



**Minutes of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
held in Marshal House, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick (Hybrid)**

26th March, 2024

Present: Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, Chairperson
Ms. Elaina Fitzgerald
Mr. Michael Guilfoyle
Ms. Catherine Hehir
Ms. Sheila Hickey
Cllr. Joe Killeen
Cllr. Gabriel Keating
Mr. Paul Moroney
Cllr. Paul Murphy
Cllr. Ann Norton
Mr. Mark O’Dea
Cllr. Brigid Teefy
Cllr. Elena Secas

In attendance: Mr. George O’Callaghan, Chief Executive
Mr. Donncha O’Treaasaigh, Director of Schools
Ms. Eamon Murphy, Director of Organisation Support and Development
Mr. Paul Patton, Director of Further Education and Training
Mr. Denis O’Brien, Head of Corporate Services & IT
Ms. Joanne O’Brien, Corporate Services
Ms. Caroline Hayes, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services

1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences

Apologies:

Mr. Michael Cregan
Ms. Marian Petty
Cllr. Liam Galvin
Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy
Mr. Sean McMahon

In Absentia:

Cllr. Sarah Kiely
Cllr. John Sheahan
Cllr. Michael Donegan

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Ms. Maud Baritaud (Further Education and Training Killmallock Road Campus) on the death of her mother.
- Ms. Geraldine Gardiner (Marshal House) on the death of her mother in Law, Mary (Breda) Gardiner.

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 27th February, 2024, were adopted on the proposal Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Mr. Mark O’Dea.

4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Governance:

- a. Risk Management
No matter raised.

6. Correspondence

Department Correspondence

<u>CL 0016/2024</u> 19 February 2024	Re: Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2026.
<u>CL 0017/2024;</u> 19 February 2024	Re: Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2026.
<u>CL 0018/2024</u> 14 March 2024	Re: Graduate Certificate in Autism Education for teachers working with Autistic Pupils in Special Schools, Special Classes or as Special Education Teachers in mainstream Primary and Post-Primary Schools, 2024/2025.
<u>CL 0019/2024</u> 14 March 2024	Re: Post-Graduate Diploma Programme of Teacher Professional Learning for Special Education Teachers, 2024/2025.
<u>CL 0020/2024</u> 27 February 2024	Re: Gaeltacht School Recognition Scheme: Continued Implementation of the Scheme (2024/25) in Primary Schools.
<u>CL 0021/2024</u> 27 February 2024	Re: Gaeltacht School Recognition Scheme: Continued Implementation of the Scheme (2024/25) in Post-Primary Schools.
<u>CL 0023/2024</u> 19 March 2024	Re: The Education Sponsor Referral Agreement and Responsibilities of Data Controllers.
<u>CL 0024/2024</u> 4 March 2024	Re: Post-Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Teacher Professional Learning for Teachers working with Students with Special Educational Needs (Autism).

CL 0026/2024
21 March 2024

Re: Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 2026.

CL 0027/2024
March 2024

Re: Cycle to Work Scheme for ETB Employees.

CL 0030/2024
25 March 2024

Re: Arrangements for the Election of Staff to Education and Training Boards (2024).

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

Schools, Youth Affairs, Local Creative Youth & REALT

Establishment of new Special School for Limerick

The CE advised of new school opening in Mungret. Ongoing meetings with the Working Group established by the Department of Education with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and NCSE are taking place to ensure that the new school will open in September 2024.

Recruitment of the Administrative Principal and Deputy Principal has concluded. Deirdre Bourke (NCSE and former SENCO) has been appointed as the principal of the school. Niamh Cooke (NCSE and former teacher at St. Gabriel's) has been appointed as the Administrative Deputy Principal.

An information evening took place on Monday, 11th March which was publicised in local newspapers and through our social media channels in conjunction with the NCSE. The event was very well attended with over 180 parents/guardians.

Enrolments for the new school opened on 11 March and the closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Tuesday, 2nd April 2024. NCSE facilitated a parent support clinic on Wednesday, 20 March and the CE advised that this was very well attended.

Additional information about the new community special school is available at www.limerickcss.ie.

The Chairperson paid tribute to the management of Limerick and Clare ETB, in particular the Director of Schools for his work in this area.

REALT (Regional Education and Language Team) - Supporting Ukrainian Children in Limerick and Clare

School Enrolments

The Department of Education can confirm that 18,291 Ukrainian pupils had been enrolled in schools across Ireland at the end of February. Out of that figure, 11,358 of these pupils had been accommodated in primary schools while 6,933 pupils had enrolled in post-primary schools.

This data indicates an enrolment rate of 90.2% among Ukrainian children aged 5-18.

Changes to Accommodation for People Fleeing War in Ukraine

New legislation to bring into effect a revised approach to supporting new arrivals from Ukraine has been commenced. This follows the Government decision in December and the passing of the relevant legislation last week.

Under the revised approach, from this Thursday, 14th March, anyone fleeing the war in Ukraine, who registers for temporary protection and is looking for State-provided accommodation in Ireland, will be accommodated for a maximum of 90 days. They will be provided with food, laundry, other services and integration supports in Designated Accommodation Centres.

Standard social welfare payments will no longer be available to a person while they are resident in Designated Accommodation Centres. They will be entitled to a reduced weekly allowance of €38.80 per adult and €29.80 per child in respect of daily expenses, while they are resident in Designated Accommodation Centres. Entitlement to Child Benefit is not affected by these changes.

When they leave the Designated Accommodation Centre, or if they make their own accommodation arrangements on arrival, they will be entitled to apply for standard social welfare assistance, equivalent to Irish citizens subject to meeting the eligibility conditions.

The Government is making these changes to continue to meet the EU Temporary Protection Directive requirements, and to align more closely with other EU Member States.

These changes will not affect people from Ukraine who arrived in Ireland before this policy came into force and are already registered for temporary protection.

Six accommodation centres have been identified to provide 90 days of accommodation for new arrivals from Ukraine. The first five to be confirmed as Designated Accommodation Centres under the new legislation are:

- Ballyogan Road, Dublin City (capacity: 392)
- Stradbally, Co. Laois (capacity: 950)
- Fernbank, Limerick City (capacity: 250)
- Punchestown, Co. Kildare (capacity: 378)
- Gerald Griffin Street, Cork City (capacity: 107).
- The focus of supports in designated centres will be orientation on living and working in Ireland and the options for sourcing accommodation independently. The remaining centres will be announced once finalised.

This change does not apply to people seeking international protection in Ireland, it is only for people fleeing the war in Ukraine who request temporary protection here. Further information can be found on www.gov.ie/Ukraine.

Information for parents in Ukrainian and Russian on accessing school places is available on gov.ie/ukraine.

Leaving Certificate Senior Cycle Review

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board principals, students, teachers, and parents have been represented at Senior Cycle review meetings with ETBI (Education and Training Boards Ireland). These meetings have been facilitated by Dr Joe O'Connell who will capture the work and reflections/actions of the ETB (Education & Training Board) (Education & Training Board) sector looking at a reformed senior cycle through the lens of previous ETBI submissions on the matter to NCCA and to the Joint Oireachtas Education Committee. This work will also include feedback from his recent meetings with ETB (Education & Training Board) schools' principals, deputies, parents, and students. At the end of the deliberations, we plan to have a joint approach to addressing questions that have arisen in the debate on a reformed senior cycle programme.

Community National Schools

Our Community National Schools are being supported with training by the Schools Division Support Team currently.

Board of Management Training

Training for the Boards of Management of the Community National Schools continues in accordance with the Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023.

Teacher Allocations and Principals Meetings

The initial teacher allocation for the next academic year, 2024-2025 has been received. Meetings via Zoom with each school principal took place and an appeal for additional teacher allocation was submitted on 11th March 2024.

Enrolment at Post-Primary in Ennis

Limerick and Clare ETB worked closely with the patrons (CEIST, Diocese of Killaloe, ERST and Limerick and Clare ETB) of the post-primary schools in Ennis for the third year to implement the same process that worked so effectively in 2022 and 2023 to address the issue of students without school places at post-primary in Ennis.

The patrons and school principals worked with the facilitator (Mr. Eamon Stack, former Chief Inspector in the Department of Education) to implement the Unified Admissions Process for enrolment to post-primary in Ennis for September 2024. The patrons are incredibly grateful to the principals for their cooperation with this year's new process which has been extremely successful. All students received an offer of a school place in accordance with their choice of schools through the common application form.

A meeting of the patrons with the facilitator will take place shortly to review the process. The Department of Education and Tusla have praised the operation of the Unified Admissions Process for enrolment to post-primary in Ennis and this has been acknowledged by the primary principals' network group in Ennis also.

ETBI Summer School for Middle Leaders

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Schools Division is delighted that ETBI is organising its third Summer School for middle leaders, to be held locally, in the University of Limerick on Wednesday -Friday, 19/20/21st June 2024.

Our ETB plays a pivotal and highly influential role in the design and delivery of this national summer school.

Theme: Supporting Middle Leaders: Nurturing Leadership for a Changing World

Entry Requirement: AP1/AP2 and middle leader postholders in an ETB Community College

This course is residential on the University of Limerick Campus, for those who require accommodation.

Aims:

- 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

Youth Work Provision

First ever Youth Work National Conference

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Schools Division was successful in our bid to host the first ever ETBI Youth Work Conference. The event will take place in Thomond Park and the date will be announced soon.

Youth Work Traineeship

We are pleased to inform you that our Youth Work Traineeship program in Limerick and Clare ETB has received formal approval. We are extremely grateful to the FET (Further Education and Training) Division for all its support and guidance on this application.

Traineeships are developed and delivered through collaboration between the Education and Training Boards (ETBs), industry representatives, and employers. They offer an opportunity to acquire innovative skills and practical knowledge, thus enhancing career prospects and employability.

Key points about Traineeships:

- They are free of charge and accessible to individuals of all ages and backgrounds, including school leavers, mature learners, and those currently employed or seeking employment.
- Completion of a Traineeship leads to an award at NFQ Levels 4-6, or equivalent.
- Duration typically ranges from 6 to 20 months.
- A minimum of 30% of the learning occurs through practical, on-the-job experience.
- Traineeships focus on developing both transversal and technical skills.
- Delivery methods are designed to be flexible, including online, face-to-face, and blended learning.
- Prospective trainees have free access, and unemployed individuals may qualify for income support.
- Traineeships address specific industry skill demands.
- Nationally, there are over 75 programs available across various industries, with ongoing development of new Traineeships by ETBs.

Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP)

In a significant boost for the arts and culture communities in the region, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is strengthening its commitment to the region through its Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP). This coincides with the appointment of a new Co-ordinator who has exciting plans for enhancement of its programmes in a move that will also generate more creative jobs.

One of three programmes piloted nationwide in 2019, the Partnership is part of the Creative Youth pillar within Creative Ireland. The 'voice of the child and young person' is central to its work with state and voluntary agencies in delivering creative programmes for young people in communities across Limerick and Clare. At a time when young people's mental health is a topic for more discussion, youth-centred programmes are more important than ever in providing a safe space where young people can express themselves creatively.

LCYP's newly appointed Co-ordinator Zara Starr Madden brings a wealth of experience to the position having worked with young people in the professional arts for over 15 years as an actor, theatre maker, filmmaker, dancer, singer, and mindfulness facilitator.

At a recent exhibition Outside World there was an exhibition of art works by students from Coláiste na Trócaire, Fainleog campus in Rathkeale and LCYP artist Julianne Hennelly and Gina O'Connor from Limerick and Clare ETB's Support Team. The exhibition which was created during the early months of 2023 can be seen on the railings of the People's Park.

Zara is a native of Clarecastle in County Clare and is passionate about developing programmes which will not only help young people express themselves creatively, but also champion the issues which are important to them.

Zara's appointment coincides with an expansion of the partnership with a recruitment campaign underway to create a panel of talented tutors from a wide range of areas in the arts to help implement engaging new programmes. This will enable exciting new opportunities for tutors to deliver workshops in dance, yoga, fashion, visual art, music, puppetry, creative mindfulness, photography, woodwork, digital art, and STEM. Additional areas where new tutors are being sought include drama, needlework, film, make-up, animation, craft, creative writing, coding, voice, and circus skills.

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board hosts and maintains the national web portal for www.lcyp.ie.

ETB Week 2024

ETBWEEK 2024: a weeklong series of events took place at local, national, and international level from the 11th-15th of March 2024 to celebrate Ireland's 16 Education and Training Boards and the education and training services their schools, colleges and centres provide to primary, secondary, and tertiary learners across Ireland. Events included:

- National #ETBWEEK event in Thomond Park on the afternoon of Thursday 14th March to honour ETB Alumni and award ETB Bursaries with some special guests
- Nationwide Carpool Karaoke Competition
- The International ETB online event exploring current and future opportunities for ETBs at EU and International level
- Schools and FET specific events and initiatives
- Nationwide media campaign
- Local ETB events

The CE advised that Sean O'Sullivan, a student in Colaiste Chiarain, was also at the event, he made national headlines recently when his AI related project 'VerifyMe' saw him scoop the top prize at the 60th BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in January. Sean was a nominee for an ETB Bursary award. A panel of experts awarded bursaries to exceptional current ETB learners to support their further study, entrepreneurship or community activism. Each bursary included €5,000+ and professional support and were awarded in the areas of Technology and AI and Green Innovation.

ETB Bursaries

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board / Coláiste Chiaráin BT Young Scientist winner, Seán O Sullivan was successful in his application for an ETB Bursary of €5000 + professional support) in Technology & AI (Artificial Intelligence)

ETB Alumni

We were delighted that our ETB's chosen Alumnus were honoured at the national event in Thomond Park on the 14th of March. Róisín Ní Riain (former student of Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh) and Sarah Lavin (former student of Castletroy College) were both acknowledged on the day as the Team Ireland joint winners ahead of their preparations for the upcoming Olympics in France this September.

ETB Day

Limerick and Clare ETB Community National Schools, Community Colleges, Youth Work Team, LCYP and REALT Teams all took part in activities to mark ETB Week 2024.

Coláiste Chiaráin student leads St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Board congratulated Coláiste Chiaráin student, Seán O'Sullivan, who was selected as the Grand Marshal for Limerick City's St. Patrick's Day parade.

The Board agreed to have its next meeting in Coláiste Chiaráin, on 16th April, which will be an in-person meeting, to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding achievements of Coláiste Chiaráin in the BT Young Scientist Competition.

Further Education and Training Division (FET)

College of FET, Shannon Campus

- Shannon Campus plan to deliver specific skills training to 450 learners in areas such as driving, rigid, artic and forklift. This training will take place in designated unemployment blackspots;
- It is planned to deliver traineeship training to over 220 learners in 2024;
- Three new electrical Workshops are set to open in Kilmallock Road Campus by late March. Classes are scheduled to start in mid-April;
- Shannon Campus has a target to deliver TY taster courses to over 400 transition year students in 2024. This target is on course with 159 learners registered to date;
- Shannon Campus has a target of 2,000 certified learners for Evening Provision in 2024. This target is on course and 436 learners have registered to date.

College of FET, Hospitality Campus

- On 8th March Dr Loïc Guyon, Consul Honoraire de France, Honorary Consul of France visited KRC to see Pastry class and Barista with TY students. He then went on to visit Hospitality Campus for a tour and information on all the classes;
- European students have been placed for the next few months from Luxemburg, France, Madrid and Malaga, Spain. All students are doing internships in Hospitality and Professional Cookery.

College of FET, Croom Campus

- An Asian Fusion Dog Grooming Demonstration was carried out by Stephanie O'Connor aimed at learners starting their own commercial business;
- First Aid and Patient Handling courses were facilitated for Healthcare learners. This is a requirement for work placement and future work in nursing home/care settings;
- BHS awards continue with Clonshire Equestrian Centre;
- Animal Science learners attended Pallaskenry Agricultural College to complete sheep and cattle skills as part of Large Animal Husbandry module;
- Wild Animal Management learners visited Doneraile Park, Co Cork to complete WAM survey;
- St Joseph's Foundation representative visited the campus with information regarding healthcare job opportunities;
- Work placements continue to lead to employment opportunities for learners. Two learners who completed BHS Silver awards are employed at Rathmore Stud Farm and Kennedy's Show Jumping Yard. Two equine learners are employed on a part time basis at Manister Stud Farm, one with Orchid Equestrian – online vet supplies;
- A Horsemanship Level 5 learner has been offered a full-time position with Irish Equestrian Olympian Bertram Allen in Germany, on completion of her studies.

College of FET, Green Innovation Campus

- The first NZEB External Wall Insulation (EWI) course was delivered to learners at the newly refurbished construction bay at the College of Further Education and Training, Green Innovation Campus. This 7-day course provides learners with the knowledge and skills to apply External Wall

Insulation using best practice. Learners will receive a QQI Level 5 Minor Award in External Wall Insulation upon completion of the course.

College of FET, Mulgrave Street and Kilmallock Road Campuses

- The 'Fergal Quinn Awards' are presented each year to those students who obtain the top credits in the Leaving Certificate Applied Examination of that year. The award is given in association with Leaving Certificate Applied National Association (LCANA) and the State Examinations Commission. Three Youthreach KRC learners, Lee Nolan, Kiara O'Donoghue and Kerrie Keogh, have been awarded the Fergal Quinn Award for achieving top credits in the 2023 Leaving Certificate Applied Examination. The Staff in Youthreach KRC are holding an event in KRC at 2pm on 11th April to celebrate this success. The three learners along with their parents/guardians and friends have been invited to attend;
- **Smarter Travel Award** - College of Further Education & Training, Mulgrave Street Campus, has achieved the Smarter Travel Mark at Bronze level. This is in recognition of Mulgrave Street Campus's commitment to sustainable travel initiatives. The Smarter Travel award is an initiative under the remit of the National Transport Authority;
- At this year's **National FET Conference** in Athlone in February, Mental Health and Wellbeing Teams at both campuses, received accreditation under the ETBI/ Jigsaw [FET Learner Mental Health and Wellbeing Accreditation Initiative](#) which was launched on October 10th 2023. Staff were delighted that their work in this area has been acknowledged nationally;
- **Photography Tour** – The Level 5 Photography course and learners and staff from within the creative media department have just returned from a photography field trip in Athens. All involved seemed to really benefit in so many ways from this positive learning experience;
- **College of FET Soccer team** - Resulting from a collaboration between Level 5 learners in the Sports & Recreation course and FAI learners at KRC a College of FET soccer team competed in the National Challenge Cup which is the 2nd tier of competition involving all Third Level Colleges across the country. The team, made its way to the final after several rounds of tough competition. Unfortunately, they lost 3-1 but all are very proud of their achievements, their first year in the competition;
- **Campus Intercultural Day** – Kilmallock Road Campus had its annual intercultural day on March 6th. Once again the corridors were filled with cultural symbols and cuisine from a multitude of countries.

Adult Literacy for Life

- The Regional Literacy Coalition held its first meeting of 2024 on 29th February. It was attended by representatives of Co Councils, Partnership Companies, DSP, HSE, TUSLA and organisations representing the target groups referenced in the strategy. The annual literacy action plan for the Limerick and Clare region was agreed and will now be forwarded to the Adult Literacy for Life national programme office in SOLAS for approval;
- Actions outlined in the plan include Promoting Literacy Awareness and the use of plain language in communicating with the public, developing closer working partnerships with other organisations to ensure literacy friendly pathways are available for those with unmet literacy needs and support collaboration between agencies through the promotion of the Adult Literacy for Life Collaboration and Innovation fund.

College of FET, Hospital Campus

- Two students, Josh Higgins and Roisin Keays completed Leaving Certificate Applied at the College of FET, Hospital Campus in 2023. They were presented with the Fergal Quinn Award for achieving full marks in LCA at a Ceremony in Athlone on the 27th of January. The award is given in association with Leaving Certificate Applied National Association (LCANA) and the State Examinations Commission. Roisin Keays is currently studying QQI Level 5 Animal Care, College of FET Croom Campus and Josh

Higgins is currently studying QQI Level 5 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, College of FET Kilmallock Road Campus.

College of FET, Abbeyfeale Campus & Newcastlewest Campus

- As part of plans to work closely with the Home School Community Liaison Coordinators in West Limerick, a recent meeting took place with the HSE and all the HSCL Coordinators. Discussions took place on exciting learning opportunities for the parents of children at schools in the local area;
- As part of the Show & TEL series, the TEL team uploaded their video reels highlighting the great work that is carried out by both tutors and learners at Abbeyfeale Campus. These videos give a real insight into the variety of courses on offer, the role of tutors and the positive feedback that learners have given about their experiences at Abbeyfeale Campus. These videos can now be seen on the Show and TEL page on MS Teams;
- As part of the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival, an LCETB Campus Open Day will take place at Abbeyfeale Campus on Wednesday 17th April. This Open Day will be highlighting the great selection of courses on offer in the West Limerick region. Events will include information stands on the various Further Education Training Programmes based in West Limerick with demonstrations sessions of the Art & Craft, Woodcraft, Stone Carving and Cookery courses.

College of FET, O' Connell Avenue Campus

- Learner story – former learner Mona Farah featured in this term's KLEAR News. Mona also spoke at the ESOL day in the Radisson Hotel. She shared her education story and how completing classes with VESD helped her to secure work as an SNA. Mona is a great role model for other ESOL learners and we wish her all the best in her future;
- SEED Programme, a collaboration between VESD and the Defence Forces, is now underway. The purpose of this programme is to encourage employees in the Defence Forces to pursue qualifications through RPL and face to face classes;
- VESD continue to strengthen its ties with Healthcare employers. Carebright spoke to Healthcare learners about job opportunities with their company.

College of FET, Ennistymon Campus

- Open day took place on Thursday 21st March where learners were on hand to show their current work. A group exhibition was on display in The Courthouse Gallery as well as sketchbooks, drawings, sculpture and paintings that stem from all modules;
- Learners took part in the Ennis Campus open day on 23rd February with a stand showcasing their work;
- There is an annual exhibition of work for sale in The Courthouse Gallery, Ennistymon in March;
- In consultation with the Professional Learning and Development Coordinator two experts were invited to visit Ennistymon Campus and give training for staff and learners during April. Learners will be investigating the creation of small group processes for making cultural acts in Public Space. The training in the form of a three-day workshop will provide a space for staff and learners to reflect on how the imagination of art and cultural activities enables civil society to ventilate local issues, themes and community experience. One particular case study that will be investigated will revolve around the theme of working together and co-operating: lessons from a practice of civil society, The Sanciai Community Opera 'Cabbage Field' by Vita Geluniene and Ed Carroll. This civic practice was part of the Kaunas European City of Culture.

College of FET, Cappamore and Kilmallock Town Campus

- Part-time Provision are delivering 132 courses across campuses and community partner locations;
- QQI Certification for April 2024 show 246 learners are due for certification this period.

College of FET, Ennis Campus

- Celebrations of Learning for Part time provision including Core Skills took place for Shannon on 5th March, Scariff on 7th March, Ennis on 19th March. Core Skills learners were presented with their QQI certificates across a range of subjects from Level 1 to 3 and a few at Level 4;
- Clare Museum and Core Skills met on March 5th to plan working in partnership with the new Museum Education Officer and make more use of the local Museum resources;
- Core Skills contributed displays, information table and support for tours/visitors at a very successful open day in Ennis Campus on 28th February.
- Learners from Youthreach, College of FET, Ennis Campus took part in "Improving Your Wellbeing" workshop. Workshop was run at the Michael Cusack Centre in Carron. This workshop was broke into two sessions titled "Who Am I?" and "Bend, Don't Break : Building Resilience" . The workshop was facilitated by the Clare GAA Coaching Team.

College of FET, Kilrush Campus

- Kilrush Youthreach Learners received Certificates of Achievement for completing Taster Course on Make Up & Skin Care & Eye Treatments;
- They also received Certificates of Achievement for completing Taster Course for Construction Ground Works Skills.

Outdoor Education & Training

- Both OETCs ran a number of very successful FET Pathways for Schools TY Programmes in January and February with a very strong demand from schools. These courses will resume in September 2024;
- OETC Kilfinane will host the Vision Ireland Camp Abilities annual camp for children who are blind or vision impaired for the 3rd time this Easter;
- The annual LCETB School Orienteering event took place on March 13th in Curraghchase Forest in Co. Limerick.

Support Services

Information, Recruitment & Guidance

- IRGSS organised the FET Ennis Campus Open day on Wednesday the 28th Feb with over 450 participants in attendance;
- IRGSS completed a presentation on local FET options as part of Down Syndrome Irelands Employment Morning in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis Thursday 29th Feb 2024;
- AONTAS'S upcoming National Adult Learners Festival, IRGSS hosted three separate LCETB FET course Information stands at the following local Celebration of Learning events; Shannon/South Clare, Library, Tuesday 5th March; East Clare/Scariff Thursday the 7th March, Community Secondary School and Ennis/College of FET, Tues the 19th Mar;
- IRGSS hosted Jobs Fair for Part-time Learners in the City on Wednesday 13th March 2024. Over 20 Employers, Recruitment Agencies and Regional Agencies with vacancies and employment supports attended;
- The IRGSS team participated in the Ukrainian City Community Response Forum Review held in February. A report will issue in April.

Enterprise Engagement

- EESS & IRGSS participated in the organisation of Explore Engineering Showcase, held in Shannon Airport. EESS project manage the publicity & promotions and the management of LCETB booth & the main Welcome desk on the evening. There were 2,000 people in attendance in Shannon Airport for the event held 7th of March, which also saw a good geographical mix from our schools across the region;

- EESS attended Digital Manufacturing Ireland for the launch of Logistics & Supply chain week... ongoing contacts with the logistics industry;
- EESS live Demonstrated the new SEED database to Director of FET and the FET Management Team;
- Continued involvement and engagement with the following sectors: Construction, Engineering, Logistics, IT, Life Sciences & Pharmaceutical, Real Estate, Legal Firms, Electrical, Retail etc.

8. For Adoption:

- a. Finance Report
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Paul Moroney, seconded by Mr. Mark O’Dea
- b. Draft Financial Statements for 2023
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Michael Guilfoyle, seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating
- c. Finance Committee Annual Report for 2023
Adopted on the proposal of Mr. Mark O’Dea, seconded by Cllr. Bridget Teefy
- d. Minute from Finance Committee Meeting held on 01/12/2023
Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Paul Moroney

9. For Noting:

- a. Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report for 2023
- b. Minute from the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 01/12/2023
- c. Report from the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 22/02/2024
- d. Report from Finance Committee Meeting held on 23/02/2024

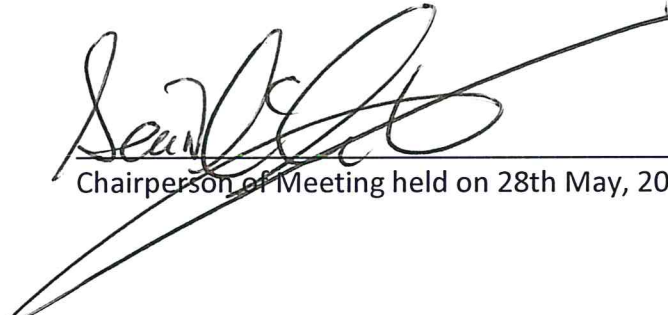
10. AOB with the permission of the Chairperson

None.

Next Meeting: 16th April, 2024, in Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom at 4.30 p.m.

George O’Callaghan
Chief Executive.

Signed:



Chairperson of Meeting held on 28th May, 2024.