

Early School Leavers Networks and Pathways

Navigating Options for Early School Leavers



Student Options	Minimum Age	Minimum Qualification	Information	Further Pathway
Youthreach	15 and 20 years	No minimum entry requirements.	Full-time education program for 15–20-year-olds, focusing on personal, social, and educational development, independence, lifelong learning with integration into further education and training opportunities. Promotion of active citizenship and social inclusion.	Youthreach provides recognised QQI certified training at Level 3 (equivalent to Junior Certificate) and Level 4 (equivalent to Leaving Certificate). These qualifications can be used to assist a young person to gain entry to a PLC Level 5 programmes, apprenticeship or to assist with securing employment.
Apprenticeships	16 years	Minimum entry requirements for Traditional Craft Apprenticeships vary, with 16-year-olds and grade D in 5 subjects. New Apprenticeships have varying entry levels.	Structured education programs that combine workplace learning with training at a training center, with newer programs varying in entry requirements and duration. Apprentices earn while they learn and build valuable work-ready skills in a chosen occupation. Apprenticeships open up exciting and rewarding careers, with learning grounded in the practical experience of undertaking a real job.	Apprenticeship is an exciting and proven way for employers to develop talent for their company and industry. They are designed by industry-led groups, supporting growth and competitiveness. Apprenticeship has long been an accelerator for individual and corporate development in Ireland. Helping more people discover and develop their talents through training is at the heart of the national apprenticeship system.
Traineeships	16 years	No minimum requirements	Job-based skill development, enhancing job employability and career options, while also allowing employers to access a talent pipeline.	Lead to an award at NFQ Levels 4-6, or equivalent. 6-20 months in duration. At least 30% of learning on-the-job.
Post Leaving Cert Courses (PLC's) (Cavan/Monaghan)		Minimum entry requirements as listed on the course pages.	Courses tailored to the job market, combining theoretical and practical study, with nationally and internationally recognized certifications and supports further study through the Higher Education Links Scheme.	A number of career opportunities on completion of PLC courses Progression pathway to various degree programmes
Iscoil	13 to 16 years		Limited availability 3-5 per year.	Online learning programme offering personalized, flexible, and adaptable learning experiences, combining instructional content with individual mentoring and tutoring support.
Home Tuition				
Alternative Learning Programme	12 years to 15 years		6-to-8-week non-formal response programme. Empower young people at risk of leaving school early to re-engage in full-time formal education.	Return to fulltime education to complete senior cycle or transition to Youthreach/Apprenticeships/Traineeships.
Adult Guidance and Information Services	16 and up		Guidance and information services for over 16-year-old not in full time-education.	

Student Options	Cavan	Monaghan
Youthreach	Cavan Youthreach Co-ordinator: Sabrina McEntee Moynehall, Cavan T. 049 4361573 E. CavanYouthreach@cmetb.ie W. www.cavanyouthreach.ie	Carrickmacross Youthreach Co-ordinator: Bernadette Duffy 20 Main Street, Carrickmacross, Monaghan T. 042 9673906 /087 6745788 E. BernadetteDuffy@cmetb.ie
	Cootehill Youthreach Co-ordinator: Mike Durkan Cootehill, Cavan T. 049 555 2561/ 087 6523517 E. MikeDurkan@cmetb.ie	Castleblayney Youthreach Co-ordinator: David McAdam Lakeview Business Park, Castleblayney, Monaghan T. 042 9749356/087 1869309 E. DavidMcAdam@cmetb.ie
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Traineeships	CMETB FET Campus Dublin Road, Cavan T. 049 4353923 /049 4353924 M. 087 679 3462 E. training@cmetb.ie	CMETB FET Campus Dublin Road, Cavan T. 049 4353923/ 049 4353924 M. 087 679 3462 E. training@cmetb.ie
Post Leaving Cert Courses (PLC's) (Cavan/Monaghan)	Monaghan Institute Knockaconny, Co Monaghan T. 047 84900 E. info@monaghaninstitute.ie	Cavan Institute Cathedral Road, Co. Cavan T. 049 4332633 E. admin@cavaninstitute.ie
Iscoil		Marlene Rice School Completion Officer, Beech Hill College, Monaghan T: 087 3169462 E: MarleneRice@bhc.ie
Home Tuition		
Alternative Learning Programme	Tullacmongan Resource Centre, Cavan T. 086 0762266 E. Lisa.Athkinson@foroige.ie	Monaghan Neighbourhood Youth Project The Glen, Monaghan T. 086 0762266 E. Lisa.Athkinson@foroige.ie
Adult Guidance and Information Services	Adult Education Services 4 Church View Square, Cavan T. 049 4377001 E. CavanGuidance@cmetb.ie W. www.cmetbadultguidance.ie	Adult Education Services Dun Mhuire Adult Education Centre, Monaghan T: 047 30800 The Workhouse, Shercock Road, Carrickmacross T. 042 9690739 E. MonaghanGuidance@cmetb.ie W: www.cmetbadultguidance.ie
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