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WELCOME BACK



Hi colleagues,

Autumn's here again, which means a new academic year is starting. Firstly, a big thank you to everyone. Our progress towards the 2023 targets looks good, and we are set to achieve or exceed them. It's thanks to all of our staff and due to the hard work you all put in.

A key focus for this year is quality assurance supported by team engagement and participation in Erasmus programmes. We want everyone to get involved. It's about checking what we do, making sure it's working, and if it's not, finding ways to make it better. So, whether you've been involved or not in these processes before, now's the opportunity to step up. Your ideas, experiences, and perspectives can help us ensure that our training and education services are what our learners need.

Another change and focus area is coming for the beginning of 2024. The sector (through SOLAS) is adjusting how we budget and fund learning. This change will line up with the Further Education and Training Strategy. It will make it simpler for learners to access what they need and for us to manage and allocate the funds. More information on the funding changes will be available over the coming weeks and months.

Looking forward to a really good year for FET

Ken Seery
Director of Further Education and Training



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KWETB Quality Council

Under the Terms of Reference for the Quality Council, a schedule of four meetings per annum is required.

In 2023, two meetings have taken place; the first on the 18th April and the second on the 27th June 2023.

At the April meeting, Caitriona Cullen was nominated to the Quality Council, replacing Niamh Maguire.

The key work of the Quality Council in 2023 includes:

- Oversight of the implementation of the Action Plan arising from the Inaugural Quality Review;
- Updates and reports from the sub-groups – Programme Governance, Quality Assurance and Stakeholder Engagement;
- Approval and oversight of the Quality Framework; and
- Governance Review.

The remaining two meetings of 2023 are scheduled for the 9th November and the 12th December.

Catherine Byrne
Quality Council Secretary

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The Quality Assurance Sub-group (QASG) has been actively engaged throughout the year 2023 to date. The primary focus of the QASG's activities was centred on the comprehensive evaluation of the newly developed Integrated Quality Framework. The QASG commenced its efforts by formally assessing and endorsing the schedule for the Quality Framework review. This pivotal step marked the commencement of a structured consultation process, whereby the draft Integrated Quality Framework and its associated resources were disseminated to a cohort of 51 stakeholders by the conclusion of March 2023. This deliberative process reached its culmination at the end of April. Throughout this duration, all three core policy domains, accompanied by a total of 51 related policies, were subjected to meticulous scrutiny and analysis by the participating stakeholders. The resultant feedback and insights were meticulously compiled and synthesised by the Quality Assurance Team. This, in turn, led to refinements in the framework and necessitated a comprehensive redrafting of the Integrated Quality Framework document.

The subsequent phase involved a Governance Review conducted at the conclusion of May 2023, in which the Quality Assurance (QA) team presented the redrafted Integrated Quality Framework to the Quality Assurance Sub-group (QASG) for further scrutiny and deliberation. Throughout this meticulous examination, the QASG employed specific evaluation criteria to ascertain whether the requisite attention had been given to reviewing all pertinent considerations, ultimately leading to the formulation of a definitive recommendation to be presented to the Quality Council.

On the 20th of June 2023, the QASG formally endorsed the Quality Framework and its associated resources. Subsequently, this conclusive recommendation was submitted to the Quality Council for noting purposes on the 27th of June 2023. The recommendation culminated in an approval contingent upon certain conditions, which included the provision of training and support mechanisms, all accompanied by a meticulously devised and sanctioned review schedule.

Read the
full
report here:



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To conclude the QASG would like to commend and note the work of the Quality team in particular Angela, Catherine, Sandra and Bernard. Your commitment to maintaining and enhancing the quality standards throughout the entire process has undoubtedly contributed to the overall effectiveness and reliability of the Framework review. To all our colleagues who engaged with the review process to date - your unwavering dedication, meticulous attention to detail, and proficient execution have played a vital role in progressing the review of the Framework. Caitríona Cullen (Chairperson of QASG) commended the work of the QASG to date. Their ability to identify potential risks, vulnerabilities, and areas for improvement has significantly contributed to the continuous enhancement and refinement of the Framework review.

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2023, the Quality Assurance Sub-group (QASG) will be directing its attention towards several key priorities. These include active engagement in the forthcoming FET Quality Governance Review Seminar, the ongoing refinement of the Quality Framework based on feedback and identified areas for improvement and a diligent examination of feedback and areas for enhancement from the Result Approval Panel meetings.

Caitríona Cullen (Chairperson of Quality Assurance Subgroup)

The Programme Governance Subgroup has met twice now that we are into the Autumn term. We are excited by some of the new modules and programme configurations that Centre's are presenting for Validation Approval, evidencing divergent thinking in some programme planning.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Review of Governance Procedures which will incorporate a review of the Terms of Reference of the Governance Subgroups in addition to reflecting on the great achievements of the past 3 years in establishing and embedding our QA governance processes. Onwards and upwards!

Patricia Dalton has been nominated to the Programme Governance Subgroup and we look forward to welcoming Patricia at our next meeting in November.

And finally, Lorraine O'Sullivan, long serving Youthreach coordinator and one of the original members of the Programme Governance Subgroup, retired leaving behind a legacy of unswerving commitment to teaching and learning, supporting young people to achieve their potential and to being an excellent colleague. Congratulations on your retirement and all the incredible years of work you put into getting there.

Brenda Lynch, Chair, Programme Governance Subgroup

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FURTHER EDUCATION

EIGHTEEN CENTRES SUBMITTED LEARNERS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR AUGUST 2023 CERTIFICATION.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LEARNERS WHO ACHIEVED CERTIFICATION

Summary of Grades submitted for August 2023 Certification

Field of Learning	Successful	Referred	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Exemptions	Totals
Core, Languages	474	0	190	97	44	0	805
Education, Health		2	74	58	32		166
Business, Admin			96	25	21		142
ICT	18		30	9	3		60
Art Craft Design			13	10	6		29
Sport, Science, Horticulture		2	26	9	2		39
Total:	492	4	429	208	108		1241

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON OUR OCTOBER CERTIFICATION PERIOD.

TRAINING

Summary of programs delivered in Aug. 2023 in Training

F12's	Portfolios
Pastry, Baking & Dessert	9
Warehousing	14
Supervisory Management	10
For Mention	
Account Intro x3	59
Payroll Intro x3	33
Account intermediate x2	35
Accounts advanced x2	25
Payroll Advanced x 3	22
Planning & Budgeting X3	29
WSET Lv 1 x3	19
Collaborating partner	
Commi Chef Yr. 1	77
Total Number of F12's: 24	332



[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL OVERVIEW OF THE AUGUST STATISTICS](#)

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QQI INFOGRAPHICS

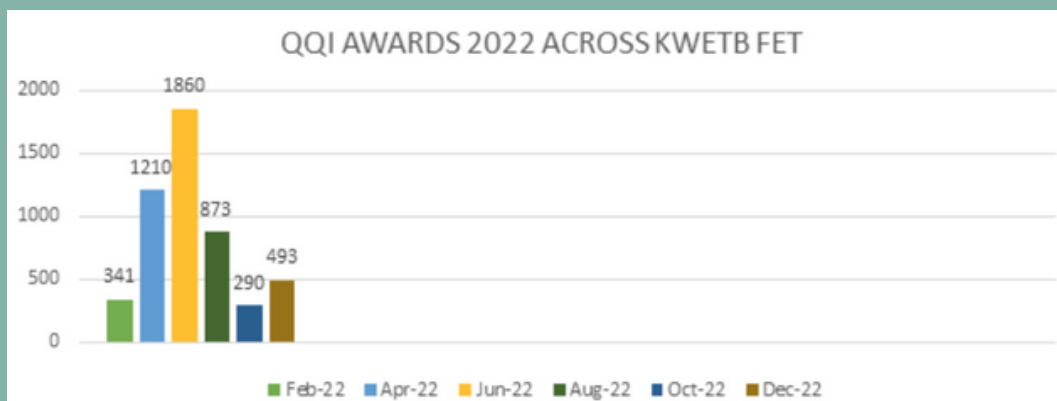
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agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann
Quality and
Qualifications Ireland



QQI'S USE OF LOGO POLICY



Breakdown of Major Awards 2022/2023

Level of Learning	Feb		Apr		Jun		Aug		Oct		Dec	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Level 1												
Level 2	0	0	3	1	0	0	11	6	0		0	
Level 3	3	4	30	3	24	15	6	8	1		15	
Level 4	1	0	8	4	9	13	16	20	20		27	
Level 5	38	11	16	30	309	373	33	13	20		26	
Level 6	0	0	11	32	70	49	11	7	34		0	
Totals	42	15	68	70	412	450	78	54	74		68	

Table 1 KWETB breakdown of major QQI awards across FET provision 2022/2023 (source QQI Infographics)

Breakdown of Minor Awards 2022/2023

Level of Learning	Feb		Apr		Jun		Aug		Oct		Dec	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Level 1												
Level 2	0	5	20	2	8	66	60	196	0		0	
Level 3	14	60	112	62	220	185	193	250	12		157	
Level 4	57	111	267	91	275	401	200	224	99		157	
Level 5	141	211	341	247	757	864	314	286	64		104	
Level 6	87	23	402	36	188	118	28	12	41		7	
Totals	299	410	1142	438	1448	1634	795	968	216		425	

Table 2 KWETB breakdown of minor QQI awards across FET provision 2022/2023 (source QQI Infographics)

[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL OVERVIEW OF UP TO DATE STATISTICS FROM QQI](#)



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ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

HEALTHCARE
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

RETAIL SKILLS
HORTICULTURE

Full-Time & Part-Time Courses

DIGITAL MEDIA & GRAPHIC DESIGN

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTING **WORD PROCESSING** **CHILDCARE**

COMPUTER SKILLS **ICT & OFFICE SKILLS**

CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS
CARE OF THE OLDER PERSON

E-BUSINESS
CAREER PREPARATION
GREEN SKILLS

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Further Education and Training Courses
Co. Kildare
2023-2024

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Wicklow Further Education and Training Centres
Courses 2023-2024



Now Enrolling



ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICES

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ON THIS COURSE STUDENTS WILL

**RECEIVE ONE TO ONE
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT
AND CAREER COACHING**

IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

**LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN,
AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS**



Three mornings per week, 10am to 1pm.			
Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Term 1	Information Technology	Communications	Career Planning
Term 2	Digital Media Technology	Customer Service	Work Experience



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

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All courses, dates, and times are provisional and must be confirmed. Programme modules are provisional and may be changed at the discretion of the ETB. All Classes will commence, subject to a sufficient number of student enrolments.

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HERE



Goodbye!



Farewell

NEWS &

Achievements

LOURDES DELANEY

AFTER 21 YEARS AND ON REACHING A CERTAIN AGE, I HAVE DECIDED, (WITH SOME REGRET AND TREPIDATION!) TO RETIRE.

THE BRAY ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE WAS SET UP IN 2002. I WAS VERY LUCKY TO BE OFFERED THE POSITION OF INFORMATION OFFICER AND ALONG WITH CATHERINE GREENE, THE ADULT GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR, WE SET OUT TO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF BRAY AND NORTH WICKLOW. AT THE BEGINNING, IT WAS QUITE A CHALLENGE AS WE HAD TO PROMOTE THE GUIDANCE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO ALL OTHER SERVICES IN CO. WICKLOW. THIS IS NO EASY TASK AND DEMANDS A LOT OF TIME AND RESEARCH. WE ARE NOW A WELL-ESTABLISHED SERVICE AND MANY OF OUR REFERRALS ARE STILL WORD OF MOUTH.

SEONA HYLAND, ADULT GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR, REPLACED CATHERINE GREENE IN SEPT 2022 WHEN CATHERINE RETIRED.

ALL OUR CLIENTS ARE ADULTS CONSIDERING RETURNING TO EDUCATION, UPSKILLING OR CHANGING CAREER. IT OFTEN INVOLVES CLIENTS STARTING AT A LOWER LEVEL AND GOING RIGHT THROUGH TO THIRD LEVEL AND BEYOND. MANY OF THESE CLIENTS HAVE FAMILIES AND A LOT OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. THEY ALSO HAVE VERY DIFFERENT SKILLS AND ABILITIES. SO, THE JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL AND EACH REQUIRES DIFFERENT TYPES OF SUPPORT AND AT DIFFERENT STAGES ALONG THE WAY. THEREFORE, THE SERVICE IS CONTINUOUSLY ADAPTING TO THE NEEDS OF THE CLIENT AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT. ULTIMATELY, THE SUCCESS OF THE CLIENT IS ALSO THE SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE.

IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION TO BE PART OF THIS ENDEAVOUR AND TO SEE SO MANY GETTING AN OPPORTUNITY AND IN A LOT OF CASES, A SECOND CHANCE. I WOULD KNOW AS ENGLISH IS NOT MY FIRST LANGUAGE. I STARTED LEARNING ENGLISH IN MY MID-TWENTIES, WHEN I CAME TO IRELAND IN THE 80S. SO, I KNOW THE STRUGGLE AND FRUSTRATION OF MANY OF OUR STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE ENGLISH AS THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE.

I CANNOT OVER EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION. IT EMPOWERS PEOPLE AND ENRICHES THEIR LIVES EVEN MUCH MORE THAN BEING A MEANS TO AN END SUCH AS GETTING A JOB. IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO HELP PEOPLE MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES FOR THEMSELVES. THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF GUIDANCE AND PROVIDING INFORMATION. AS THE GREEK PHILOSOPHERS BELIEVED, EDUCATION IS NOT A CONVEYOR BELT APPROACH, BUT ALSO AS EDUCO IN LATIN IMPLIES THE DRAWING OUT FROM WITHIN A PERSON'S TRUE SELF.

AS I LEAVE KWETB, I TRUST THAT IT WILL GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. THERE ARE MANY GREAT COLLEAGUES I LEAVE BEHIND WHO ARE VERY COMMITTED TO HELPING PEOPLE GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR ABILITIES AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY. THEY ALSO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING EXCELLENT IT SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IN SOCIAL MEDIA WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN THE EDUCATIONAL SPHERE.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THIS EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION. THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK INDIVIDUALLY, SO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES IN THE GUIDANCE SERVICE IN CO. WICKLOW AND KILDARE, BRAY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE, BRAY ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, BRAY INSTITUTE OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER AGENCIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, PATIENCE AND ABOVE ALL THEIR CAMARADERIE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE FOUR PEOPLE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION WITH WHOM I WORKED VERY CLOSELY DURING MY TIME HERE. THEY ARE CATHERINE GREENE, NIAMH MAGUIRE, IRENE HAYDEN AND SEONA HYLAND AS THEY ALL HAD A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT ON ME BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.

THANK YOU ALL.
LOURDES DELANEY

ADULT GUIDANCE



Thank you!



NEWS FROM

WEST
WICKLOW

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OF THE RECENT
GRADUATES FROM WEST
WICKLOW YOUTHREACH!

#LEARNERVOICE



WELCOME TO CELBRIDGE FETC



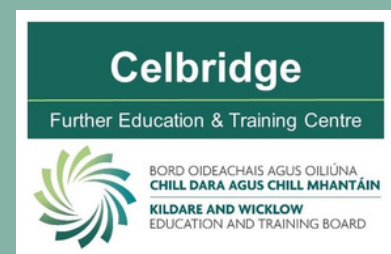
**THE LEARNERS IN CELBRIDGE
RECENTLY CREATED
A SERIES OF PODCASTS TO DISCUSS
WHAT LIFE IS LIKE RETURNING TO
EDUCATION**

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NEWS FROM

CELBRIDGE



KWETB TUTOR EMMA DOYLE CONTINUES TO CHAMPION AND PROPEL SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR WORK, LEARNING, AND LIVING IN HER ROLE IN BFETC AND WEST WICKLOW YOUTHREACH, BLESSINGTON.

EMMA HAS 5+ YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DELIVERING SUSTAINABILITY AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LEARNING ON THE YOUTHREACH PROGRAMME, AND HAS FACILITATED A RANGE OF ANNUAL STUDENT ACTION PROJECTS WHICH EXPLORE KEY ISSUES SUCH AS CLIMATE ACTION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN RELATION TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP.

EMMA COMPLETED THE 50 SHADES GREENER NETZERO PILOT PROGRAMME IN 2023, AS WELL AS THE QQI LEVEL 5 IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE WORKPLACE FOR FET EDUCATORS. SHE SAID THAT SHE FOUND THE RANGE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OFFERINGS PROVIDED BY 50 SHADES GREENER ARE THE PERFECT FOUNDATION FOR MANAGERS, EDUCATORS, AND STUDENTS TO GAIN AWARENESS OF BOTH PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CARBON EMISSIONS; AND SO BECOME EMPOWERED TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGES IN LIFE, WORK AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHAT TO EMMA ABOUT HOW TO MAKE YOUR CENTER MORE SUSTAINABLE, GET IN TOUCH ON EMMADOYLE@KWETB.IE

"CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS IN LEIXLIP YOUTHREACH WHO RECEIVED THEIR GAISCE BRONZE AWARD WHILE GRADUATING FROM YOUTHREACH IN JUNE OF 2023."

THE GROUP WORKED REALLY HARD ON THEIR CHALLENGES SINCE AUGUST OF LAST YEAR ORGANISING CHARITY BAKE SALES, AND TAKING ON PERSONAL JOURNEYS AND CHALLENGES. ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY THEIR TEACHER DEREK.

STILL, THE UNDOUBTED HIGHLIGHT WAS THE ADVENTURE JOURNEY THEY UNDERTOOK, SUPPORTED BY THE FANTASTIC STAFF FROM THE BALTINGLASS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE.

THE LATEST GAISCE GROUP AT LEIXLIP YOUTHREACH HAVE RECENTLY ENROLLED ON THE PROGRAMME AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

**LISA HARVEY
LEIXLIP YOUTHREACH COORDINATOR**



LEIXLIP YOUTHREACH STUDENTS COMPLETING THEIR BRONZE GAISCE AWARD.

BRAY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

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BRAY AND WICKLOW ADULT LEARNING CENTRES – STUDENT OUTING.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE WETTEST SUMMER ON RECORD, BUT ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE, THE SUN CAME OUT FOR A GROUP OF 54 STUDENTS AND TUTORS FROM BRAY AND WICKLOW ADULT LEARNING CENTRES, AS WE HEADED INTO THE WICKLOW MOUNTAINS TO SPEND A DAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL GLENDALOUGH.

AFTER A THREE-YEAR BREAK, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE STUDENTS' DAY OUT BACK ON OUR CALENDARS. THE EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY FUNDING FROM NALA'S STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND KWETB.

THE STUDENTS' DAY OUT IS A LOVELY WAY TO WRAP UP THE SUMMER TERM, BUT OF COURSE IT IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. IT ENABLES LEARNERS TO MEET OTHER LEARNERS FROM THEIR OWN AND OTHER CENTRES. LEARNERS ENJOY AN ACTIVITY TOGETHER AND SHARE A MEAL, AND THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TOPICS RELEVANT TO THEIR LEARNING. KEY LITERACY, NUMERACY AND DIGITAL SKILLS ARE EMBEDDED IN THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THE DAY.

OUR VISIT STARTED IN THE VISITORS' CENTRE WHERE WE LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF GLENDALOUGH. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LEISURELY WALK AROUND THE LOWER LAKE, WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO CHAT AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY. LUNCH AT THE GLENDALOUGH HOTEL AND A VISIT TO THE ICE-CREAM VAN ROUNDED OFF THE DAY.

WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT STUDENTS' DAY OUT!

CHRISTINE WRAY

BRAY AND WICKLOW ADULT LEARNING CENTRES

ROBOTICS & AUTOMATION

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**BARISTA TRAINING
COFFEE MORNING**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEARNERS ON
COMPLETING THEIR LEVEL 2 VTCT CERTIFICATE**



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Apprenticeship

QQI LEVEL 6 MANUFACTURING TECHNICIAN COURSE

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**BEST OF LUCK TO THE
YEAR 3 APPRENTICES!**



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**CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN ON BEING
OFFERED A POSITION IN MICROSOFT**



ELEVATE CX SHOWCASE, NAAS

KWETB INNOVATION PROJECT



YOUR CUSTOMER'S EXPERIENCE

WHO OWNS IT?
WHO MEASURES IT?
IS IT STRATEGIC?



ELEVATE CX
BUILDING SKILLS TO ENHANCE
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

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AONTAS LEARNER FORUM



KWETB and the Training Board Forum held an event on 21st February 23 which was the fourth event of the National FET Learner Forum for the academic year September 2022- May 2023. Feedback from focus groups carried out with 68 learners taking part in 8 focus groups at the event, combined with a survey completed by 71 learners from KWETB, is the data source for this report, giving a total learner engagement of 139. Learners came from a range of course levels offered by KWETB

To read this internal report please click here: [Aontas Report](#)

Note: this report is to be distributed between Aontas and KWETB only at this time.

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AONTAS Reports

SOLAS and your ETB get Information

"What has been working well in your experience of in-person or online learning?"

"What has not been working well in your experience of in-person or online learning?"

"What changes would you make to improve learning?"



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PRACTITIONER
NETWORK IRELAND

**THE RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING PRACTITIONER
NETWORK IS A NATIONAL CROSS-SECTOR, CROSS
INSTITUTION NETWORK OF PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE
INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY MAKING
FOR RPL**



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policy discussions



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updates & network news

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ahead

creating inclusive environments in education
and employment for people with disabilities



Tips for Employers
on Being Disability
Inclusive in
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AHEAD, AN ORGANISATION WORKING TO CREATE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES – DEVELOPED THIS TIPS BOOKLET TO SUPPORT EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN APPRENTICE ONBOARDING ACTIVITY. THE BOOKLET AIMS TO HELP COMPANIES TO UNDERSTAND BETTER HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT APPRENTICES WITH DISABILITIES AND DISABLED EMPLOYEES.

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**DEVELOPED IN LINE WITH KWETB'S
STRATEGIC PLAN, THE QUALITY
ASSURANCE TEAM ARE DELIGHTED TO
SHARE OUR WORK PLAN FOR 2023/24.**

Professional Learning & Development Opportunities

The PD Virtual Hub is a one-stop-shop for Learning and Development opportunities together with resources and support to help you regardless of your role in FET.

Updates this month include new dates for National Active Consent PD, New Resources from the ETBI Digital Library, updates from Microsoft Education, New ePortfolio Project Resources and lots more.

Click to view a roundup of the latest updates on the PD Hub



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Professional
Development
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CLOSING DATE FOR
APPLICATIONS
**25TH
OCTOBER!!**

Staatl. Berufliches Schulzentrum Wasserburg a. Inn

Staatliche Fachoberschule und Berufsoberschule Neusäß

Flow 1: Bavaria October 2023

Staff members across FET are invited to apply to participate in an Erasmus mobility event aligned with their current work practices.

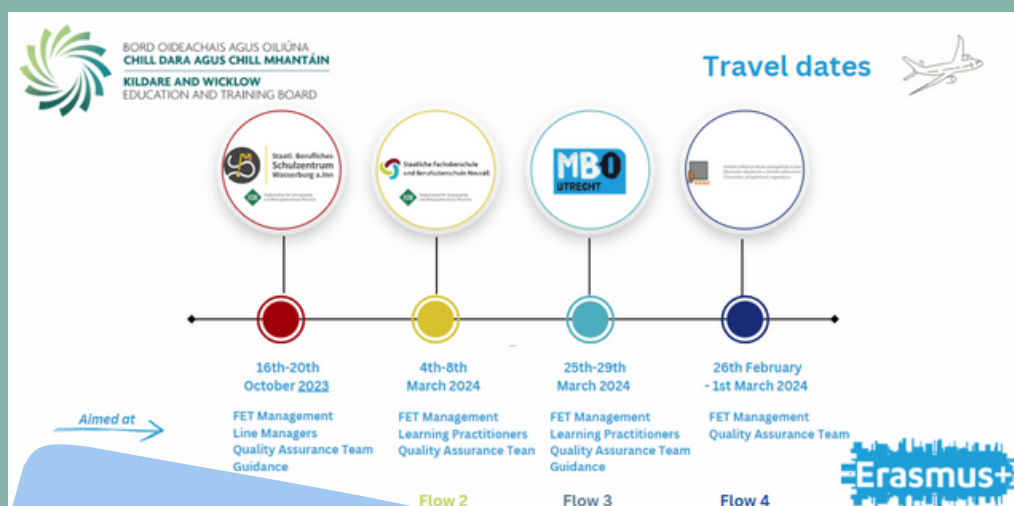
Themes include Quality Assurance, Social Inclusion, Pathways, Digitisation, and Programme Development.

There are 4 different mobilities to choose from

Flow 3: Netherlands March 2024

Flow 4: Czech Republic February 2024

Flow 2: Bavaria March 2024



**REGISTER
NOW**

BEST OF LUCK TO OUR COLLEAGUES CAITRIONA CULLEN, SANDRA CLEARY, MARIA LALLY, KEN SEERY, RUTH MCSHERRY, TRACY O'SHAUGHNESSY, & ASHLEY STEPHENS, WHO ARE TRAVELLING TO BAVARIA ON 16TH OCTOBER!

READ ABOUT AND APPLY FOR OUR 2024 ERASMUS OPPORTUNITIES HERE:



Current themes on the FESS PD Calendar:



Assessment - A series for those interested in locally devised assessment



Diversity and inclusiveness in ESOL, followed by presentation of an 'Entry to ESOL' Programme



Icebreakers and getting to know each other activities



Literacy friendly organisation and integrating literacy' – NALA



Artificial Intelligence (AI), What is it and what are the opportunities and challenges for FET?



Jigsaw Self-Care session for those working in FET



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