

Updates



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Dun Laoghaire VEC Adult and Community Education:

Exercise your brain: the human brain is a wonderful organ. It contains 100 billion neurons, weighs only 3lbs & uses 20% of the body's energy to function.

Learning new things & a continuous curiosity keeps your brain working, generating new brain cells & new neural connections in the brain. Such mental stimulation keeps the brain fit & can prevent cognitive decline in older age.

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Dun Laoghaire VEC Fetac Awards Ceremony 6 December 2011
Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire.

DL VEC Fetac Awards

Congratulations to the 400 + learners and their families

With more than 400 certs achieved during the year and 208 collected by adults on the night, the Fetac awards ceremony in December was a resounding success. The evening was a testament to all the hard work by the learners and tutors during the year. It was a great opportunity for the VEC to showcase all the good work that takes place in the wider Dun Laoghaire area and for learners to share their journey in education with their families.

Patricia Carey gave a moving account of how adult education has impacted on her life and the many successes she has had, including achieving two major awards at Fetac level 5.

Dun Laoghaire VEC Adult Guidance Service, 61 Mulgrave Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

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Alternative Learning Pathways Programme Junior Certificate Back to Education Initiative

Recruiting now:

This programme is for students at Junior Certificate level who are at risk of leaving school and for whom all other interventions have failed. The project provides an educational, supportive environment for students with the objective of facilitating the transition of the student back to school or to an alternative educational or training centre. The project offers a full Junior Certificate across 6 subjects, in addition to FETAC certification in information technology skills and a weekly activity programme.

The project is for young people aged 15+ years who are out of school or at risk of being out of school. Referrals to the programme should only be made for young people who are at very high risk of leaving school and for whom all other interventions have not been successful. The project operates Monday-Friday for the duration of the school year. Referrals are received from Educational Welfare Officers and local secondary schools. Referrals from other services must be linked with the Educational Welfare Officer.

The Alternative Learning Pathways Project has been funded under the Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) to deliver a full Junior Certificate programme under the jobs initiative 2011.

We are currently accepting referrals. For further information please

Contact: Clare Mander Project Coordinator 236 53 08 / 086 816 12 75 /
cmander@ess.dlvec.ie

Adult Learning Centre: Sallynoggin

The Adult Learning Centre is taking enrolments from adults who wish to return to education and who do not have a full Leaving Cert or equivalent. Courses include, but are not limited to computers: English; Maths; Office Skills; Caring for Children level 3. You can do as many or as few as you would like. For those adults who are interested in getting a qualification, there are places available on the Fetac programmes offering levels 3 / 4 / 5.

Included also are ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes for people from the new communities. To sign up for these classes you can do so in the centre. Registration takes place in January 2012. For more information on any of the above please

Contact: Adult Learning Centre 285 56 33 / or text "learn" to 087 133 5448

Young Mothers Back to Education Initiative:

This is a programme for young mothers aged 15-25 who have left school early without a Junior or Leaving Cert. It allows participants to gain a full National Cert at FETAC level 3/4. It is run on a part-time basis with a high level of support. This is a joint initiative between Dun Laoghaire FÁS Community Training Centre & Dun Laoghaire VEC. If you would like more information please

Contact: Catherine Bell (FÁS Youth Advocate)
284 13 76 / 086 814 83 59 / catherine@dlctc.ie

Next Step Programme:

The Next Step Programme is a part-time programme aimed at young people aged 15-18 years olds who are not currently engaged in any education/training and may not be ready or able to access any full-time training at present. The Next Step Programme runs in Dun Laoghaire from 2 – 4pm every Monday & Tuesday afternoon with up to six young people in the group.

The focus of the programme is on improving basic skills, goal setting and building the skills and confidence of the participants with a view to them returning to full-time education / training, including those out of education for some time. The content includes areas such as Communications, Personal Effectiveness, Literacy and Digital Media and can be tailored to suit the needs of the learners. This programme is a joint initiative between Dun Laoghaire VEC Out of School Education Service and Youth Choices (DLCTC). For further information please

Contact: Sinéad Fortune / 086 389 0298 / sinead@dlctc.ie.

Sportsreach (Youthreach)

Sportsreach is a programme directed at unemployed young early school leavers aged 15 - 20. It offers participants the opportunity to identify and pursue viable options within adult life and provide them with opportunities to acquire certification. It operates on a full-time, year-round basis.

Sportsreach is located in St. Joseph's Boys Football Club in Sallynoggin. For more information please

Contact: Sinead Murphy Co-ordinator 201 38 78 / 085 241 6471 / sinead@sportsreach.ie or
Elaine Bartley 235 1500 / elaine@sportsreach.ie

Open Days

Senior College Dun Laoghaire: Wednesday 18 January 2012 2pm - 4 pm

If you are interested in any of the following courses, SCD will be happy to talk to you on their open day. Beauty; Holistic & Make Up; Business Design; Information Technology; Creative Multimedia; Computer Applications, PC Maintenance & Networking. The Theatrical Media Make Up course is full up as is the waiting list. Applications for the course commencing in September 2013 will be accepted on or after Monday 3 December 2012.

Senior College Dun Laoghaire **280 03 85 / www.scd.ie**

Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education: Wednesday 25 January 2012 10am-4pm

Within the nine departments there is a wide variety of courses which include morning only options that may suit adults with family or work commitments. The departments are Design & Construction; Business Administration; Computing & Technology; Media & Sound; Health & Sport; Animal Health Care; Arts & Humanities; Adult Programme (mornings) and Apprenticeship School. You can see the extensive range of courses at the open day and speak to the tutors for all the details.

Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education **280 96 76 / www.dlcfe.ie**

Sallynoggin College of Further Education: Thursday 26 January 2012 10am - 2pm

All are welcome to come and view course presentations, demonstrations and exhibitions of work which will be on display throughout the college. The photography department are staging an exhibition entitled Expressions: "Broken Dreams", which highlight the many unfinished office and housing estate building sites that litter Ireland.

Friendly staff and students will be on hand to answer any queries and information will be available on Maintenance Grants, VTOS (second chance education), Fetac Certification, and Creche facilities. Upcoming interview dates will be available and application forms can be filled out on the day. The college look forward to meeting you all on the day.

Sallynoggin College of Further Education **285 29 97 / www.scfe.ie**

Part-time Learning / Local Training:

SWAN:

Swan has come together with the Dun Laoghaire VEC & Southside Partnership DLR to offer women in the community two new exciting courses in January 2012. These courses (modules) can form part of a Fetac major award in Applied Social Studies or Community Development. Both of these courses will run over 14 weeks & will end in May. It is expected that this training opportunity will enhance the employability of women participating within the social services & community based sector.

Understanding Community Development: This course will start on Tuesday January 17 2012 from 10am—12.20pm, in Shanganagh Park House. For more information please

Contact: Pauline at SWAN 282 59 32 / 086 1744 850

Women's Intercultural Studies Programme:

This 15 week Fetac level 5 accredited Women's Intercultural Studies Programmes provides opportunities for women from marginalised groups / communities in DLR to improve & develop their community leadership skills so as to become more effective in the different roles in which they are involved. This course will run from Wednesday January 18 2012 to May 2012. Classes will take place in Shanganagh Park House, Rathsallagh Estate, Shankill from 10am—12.30pm. For more information please

Contact: Sandra Campbell - sandra.campbell@sspship.ie / 2090 610 or
Pauline Davy from Southside Women's Action Network
pauline@swannetwork.ie / 282 59 32

South Dublin Adult Education Service:

South Dublin Adult Education Service are offering a variety of FREE part-time programmes leading to Childcare & Community Care awards. These programmes are flexible so you can choose which modules you would like or whether you would like to attend one or more. The following modules are Fetac 5 accredited.

- Early Childhood Education: Monday 9.30am - 1pm in Shankill
- Caring for Children: Monday 9.30am - 1pm in Dundrum
- Human Growth & Development: Wednesday 9.30am - 1pm in Shankill

All programmes are free if on social welfare, medical card payment or have not completed the Leaving Cert. For more information please

Contact: 298 92 83 / or text New Course 086 383 13 12 / adulthoodeducate@eircom.net / www.learningsouthdublin.ie

EVENTS:

Ahead: Association for Higher Education Access & Disability Conference:

Call for papers for the Higher Education Conference on 15 March 2012 Access to Teacher Training for Students with Disabilities, Enhancing Professional Experiences

The aim of the event is to hear from teachers with disability and to consider the diversity of experience and knowledge they bring to education. If you are interested in presenting a paper to add to the discussion you can send a 300 word abstract by January 14, 2012 to Ann Heelan at ahead@ahead.ie

DARE Disability Access Route to Education / HEAR Higher Education Access Route:

Dare/Hear will run an Application Advice Clinic on January 14 2012 10am - 2pm. You can drop in anytime to learn about Dare / Hear & talk to advisors about your application. For details on all the venues nationwide go to www.accesscollege.ie

Festival

Adult Learners Festival: 20-24th February 2012, Information Day Wednesday 11 January 2012

The Adult Learners' Festival 2012 Information Day is an opportunity for all those who wish to be involved in the 2012 Festival to find out how! Discover how to promote your event, get event ideas and receive your Event in a Bag! Events can be anything from information days, learners markets and taster sessions but **remember they do not have to be new events. They can be something you run already and want to tie into the Festival.**

The Information Day will take place on **Wednesday, 11th January 2012** in the Gresham Hotel Dublin 10.30am - 13.00. To find out more about the Festival, and how to get involved have a look at www.adultlearnersfestival.com.

This is a free event organised by AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation, www.aontas.com. For more information please

Contact: 01 406 8220.

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www.dlvec.ie/adulted_guidance.php

www.scd.ie www.dlcfe.ie www.scfe.ie

www.qualifax.ie (education database) www.education.ie

www.studentfinance.ie www.eunicas.ie (free education/courses in Europe)

www.welfare.ie (BTEA) www.vtos.ie www.fetac.ie www.cao.ie

www.trainingnetwork.ie www.iadt.ie www.activelink.ie

www.dlrcountychildcare.ie www.learningsouthdublin.ie www.dlrdrugtaskforce.ie

www.careerdirections.ie www.careersportal.ie www.bluebrick.ie

www.southsideles.ie www.dlrsportspartnership.ie www.mabs.ie www.nala.ie /

www.writeon.ie www.metroeireann.com (new communities)

www.fas.ie www.akidwq.ie (employment & education for migrants)

www.nqai.ie www.nfq.ie www.icosirl.ie (international students)

www.qualificationsrecognition.ie www.acels.ie (English language Schools)

www.volunteerdlr.ie www.failteisteach.ie (conversational English classes)

www.citizensinformation.ie www.southsidetravellers.ie

www.mounttowncommunity.ie www.bitc.ie/epic (Employment for People from

Immigrant Communities) www.southsidepartnership.ie www.dlrcoco.ie/library

www.careers-ireland.ie www.green-works.ie www.accesscollege.ie

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