



MINUTES OF LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

COVID-19 - LCETB BOARD MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM

17th January, 2023

Present: Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Cregan
Cllr. Michael Donegan
Cllr. Liam Galvin
Mr. Michael Guilfoyle
Ms. Catherine Hehir
Ms. Sheila Hickey
Cllr. Gabriel Keating
Cllr. Joe Killeen
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. Donncha O’Tresaigh, Director of Schools
Mr. Denis O’Brien, Head of Corporate Services & IT
Ms. Joanne O’Brien, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Hayes, Corporate Services

1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences

Apologies: Ms. Elaina Fitzgerald
Mr. Sean McMahon
Cllr. Paul Murphy
Ms. Marian Petty
Mr. Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Ms. Elizabeth Flanagan (Retired Principal Vocational School, Ennistymon) on the Death of her Husband, Michael.
- Ms. Angela McNamara (Principal, Scariff Community College,), on the death of her mother, Ms. Aine Murphy.
- Ms. Stephanie Murphy (Marshal House) on the death of her uncle, Mr. Gerard Murphy.

- Mr. Christopher McCabe, (Outdoor Education Centre, Kilfinane) on the death of his father, Mr. Alex (Jude) McCabe.
- Ms. Sheila Roche Fitzgerald (Marshal House), on the death of her aunt, Ms. Teresa O'Connell.
- Mr. Tom McElhinney (College of Further Education and Training, Shannon Campus) on the death of his mother, Ms. Una McElhinney.
- Ms. Oonagh Kelly (Ennistymon Vocational School) on the death of her brother, Mr. Eoghan Nagle.
- Ms. Catherine Bracken (Further Education & Training Centre, Raheen), on the death of her father, Mr. Thomas (Tommy) Bracken.
- Family of the late Mr. Thomas (Tom) Pigott, former Staff Member, Hospital Vocational School.
- Ms. Carina Prendiville, former Board Member and Staff Member of Limerick and Clare ETB on the death of her brother Mr. James (Jim) O'Connor.
- Family of the late Mr. James (Jimmy) Fleming, former Staff Member of St. Michael's College, Cappamore.

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 15th November, 2022, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Liam Galvin.

4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Governance:

The CE advised that there were no areas of concern in relation to Covid due to the successful procedures and processes in place and paid tribute to all involved. He did advise that absences were up prior to Christmas with Students and Staff but that the Christmas Break helped in that regard and all schools and centres were operating as normal.

Cllr. John Sheahan, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas requested Hybrid Meetings going forward. This was agreed. The Chairperson advised that it was hoped the January meeting would have been hybrid, but following consultation with Members and conscious of the recent spike in Covid figures, it was decided to have this meeting remote access.

Cllr. Elena Secas queried if there were any issues with schools in terms of temperatures or footpaths and the CE advised that he was not aware of any and none was brought to attention.

6. Correspondence

Department Correspondence

<u>CL 0070/2022</u> 28 October, 2022	Re: Enhancement to Irish Sign Language (ISL) Scheme provision - Post Primary.
<u>CL 0071/2022</u> 9 November 2022	Re: Teacher Supply Post Primary: Teaching Hours Extension Scheme for 2022/2023.
<u>CL 0072/2022</u> 11 November 2022	Re: Standardisation of the School Year in respect of Primary & Post-Primary Schools for the years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.
<u>CL 0073/2022</u> 17 November 2022	Re: NQF Level 9 Graduate Diploma in Social Personal and Health Education/ Relationships and Sexuality Education (SPHE/RSE) Programme 2023.
<u>CL0074/2022</u> 18 November 2022	Re: Panel access for fixed-term/temporary (this includes substitute) and part-time teachers to the Supplementary Redeployment Panel for the 2023/24 school year.
<u>CL 0076/2022</u> 23 November 2022	Re: Payment of Tool Allowance to Craft Workers – 2022.
<u>CL0075/2022</u> 24 November 2022	Re: Commencement of the Education (Provision in respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022 and Commencement of remaining sections of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018.
<u>CL 0077/2022</u> 6 December 2022	Re: Once-off cost of living measure to support increased school running costs.
<u>CL 0078/2022</u> 12 December 2022	Re: Bereavement Leave Scheme for Registered Teachers employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools.
<u>CL 0079/2022</u> 12 December 2022	Re: Bereavement Leave Scheme for Special Needs Assistants employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools.
<u>CL 0001/2023</u> 17 th January, 2023	Re: Advice on the use of assessment instruments/tests for Guidance or for additional and special educational needs (SEN) in post-primary schools (Revising Circulars 0067/2020 and 0058/2019)

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

Schools and Youth Work

Community National Schools

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board looking forward to opening more multi denominational primary schools over the next few years in accordance with the Department of Education reconfiguration for diversity of primary schools.

The Schools Reconfiguration for Diversity process will support the transfer of primary schools to multi-denominational patrons.

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board already operates Community National Schools at primary level at three sites in Limerick and Clare.

Community National Schools (CNS) are state, co-educational, multi-denominational primary schools underpinned by the core values of Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect. Community National Schools teach the national primary school curriculum as set out by the Department of Education and have a ‘multi-denominational’ ethos. CNSs also celebrate events that are important to the school community such as Christmas, Eid, and Diwali throughout the school year.

Schools Reconfiguration for Diversity process

The reconfiguration process involves existing schools changing their patron and may also involve a change of ethos, for example, a change from a denominational (religious) ethos to a multi-denominational ethos. When a school transfers from one patron to another, the school retains the same roll number with staff and pupils remaining in place.

The Programme for Government refers to the reconfiguration of schools to Community National School (CNS) which are under the patronage of Education and Training Boards (ETBs).

Regarding the reconfiguration pilot underway in Limerick City, the Department of Education facilitator’s engagement with the relevant school communities remains ongoing and is in relatively early stages. Primary school principals or school communities in Limerick and Clare who are interested in further information should contact Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board – schools@lcteb.ie.

Responding to the needs of Ukrainian Families displaced by War

Regional Education and Language Teams (REALT)

The Limerick and Clare REALT Team continues to meet weekly to address the enrolment of children requiring school places in Limerick and Clare.

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

The Team which meets weekly 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

The Department of Education can confirm that as of 22/12/2022, 13,753 Ukrainian pupils have been enrolled in schools across Ireland. Out of that figure, 8,823 of these pupils have been accommodated in primary schools while 4,930 pupils have enrolled in post-primary schools. The breakdown per county and sector is detailed in the table below. The Chairperson paid tribute to all involved and expressed his appreciation for their professionalism. Cllr Elena Secas also wished also to be associated with these sentiments.

County	Primary	Post-Primary
Clare	570	332
Limerick	284	178

Information for parents in Ukrainian and Russian on accessing school places is available on www.lcetb.ie.

Transition Year Taster Series Options in FET

Schools and FET have been working very closely together to provide Transition Year students with the opportunities to sample the very exciting and beneficial potential of courses on offer at FET level. Students from Thomond Community College recently visited the Mulgrave Street Campus at the Launch of its FET Taster Series

As part of its celebration of this year's College Awareness Week our College of FET, Mulgrave Street Campus in Limerick City took the opportunity to officially launch its new FET Taster Series. College Awareness Week promotes the benefits of post-second level education for all, supports students to become 'college-ready', and showcases local role models. Throughout the week Mulgrave Street Campus hosted events demonstrating the many positives of Further Education and Training, featuring the themes of Progression and Career Options, FET The Smart Choice, The FET Journey and The Learner Experience.

Other key events included visits to local schools, CAO information sessions and talks about progression routes to higher education. Other activities included past learner role model podcasts, industry presentations on career options and various activities organised by the campus Student Union and Learning Hub, which enhance the learner experience.

Muintearas in ár Scoileanna - Connection in our Schools

Schools Division Annual School-Wide Winter Webinar

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's Schools Division held its annual school-wide webinar for staff of all schools on the 1st of December 2022 with Dr Zachary Walker, an internationally renowned expert in individual and organisational learning performance. Teachers, SNAs and PMEs/Teachers on Co-op and school leaders greatly enjoyed the webinar, which also featured a panel of contributors including George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive, D Marie Lafferty, and Donncha Ó Treasaigh, Director of Schools.

Commenting on the success of the event, Donncha Ó Treasaigh, said: "It was such a pleasure to host internationally renowned researcher Dr. Zachary Walker with staff from all our Community National Schools, Community Colleges and Community Schools." He continued: "The benefits of reflecting on Zachary's expertise and advice is extremely important for all in education to ensure that our young people can reap the rewards of excellence in teaching and learning to further themselves personally". The Muintearas in ár Scoileanna – Connection in our Schools event was viewed by over one-thousand staff across schools and colleges via Zoom webinar.

Commenting on the first ever school-wide webinar for ETB schools, George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive, said: "I am delighted with the opportunity to acknowledge our hard-working teachers, SNAs, clerical, ancillary staff and Principals and Deputy Principals across our schools via our annual webinar to maintain and enrich our close connection across the region."

Annual Student Support Team Conference

The annual Student Support Team Conference took place on Friday, 18 November and was attended by SST Members, Principals and Deputy Principals, our ETB Support Team and invited guests including NEPS, the Inspectorate and Tusla. The conference was held in the Castletroy Park Hotel and there was a keynote from Dr. Colman Noctor on the day with the conference theme - 'Supporting Schools to help students thrive and survive in today's world'

ETB Welcomes Launch of New ETBI Framework on Ethos in Schools

Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI) launched the ETBI Patrons' Framework on Ethos for ETB schools across the country at an event recently in Naas, Co. Kildare.

ETB schools are state, co-educational, multi-denominational schools underpinned by the core values of excellence in education, care, equality, community, and respect. The ETBI Patrons' Framework on Ethos, which was developed by ETBI and the Centre for Evaluation, Quality, and Inspection at Dublin City University (DCU), supports all ETB schools in Limerick and Clare in living out their ethos. The Framework applies to the Community National Schools and Community Colleges under the patronage of ETBs. Carl O'Brien, Education Editor at the Irish Times, moderated a panel discussion on the theme 'Ethos in Action,' featuring staff, learners, and parents from across the ETB sector on the practical use of the ethos Framework.

Speaking in advance of the launch event, George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, said: "We welcome the launch of the ETBI Patrons' Framework on Ethos which reaffirms the impressive achievements we note in all of our schools, in particular the innovations in learning and teaching, our inclusive practices and most importantly our commitment to both excellence in education and equality."

Donncha O Treasaigh, Director of Schools with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board also welcomed the launch stating that "ETB Community National Schools and Community Colleges have an excellent reputation in serving all the needs of the communities we serve, a reputation that is borne out in the outstanding achievements of our students who are supported in reaching their full potential and self-fulfilment in life."

Both Mr. O’Callaghan and Mr. O Treasaigh contributed significantly in the deliberations at national level to reach this historic milestone as they work on the ETBI Patrons Framework Committee.

An Ethos Coordinator has been appointed by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to support ETB schools across Limerick and Clare in the implementation of the Framework. Speaking about the impact of the Ethos Framework, Limerick and Clare ETB’s Ethos Coordinator, Christine Noonan, stated “This Framework is the culmination of ten years of extensive national consultation, research and policymaking that reflects our modern society. It articulates for the first time what it means to be an ETB school. Today is a historic day for the ETB school community.”

MY-Psychology: Innovative Programme For Young People Launches

MY-Psychology, an innovative programme to tackle Mental Health and Wellbeing in young people launched this week as part of Science Week 2022. It was co-designed with teachers and students in Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools ensuring it is relevant and engaging for young people.

MY-Psychology, or MY-Psy, is a ground-breaking, psychology education programme with a focus on positive mental health and well-being promotion. Funded by Science Foundation Ireland, MY-Psy is led by Dr Jennifer McMahon, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at University of Limerick, and Director of SCY-Lab (School, Child & Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Lab). It is a collaboration/partnership between the SCY-Lab, the Junior Health Sciences Academy (UL Hospitals Group, Mid-West Community Healthcare and University of Limerick) and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, bringing together research, education, and healthcare specialities. Other key stakeholders include Jigsaw Limerick, Limerick Youth Service, and teaching staff in the Limerick/Clare area.

MY-Psy has been created with youth stakeholders, who have informed the design of the 12-session programme for Transition Year students. The programme focuses on the science of managing social media, understanding emotions, and building relationships. It also includes sessions on changing health behaviours, and how to engage in research. Students will consolidate their programme engagement by completing a peer-led well-being promotion project in their school, with the award of a Certificate in Leadership in Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion from the Junior Health Sciences Academy, UL.

Another key aim of the MY-Psy programme is to expose transition year students to psychological science and encourage them to view it as a potential career pathway.

MY-Psy is currently being rolled out in five schools in the Mid-West and the hope is that next year the programme will be scaled up and delivered to a broader number of schools.

The findings of this pilot programme will be available in Spring 2023 when students will be presented with their completion certificates in Mental Health & Wellbeing Leadership at a large in-person event in UL.

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.

BT Young Scientist 2023

The CE and Board paid tribute to all schools who took part in the BT Young Scientist 2023 and to all those who were successful. A summary of the schools, number of projects and titles of the successful projects are outlined below;

Educator of Excellence Award

Award Title	School Name	Name
Stripe Educator of Excellence	Desmond College, Newcastlewest	Donal Enright

Special Awards

Award Title	Project Category	School Name	Project Title	Students
Irish Science Teachers Association Special Award	Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Desmond College	A Rubbish Physics Project	Padraig Doherty, Madison Reddin
Jack Restan displays	Biological & Ecological	Kilkee Community College	Kelpoleum: Sugar kelp biofuel as an alternative to petroleum fuel.	Caragh Killeen, Ailish Marrinan, Cian McInerney
Institute of Physics in Ireland Special Award	Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Mungret Community College	Factors Affecting Muon Flux Density	Aaron Waldron, Conor Quinlivan
Greencoat Renewables	Technology	Colaiste Chiarain	Investigating The Viability of Micro-Level Wind Generation	Seán O'Sullivan

Category Awards

Award Title	Project Category	School Name	Project Title	Students
3rd Senior Group	Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Mungret Community College	Factors Affecting Muon Flux Density	Aaron Waldron, Conor Quinlivan
3rd Intermediate Individual	Technology	Colaiste Chiarain	Investigating The Viability of Micro-Level Wind Generation	Seán O'Sullivan

Highly commended

Highly Commended – Project Category	School Name	Project Title	Students
Biological & Ecological	St Joseph's Community College	Kelpoleum: Sugar kelp biofuel as an alternative to petroleum fuel.	Caragh Killeen, Ailish Marrinan, Cian McInerney
Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Desmond College	A Rubbish Physics Project	Padraig Doherty, Madison Reddin
Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Desmond College	Treatment of myocardial infarction using magnetic fields	Ethan Kirwan , Jack Kelly

Display Awards

Display Award - Project Category	School Name	Project Title	Students
Technology	Desmond College	Upstairs/ Downstairs, enabling people to navigate stairs more easily.	Edel McMahon
Technology	Colaiste Chiarain	The development of a wearable device to alert and remind the user to apply sunscreen	Katelyn Prior, Caitlin Quain, Aiden Oscar
Social & Behavioural Sciences	Coláiste Iósaef	Prevalence of Eating Disorders in Adolescent Boys in an Irish School	Darcy Hanley-Cronin, Sinéad harte , Marta Manero

Partnership with Health Sciences Academy & Clinical Education & Research Centre, University Hospital Limerick

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 Ireland 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.

Meetings, Training and Supports for post-primary schools

Support seminars and training were provided to post-primary personnel in the following areas;

- Student Support Team Coordinators meeting
- Meeting of Transition Year Coordinators
- Student Support Team training
- Meeting of Guidance Counsellors
- SENCo Forum meeting
- Student Voice Training for schools
- Leading Inclusive Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LILTA) Cluster Day
- Leading School Improvement (LSI) - a School Self Evaluation initiative to support SSE coordinators
- Digital Leaders
- DEIS School Coordinators

Local Creative Youth Partnership

Activity Report to December 31st 2022

2022 Winter Programme	Location and activity	Status	Participant Numbers
Winter Programme	Future Film Makers: Training in film production Ten young people undertook the training, delivered in partnership with Southill Hub, culminating in a short docu style film based around the cross-community Breaking Barriers sports event. Final film edit due Jan. 2023.	Complete for 2022	10 young people
	Abbeyfeale: Film Project December 3 rd saw the conclusion of a film project, initiated with FRESH Film for Cruinniú na nÓg in June. Two Future Film Makers trainees joined four teenage girls from Abbeyfeale on a shoot with Red Paw Media, with final film edit due Jan. 2023.	Complete for 2022	6 young people
	Kilkee Youth Theatre resumed in November with six workshops delivered by newly recruited tutors, Jessica Curtin and Emma Troy.	Complete for 2022	13 young people
Ongoing workshop programmes through December	Workshop Programmes LCYP tutors continued to deliver ongoing programmes in the following centres: Knockalisheen Direct Provision Centre: Craft Abbeyfeale, Traveller groups: Film Thomond Community College: After Schools Youth Theatre Fainleog School, Rathkeale: Drama and woodwork Clare Youth Service, Kilrush: Wreath Making	Complete for 2022	45 young people
Priorities for 2023	Early Years Programme, Inspire: Dance with under 2s This element of the LCYP Early Years programme has been selected as a pilot programme by DCEDIY through the department's First Five Working Group which is examining methodologies and mechanisms for consulting with children and babies aged birth to 5 years.	At planning stage	Up to 40 babies and toddlers
	Consolidating Film, music and Audio For 2023, the LCYP will bring its audio, music and film programmes together and promote training through the youth sector in collaboration with Kinia and the LCYP's Future Film Makers programme	At planning stage	

	Develop sustainability plans for key programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Limerick programmes prioritising Travellers • Kilkee Youth Theatre • Early Years Programmes in Clare and Limerick • Plan for migrant young people and those living in direct provision • Call & Response festival 	Ongoing	
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Further Education and Training (FET)

College of FET, Hospitality Campus

- Hospitality had two learners qualify for representing Ireland at the World Cup in Luxembourg, Ireland came 3rd;
- Instructor Will King won a Bronze medal and diploma also in the World Cup;
- 80 attended the South Hill old folk's party.

Outdoor Education & Training

- ETBI OE Network conference was hosted by LCETB at OETC The Burren on 10/11 November 2022, with a focus on implementing OE Network Strategic Framework;
- Overall provision for 2022 has significantly improved post COVID, with an increase in FET provision in both OETCs in line with strategic framework goals;
- In service training in Orienteering for PE teachers is planned for January 2023 in conjunction with schools division to enhance school based OE provision and promote Junior Cycle CBAs in Orienteering.

College of FET, Newcastlewest Campus

- Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Simon Harris along with Minister of State for Skills and Further Education, Niall Collins, have announced that the green light has been given to Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to proceed to the next stage in developing a College of The Future (COTF). The project envisages a new Further Education and Training campus built in Newcastle West, Co Limerick. This proposal will transform learning in County Limerick with an expansion of further education courses in the county and deliver full-time programmes in Newcastle West for the first time.

College of FET, Mulgrave Street Campus

- College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus was delighted to launch their FET Taster Series. This new and innovative FET Taster Series has been created especially for second level schools. The mission of this series is to give second level students an insight into the value, importance, relevance and excitement of Further Education and Training Courses at the college. The series is geared towards TY's, along with LCA, fifth and sixth year students. On the FET Taster Series, participants can experience first-hand, through practical, interactive day long sessions just how much you can benefit from a PLC course. Offerings include Sports & Recreation, Creative Media and Design, Beauty and Hairdressing.

College of FET, Croom Campus

- Horsemanship Level 5 learners achieved Bronze BHS Challenge awards- Caring for Your Horse in December at Clonshire Equestrian Centre;
- Animal Care, Horsemanship and Animal Science learners are completing work placements through links with local stable yards, veterinary clinics, grooming salons, animal shelters. Healthcare learners are completing work placements in care homes and local hospitals also.

College of FET, Ennis Campus

- FT (PLC/VTOS) provision has been approved for a new Marketing Level 5 programme for 2023;
- Learners on the Nursing programme completed their first aid training;
- Irish Sign Language workshops were held as part of an Amber Flag positive mental health and inclusion initiative. Also, singing classes were held in the lead up to Christmas with a performance at the Christmas Celebration for both learners and staff.

College of FET, Shannon Campus

- **Specific Skills Training:** The demand for compliance training in F-Gas for refrigeration remains high, with 604 certificates issued in 2022. It is expected that this number will increase in 2023 as Shannon is now validated to deliver F-Gas Category 2 to meet the requirement for people installing heat pumps. In addition, the demand for welding courses has increased, with 449 certificates issued in 2022. Shannon also provided specific training to Lufthansa Technik Turbine Technology staff on welding.
- **Traineeship:** The demand for traineeships from local businesses and national associations outstrip the applicants availing of places. In an effort to counteract this, Shannon is looking at changing both the traineeship offering and the means of delivery in order to make traineeships more attractive to potential applicants. Shannon certified 177 traineeship participants in 2022 in the areas of Aircraft Maintenance, Welding and Heavy Goods Driving.
- **Apprenticeship:** Emergency provision in the areas of Electrical and Plumbing continues in an effort to support the backlog in apprentices waiting to start their Phase 2. New electrical workshops are now in place in Clonroad with one class started and two more scheduled to start in 2023. Shannon will continue to review current space and resources to evaluate the possibility of offering an additional electrical workshop.

Limerick School of Music

- LSOM is in the process of examining how they can begin to introduce QQI accredited courses to the school;
- Extension of partnership programmes with Our Lady Queen of Peace, Presentation and CBS schools;
- Two of the recently appointed Management Team have completed microcredits with UL in Management and Leadership.

College of FET, Cappamore & Kilmallock Town Campus

- East County Limerick Part-time Provision is delivering approximately 175 courses across campuses (Kilmallock Town Campus/Cappamore Campus) and partner locations in the county. These range from Core Skills, VESD, Community Education & ESOL;
- College of FET, Cappamore Campus hosted a Community Food Initiative workshop on Healthy Lunch Made Easy. This workshop was a collaboration with Ballyhoura Development CLG. It was well attended by members of the public and learners who attend courses within the campus. MABs provided information on the morning in relation to budgeting for school lunches.

Support Services

Technology Enhanced Learning

- Teachers from the Blended Learning Secondment programme shared their initial design work on key modules being re-designed for blended delivery in Decembers Show & TEL series of workshops (the first programme of its kind nationally putting LCETB at the forefront of Blended Learning Design);
- LCETB FET Division TELSS continues to implement a series of innovative pilot projects aimed at ensuring state-of-the-art learning technologies are used across all College of FET Campuses. Two key pilots which commenced recently are the use of Vevox a learner polling and feedback platform and Ellii an ESOL content and interactive teaching platform. These platforms are currently being rolled out across Further Education and Training provision;
- Professional Development continues to be critical to the successful adoption and use of technology. Two key initiatives are Show & TEL lunchtime online sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays where Learning Practitioners share best practice and the Teaching and Learning Online Course offered to all Learning Practitioners who are engaged in remote teaching.

Quality Assurance

- **Certification of the First Graduates of the National Hairdressing Apprenticeship**
Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board held a ceremony on Monday 28th November 2022 to mark the conferral of the first eight graduates of the new QQI award 'Advanced Certificate in Hairdressing'. These graduates are the first nationally-recognised, qualified hairdressers in the country. During the conferral the eight graduates, all experienced hairdressers, employers, salon owners, mentors and teachers, expressed their delight in receiving their certification and spoke positively of their experience of RPL. The innovative new process of RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) was developed by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in collaboration with an industry-led Consortium Steering Group. This is the first time that the process has been used for certification of a full Level 6 major award.
- **Development and approval of College of FET Access, Transfer and Progression Policy**
Limerick and Clare ETB Quality Council, at its meeting on 14th December 2022, approved the newly developed College of FET Access, Transfer and Progression policy. The policy sets out the approach taken by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to Access, Transfer & Progression (ATP) in the ETB's College of FET ensuring inclusivity and equality of opportunity for prospective and current learners.
- **Newly developed programmes approved by QQI**
Two new Further Education and Training Programmes, developed by Limerick and Clare ETB Quality Assurance Support Service Curriculum Development, in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, have been approved for validation by QQI Programme Awards Executive Committee. These two innovative new programmes are - Level 6 Specific Purpose Certificate in Customer Experience (Cx), and Special Purpose Award Level 5 F-gas Handling in Small RACHPT&T Category 2.

7. For Adoption;

a) Finance Report

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Liam Galvin.

b) Risk Appetite Statement

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Mark O'Dea, seconded by Cllr. Liam Galvin.

Next Meeting: 28th February, 2023 at 4 p.m.

George O'Callaghan
Chief Executive.

Signed:



Chairperson of Meeting held on 28th February, 2023.