine Shaw, LCFE, on the death of her brother, Mr. Cormac Shaw.
- Ms Anne Marie McMullen, Marshal House, on the death of her grandmother, Ms Bridget Cagney.
- Ms Agnes Hehir, Principal Kilkee Community College, on the death of her husband, Mr Gerry Shannon.

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Liam Galvin, seconded by Cllr. Ann Norton.

## **4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes**

None.

## **5. Governance:**

The CE advised that all centres and schools were running smoothly but that staff absences continued due to Covid.

The Board noted that the majority of Ukrainian refugees being placed in school setting was in the primary sector and mostly in the Clare, Cork, Kerry and Dublin regions. The CE advised that the organisation with working in collaboration with the relevant agencies in managing this difficult situation.

The Board expressed its appreciation to all those involved in managing and working with the Ukrainian Refugees. The CE advised that work was currently ongoing in appointing tutors to assist with the language barriers and that applications for additional resources was sought from the Department of Education, who have responded positively.

The Board was again briefed on “Realt” which is representative of the group of agencies in assisting refugees in seeking accommodation, but mainly education. The Board noted that each ETB in the Country had a Realt Co-ordinator who is tasked with co-ordinating the work of all the agencies involved.

The Board noted that School Transport was not in high demand due to the location of refugees but, going forward with school places reducing, students may need to avail of transport to access school placement. The Director of Schools expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in the exemplary work in supporting the students and the warm welcome that was also extended. He also paid tribute to the agencies involved for their collaborative and strategic approach.

Cllr. Elena Secas advised of Translation Service available and portal to link Ukrainian people with employment opportunities through iPass: Translit, CEO Alex Chernenko, a native of Ukraine himself, [www.translit.ie](http://www.translit.ie), 01 4595158

## 6. Correspondence

### Department Correspondence

<u>CL 0016/2022</u> 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022	Re: Employment of 3rd and 4th Year Undergraduate Student Teachers and application of the ‘5 Day Rule’.
<u>0019/2022</u> 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022	Re: DEIS identification 2022: Appeals process for schools.
<u>0004/2022</u> 4th April, 2022	Re: Post-Graduate Certificate/Diploma Programme of Continuing Professional Development for Teachers working with Students with Special Educational Needs (Autism)
<u>0021/2022</u> 11 April 2022	Re: Special Education Teaching Allocation 2022/23 (post primary).

## 7. For Consideration; Chief Executive’s Report Incorporating;

### Community National Schools

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is supporting its three Community National Schools continues - Mol an Óige CNS, Ennistymon, and Raheen Wood CNS, Scariff and Glenroe CNS with enrolments for the new academic year 2022/2023. Regular meetings with the principals of all three Community National Schools are held via Zoom to support the schools with ongoing planning.



## **Post Primary Schools**

### **Leaving Certificate Oral & Practical Examinations 2022**

Schools worked very diligently prior to and during the Easter break to ensure that students in Leaving Certificate could attend oral and practical examinations in a very well organised and safe manner. Students were extremely grateful to their schools for accommodating them.

### **Principals and Deputy Principals Meetings**

Regular contact with school principals and deputy principals has been on-going to ensure that schools are supported as effectively as possible.

Principals and Deputy Principals have continued to attend regular online meetings regarding the management of schools and the challenges they continue to encounter with Covid-19.

### **Staffing Allocation & Appeal**

The initial Staffing Allocation for schools was received prior to Easter. Individual meetings with each principal took place over the two weeks of Easter. An appeal for additional teaching resources for Post-Primary Provision for 2022/2023 in accordance with Circular 00024/2022 will be submitted to the Department of Education.

### **Assistant Principal Seminars**

The Schools' Division held the second of its three part series of seminars for Community College Assistant Principals on 29 March 2022 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

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 supports participants to enhance both their competence and confidence in responding to changes in schools.

These seminars involve networking via Break-Out Rooms for half of the session and will cover.

- Culture, Trust & Successful Teams
- Managing Change
- Effective Communication
- Reflective Practice

### **Training and Supports for post-primary schools**

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

- Student Support Team Coordinators on-line meeting
- Online meeting of Special Education Needs Advisory Group
- Online meeting of Risk Register and Safeguarding Advisory Group
- Leading Inclusive Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LILTA) online meeting
- Transition Year Coordinators

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](http://www.lcetbdrive.ie).

## **Thomond Community College & Treaty United merge new Partnership 2022**

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> marked the official launch of a new Partnership between Treaty United and local secondary school Thomond Community College. Thomond Community College is one of eighteen community colleges across the region under the patronage of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. This exciting new development aims to become a nursery for the emerging soccer talent in the Limerick area, providing a high standard of facilities, coaching, training equipment and a structured environment that will enable the holistic development of student athletes.

Treaty United will be using Thomond Community College's state of the art campus as their Academy training base, jointly they plan to secure funding to further enhance the existing facilities with 3 astro turf pitches at the rear of the facility. The football club will be providing top class coaching services to the school's football teams and access to experienced football personnel. As part of this education and sporting partnership football camps and primary school soccer leagues will support soccer in the younger age groups of the community. The partnership will be developing soccer scholarships to Thomond CC and into third level education in the near future. This continuum approach to sport and education is an innovative and unique concept.

TUS, the sponsors of the school's soccer teams, will play an integral part of this continuum, extending its support to the coordination of the primary school soccer leagues and the development of a Transition Year wellbeing module, with nutrition, fitness and mind-set at its core.

## **Coláiste Chiaráin Puts Down Deep Roots for a Biodiverse Rich Future**

The school community at Coláiste Chiaráin fully embraced this year's National Tree Week (March 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>) with staff and students planting 2,000 native Irish trees throughout their campus. The theme of this year's National Tree Week was 'More Forests for a Greener Future', shining a spotlight on the many benefits of forests for Ireland's climate and biodiversity agendas. It also highlighted the need for more green recreation spaces and sustainably grown wood.

Planning for the ambitious project at the Coláiste Chiaráin campus began over a year ago and came to fruition just in time for National Tree Week. The school, under the patronage of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, recently moved to its multi-million euro state-of-the-art campus in Croom, County Limerick. As part of this development, a designated area on the 22-acre greenfield site was set aside to create a biodiversity park.

Over the past few months the school received fantastic local support, which facilitated the sponsorship and installation of approximately 400 meters of walkway, making it safe and accessible for staff and students. This part of the project was made possible by the sponsorship and support of Ger Lynch of Tallybrook Engineering and Richard O'Donoghue TD and Lynch's Quarries. The school also received support at a national level from the Irish Tree Council, Coillte and Crann, in the form of 2000 native hardwood trees. These trees have now been planted in the school's biodiversity park and throughout the expansive campus.

The planning for the large scale project was led by a number of stakeholders including the Green Schools Committee. Staff and students completed the planting phase. Native Irish trees were sponsored by Coillte, with Brendan Fitzsimons, Chief Executive of the Tree Council of Ireland, providing advice and support from the inception of the project. Further support and advice was provided by Fergus Quinlivan, Orla Farrell from Easytrees.ie, Peadar Collins, Chairperson of Crann, and Pat Peters from Coillte.



The completed project now consists of a natural pond surrounded by a biodiversity walkway, which has been planted on either side with native Irish trees that include Common Alder, Red Alder, Common Birch, Beech, Silver Birch, Pedunculate Oak, Red Oak, Rowan, Scots Pine, Holly, Sycamore and Whitethorn. The school and everyone involved in the project have helped to create an inspirational green space to welcome and embrace biodiversity on the new campus and will continue to play its part in providing more forests for a greener future.

### **Parent & Guardian Webinar**

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's Schools Division was delighted to organise a special Webinar for parents/guardians of children in Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools with Shane Martin on Monday, 28 March at 8.00 pm via Zoom.

Shane provided advice and guidance on dealing with anxiety in young people. This was of particular interest to parents of exam year students but was open to all. The event was extremely well attended with over 450 registered for the evening.

### **ETBI Summer School for Middle Leaders**

The Schools' Division is leading the planning for the inaugural ETBI Summer School for Middle Leaders, to be held in the University of Limerick from Wednesday to Friday, 22/23/24 June 2022. The theme for the Summer School, Supporting Middle Leaders: Nurturing Leadership for a Changing World will be opened by Professor Niamh Hourigan and Chief Executive of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Mr. [George O'Callaghan](#).

The aims of this special summer school are;

- To support middle leaders in their professional leadership journey
- To support middle leaders in reflecting about themselves as leaders in educational settings
- To offer a deeper understanding of leadership in a school setting
- To promote discussion and debate about relevant areas of education in Ireland
- To provide opportunities for networking among middle leaders.

The event will also include a presentation and discussion with Dr. Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector with the Department of Education.

### **Youth Work**

#### **Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Call for Youth Service**

The Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is seeking an organisation with experience of providing services to young people, to deliver a youth service to young people in the Killaloe Municipal District of Co Clare. This new project is being established in line with the UBU Your Place Your Space scheme funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

The mission of the UBU Your Place Your Space Funding Scheme is:

“To provide out-of-school supports to young people in their local communities to enable them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential by improving their personal and social development outcomes.”

The organisation that the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is seeking should:

1. Exemplify good practice in relation to vision, methodologies, governance, compliance, programme design, delivery and evaluation
2. Demonstrate a clear understanding of and commitment to youth work as a non-formal education process for young people
3. Be experienced in working with targeted young people aged 10-24 years with complexity of needs, using non-formal educational methodology
4. Operate in an out-of-school setting, including evenings, weekends and school holidays
5. Understand the nature and needs of young people living in disadvantaged communities and offer appropriate responses
6. Be able to devise and measure effective responses to the needs of the target group
7. Be committed to on-going sharing of learning and collaboration.

The Call for Service Information pack is available from: [Elizabeth.roche@lctb.ie](mailto:Elizabeth.roche@lctb.ie).

Closing date for completed Call for Service submissions is noon, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Call for Service submission must be submitted electronically to the above email. It is the responsibility of each respondent to ensure that the Call for Service submission reaches Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board before the deadline. Call for Service submissions sent to any other address (other than the one indicated above) or received after the deadline will be deemed invalid.

### **Local Creative Youth Partnership**

Creative Youth, National Conference

The Creative Youth conference, which takes place across 3 virtual, lunchtime events in April and May, will examine the impact of the Creative Youth Plan since its publication in 2017 and shape discussion around its future direction.

The main event “Creativity – the connection to our future, now” takes place on Thursday 13 May, will be opened by Taoiseach Micheál Martin and will include addresses from the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media as well as from the Minister for Education and the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. As well as international perspectives from the OECD and the Lego Foundation, this event will also feature contributions from a diverse range of speakers including Michelle Cullen of Accenture, Arlene Forster of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, Helene Hugel of Helium Arts and author Roddy Doyle,

Creative Youth in the Education System (Tuesday 13 April) will focus on learnings that have emerged from education-based creative initiatives and how these might influence future plans for the project. Creative Youth in the Community (Thursday 15 April) will look at how well creative projects are connecting with young people, the positive outcomes for young people and how can we ensure equality of access to creativity.



## Invitation To Take Part In a Digital Creativity Needs Analysis For Your County Youth Services

Creative Ireland is launching a new Creative Technologies programme, managed by Camara, that will see 12 pilot youth projects established nationally. The LCETB Youth Team and the Local Creative Youth Partnership are helping the roll out of this new programme and are assisting Creative Ireland and Camara to disseminate information on the different stages of programme development.

We are now asking our youth service colleagues to complete the online Digital Creativity Needs Analysis below as a first step in informing the national agencies around future needs in Limerick and Clare. Camara will be available for an online group consultation as part of the process. Further information is available from [monica.spencer@lcetb.ie](mailto:monica.spencer@lcetb.ie) or by calling 086 4120440.

Below is the link to the Creative Ireland online form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZGgO4UJukUve-FNgveW77t-C\\_stdnXupEWhNbCE91nsaXKg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZGgO4UJukUve-FNgveW77t-C_stdnXupEWhNbCE91nsaXKg/viewform)

### Local Creative Youth Partnership

#### Activity Report to Mid-April 2022

Programme Element	Location/Dates	Status	Participant Numbers
Easter Holiday programme	<p><b>Easter Holiday and after school</b> workshop programmes are currently taking place as follows:</p> <p><b>Various Hotel settings in Ennis:</b> Art and craft activities with groups of Ukrainian children, in collaboration with Ennis School Completion Programme, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>	Current	50+ participants
	<p><b>Kilkee Community College:</b> Visual art and craft activities taking place with groups of Ukrainian teenagers during, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup></p>	Current	24 participants
After School Programme	<p><b>Thomond Community College:</b> After school drama re-commenced after St. Patrick's Day with a group of 15 young people taking part.</p>	Ongoing	15 participants



<b>Community based programmes</b>	<b>Eight week Dance Programme in Dance Limerick</b> with young people from Griffin House Direct Provision Centre, led by dance artist Rachel Sheil	Ongoing	8 participants
	<b>Weekly Woodcraft and art workshops</b> in Knockalisheen Direct Provision Centre	Ongoing	10 participants
	<b>Intergenerational Audio Programme in Dance Limerick</b> with young people from Griffin House Direct Provision Centre, The GAFF and Garryowen CDP	At edit stage to be submitted to Lifelong Learning	5 participants
	<b>Kilkee Youth Theatre:</b> Spring phase of workshops complete with recording of short dramas to be broadcast on Loop Head Community Radio, RCB.ie on Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Current phase completed	15 participants
	<b>Pallasgreen Mural Project:</b> Mosaic and painting programme to enhance three free-standing walls in Pallasgreen's community garden, long term project, currently paused pending fundraising	Ongoing	6 -12 participants
	<b>Dóchas Midwest</b> Radio Drama Programme commenced in 2021 is now in its final phase and due for recording.	At the second recording stage.	7 Participants
	<b>Syrian Shannon Group</b> A small group of Syrian Girls have begun a drama/creative writing programme in Shannon Library. Currently on a break due to Ramadan	Ongoing until May	4 participants

<p><b>Early Years Programme</b></p>	<p><b>Dance for babies and toddlers</b></p> <p>Workshops have commenced in two Limerick childcare centres delivering dance and movement to babies under two years in one setting and to pre-school students in another.</p> <p><b>Capturing very young voices on Audio</b></p> <p>One of the ELC centres in Carrigaholt, where our 2021 artist in residence worked for a number of weeks, has agreed to allow recording of very young voices. This work will happen in May with a highly qualified and experienced facilitator.</p> <p><b>Abbeyfeale Rap on WLR April 22<sup>nd</sup>.</b></p> <p>The group of Traveller boys who recorded the Rap 'Succeed' will be interviewed on WLR on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will also have the song played on air. The track has had over 11,000 hits on Soundcloud.</p> <p><b>Evaluation of ELC Programme</b></p> <p>An evaluation of our Early Years activity in 2019 and 2021 is almost complete.</p>	<p>Ongoing until May</p> <p>To commence in late May</p> <p>April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Awaiting final draft</p>	<p>24 participants</p> <p>10 participants</p> <p>9 participants</p> <p>20 interviewees</p>
<p><b>Priority areas of activity now in planning For forthcoming months</b></p>	<p><b>Programmes for young people living with a disability</b></p> <p>In discussion with Enable Ireland in Ennis around a music programme to commence in April</p> <p>Review of Dóchas Midwest programme to follow radio play</p> <p>In discussion with Down Syndrome Limerick regarding new activity</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	



<b>Promotion of Creative Schools through Information webinar</b>	The Director of Schools will chair a short webinar on May 9 <sup>th</sup> to encourage schools to apply to the Creative Schools programme which is now open. Catherine Boothsman from the Arts Council’s Creative Schools team and Lisa Hallinan, regional coordinator for Creative Schools will join the LCYP Coordinator in an information session.	Monday May 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	
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## **Further Education and Training Division (FET)**

### **College of FET, Hospitality Campus**

- Several learners took home multiple awards at the Salon Culinaire at IFEX, Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast. Six learners qualified for the finals.

<b>Winners</b>	
Olga Lezdina Chefskills Senior Classes DAERA Northern Ireland Chef of the Year 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Louise Casey Chefskills Open Class Restaurant Innovation Dessert of the Year (returned to learning in a Family Learning course in the Holy Family National School)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Kate Neilson Student & Junior Classes Student Culinarian of the Year 2022	Certificate of Merit
Olga Lezdina Chefskills Open Class Plant Based Chef Challenge	Certificate of Merit
Megan Watkins Student & Junior Class iFEX Young Chef of the Year 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

### **College of FET, Ennis Campus**

- Co. Clare has received a large number of Ukrainian refugees. 1,500 Ukrainians have been met by Core Skills staff in the last few weeks. A variety of courses have been created to respond to the demand - English language courses as different levels, Art, Yoga and Parent and Child, My Baby and Me. Locations include Lisdoonvarna, Ballyvaughan, Liscannor, Lahinch, Ennis, Shannon, Flagmount and Kilkee;
- Core Skills staff are working closely with partnership organisations supporting the Ukrainian refugees e.g. Fáilte Isteach, Clare Local Development Company and Clare Immigrant Support Service and venues locally, to avoid duplication and maximise delivery.

### **College of FET, Shannon Campus**

- In providing support to the construction sector, a number of specific skills courses are now ready to go on the course calendar across Limerick and Clare;

### College of FET, Raheen Campus

- NZEB (Nearly Zero Energy Building) Fundamental Awareness training courses have commenced. Two very successful courses were held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April with participants providing extremely positive feedback;
- Extensive provision of Retrofit and NZEB courses is planned for the Retrofit/NZEB Centre of Excellence, currently under construction in Roxboro.

### College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave St Campus

- A series of events have been organised as the Campus aims for the Amber Flag. All funds raised will go to supporting Pieta House and the Red Cross.
- Advanced Art learners have created a wonderful installation in the main corridor, celebrating inclusion, positivity and diversity. The creation of the installation allowed our learners to develop and enhance many skills from technical, creative, team-work, display, exhibition to self-development. The installation is titled Sixty-Three in '22 – well worth a look.
- i-INK the Campus Newsletter has published its final edition for the year 2021/2022 – a wonderful collaboration between teachers and learners from various different fields of study.

### College of FET, O'Connell Avenue Campus

- Vocational Employee Skills Development (VESD): learners in Limerick City on Culinary Level 4 courses went on a class visit to the Hospitality Campus and learners from Operating Systems visited the College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus. This building of links with other provisions within Limerick and Clare ETB is very important to them in considering progression options;
- Currently learners are being recruited onto VESD located at O'Connell Avenue, who are availing of the option of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route to get their required qualification. Typical areas for this are in Childcare, Retail and Office Skills.

### Local Training Initiatives

- **FAI Coaching Course:** 90% of the educational requirements are finalised for this year's programme a month ahead of schedule. On the football pitch, FAI/KRC have qualified for this year's FAI ETB Bobby Smith Cup Final following a 2-1 victory over FAI ETB Cabra on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Kilmeedy Healthcare Support:** Introduced new learning platforms to support and enhance module delivery, e.g. Padlet, Kahoot, Quizlet, Mindamo and Mentimeter.

### Youth Education & Training

- National Association of Youthreach Coordinators (NAYC) Conference was held 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Youth Provision Co-ordinator and KRC Youthreach Co-ordinator presented at the conference on the new Learner Mentoring Initiative (LMI) for Youthreach;
- Youth Provision Coordinator: Over the past number of weeks the Youth Provision Co-ordinator has been carrying out onsite visits with each of the new LMI Resource staff to support and monitor the rollout of the initiative;



## Outdoor Education & Training

- Limerick and Clare ETB Schools Orienteering event will recommence on May 9 with over 600 2<sup>nd</sup> year students registered for the event. Also resuming Junior Cert Orienteering CBAs;
- OETC, Kilfinane is hosting the NCBI Camp Abilities annual camp in April 2022 for visually impaired and blind children;
- OETC, The Burren is currently running Health and Wellbeing Outdoors programme for those in Direct Provision and programmes for family learning.

## Support Services

### Information, Recruitment & Guidance Support Service

- IRGSS met almost 100 employees individually at Rettig to ascertain their information and guidance needs;
- A series of workshops took place from January to March on-site: 1) Skills to Advance courses 2) 'Exploring your options – Making the best choice for you', 3) CV workshops 4) Interview skills workshops;
- In addition, a number of employees availed of 1-2-1 support for interview preparation.
- IRGSS has been supporting the Ukrainian Refugee crisis via several inter-agency planning meetings, translating posters/booklets into Ukrainian, going to the hotels or community centres such as St. Leila's in the City to meet the groups alongside ESOL and AISS colleagues, 1-2-1 queries around education options and supporting Ukrainians to apply for ESOL courses directly through the Information Hub in O'Connell Avenue Campus;
- IRGSS in Limerick and Clare collaborated with the Creative Media Department in College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus for a morning of demonstrations and insights into what the Department has to offer in terms of courses, facilities and opportunities. 40 learners from Youthreach, Core Skills & Vocational Education Skills Development Programmes, Limerick City and VTOS, Co Clare attended the fantastic showcase of the Department;
- Enterprise Engagement, IRGSS and the Senior Training Advisors from Raheen Campus hosted a meeting with the Mid-West Branch of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors to update them on developments relevant to their work in supporting second-level students to access FET.

## Enterprise Engagement

- **Mid-West Talent Retention Roadshow:** The Enterprise Engagement team along with the Guidance & Information team hosted a stand at the Mid-West Talent Retention Roadshow in Ennis. The event provided a platform for Skills to Advance to showcase all the courses available to employers and employees in the Clare region. A number of companies in the region in different sectors attended the event.
- **Construction Industry:** As a result of engaging with companies in the construction industry, the Skills to Advance team in conjunction with the College of FET, Ennis Campus have enabled 11 employees from Glenfield to join the Project Management course. Eight employees from Conack are engaging in the Supervisory Management course.
- **Engineering/ Manufacturing Sector:** Skills to Advance in conjunction with Limerick for Engineering and College of FET, Shannon Campus have enabled 8 employees (Operatives) to engage with the Industrial Electrical Systems course. This is the second module leading to the Maintenance Skills

**8. For Adoption;**

**a. Finance Report**

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Donal O'hAinifein, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas

**b. Minutes from Audit & Risk Committee**

- i. 20th October, 2021
- ii. 9th December, 2021
- iii. 27th February, 2022

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Mark O'Dea, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas.

**AOB**

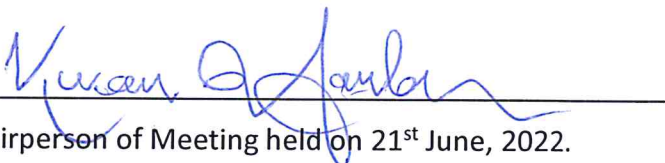
Cllr. Liam Galvin queried if Convent been offered to state for refugees. The CE advised that the convent had been offered to the State but the offer had not been taken up. He also advised that the Convent would require significant investment to refurbish and was no longer accessible due to disrepair. However he did advise that there was some interest by developers and that this was an ongoing matter.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.

George O'Callaghan

Chief Executive.

Signed:

  
Chairperson of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.