



# Further Education and Training (FET) Service

## Youthreach Programme

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## **What is Youthreach?**

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The Youthreach programme is for young people aged 16–20 years who have left school early and have obtained little or no qualifications. Youthreach is a full-time, two year programme.

## What courses are available at Youthreach?

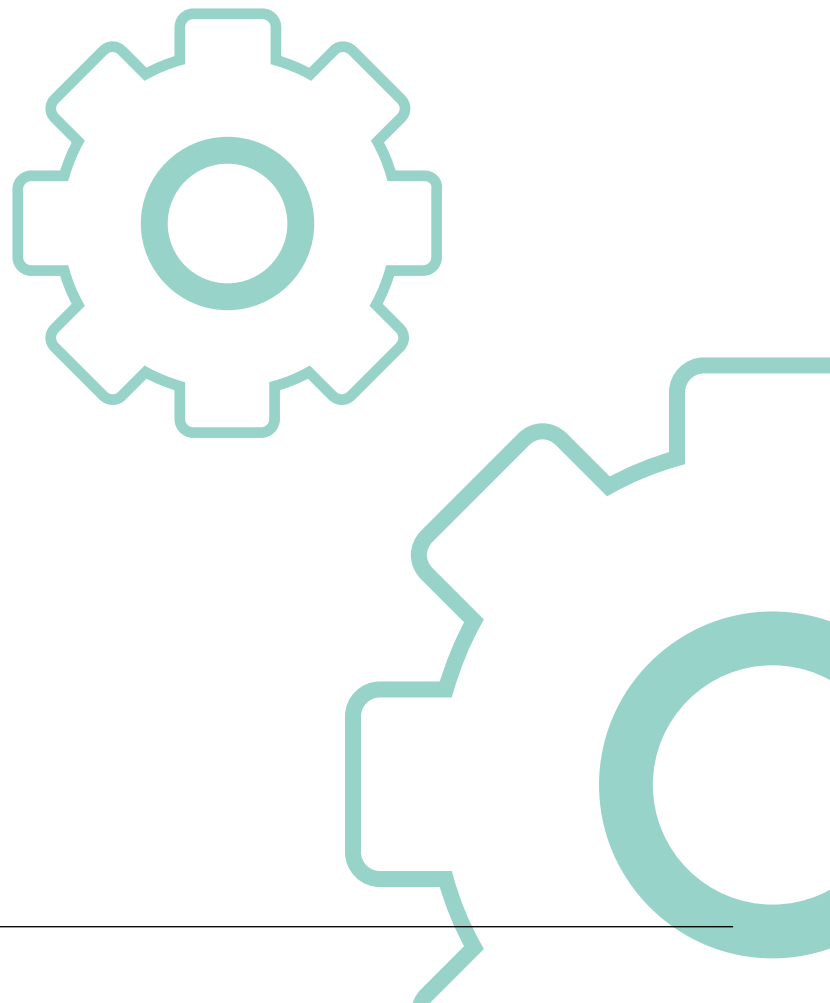
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Youthreach offers young people a wide range of learning and training opportunities. A range of national Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) awards are provided including Levels 1 or 2 General Learning, Level 3 Employability Skills and Level 4 General Learning.

Subjects, varying from centre to centre, include art and craft, catering, computers, childcare, hairdressing, health and fitness, literacy, numeracy, office skills, outdoor pursuits, personal development, woodcraft and many more. Work experience is also an important part of the Youthreach programme.

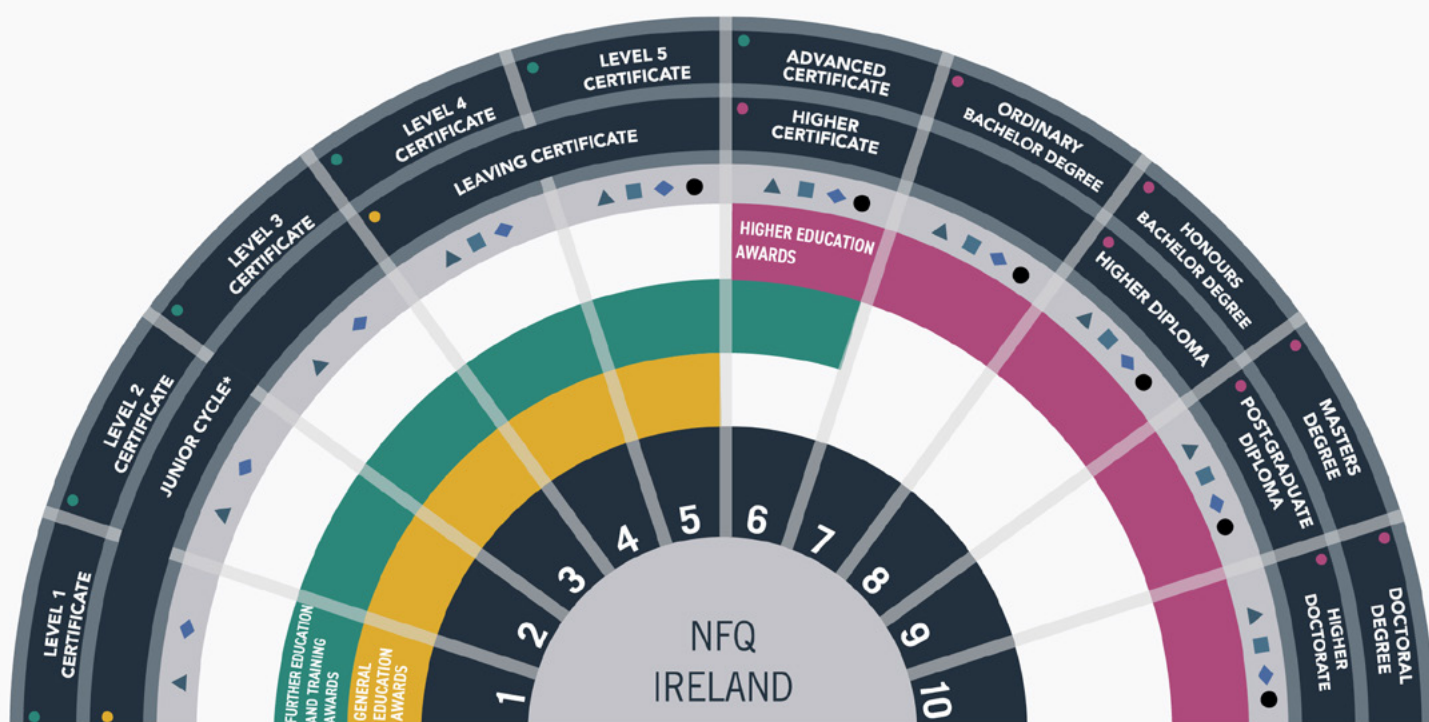
Centres also provide an extensive health promotion programme covering areas such as positive mental health, sexual health, alcohol and drugs awareness, road safety, citizenship and money management.

Fun is also an important part of Youthreach and regular trips and events such as an annual county-wide table quiz, masterchef, pool, bowling and football competitions also take place throughout the year.



## What does Youthreach cost?

Youthreach is free and students receive a weekly training allowance (currently €45 per week for those aged 16 and 17 years and €203 per week for those aged 18+ years), a meal allowance and a travel allowance (if applicable).



### CLASSES OF AWARD

- Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
- Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- Supplementary Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement
- Professional Awards:** these are for occupation-orientated qualifications including apprenticeships

### IRISH REGISTER OF QUALIFICATIONS

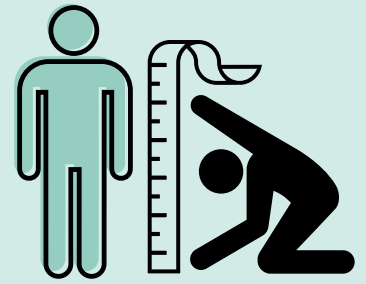
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- Qualifications
- Providers
- Courses

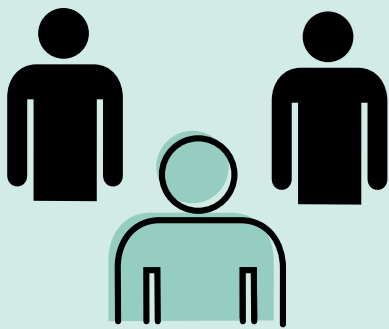
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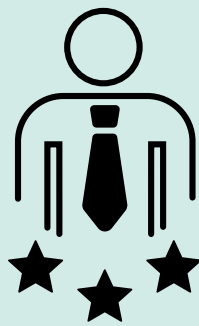
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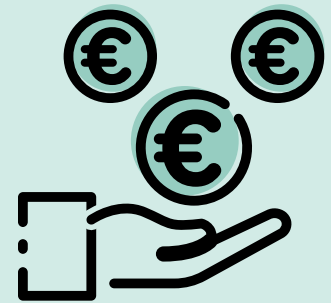
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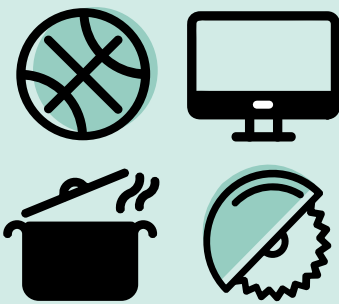
**SMALL CLASS  
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**QUALIFIED,  
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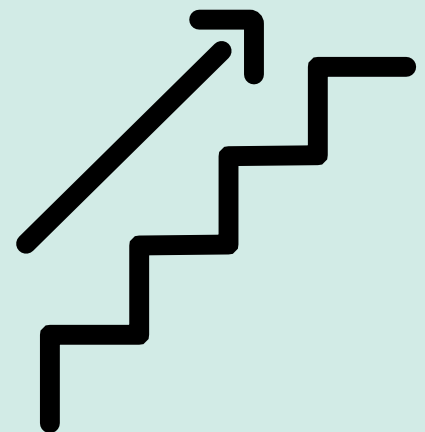


**EARN WHILE YOU  
LEARN**



**VARIETY OF  
LEARNING AREAS**

Progression to  
employment  
and  
further/higher  
education



## What do our students say?

I didn't feel like secondary school was for me but I didn't want to give up on my dreams of becoming an SNA, so I applied to Youthreach when I turned 16. Even though I didn't complete my full two years in Youthreach I managed to pass enough modules to help me progress to another course. Youthreach helped me with a lot of great work placements as well. The staff never gave up getting what was best for me and they were always there no matter what the situation. Within the Youthreach programme I became a lot more confident in myself. I am now nearly 18 and I am doing a 'Special Needs and Intellectual Disabilities' course and love every bit of it. I'd recommend Youthreach to anyone as I wouldn't be where I am today without their support.

After I left Youthreach, they continued to support me when I needed to get into college. I came back in and they helped me to apply for an Advanced Certificate in Professional Cookery. I am now a chef. They still continue to support anything I do. If I ever need anything I can always come back to them for the support.

**I would highly recommend anyone going to Youthreach. It took me out of my shell and taught me all the life skills I need to go on with my life. It was the best decision I ever made in my life.**

**My experience of Youthreach was the support I got with what I wanted to do. It wasn't the whole pressure of the big Leaving Cert, it was what I wanted to do. They also helped with getting my drivers' licence and also with what courses I needed to do to get the job I wanted.**

I loved Youthreach. My fondest memories were of the summer programme; actually getting out on trips. It helped me come out of my shell and experience. It also helped me with my education, to finally learn how to read and write and get my QQI Levels 3 and 4.

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I didn't get the results I wanted from the Leaving Cert. When I turned 18, I applied for Youthreach and got the results I needed to help me work towards starting a Childcare degree. I'm currently undertaking the Access Course in Letterkenny Institute of Technology as childcare is all I want to do and I'm looking at a course here in LYIT next year. I gained great insights from the work experience element of Youthreach as I went to a playschool and it was brilliant. I stayed with them for a month and loved it. I gained more than certificates in the end as it helped me with my confidence—I think it's a great base.

## What do our parents say?

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My 16 year old son refused to continue with mainstream school and I was out of my mind with worry. He heard about the Youthreach programme and contacted them. They accepted his application and I can't thank them enough for their support – he's been able to achieve so many new skills. His confidence, learning ability and team building adventures means he's a confident young man (19) today.

The staff were brilliant and they took care of his many needs. He attended the Erasmus Programme in Italy which he still often talks about and has kept in contact with his new European friends. He is now attending an Access Course at LYIT and his future looks very bright indeed.

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My son's confidence has grown since joining the Youthreach programme.

My daughter is much happier in Youthreach than she was in school.

It's the first time since he started school that he gets himself out and goes to Youthreach no problem. It has made a big difference already.

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## Need more information?

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