



MINUTES OF LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

COVID-19 - LCETB BOARD MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

21st June 2022

Present: Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Chairperson
Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy
Mr. Michael Cregan
Cllr. Michael Donegan
Ms. Elaina Fitzgerald
Mr. Michael Guilfoyle
Ms. Sheila Hickey
Cllr. Gabriel Keating
Cllr. Paul Murphy
Mr. Mark O'Dea
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
Ms. Aileen O'Sullivan, Corporate Services
Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services

1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences

Apologies: Cllr. Sarah Kiely
Ms. Marian Petty
Cllr. Elena Secas

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Mr Denis Collins, Youthreach, O'Connell Ave, on the death of his father Mr. Denis Collins (snr).
- Ms. Anne Hourigan and family on the death of Mr. Paddy Hourigan, former Councillor and Board Member, County Limerick VEC.
- Mr. Daniel Cassidy, (Kilmallock Road Campus) on the death of his mother in law.
- Mr. Nicholas Jackman and Family on the death of Ms. Mary Jackman (former Senator, Councillor and Chairperson, Co Limerick VEC).
- Ms. Julie Nolan Buckley (Teacher Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton) on the tragic death of her son, Luke (former student, Castletroy College).

- Ms Martina Matthews (Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher) on the death of her brother, Mr. Dermot Matthews.
- Mr. Gearoid Herbert, Marshal House, on the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Francie McEleney.

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 26th April, 2022, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy

4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Governance:

The Chief Executive mentioned that the two major challenges facing the ETB is COVID and the Ukrainian crisis.

There is an increase in COVID cases but these did not impact on school examinations which successfully took place without disruption. Further Education and Training will remain open for a number of weeks with no disruption being envisaged. It is hoped that students returning to school in late August early September will not be impacted by the increasing numbers of COVID cases.

There is a large concentration of refugees in the Clare/Limerick region and numbers are growing. There will be continued pressure on school places when students are due to return after the summer break and we have no indication as to how many children will be in schools in September. This is a fluid situation.

The CE expressed his thanks to the REALT sub-committee and commended the work of the Director of Schools, Donncha O Treasaigh and Co-ordinators Matt Power and John Fitzgibbon.

6. Correspondence

Department Correspondence

CL 0023/2022

11 April, 2022

Re: Staffing arrangements in Community and Comprehensive Schools for the 2022/23 school year.

CL 0024/2022

11 April, 2022

Re: Staffing arrangements in Education and Training Boards for the 2022/23 school year.

CL 0025/2022

11 April, 2022

Re: Staffing arrangements in Primary Schools for the 2022/23 school year.

CL 0027/2022

19 April 2022

Re: Grant Scheme for ICT Infrastructure – 2021/2022 school year.

CL 0030/2022

19 April, 2022

Re: Arrangements for Inspectorate Engagement with Post-Primary Schools - April to June 2022.

<u>CL 0031/2022</u> 29 April, 2022	Re: Recruitment of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) - Supplementary Assignment Arrangements for the 2022/2023 school year.
<u>CL 0032/2022</u> 20 May 2022	Re: Prescribed Material for the Junior Cycle Examinations in 2024 and the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 2024.
<u>CL 0033/2022</u> 19 May 2022	Re: Permanent extension of the Employee Assistance Service (EAS) to all school staff employed in recognised primary and post-primary schools.
<u>CL 0035/2022</u> 1 June 2022	Re: Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2022/23.
<u>CL 0038/2022</u> 8 June 2022	Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Updated Working Arrangements for Teachers and Special Needs Assistants employed in recognised Primary and Post Primary schools.
<u>CL 0042/2021</u> 9 June 2022	Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Arrangements for Teachers and Special Needs Assistants employed in recognised Primary and Post Primary schools.

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

Schools & Youth Work

Responding to the needs of Ukrainian Families displaced by War

Regional Education and Language Teams (REALT)

Regional Education and Language Teams (REALT) are hosted by the regional education and training boards around Ireland and staffed by regionally based education support personnel.

The primary role of the REALT is to build on existing regional education support structures and the initial focus will be on assisting families in securing school places. REALT will also support schools in the area to meet the needs of these children as they emerge, to advise and support the Department of Education in developing new capacity where required, and to coordinate the provision of education services to schools and families across their defined area.

These teams ensure that clear, accessible information flows are in place between schools, local education support services and national support structures in relation to people arriving from Ukraine.

The REALTs initially focus on ensuring that children are assisted to find school places when they are ready to engage with the school system. The REALT Team support existing services and coordinate the following work areas:

- Assist families and schools with accessing information on school places for Ukrainian children and young people who have moved into the area.
- Assist families and schools with accessing information on the availability of School Transport Scheme services for Ukrainian children and young people who have moved into the area.
- Assist families and schools with accessing resources and supports for additional capacity, wellbeing, language and educational needs.
- Assist with work in the area of staff supply, including where required, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tutors to address language needs of Ukrainian children, young people and their parents/guardians, through liaison with ESOL Coordinators in the ETBs.
- Align current school capacity with the placement of Ukrainian families, as much as possible.

- Identify additional capacity within their geographic areas to prepare for situations where demand may exceed available school capacity, and work with the Department and other organisations as necessary with a view to making this additional capacity available.
- Liaise with other local coordinating structures that may be established to coordinate the delivery of public services for Ukrainian families.

Structure

The REALTs are hosted and administratively supported within the ETBs.

Each REALT consists of a network of other key agencies, including:

- Tusla Education Support Service (TESS)
- NEPS regional personnel
- NCSE regional personnel
- Management body local nominees
- and other key partners as appropriate

In addition, the REALTs will collaborate closely with people from a range of other services, depending on the needs of the children arriving in Ireland and the challenges faced by schools. These agencies and bodies may include:

- Teacher support services, including PDST and JCT
- Education Centre Network
- Local county councils/authorities

The REALTs through their coordinators will also work closely with a number of different sections in the Department of Education including the Planning and Building Unit, Joanne McBride (PBU), the School Transport Unit, Shirley Kearney, Barbara Mulhall and the Department Ukraine Response Team, Grainne Cullen.

REALT Coordinator

1. Each ETB has assigned a person to the role of REALT co-ordinator. A designated phone line and e-mail address has been established for each REALT. The REALT Coordinator is the central point of contact and co-ordination for each team. The REALT coordinator's role includes:
2. Coordinate the activities of the REALT including holding regular meetings with team members. Support all other team members and ensure they have the necessary information and support for their individual roles. Identify needs for supports and create link between the team members
3. Provide information to families on available school places in the local area, school transport arrangements and additional support in relation to wellbeing, language and educational needs
4. Liaise closely with TESS personnel on the team where there is difficulty finding a school place
5. Liaise closely with TESS member of the team in relation to engagement with Ukrainian accommodation centres where relevant, to provide support and advice to families in relation to access education
6. Signpost families to related supports including through local community welfare offices, community response forums etc.
7. Identify additional capacity within their geographic areas to prepare for situations where demand may exceed available school capacity, and work with the Department and other organisations as necessary with a view to making this additional capacity available.
8. Liaise with other local coordinating structures that may be established to coordinate the delivery of public services for Ukrainian families.
9. Check and return transport request forms from the school to the Department for children enrolled in a school who are located in accommodation centres, hotels and similar type accommodation

10. Share relevant information to and from the ETBI co-ordinator, the Department and with other REALTs, complete and return reports regularly to the ETBI co-ordinator on activity, risks and issues
11. Liaise with the ESOL panel co-ordinators to facilitate English language support for children and young people in post primary schools.
12. Direct school requests for resources to the Principal's helpline
13. Report regularly to the ETBI national co-ordinator on the work of the REALT, and identify risks and issues as they arise.

Limerick and Clare REALT

The Limerick and Clare REALT Team meets weekly to address the evolving situation regarding the continuous arrival of Ukrainian families into the two counties.

All children have been enrolled in schools at both primary and post-primary to date in Limerick and Clare.

The Team, which is working very effectively and promptly, comprises the following.

Name	Role	Nominating Organisation
George O'Callaghan	Chief Executive	Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
Donncha Ó Treasaigh	Director of Schools	
Shelagh Graham	Director of Organisation, Support & Development	
Aobhán Haverty	Adult Education Officer	
Matt Power	REALT Coordinator	
John Fitzgibbon	REALT Coordinator	
Miriam Gleeson	Senior Educational Welfare Officer	TUSLA
Dan O' Shea	Regional Manager	
Aoife Foley	Director	CPSMA
Alan Cunningham	Post-Primary Principal	ACCS
Mona Hynes	Post-Primary Principal	JMB
David Quinn	Primary Principal	Educate Together (Ennis)
Richard Egan	Senior Psychologist	NEPS
Gerard Hogan	Regional Manager	NCSE
Stephanie Ryan	Regional School Transport Manager	Bus Éireann

Community National Schools

The initial Staffing Allocation for the Community National schools (3) was received in April. Meetings with each principal took place to ensure that staffing requirements for the next academic year are in order. An appeal for additional teaching resources for 2022/2023 in relation to the growing numbers enrolled in Glenroe Community National School was submitted to the Department of Education.

Post Primary Schools

Principals and Deputy Principals Meetings

The first in-person meeting of Principals and Deputy Principals since 5 March 2020 took place on 14 May 2022. Dr. Ann-Marie Young of the School of Education in University of Limerick presented to the group on

the challenges facing teachers on school placement. A Memorandum of Agreement is in draft phase between Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the School of Education in University of Limerick to support the process of the effective student teacher placement experience for both student teachers and the host schools.

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 0024/2022 was submitted to the Department of Education. An additional Deputy Principal Post has been allocated to Ennis Community College as the school's enrolment has now exceeded 600 students (DEIS school).

Training and Supports for post-primary schools

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

- In-person meeting of Special Education Needs Coordinator Group
- Leading Inclusive Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LILTA) online meeting
- Transition Year Coordinators
- SNA Training
- Assistant Principals
- Student Support Teams
- Supports for next academic year

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 been updated.

Amalgamation of post-primary schools in Ennistymon, Co. Clare

Regular meetings of the patrons of the three post-primary schools in Ennistymon are taking place in advance of the amalgamation of the schools and the anticipated opening of the new state of the art campus in September 2023.

An Interim Board of Management for the new school met for the first time on 3 May 2022 and the chairperson of the board is Jim Twohig (former principal of John the Baptist Community School in Hospital, Co. Limerick).

The school will be known as Ennistymon Community School.

The recruitment process for the appointment of the first principal of Ennistymon Community School is almost complete.

Progress on the construction of the new Ennistymon Community School Campus project is progressing well.

BD STEM Star Awards

BD Research Centre Ireland (RCI) in Castletroy organised in association with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board the third year of its competition for secondary school students in Limerick and Clare to promote the use of STEM subjects. BD RCI personnel worked with the Schools Division of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to promote this exciting competition about STEM subjects and their ability to have a positive impact on our health.

BD STEM Stars asked students to identify a key health problem and explain how they would go about solving or improving it using STEM subjects.

Thomond Community College and Desmond College featured amongst the winners in this year's competition.

Students from four Limerick schools were acknowledged this year for their projects and research in identifying and solving health issues in Ireland today.

The winners were announced at an in-person presentation hosted by BD Research Centre Ireland with the support of Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board.

Padraig Fitzgerald, BD RCI's Site Director chaired the judging panel. "All of the students were able to clearly show how the STEM subjects they study in school have given them skills to solve real-life health problems. This is exactly why Ireland has such a strong reputation in research and innovation, attracting companies like BD to set up R&D centres in the country".

The Shannon Region Junior Chef of the Year 2022 took place on Tuesday 17th of May at the Limerick Strand Hotel. This was the second year of the competition and it was back bigger and better than ever as an in-person event for the first time. The competition was the culmination of a Transition Year taster course, run by a team of professional executive chefs from Limerick and Clare ETB's College of Further Education and Training, Hospitality Campus.

Since last September, schools across the region participated in two different hospitality taster courses specifically developed for transition years: the Junior Chef 'Apprenticeship Taster' and a 'Barista Skills Taster'. These courses were undertaken by nearly 450 TY students in the region, who have an interest in the hospitality sector as a career or in just learning a skill for life.

One student finalist was selected from four schools across the region to represent their school in a 2-hour live culinary grand final in the Limerick Strand Hotel kitchen. Gráinne Scullane, a TY student from St Anne's Community College, Killaloe was the overall competition winner and received the 1st Place Gold Medal.

Representing Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board at the event were Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training, George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive, Shelagh Graham, Director of Organisation Support and Development, Bernadette Enright, Centre manager at College of FET, Hospitality Campus and Donncha Ó Treasaigh, Director of Schools. Speaking at the competition, Chief Executive of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, George O'Callaghan, said: "As we emerge from pandemic times we need to inspire our next generation of students and this competition aims to do just that. The new apprenticeship 'taster' scheme for transition years with an interest in the hospitality industry as a career has proven highly popular with students across the region over the past two years. I would like to congratulate our Further Education and Training Division and our Schools Division on this fantastic collaboration. I would also like to thank our team of professional executive chefs from the ETB's Hospitality Campus who have helped make today's competition for our transition year students a reality."

Dylan Steward from Colaiste Ide Agus Iosef who won 2nd place with Katrina Anikiyenka from Mungret Community College who came in joint 3rd place with winner Grainne Scullane from St. Anne's Community College and Conor Barry joint 3rd winner from Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh.

Students got to choose local fresh produce and cook them in the professional kitchen at the Limerick Strand Hotel. One of the competition mentors was Tom Flavin, Executive Chef and Food Consultant who is passionate about local produce. Speaking at the event he said: "It's great to be able to showcase the food that we have here in the region and shine a spotlight on the excellent local farmers and food producers and we really appreciate their support for today's competition too. It's also so important to instil in young people that we should eat local and support local. In fact, some of the students here today picked their own wild garlic and gorse flowers which was fantastic to see."

The College of FET Hospitality Campus, operated by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's Further Education and Training Division, is dedicated to providing the highest level of culinary and hospitality training. It has built strong relationships within the Irish hospitality industry since its inception

and links its learners directly with employment opportunities. It provides skills training in multiple areas of the hospitality sector. Bernadette Enright, Centre Manager, said: "Our campus is proud to deliver specialised skills training focused on finding employment in the hospitality industry and this competition showcases the strong relationship we have fostered within the Irish hospitality industry since its inception. We're also very grateful to everyone from this year's participating schools and at our College of FET, Hospitality Campus for all the extra hours and dedication they put into getting the students ready for this year's competition."

Youth Work

New UBU Your Place Your Space: Youth Work Project: Rural Clare

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board appraised all applications received in response to its publicly advertised Call for Service under the UBU Your Place Your Space scheme.

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is delighted to announce that Clare Youth Service will be the new service provider for the UBU Your Place Your Space: Youth Work Project: Rural Clare, Killaloe Municipal District (Killaloe MD), Co Clare. The team looks forward to working with Clare Youth Service on this new and exciting project for young people in Co. Clare.

Recent Funding Allocations

Name of Scheme	Amount	Number of recipients
New UBU Your Place, Your Space Greenfield Site	€120,000	1 Clare Youth Service (see above)
Summer Grant Scheme	€40,230	22 Staff led projects
Capital Grant including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Club Minor Grant • Staff Led Projects 	€109,705	38 youth clubs 14 staff led projects
Local Youth Club Grant Scheme	€160,140	76 Volunteer led Youth Clubs

Limerick and Clare ETB: Youth Work Strategic Plan

The Youth Work team has embarked on a strategic planning process to develop the next LCETB Youth Work Plan. Over the summer, the team will be consulting with internal and external stakeholders to ensure it captures their views and offers an opportunity to input the new plan.

Conference: Screening of Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope

The Youth Work team was delighted to be part of an important interagency conference in April 2022. One of the central messages from the award winning Resilience documentary, which was screened in the Northside Youth Space Ballynanty was "It's not what's wrong with you, it's what happened to you". The morning was attended by 60 people from services, schools and agencies from all over the city. This learning event offered an opportunity to reflect on the documentary in the context of current practice, to explore this with colleagues and the invited panel, for many people it was also their first in-person event in over two years which added to the positivity and energy!

Local Creative Youth Partnership - LCYP

Activity Report to Mid-June 2022

Programme Element	Location/Dates	Status	Participant Numbers
<p>Cruinniú na nÓg Events:</p> <p>Young Beoirs Gathering, social and cultural sharing</p>	<p>Dance Limerick, Saturday June 11th</p> <p>Film, photography, make-up, creative writing, affirmation badges, henna tattoo, belly dance and hiphop all featured as part of the Young Beoirs Gathering for Cruinniú na nÓg. Inspired by young teenagers from Abbeyfeale, the event drew teenage girls from diverse communities and proved to be a huge success with groups coming from all over Limerick and Clare to contribute to and participate in the different creative activities. A dance performance by a Ukrainian group from Ballyvaughan was particularly poignant.</p> <p>Saturday, June 11th</p>	Completed	50 participants
<p>An Introduction to Mime with Astrid Adler</p>	<p>Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee was the location for a mime workshop for teenagers. Eight young participants, a mixture of local and Ukrainian teens, took part in this event which was presented in collaboration with Clare Arts Office and funded by Youth Theatre Ireland.</p>	Completed	8 participants
<p>Film Projects in collaboration with FRESH Film and Limerick Arts Office</p>	<p>Foroige Newcastlewest availed of funding from the Limerick Cruinniú office for a film based on soundscape creation. East Limerick branch of Limerick Youth Service also availed of this fund to create a film with young people in Cappamore and Castleconnell</p>	Completed	14 participants
<p>Community based programmes</p>	<p>Pallasgreen Mural Project with Pallasgreen Youth Club This is an ambitious project which the LCYP began in 2021. Funding from the NYCI Artist in Youth Work residency as well as one of the LCYP's Summer 2022 Creative Project grants are enabling this project to happen with artists and tutors Julianne Hennelly and James Ryan. Additional funds are coming from Limerick Arts Office and Ballyhoura Dev. Co.</p>	Ongoing – Mid May to August 2022	<p>20 participants</p> <p>5 participants</p>
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	<p>Ennis Mural Project with Clare Youth Service with Clare Youth Service will see an upgrade of work on boards on Lysaghts Lane in Ennis. Artist and tutor Anna Colomer will work with young people over the Summer. Funded by the LCYP's Summer 2022 Creative Project grants with match funding coming from various CYS sources.</p> <p>Summer Wellness Programme with Foróige, Croom Irish Dance, photography, fishing and nature walks combine to give young people in Croom a varied Summer programme of activity Funded by the LCYP's Summer 2022 Creative Project grants scheme. Artists Sinead Keane and Alan Place will facilitate.</p> <p>Dóchas Midwest Radio Drama Programme commenced in 2021 is complete and we are looking for a radio station to partner.</p>	<p>July – August 0222</p> <p>June – July 2022</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>participants</p> <p>12 participants</p> <p>6 participants</p>
Early Years Programme	<p>Dance for babies and toddlers Workshops have in two Limerick childcare centres are now complete with evaluation ongoing</p> <p>Capturing very young voices on Audio This project is now mid-way with a second Clare pre-school working with artist John Lillis. Complete recordings due in July. Presented in collaboration with Clare Arts Office. Evaluation to follow.</p> <p>Evaluation of ELC Programme An evaluation of our Early Years activity in 2019 and 2021 is now at final draft</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>24 participants</p> <p>45 participants</p> <p>20 interviewees</p>
Priority areas of activity now in planning For forthcoming months	<p>Sustaining existing projects and programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kilkee Youth Theatre needs further resourcing in order to become sustainable ● Call & Response festival in planning for September and October ● Disability programmes to re-commence September ● Further develop relationships and programmes with Ukrainian communities 		

Further Education and Training Division (FET)

College of FET, Hospitality Campus

- Minister Simon Harris visited St. Anne Community School Killaloe to congratulate the winner of Shannon Region Junior Chef of the Year 2022;
- Winners at the World Chef Congress Abu Dubai. Award presented to Hospitality Campus. "Rise Together " Plaque presented to Bernadette Enright from Ahmed Saeed Salem Al Kaabi Manager of Food Control with Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority in recognition for the Hospitality Campus System, Procedure , Industry Training Plan in Culinary and HACCP;
- Partnered with Croatia to deliver a master class in chocolate and sugar to help them prepare for national competitions;
- Did a radio interview about the success of the Hospitality Campus Internationally International Centre for Culinary Arts Dubai;
- Made several partnerships including College of Tourism and Hotel Management, Pakistan, HTMI Hotel and Management Institute, Switzerland.

College of FET, Ennis Campus

- Ennis Campus was delighted to welcome Minister Simon Harris on Monday 30th May where he met learners and staff across several programmes and support services;
- The team at Ennis Campus have been sanctioned for Erasmus+ staff mobility project and are due to travel to Italy at the end of August to study Classroom Management and Diversity;
- A new Amber Flag was raised for Ennis Campus and they received their Mental Health Hero certificates from Pieta House in May;
- Ennis Campus Community Education 'Building your own Beehive' - Participants completed a four week programme where they built customised beehives suitable for beekeeping in their local area;
- Community Horticulture programme commenced in partnership with Cuan and Chláir and Cloughleigh Men's Shed at the newly developed Cuan and Chláir site in Cahercalla;
- A Woodturning Programme is running in partnership with Ennis Men's Shed and a Furniture Upcycling Programme has commenced;
- Core Skills: Emerging Skills for the Workplace : Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board learners have successfully completed their ITEC Level 1 Diploma in Beauty Therapy and have progressed onto ITEC Level 2 Beauty Specialists and QQI level 5 Beauty Therapy;
- ESOL: New panel of part time tutors formed to support teaching English to Ukrainians. This involves Core Skills staff assessing levels of English, organising venues and assigning tutors. Other tuition e.g. Cookery, Computers, Horticulture, Yoga, Art, My Baby and Me courses are running in some locations;
- Family Learning: Certificates presented to Kayakers and Outdoor Education parents of children in Scoil Chríost Rí in Ennis;
- As part of Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland day of free creativity for children and young people Music Generation Clare hosted two free workshops in Ennis Campus on Saturday 11th June. Well known singer-songwriter Niall McCabe provided a free class on instrumental and vocal composition and arrangement and talented brother and sister duo Seamus & Caoimhe Uí Fhlatharta provided a class in their unique vocal and instrumental style;
- The pilot QQI level 5 Music Performance course facilitated by two MGCE tutors was a great success and applications are now open for the course for academic year 2022/2023;

- Music Performance course taster sessions took place on Wednesday 25th May in MGCE's recording studio in Ennis Campus, where tutors spoke to prospective learners about sound editing and recording. More details on the Music Performance course are available to view on the following website www.collegeoffet.ie;
- To mark the end of the academic year, Music Generation Clare's Irish Concertina Orchestra performed in Glór on Saturday 7th May along with the Irish Chamber Orchestra and ZoDoMo. This was a wonderful opportunity for MGCE's 43 talented young concertina players to showcase their progress and talents this year.

College of FET, Kilrush Campus

- Kilrush Campus was delighted to welcome Minister Simon Harris on Monday 30th May where he met learners and staff across several programmes and support services. The Campus outlined the benefits of MAED funding support in terms of boat building; the conversion of the horse box into a food truck and traditional stonewall construction.

College of FET, Shannon Campus

- SST: Shannon Campus recently passed the 1000 employee trained in F-Gas, an EPA required qualification for the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector. This Campus is currently working with City and Guilds to certify a training course on Hydro carbons to provide required safety training in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector;
- Traineeship: A HGV Traineeship recently started in Limerick city in response to a request by the IRHA for LCETB to support the sector in the training of new drivers. All learners on the current course have sourced work experience with local transport companies;
- Apprenticeship: Feedback from SOLAS indicates that the backlog of apprentices waiting for their plumbing phase 2 is reducing, but not for electrical;
- Electrical, however remains high. New workshops will be coming on line in the Autumn in Electrical and Refrigeration.

College of FET, Raheen Campus

- The Limerick and Clare ETB Retrofit Centre of Excellence, located at the Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership Campus in Roxboro, was officially opened by Minister Simon Harris. The new Centre of Excellence will support meeting green energy construction skills shortage in the region, including NZEB, Retrofit, Insulation, Solar PV, External Wall Insulation and Air Tightness.

Local Training Initiatives

- Kilmeedy Healthcare Support: All Learners completed Palliative Care Needs Assessment Module 1 and 2 relevant to Healthcare Support Health Service Skills and Children with Complex Care Needs, Life Limiting Conditions, relevant to Childcare. These were completed interactively with Milford Hospice.

Youth Education & Training

- Rollout of Youth provision /OETC Pathways programme 2023 has commenced in May '22 – supported and monitored by Youth Provision Coordinator;
- Youthreach Watchhouse Cross: Six learners are attending Horse Riding classes with Clonshire Equestrian Centre in Adare which has proven to be extremely successful.

Specialist Training Provider

- As part of Limerick Life Long Learning Festival, NLN's event with Southill FRC was filmed by LLF to use as part of the promotional video going forward. NLN in Ennis were involved with Clare Arts Office on their Embrace Project and the culmination of this was a display of various projects in Glór Theatre in Ennis.

College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave St Campus

- Minister Simon Harris visited this Campus on Monday 23rd May and met with teachers, management and learners. He announced the purchase of the 0.7 acre site adjacent to the Campus. It is hoped to develop a Film & Digital Media Centre of Excellence on this site;
- A number of Ukrainian learners are studying English at the Campus – 3 mornings a week;
- The Campus is delighted to have been awarded the Amber Flag;
- Learners from CBS Nenagh were welcomed for a tour and talk on the Campus and its course offerings, where progression possibilities were highlighted;
- Another significant occasion on Campus events calendar was the Inaugural Annual Creative Media Showcase by learners on programmes in the Creative Media Department of the Campus. The work on display on 26th May was from the following disciplines:
 - Photography, TV and Film, Music and Sound Technology, Radio Broadcast and Print Journalism, Multimedia and Animation and Performing Arts;
- The Campus hosted a number of workshops in conjunction with the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival – Traditional Darkroom Printing, Felted Vessels, Introduction to Printmaking and Charcoal Techniques for Portraits;
- The Campus has had huge success at the National Student SMEDIA Awards with Kate Harty winning News Photographer of the Year and Gabriela Koscielniak winning Photographer of the Year;
- SMARTER TRAVEL success also for the Campus with learner Muireann McMahon winning the Design & Illustration Category;
- The Campus hosted a Creative Media morning with guests from Youthreach, Core Skills and VTOS attending – tours of recording studio, photography suite, radio station and TV and film production facilities give a real insight into studying at the Campus;
- The Annual Photography exhibition was held at The Belltable, Limerick with work from first and second years being exhibited.

College of FET, O'Connell Avenue Campus

- Community Education completed a Family Learning 'Gaeilge le Chéile' in Our Lady of Lourdes NS – Positive outcomes in terms of attitudes to speaking and learning Gaeilge were much more encouraging than at the outset and it was an excellent way to welcome parents in to the school, conveying a powerful message to the children that learning is important and fun;
- During the 2022 Lifelong Learning Festival a number of in-person and online events showcasing community education have been held across the city including Garryowen 'Cook along with Maeve (online), Moyross 'Seeds of Hope' (in-person) container gardening project, cross-city exhibition (in-person), Art meets Craft Exhibition in the Coach House No.2 Pery Square and Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Interactive Wood Turning (live stream and in-person);
- Wider Benefits of Learning: CEF and AEO are on the ETBI Working Group, which oversaw the implementation of a WBL pilot project between Sept-Dec 2021 across seven ETBs.

Outdoor Education & Training

- OETC's ran a very successful Schools Orienteering event in Curraghchase with over 600 2nd years participating. An article on same was included in DE newsletter on Education for sustainable development;
- OETCs will be coordinating OE activities for the ETBI summer school for middle leaders (Schools division) taking place in UL in June, in conjunction with the Director of Schools;
- Pathways to OE careers for Youthreach will recommence for 2022 in June. Other current FET OE provision includes Steering Group Reflection day, Community Education OE and provision for Ukrainian groups in conjunction with College of FET.

Support Services

Information, Recruitment & Guidance Support Service

- LCETB in collaboration with Limerick County Council Regeneration have participated in four job fairs in areas of disadvantage – Moyross, Southill, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Mary’s parish. All options on further education/apprenticeships and traineeships were presented at the job fairs;
- IRGSS participated in the Ukrainian resettlement programme in the region. Resources have included translation, guidance services and information sessions on training and job placement. Colleagues have collaborated with colleagues in Core Skills and ESOL in the delivery of assistance. IRGSS have worked with over 900 Ukrainians in the Limerick City area.

Enterprise Engagement

- Explore Engineering Showcase took place on May 12th in the Limerick Racecourse. This involved collaboration with 60 companies and the specific placement of apprenticeship services with Limerick and Clare ETB. The event was attended by over 1000 people and showcases the pathways to engineering;
- EESS liaised with the Construction Industry Federation to collaborate on the delivery of custom-made 12-week Construction Study Skills programmes. These will be delivered in collaboration with Moyross Youth Academy and Limerick City Build and will have a mixture of accredited and non-accredited learning. It was envisaged that candidates will be site-ready for construction work on completion of the course;
- The first Coding for Women programme completed in March 2022, 15 participants gained work experience and seven gained full employment. A review of the programme is currently in place with the IT cluster, second iteration will commence in May 2022.

Active Inclusion Support Service

- The Local Authorities in Limerick and Clare have established Community Response Fora to coordinate a community-led response in the provision of assistance and support to Ukrainian nationals accommodated in both counties. The AISS represent Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board on both of these structures and on the emerging, regional substructures;
- New ESOL and Migrant Learner CEF recruited following successful submission of a business case to SOLAS. Role will support the Implementation of the FET ESOL and Migrant Learner Framework;
- Work is continuing on the development of a FET wide Learner Support Framework as feedback is incorporated into a final document. The Framework will outline the structures and processes, which LCETB FET Division have put in place to ensure all learners and potential learners receive the necessary information, advice, guidance and support required to ensure their successful participation and engagement with FET provision appropriate to their needs and aspirations.

Professional Development

- The Professional Learning & Development Support Service (PL&D) and VTOS Limerick are jointly hosting three Finnish visitors, staff from the Helsinki Adult Education Centre on an Erasmus Plus Job Shadow from 23rd-27th May;
- 12 staff members will be commencing D Licence Driving Course on June 1st to allow them drive new buses, which will be used in their campuses. This is being jointly organised between PL&D and Shannon Training Centre;
- PL&D working in collaboration with Family Learning Clare to rollout a six unit online Family Learning Training where there are approximately 48 participants – 20 in-house and the remaining from other ETB’s. This will run from 24th to 28th June.

Technology Enhanced Learning Quality Assurance

- A new TEL Action Plan 2022 – 2025 was produced collaboratively with staff of TELSS, FET Steering group, Programme & Service Management Team and Digital Champions;
- A key new initiative the Blended Learning Professional Development programme 2022 – 2023 was launched and recruitment for teachers to be seconded to the programme commenced;
- Show & TEL series: These 30 min bite-sized learning at lunchtime on Tuesdays & Thursdays continued during April into May with inputs on a wide variety of technologies including UDL, Podcasting, Assistive technologies, ESOL resources (Ellie) and H5P for feedback and assessment.

8. For Adoption;

a. Finance Report

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Mark O’Dea, seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating.

b. 2022 Draft Service Plan

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Paul Murphy, seconded by Mr. Mark O’Dea

c. 2021 Draft Annual Report

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Clare Colleran Molly, seconded by Cllr. Bridget Teefy

d. Report from the Audit & Risk Committee

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. John Sheahan, seconded by Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy.

9. For Adoption;

a. Extension by one year of Classroom Rental in Ennistymon for Ukrainian Students

Adopted by Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Paul Murphy

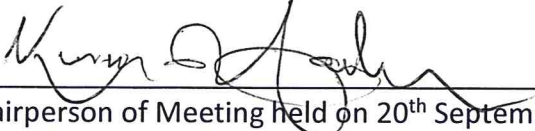
b. Lease of Mol an Óige School Site

Adopted by Cllr. Paul Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy

Next Meeting: 20th September 2022.

George O’Callaghan
Chief Executive.

Signed:


Chairperson of Meeting held on 20th September, 2022.