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COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adult and Further Education



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING

INTRODUCTION:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this guide to County Wicklow VEC's Adult and Further Education provision. It provides an overall guide to Adult and Further Education programmes, both full and part-time, provided by County Wicklow VEC to adults and young people. The guide is expected to provide an invaluable reference guide which can be accessed by many different users throughout the year. We hope that this approach to presenting information about our programmes and services reflects our belief that our adult and further education programmes and services are part of a wider continuum of lifelong education.

The comprehensive suite of learning opportunities and programmes available – ranging from basic skills to degree courses – as well as the variety of flexible, modular options reflects County Wicklow VEC's commitment to lifelong education and training.

County Wicklow VEC's mission is to provide access to high quality, integrated educational services for all learners and we are committed to identifying and responding to emerging needs. This guide is part of the process of the realisation of our vision for the provision of education programmes and services as articulated in County Wicklow VEC's Education Plan:

'to provide high quality, integrated education services and opportunities for young people and adults in County Wicklow, working in partnership to promote a learning community.'

It is my sincere hope that you will take the opportunity to join the ever increasing network of learners who avail of our programmes and services and I wish you every success in your endeavours.

Fiona Hartley

Chief Executive Officer

Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this booklet is accurate. County Wicklow VEC is not liable for any errors or omissions.

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CWVEC ADULT BASIC EDUCATION SERVICE

CWVEC Adult Basic Education (ABE) Service operates from six Adult Learning Centres based around Co. Wicklow in Arklow, Baltinglass, Bray, Blessington, Carnew and Wicklow Town. CWVEC ABE Service is funded by the Department of Education and Skills and offers part-time classes to adults who want to improve their basic skills and take that first step back into education. Learners are offered one to one or small group classes to improve both skills and confidence in areas such as reading, writing, spelling, basic maths and basic computers. Student needs are at the centre of the service and a friendly and relaxed learning environment is provided. Classes are available both mornings, afternoons and evenings to suit learners with many courses leading to certification from FETAC at Levels 1-4. CWVEC ABE service works closely with the local community and many courses are offered on an outreach basis in partnership with local community, voluntary and statutory agencies.

Specific Programmes:

INTENSIVE TUITION

This programme offers adult learners the opportunity to work intensively to develop both skills and confidence in basic skills including reading and writing, maths and IT. The programme runs over between 10 and 14 weeks and runs for six hours per week.

WORKPLACE BASIC EDUCATION

CWVEC ABE Service works closely with local employers and statutory agencies including FAS and Wicklow County Council to deliver basic skills programmes to people at work. Employees are given the opportunity to improve their basic skills with support from their employer.

FAMILY LEARNING

Family learning programmes are aimed at supporting the educational needs of families and helping parents identify their own learning needs. The programmes may include such activities as Storytelling with Story-sacks, Homework support, Child Development and Play and Fun Reading and Maths Activities.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Tuition is offered to adults new to the country and who wish to develop their English language skills. The majority of classes are focused on those beginning to develop their speaking and listening skills.

BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI)

Programmes are also offered under the Back to Education Initiative. These can be offered as progression from basic skills programmes and to date has included ICT, Communications, Horticulture and Art and Craft. Some programmes are also offered for the needs of specific groups.

For more information on any of the above please contact your local Adult Basic Education Service.

ARKLOW

Including outreach areas of Avoca, Tinahely and Aughrim

Adult Literacy Organiser: Mary McCall

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Wexford Road,
Arklow.

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BALTINGLASS

Including outreach areas of Knockananna, Rathdangan, Kiltegan, Donard, Stratford, Grangecon and Glen of Imaal

Adult Literacy Organiser: Annette Mangan

CWVEC Adult Learning Centre Baltinglass,
Rear of Scoil Chonglais,
Baltinglass.

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BLESSINGTON

Including outreach areas of Valleymount, Donard, Dunlavin and Hollywood

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BRAY

Adult Literacy Organiser: Niamh Maguire

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CARNEW

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WICKLOW

Including outreach areas of Rathdrum and Newtownmountkennedy

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BACK TO EDUCATION INITIATIVE (BTEI)

The Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) is a Department of Education and Skills funded programme which provides part-time learning opportunities for young people and adults who wish to gain certification at Levels 3 and 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications. Progression may be available to Level 5 in some cases. A wide range of programmes are on offer with a particular emphasis on programmes offering core skills such as Communications, Maths and IT. Elective options may include Childcare, Art and Languages. BTEI courses are free to all those with less than upper second level education.

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CWVEC COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The aim of CWVEC Community Education Programme is to support initiatives that tackle social exclusion, disability and rural isolation. The role of CWVEC's Community Education Facilitator (CEF) is to support community groups to develop responsive learning activities. This may include supporting community groups to identify education needs, source funding and to plan and evaluate education projects.

CWVEC Community Education Programme is funded by the Department of Education and Skills and supports a range of groups including active retirement groups, community arts groups, advocacy groups for people with disabilities, ethnic minority groups and women's and men's groups. In addition, CWVEC works in partnerships with a range of other agencies including the HSE, National Learning Network, Rehab-Care, Community Development Projects (including Family Resource Centres and Traveller Development Groups), Home School Community Liaison, School Completion Programme and Community Addiction Teams.

Community Education Facilitator: Brenda Delaney

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Wicklow.

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YOUTHREACH

Youthreach is a Department of Education and Skills funded programme which offers young people aged between 15 and 20 an opportunity to return to education. A flexible full-time programme of learning is offered to participants including core subjects such as IT, maths and communications. Optional areas of learning include art and craft, catering, woodwork, sports and music appreciation. Participants can achieve certification from FETAC and ECDL and may also complete their Leaving Certificate. A comprehensive support programme is also offered to the young people which includes Childcare, Guidance and Advocacy and Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE.) A weekly training allowance is paid to eligible participants.

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WEST WICKLOW

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BRAY AND NORTH WICKLOW

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WICKLOW

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YOUTHREACH

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SENIOR TRAVELLER TRAINING CENTRE (STTC)

Wicklow Senior Traveller Training Centre is funded by the Department of Education and Skills and offers adults from the Traveller community an opportunity to return to education. A full-time, flexible programme of learning is offered to participants including core subjects of IT, maths and communications. Optional subjects include art, craft, childcare and cookery. Participants can achieve certification from FETAC and ECDL. A comprehensive support programme is also offered to participants which includes Childcare, Guidance and Advocacy. A weekly training allowance is paid to eligible participants.

For more information on any of the above please contact the Senior Traveller Training Centre.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME (VTOS)

The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) is a Department of Education and Skills-funded second chance education and training programme which provides full-time two-year courses for unemployed people aged over 21. Participants must be in receipt of a certain social welfare payment for six months or more to be eligible for the programme. Programmes include IT, childcare, community and health services, community care and business studies. Participants can achieve certification from FETAC and ECDL and may also complete their Leaving Certificate. A comprehensive support programme is offered to participants which includes Childcare and Guidance. A weekly training allowance is paid to eligible participants.

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BLESSINGTON

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BRAY

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WICKLOW

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BALTINGLASS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

The Centre provides outdoor pursuits on a year round basis to both primary and post-primary students. The programme varies in duration from one-day multi-activity courses to five day residential stays. Programme includes: Kayaking, Canoeing, Hill-walking, Orienteering, Rock Climbing, Archery, Camp Craft, Team Building and Initiative Exercises.

Manager: Paul Scott

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Baltinglass.

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CWVEC ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE

CWVEC Adult Guidance Service provides a professional guidance, counselling, information and support service to adults who wish to access education, training or change career direction. Services are funded by the Department of Education and Skills and are offered to:

- CWVEC's adult and further education participants;
- Early school leavers;
- Those seeking a change or second chance in education, training and/or career;
- People who wish to up-skill and gain further qualifications;
- Those who have completed a course in education or training and are not sure of their next step; and
- All those interested in returning to learning.

Services provided include advice and guidance in relation to matching interests and skills with learning and work opportunities; identifying support services; CV and interview preparation; and study skills and time management. Presentations and information sessions are also available for groups and individuals. Information is provided regarding courses, careers, funding, grants, qualifications and certification. The service provides outreach to resource centres and community groups.

BRAY CWVEC ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE

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ARKLOW AND WICKLOW

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POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE COURSES (PLCS)

Post Leaving Certificate courses are for people who have completed senior cycle second level education (e.g. Leaving Certificate or equivalent) and who need further education and training to enhance their chances of gaining employment. Post Leaving Certificate courses are full-time of one to two years duration providing an integrated education, training and work experience. Programmes are provided in schools and colleges outside the third level sector.

PLCs can be used as a stepping stone to further education, i.e. Institute of Technology and/or Universities.

PLCS are provided in the following Schools:

ARKLOW

Principal: Andrew Bolger
Arklow Community College, Arklow.
Telephone: 0402 32149.

BALTINGLASS

Principal: Rory O'Toole
Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass.
Telephone: 059 6481449

BRAY

Principal: Ray Tedders
Bray Institute of Further Education, Novara Avenue, Bray.
Telephone: 01 2866233/2829668

CARNEW

Principal: Linda Dunne.
Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew.
Telephone: 053 9426318

DUNLAVIN

Principal: Catherine Burke
St. Kevin's Community College, Dunlavin.
Telephone: 045 406000

Courses offered include:-

Business & Legal Studies Secretarial

Childcare

Beauty Therapy

Secretarial/Computer Studies

Business & Office Technology

Art & Ceramics

Social, Community & Health Studies

Stenography

Sports & Recreation Management

Tourism

Information Technology & Computers

Media & Performing Arts

Business and Management Systems

Security Studies



NIGHT CLASSES IN CWVEC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

BRAY INSTITUTE OF FURTHER EDUCATION, NOVARA AVE, BRAY.

Principal: Ray Tedders
Adult Education Director: Joe Judge
Telephone: 01 2866111/2829668
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ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WICKLOW.

Principal: Tommy Tyrrell
Adult Education Director: Jack Buckley
Telephone: 0404 67567
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COLÁISTE CHRAOBH ABHANN, KILCOOLE.

Principal: Shane Eivers
Adult Education Director: Laura O'Driscoll
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ARKLOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ARKLOW.

Principal: Andrew Bolger
Adult Education Director: Sinead Donohé
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COLÁISTE BHRÍDE, CARNEW.

Principal: Linda Dunne
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BLESSINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BLESSINGTON.

Principal: Alan Kinsella
Adult Education Director: Margaret Kavanagh
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SCOIL CHONGLAIS, BALTINGLASS.

Principal: Rory O'Toole
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ST. KEVIN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DUNLAVIN.

Principal: Catherine Burke
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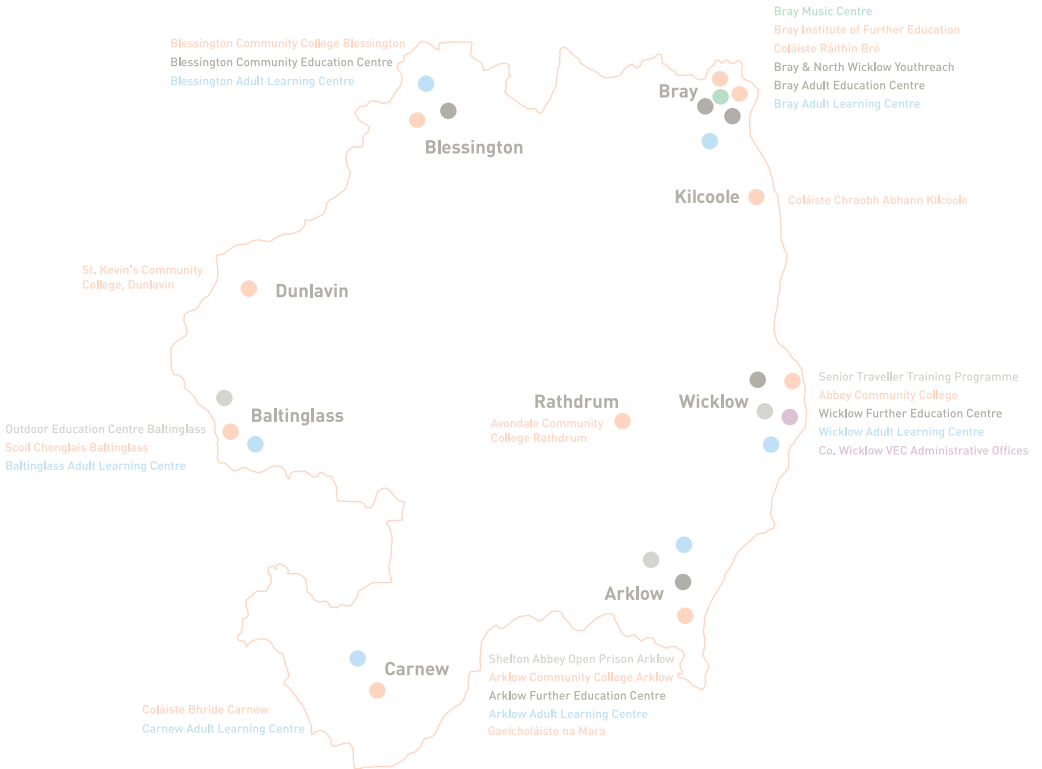
GAELCHOLÁISTE NA MARA, AN T-INBHEAR MÓR.

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AVONDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RATHDRUM.

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REDUCTION IN TUITION FEES: *Persons who are in receipt of certain categories of Social Welfare Benefits may apply for a fee reduction in non-hobby type courses.*



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