



Dun Laoghaire  
VEC

# Leaving Cert Applied for Adults

DUN LAOGHAIRE VEC  
ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE



## LCA (Adults) in Holy Child Community School, Sallynoggin

Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme.

The programme sets out to recognise the talents of all students and to provide opportunities for developing personal responsibility, self-esteem and self- knowledge. It focuses on the talents of each student and helps students apply what they learn to the real world.

The two-year programme consists of four half-year blocks called sessions. Achievements are credited in each session.

Leaving Certificate Applied consists of a wide range of modules and subjects that are essential to the programme, including the **core** subjects:

- Mathematical Applications
- English and Communications
- Social Education (Tasks)
- Two Languages.
- Irish is essential; the second can be any one of a range of languages. This School offers French.

There is a range of other subjects that are **modules** of about half a year in length. These are not examination subjects but in some cases the students must do a task in the subject, which is examined by interview and report.

- Enterprise (Task)
- Job Search
- The Arts. This school offers Drama and Visual Arts.
- Leisure and Recreation
- Science
- Introduction to IT
- Community Work (Year 2)
- The World of Work (Year 2)
- Adult Education Guidance (both years)

A third group of subjects are called the Vocational Specialisms. These are examined by practical and written examinations at the end of year two and also by a Task at some stage. The range of choice is broad including Office Management, Outdoor Education etc. This school offers Craft and Design and IT.

P  
R  
O  
G  
R  
A  
M  
M  
E

F  
A  
C  
T  
S  
H  
E  
E  
T

4





Dun Laoghaire  
VEC

## The certificate awarded

Students who successfully complete the programme are awarded a Leaving Certificate from the Department of Education and Science. The certificate is awarded at three levels.

### Level: Marks and Credits Required

Pass	60%-69% (120-139 credits)
Merit	70%-84% (140-169)
Distinction	85%-100% (170-200)

Candidates who get less than 60% (120 credits) or who do not complete the course are awarded a record of experience.

**A pass in the Leaving Certificate Applied is the equivalent of 6 Grade Ds at Ordinary level in the established Leaving Certificate.**

## Progression Opportunities

As a mature student the LCA provides a very good foundation and stepping stone to further education and training. A wide range of choices are available through local Colleges of Further Education, FAS training options and third level access programmes offered by Universities and Institutes of Technology. Some students go directly into employment.

The Colleges of Further Education offer Post Leaving Certificate courses (PLCs). These courses prepare people for employment by developing the skills needed for specific occupations through offering a mix of education, training and work experience. They also provide a route to higher education in the Institutes of Technology and Universities.

The courses are one or two years in length and a number are timetabled as morning only. They offer nationally recognised certification at level 5 and 6 by the Further Education and Training Awards Council. (FETAC)

The Colleges in the Dun Laoghaire area are: Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education; Senior College Dun Laoghaire; and Sallynoggin College of Further Education.

**To apply and for more information contact:**

Leonie Warren or Sheila Gannon at The Holy Child Community School

285 5334 or text 086 868450

Or

DLVEC Adult Guidance Service: 61 Mulgrave St, Dun Laoghaire, 236 5196

DUN LAOGHAIRE VEC  
ADULT GUIDANCE  
SERVICE

61 Mulgrave Street  
Dun Laoghaire  
Co. Dublin

Phone: 01 236 5316  
Email: [cduggan@ess.dlvec.ie](mailto:cduggan@ess.dlvec.ie)  
Website: [www.dlvec.ie](http://www.dlvec.ie)

