

Leaving Certificate for Adults

More than an academic course of study

You will gain a sense of achievement that will last a lifetime. Along the way you will likely build friendships as you develop skills you didn't even know you had. Our students routinely leave with the confidence and motivation to try new things.



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“... I never fitted at school back in France, where I am coming from and I hated the academic system. So it was a strange idea to decide to start all over, in another language and at the age of 40. I had doubts for the whole summer that preceded my first year, until I realised what the ETB in Letterkenny has to offer....”

—
Osanne Pourroy

“... It is classroom-based learning but it's not like school. It's more relaxed and everyone talks and bounces ideas off each other. I would have stayed in school longer if it was like that!...”

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Donna Smyth

“... I realised that subjects that I had disliked in secondary school were in fact interesting....”

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Noelle Martin

“... The biggest challenge was taking that initial step back into education, but when I got over that I never looked back..”

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Louise Glennon

“... The relaxed environment along with the amazing teachers made learning fun again....”

—
Noel & Michelle Cullen

“... The teachers are so good at what they do. Most of them have 20 years of experience so they know exactly how to teach people who have been away from school. There's nothing to be scared of..”

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Colin Chamber

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Course Details

Subjects: English, Maths, Business, Geography, History and Biology and ICDL available to all students through SOLAS E-college.

Levels: Foundation, Ordinary and Higher Level.

Eligibility: Aged 18 and over and be in receipt of unemployment payment.

Duration: 2 years September to May each year.

Location: FET Centre Letterkenny, High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Times: Class Time

9:30am–4:30pm
Monday–Wednesday and one to one remote learning
Tuesday 9.30–1.30

Childcare Supports: Full-time students with children can get help with the costs of childcare if their child attends a registered childcare provider through the National Childcare Scheme (NCS). <https://www.ncs.gov.ie>

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Leaving Certificate for Adults

The aim of the programme is to allow students to develop their skills, knowledge and competencies in a range of specific subject areas allowing for the achievement of the Leaving Certificate at ordinary level. This two-year course provides students with a broad, balanced education while also offering them a chance to specialise towards particular higher education and career options.

Supports

- Students who were on JSA/B receive a training allowance equivalent to the standard rate of €203 job seekers allowance subject to means, where applicable.
- Students on other categories continue to receive payments in the usual way.
- Fuel allowance continues to be paid if eligible.
- A travel allowance to the FET Centre, Letterkenny is paid for distances over 5km.
- Students will be provided with a Hybrid Microsoft Surface Go laptop to use whilst they are on the course.
- Guidance support is provided to all students.
- Holiday breaks are the same as those in the post-primary schools i.e. Mid-term Breaks, Christmas, Easter and Summer

Progression Routes

To employment or to other Donegal ETB FET courses, or Higher Education*.

*subject to course eligibility requirements and CAO and UCAS conditions

Course Aims

- To help students identify and choose a career that best suits their ability and interest.
- To provide students with the necessary future skills, knowledge and confidence required to participate in further and higher education courses or gain employment.
- To build student confidence in themselves and their academic ability.
- To allow the student to experience life-ready learning and future skills.
- Availability of and training in Surface Go tablets.
- Online access to classroom resources.

Course Structure

Our learning environment is specifically designed in response to the needs of adults. We see our learning space as creating a partnership between the teacher and the student, creating a modern, inclusive environment. This partnership enables us to create a non-threatening and non-judgmental learning space where students share in the responsibility for and experience of their learning.

Lead-In Term

Our lead-in sessions are at the core of creating a learning environment that responds to your needs. Throughout our first term we concentrate on developing your study skills and introducing the subjects with group work and collaboration. This not only enables you to learn but also creates opportunities to develop long lasting friendships with your fellow students. In order to enhance learning, additional supports are available.

Course Activities

- Team working workshops.
- Subject related trips e.g. theatre visits, geographical and historical fieldtrips and business related outings.
- Charitable fundraising activities.
- Life skills training in areas such as Nutrition, Health, Wellbeing and Personal Finance.
- Outdoor team bonding daytrips.
- Games, tournaments and debates.

Adult Guidance

The Adult Guidance and Information Service provides a professional and confidential service for you to explore your educational, career and life choices and to provide you with the appropriate information, guidance and support so that you can make the right decisions.

Study Skills

Your Leaving Certificate will equip you with a wide range of targeted study skills including:

- Time management
- Individual/Group study
- Organisational skills
- Quizzes, mind mapping
- Revision skills
- Examination techniques
- Presentations skills
- Digital skills

These, in combination with our expert teaching, will give you the skills that you need in preparation for your Leaving Certificate examinations the world of work

Beyond Classroom Activities

Getting involved in activities outside the classroom offers opportunities for students to understand the value of teamwork, and group responsibility. It also provides a channel for re-enforcing learning, offering students the opportunity to apply skills in other situations. Students will acquire new skills and learn more about themselves in a fun and enjoyable learning space.

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