

INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PARENTS IN EDUCATION

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We have information on

1. Social Welfare entitlements

- a. One-Parent Family Payment
- b. Rent Supplement
- c. Family Income Supplement
- d. Back to Work Allowance
- e. Back to Education Allowance
- f. Cohabitation

2. Legal issues

- a. Access
- b. Custody
- c. Guardianship (fathers' rights)
- d. Maintenance of children
- e. Passport applications
- f. Establishing paternity
- g. Registering the birth

3. The importance of both parents in the lives of their children

4. Grandparents rights

And lots more.... see inside back cover for a list of publications

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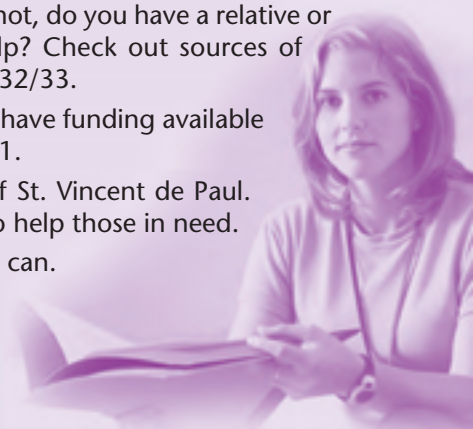
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Before You Start

If you are pregnant/parenting and thinking about returning to training/education:

- Consider carefully the course or training programme that you choose. Talk to the college, your local VEC, FÁS, Youthreach and any other group providing courses in advance about what courses are on offer. Check that the course is one that suits you before you apply. See www.qualifax.ie which is Ireland's National Courses Database.
- The Access Officer in the college at which you intend to study may be able to help and support you.
- There are over 50 Youth Information Centres around the Country. Check www.youthinformation.ie/ireland/index.htm to see if there is one near you.
- Youth Cafés are a new source of information in Ireland. See page 2.
- There are over 20 Young Parents Programmes around the country. See pages 3/4.
- Check with the Department of Social and Family Affairs for payments available to those returning to education. See pages 9/14.
- Check out whether you qualify for a higher education grant. See pages 22/30. Make sure that you don't miss the application date for the year in which you will be attending college. Check out www.studentfinance.ie for more information.
- Consider what you will do about childcare. Is there a crèche in the college you have chosen? If not, do you have a relative or friend who may be able to help? Check out sources of funding for childcare. See page 32/33.
- Your local Area Partnership may have funding available for fees or childcare. See page 41.
- Check with your local society of St. Vincent de Paul. They have an education grant to help those in need.
- Get as much information as you can.



Youth Cafés

The Vault

Burren Street
Carlow
Tel: 059 913 0476

Kick-Back Café

Respond Community Building
Rineanna View
Shannon, Clare
Tel: 061 364318

The Hub (18-25 year olds)

Chapel Lane
Ennis, Co Clare
Tel: 065 684 5350

The Youth Space (15-17 year olds)

Clare Youth Service
Carmody Street
Ennis, Co Clare
Tel: 065 684 5350

The Funky Fish - Bandon Youth Café

St Finbarr's Place
Bandon, Cork
Tel: 023 8820780

The Attic

Bantry Youth Café
No. 9 Marino Street,
Bantry, Cork
Tel: 027 56856

The Loft

16-18 Port Road
Letterkenny
Co. Donegal
Tel: 074 912 9630

The Zone

Youth Health Café
Blakestown Resource Centre
Blakestown, Dublin 15
Tel: 086 836 8061

D'Teen Youth Café

Main Street
Blanchardstown
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 8212 012

The Corduff Community Youth Project

Corduff Sports Centre
Blackrock Road
Blanchardstown
Dublin 15 (Thursday nights)
Tel: 086 605 4126

The Buzz Club

Mulhuddart Community
Centre
Church Road, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 821 5120

Area 24

Mountain Park
Old Bawn
Tallaght, Dublin 24
Tel: 01 463 2070

Crib na nÓg

Halla Éinne
An Cheathrú Rua
Co. na Gaillimhe
Tel: 087 618 7280

d'CUBE, Youth Advice Café

Marina Point,
Harbour Road
Ballinasloe, Galway
Tel: 090 963 1692

The Gaf

Francis Street
Galway
Tel: 091 535370

The Colour Crave Café

Unit 3 Carbyr Court
Camp Street
Oughterard, Co Galway
Tel: 091 557 633

Sign Out Youth Café

Co. Galway VEC
St. Brigid's Road
Portumna, Co Galway
Tel: 086 205 1346

Lava Javas

Limerick Youth Café
The Basement
Limerick Youth Sevice
Lower Glentworth Street
Limerick
Tel: 061 412444

Northside Youth Café

Watch House Cross
Moyross, Limerick
Tel: 087 121 6312

An Moncaí Ocrach

Dingle Youth Café
Bridge Street
Dingle - An Daingean
Kerry
Tel: 085 763 2165

Cosmic Spud

Lower Bridge Street
Killorglan, Co Kerry
Tel: 066 979 0444

Existance Youth Café

Church Street
Listowel, Co Kerry
Tel: 068 57853

The Cove Youth Café

The Fairgreen
Westport, Co. Mayo
Tel: 098 56902

Youthreach

Progression Centre

Hi-w@y Café
2 - 3 Brews Hill
Navan, Co Meath
Tel: 046 902 1910

Youth Cafe

York Street
Castleblaney
Co. Monaghan
Tel: 042 975 1000

Squashy Couch

32 Parnell Street
Waterford
Tel: 051 859000

The Night Café

Unit 5, Coolcotts Shopping
Centre
Wexford Town, Wexford
Tel: 053 914 3488

Youth Café

C/o FDYS
Francis Street
Wexford Town, Wexford
Tel: 053 912 3262

Young Parent Programmes

Teen Parents Support Programme (TPSP)

The TPSP was set up especially to support young parents (both mums and dads). The workers in the TPSP will give you one-to-one support to deal with your own individual situation. For example, you may want to talk about how you are feeling and how your pregnancy is affecting those around you – your own parents and the other parent of your baby. Or you may need information such as how to care for yourself and your baby, Social Welfare, housing and childcare. The TPSP may also be able to give you some financial support to remain in school or training and, if you are interested, can link you in with other young parents in your area. You can contact TPSPs in the following areas:

Location	Contact No.
Carlow & Kilkenny Cork City and County	059 - 913 8799 021 - 496 6780 www.teenparents.ie
Donegal (Letterkenny, Inishowen and the Finn Valley area)	074 - 919 0141
Dublin <i>Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore</i>	01 - 654 6806
<i>Crumlin, Drimnagh, Dublin 24, parts of Dublin 8.</i>	01 - 403 2081
<i>Dublin 13, 17, 5 parts of Dublin 9.</i>	01 - 848 4811
<i>Finglas</i>	01 - 856 8936
Galway City & County	091 - 544 960
Limerick City & County	061 - 411 643
Louth	041 - 987 5273
North Wexford <i>Gorey, Courtown, Camolin, Coolgreany, Ferns, Kilmuckridge, Bunclody</i>	053 - 948 1014
National Co-ordinator TPSP Based in Treoir	01 - 670 0167

Other Programmes

Name	Area	Contact person	Contact details
Waterford Student Mothers' Group	Waterford	Mary O'Gorman	051 844220 info@wsm.barnardos.ie
Young Mothers' Project	Wexford	Maria Brennan	053 9123262 info@fdys.com
Moving On Project	Carlow	Maureen Murphy	059 9138718 maureenmurphy@stcatherinescarlow.ie
4ward	Dundalk	Tess O'Donnell	042 9354532 tess4word@gmail.com
Young Women's Education Programme	An Cosán Jobstown Dublin	Bernadette Walsh	01 4628488 b.walsh@an.cosan.com
New Directions	St. John's Central College Sawmill Street Cork	Deirdre Dalton Suzanne Hanley	021 4255500
Building Your Future Project	Drogheda	Linda Cunningham	041 9802768 byfproject@hotmail.com
Life Skills Project	SICCDA Meath Street Dublin 8	Seamus Mernagh	01 453 6098 lifeskills@siccda.ie
Tógáil	Galway	Bernadette Hayes	091 539686 Bernadette_togail@yahoo.ie
Student Parent Co-ordinator	Mary Immaculate College Limerick	Nicola Hurley	087 950 1160 nicola.hurley@mic.ul.ie Monday - Wednesday

In School

If you have a Home School Liaison Co-ordinator at your school, you should talk to her/him. S/he is there to help you, along with the school and your family, to make sure that everything is going well for you at school.

Home Tuition Scheme

What is it?

The Home Tuition Scheme provides a grant for tuition at home to pregnant schoolgirls. It is funded by the Department of Education and Science to provide tuition during the time immediately before or after the birth of your baby when going to school may be impractical. The grant is for a maximum of 9 hours tuition per week for ten weeks.

How much is the grant?

The Department pays the grant to the parents to engage a tutor either in the home or in a grind school, or to the school who will organise the home tuition from the school with their own teaching staff. The grant will then go to the school. Schools can be very helpful to parents in finding suitable teachers if necessary.

When and how do I apply?

Talk to the school principal as early in your pregnancy as possible and ask her/him to write to the Department of Education and Science. There is no official application form but the principal needs to state that you are attending school. Some form of medical evidence, indicating when your baby is due must be provided, for example, a note from your doctor or hospital. Applications are usually approved within a week.

For further information on the Home Tuition Scheme for pregnant schoolgirls contact:

The Department of Education and Science
Post Primary Administration, Section 4
Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Tel: 090 6483990



Exam Fees

Where you or your parents/guardians, are medical card holders you do not pay exam fees for Junior and Leaving Certificate.

Exams During Labour!

If around exam time you will be late in your pregnancy or near the birth of your baby talk to your school principal or the social worker in the hospital as early as possible in order to plan any special arrangements you may need. The Department of Education and Science is great about organising plans to accommodate your special situation (separate room in school or taking the exam in the hospital). The sooner they know the better. This doesn't cost anything extra.

You can contact the exams commission at:

State Exams Commission
Cornamaddy, Athlone
Co Westmeath.
Tel: 090 6442781



General Financial Supports

Payments you may be entitled to:

From the Department of Social and Family Affairs

One-Parent Family Payment (OFP). You must:

- ❖ Have your child living with you
- ❖ Not be cohabiting, that is living with another person as husband and wife
- ❖ Satisfy the means test
- ❖ Satisfy the Habitual Residence Condition*

You will be required to seek maintenance from the other parent.

LoCall: 1890 500 000, press 4.

Child Benefit

A monthly payment made to parents for their children. You must satisfy the Habitual Residence Condition.

LoCall: 1890 400 400

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme

This aims to provide a free year of early childhood care and education for children of pre-school age. In general, children will be eligible for the ECCE scheme if they are aged between 3 years 3 months and 4 years 6 months on 1st September of the year that they will be starting the scheme.

LoCall: 1890 60 50 40

Family Income Supplement - a payment for families with children if you are working more than 19 hours a week and your income is below a certain amount.

LoCall: 1890 92 77 70

National Fuel Scheme if you are not able to pay for your heating costs,

LoCall: 1890 500 000, press 3

* **Habitual Residence Condition** means that you must have a proven link with Ireland, or other parts of the Common Travel Area (Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man), for example, that you are normally living in Ireland.

www.welfare.ie

From the Health Service Executive (HSE):

Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement (if you are living away from home). This is a payment to help towards the cost of your rent if you cannot afford to pay the full cost. It is generally not available to those working or studying full-time. However, if you are getting a Back to Education Allowance or participating in the Back to Education Programme you may be entitled to the Supplement. The rent must be below a certain level.

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (if your child is over 2) to help towards the cost of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year.

Medical Card or GP Visit Card.

Exceptional Needs Payment - to help meet essential, once-off, exceptional costs.

Contact your local Health Centre.

Household Budget Service

The Household Budget Service is available free to people who are being paid One-Parent Family Payment by Electronic Information Transfer (EIT). It is operated by An Post. It gives people an easy-pay option for household bills.

For more information contact

An Post at Freephone: 1800 70 71 72

Money Advice and Budgeting Service

MABS is a national, free, confidential and independent service for people in debt or in danger of getting into debt.

Ring the MABS Helpline at **1890 283 438**

Monday to Friday 9am – 8pm, or see www.mabs.ie



Back to Education / Training

Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)

What is it?

The BTEA allows you to keep your One-Parent Family Payment and secondary benefits you may already have and return to approved full-time second and third level courses. There are two education options available under the scheme:

- Second Level Option
- Third Level Option

Second Level Option: you can attend a second level course of education at any community, comprehensive, secondary or vocational school or a city and guilds course. The course must be full-time and lead to a certificate which is

- recognised by the Department of Education and Science or
- approved by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) or
- approved by the Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC).

Courses include the Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate, Post Leaving Certificate (PLC), City and Guilds Certificate or a National Diploma (BTEC).

Full-time Third Level Foundation or Access courses are recognised under the Second Level Option of the BTEA scheme.

Courses in the UK or Northern Ireland may also be approved provided that they lead to a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ). Check with the school or college before you take up the course.



Third Level Option: you can attend a third level course of education at any university, third level college or institution provided that the course is a full-time day course of study and is approved by either:

- Department of Education and Science for the Higher Education Grant Scheme
- Vocational Education Committee's Scholarship Scheme
- Third Level Maintenance Grant Scheme for Trainees or
- Is recognised by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC).

Full-time day courses in the UK and other European Union countries, which are recognised for Higher Education Grant purposes, may also be considered for the Back to Education Allowance.

Postgraduate Courses

The postgraduate option of the BTEA Scheme is only available to people doing a course of study leading to a Higher Diploma (H.Dip) qualification or a Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching). Other postgraduate qualifications are not recognised for BTEA purposes. You will not be eligible for BTEA if you already hold a postgraduate qualification.

Will I qualify?

You may qualify if:

- You are getting OFP for at least:
 - 6 months for the Second Level Option
 - 12 months for the Third Level Option **or**
- You are out of formal education for 2 years and getting OFP for at least
 - 6 months for the Second Level Option
 - 12 months for the Third Level Option **or**
- you have been awarded Statutory Redundancy, you may access the BTEA Scheme, if you qualify for a Social Welfare payment.

Note: Periods spent on VTOS, Youthreach, FÁS / Fáilte Ireland Training Courses, FIT, Community Employment Scheme, Rural Social Scheme, Back to Work Scheme, Job Initiative, or Job Assist may count towards the qualifying period. You may go directly from one of the above schemes to Back to Education Allowance provided you were getting One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) before you started one of these schemes. Otherwise you must be getting OFP immediately before starting an approved course of study.

Time spent on Supplementary Welfare Allowance or Direct Provision from the Health Service Executive can also count provided you are entitled to OFP before the course starts.

You must meet the qualifying conditions before the start of the first year of the course of study.

How much do I get?

- You will receive an allowance equivalent to the maximum rate of your OFP (includes all holiday periods)
- You will receive an annual allowance of €500 payable at the start of the academic year called the Cost of Education Allowance
- If you are getting Back to Education Allowance you will not be eligible for a Maintenance Grant. You won't have to pay college fees or student support charges.

Note:

- Maintenance payments from the other parent do not affect BTEA
- Maintenance Grants to attend college do not affect BTEA

Secondary Benefits

You may keep any secondary benefits you already have such as Fuel Allowance, Christmas Bonus, Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement.

The BTEA is not means tested which means you may work without your wages affecting your Allowance.

However, wages may affect your Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement. Contact the Community Welfare Officer at your local health centre to see how your Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement may be

affected.

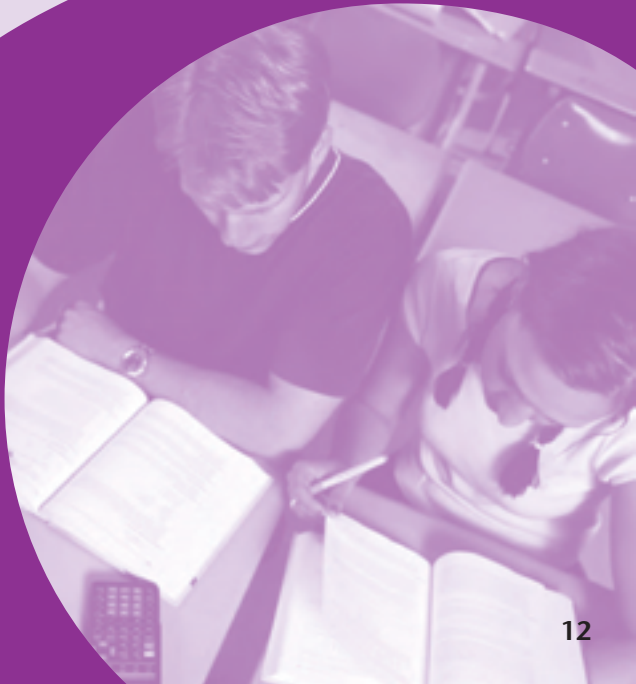
When and how do I apply?

Contact the colleges directly to get information about courses. The Area Based Partnerships, the local VEC and your Local Employment Service (LES) will be willing to help you in this and with general information. They may help you with financial assistance towards the application fees.

If you are not sure whether a course you want to take up is covered under the BTEA talk to the Facilitator at your local Social Welfare Office.

When you are offered a place you will need to complete application form BTE1, and get Information Leaflet SW70, available from your local Social Welfare Office or Back to Education Allowance Section and return the completed form, together with a letter from the college saying you have been offered a place, to your Social Welfare Local Office.

**One-Parent Family Section
Pensions Services Office
Department of Social and Family Affairs
College Road
Sligo
Tel: 071 915 7100
01 704 3000
LoCall: 1890 500 000
www.welfare.ie**



Back to Education Initiative (BTEI)

What is it?

The BTEI provides short courses to young people and adults who wish to return to education and upgrade their skills. It is an opportunity to combine their return to learning with family, work and other responsibilities. There are no fees if you have been getting One-Parent Family Payment and/or have a medical card. A programme can be offered for as little as one hour per week or as much as 17 hours per week and can include:

- **Basic Education** - communication skills, mathematics, personal development and basic computers leading to certification at FETAC Level Three.
 - **General Education** – communications and single subjects in the Junior and Leaving Certificate (e.g. Mathematics, English) or a combination of both. Vocationally oriented modules are added in keeping with local employment needs and demand for specific skills.
 - **Information and Communications Technology** – programmes in ICT for both personal and vocational reasons and ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence).
- Childcare and Social Care** - care of the elderly, disability, nurses' aides, special needs assistant.
- Business, Secretarial and Tourism** - Reception Skills, Crafts, Food and Catering, Business and Administration.
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)**

Will I Qualify?

You may qualify if you:

- Have less than your Leaving Cert or
- Have your Leaving and are receiving OFP
- **are over 15 years of age on leaving second level education.**
There is no **upper age limit**



How much do I get?

There are no allowances for attending the courses but classes are free to participants who have not completed the Leaving Cert. Any secondary benefits you already have will not be affected.

How do I apply?

Apply to the adult education officer in your local VEC or check your local newspapers for information on what courses are available in your area. Some local community groups also offer courses. Check locally.



Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

What is it?

VTOS (operated through the Vocational Education Committees, VECs) offers a range of courses designed to meet the education and training needs of people who are unemployed including lone parents. The main courses available are Junior and Leaving Certificates and courses leading to FETAC awards, including Post- Leaving Certificate (PLC) Courses. The range of courses tends to vary from centre to centre so contact your local VEC for more details.

Will I qualify?

You may qualify if:

You are at least 21 and getting One-Parent Family Payment for at least 6 months (immediately before you start the course).

Note: Periods spent on a FÁS training course, Community Employment Programme or Youthreach Programmes can count towards the six month period.

How much do I get?

You will get:

- The maximum rate of One-Parent Family Payment (OPF)
- A bonus payment of €31.80 if you have been receiving OPF for at least one year directly before joining VTOS
- A lunch allowance (€4.00 per week) where meals are not provided
- A travel allowance if you live more than 3 miles from the VTOS centre/college (3-5 miles = €0.92 per day / 6-10 miles €2.38 per day etc).

Note: These allowances depend on you attending the course.

Other benefits

- There are no course fees
- Books and course materials are provided by the centre or college
- There may be some money for childcare (talk to the VTOS co-ordinator)
- If you work part-time or casually, this will not affect your payment. However if you are in receipt of Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement your wages will be assessed under the means test for Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement

Secondary Benefits

You may keep any secondary benefits you already have, for example, Rent Supplement, Christmas Bonus, Fuel Allowance, Diet Supplement. Childcare allowances for VTOS participants are not taken into account for Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplement and for other secondary benefits.

When and how do I apply?

Contact the VTOS co-ordinator at your local VEC in good time for starting in September.

For further information contact:
VTOS National Office
Tel: 01 4020 427
www.vtos.ie



Youthreach Programme

What is it?

Youthreach is Ireland's second chance education programme for early school leavers. It is a programme of integrated, general education, vocational training and work experience. There are over 100 Youthreach centres in Ireland. The Youthreach programme is generally full-time although part-time courses can be arranged. The course generally lasts from 1 to 2 years. It can be flexible depending on your individual needs. It has two phases, Foundation and Progression. In Foundation, the emphasis is on general education, basic skills and personal planning. In Progression, participants have the option of taking part in specific skills training, work placements or community training programmes. The training usually leads to a FETAC qualification, the Junior Certificate, Applied Leaving Certificate or City and Guilds.

Will I qualify?

You may qualify if:

- You are 15-20 years of age
- You have left school with less than 5 Ds in the Junior Certificate
- You are not in full time employment

Note: You may be eligible even if the above points do not apply to you. This programme is quite flexible and can be tailored to suit you.

How much do I get?

You will be paid the basic FÁS training allowance which varies according to your age, as follows:

AGE	AMOUNT
16	€83.25
17	€104.00
18 and over	€204.30

In addition:

- You will continue to receive your current One-Parent Family Payment
- You will also receive a bonus payment of €31.80 per week, if you have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment for at least 12 months directly before you join Youthreach
- You will be paid a lunch allowance and may qualify for travel allowance
- Free books and materials

Childcare payments may be available. Check with the Co-ordinator in the local Youthreach Centre.

Secondary Benefits

You may keep any secondary benefits you already have. However, your Rent or Mortgage Interest Supplement may be affected.

Childcare allowances for Youthreach participants are not taken into account for Rent and Mortgage Interest Supplement and for other secondary benefits.

When and how do I apply?

Contact your local Youthreach Centre at any time during the year.

Further information may be obtained from:

The National Co-ordinator

Youthreach

Tel: (01) 453 5487

youthreachinfo@cdu.cdvec.ie

www.youthreach.ie



Post-Leaving Certificate Courses

What is it?

The Post-Leaving Certificate Programme is a full-time programme which provides appropriate vocational and technological training for young people to bridge the gap between school and work. There are over 1,000 courses on offer in 229 centres. A full list of PLC courses by county is available on the Department of Education and Science website: www.education.ie

The Programme assists people to:

- improve their prospects of securing lasting, full-time employment, or
- progress to other studies.

The courses cover a very extensive range of options including:

- Applied Languages and Information Technology
- Applied Science
- Art, Craft and Design
- Business and Secretarial Skills
- Childcare
- Childcare and Community Care
- Computer Animation
- Computer Studies
- Construction
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Equestrian Studies
- Hairdressing and Beauty Care
- Horticulture
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Multi-Media Studies
- Performing Arts
- Sport and Leisure
- Theatre and Stage Production
- Teleservices
- Tourism and Hotel and Catering



Will I qualify?

You may qualify if you have:

- completed the Leaving Cert and need further vocational education and training to enhance your prospects of getting a job or moving on to other studies.
- not completed the Leaving Cert but are deemed by the course provider to have the necessary competencies to undertake the Programme.

How much do I get?

A maintenance grant scheme is available for PLC students. This scheme is means tested, and grants are paid along the same lines as the current third level student support scheme. Grant applications are available from local VECs. See page 28.

If you are going on a Post-Leaving Cert course and are getting a VTOS allowance you will not qualify for a Maintenance Grant. You won't have to pay college fees or student support charges.

Secondary Benefits

You may keep any secondary benefits you already have, for example, Rent Supplement, Christmas Bonus, Fuel Allowance, Diet Supplement.

When and how do I apply?

Students may join the Programme by contacting the nearest Vocational Education Committee (VEC) or school offering PLC courses. Many of the VECs publish their own guides to the courses available, and some advertise in local newspapers. A list of VEC contact details is available from www.ivea.ie.

For further information see:
www.education.ie



Fastrack to Information Technology (FIT)

What is it?

Fastrack to Information Technology (FIT) involves international IT companies and has a range of courses on offer covering a wide range of interests in areas of IT & Customer Care, Business Through Computers, IT Office Administration & Design, Web Design and Programming, to the more technical field of Operating Systems, Broadband Communications and PC Maintenance.

Will I Qualify?

You may qualify for a FIT course if you are:

- receiving One-Parent Family Payment for at least 6 months, and are 21 years of age or
- over 18 years of age and progressing from Youthreach.

How much will I get?

The same payment arrangements apply as for VTOS (see page 15).

How do I apply

For further information on FIT or to apply to take part, contact the Facilitator at your local Social Welfare Office or contact FIT directly:

FIT Ltd

Glasnevin, Dublin 11

Tel: 01 8825 570 info@fit.ie www.fit.ie



Adult Literacy

Adult literacy services are provided by Vocational Education Committees and the National Adult Literacy Agency for anyone who needs help with reading and writing. Each VEC employs Adult Literacy Organisers to organise services in their local areas. Tuition is provided by paid tutors on a group basis, and volunteers have been trained to provide tuition on a one-to-one basis. The service is free and confidential.

If you need help contact your Local VEC Adult Literacy Organiser to find out the contact points for your area or phone the **National Adult Literacy Agency** at their freephone helpline **1800 20 20 65** or literacy@nala.ie

Financial Supports for Higher Education

What is it?

These are a range of student support schemes designed to support students in further and higher education.

Free Fees Initiative

Tuition fees are paid by the government for first-time undergraduates holding EU nationality/refugee status and who have been ordinarily resident in an EU member State for at least 3 of the 5 preceding years. Courses must be full-time (other than Third Level Trainee Courses) and be at least two years long. Free fees do not cover registration, examination or student services.

The Government has indicated that changes may be introduced to the free fees initiative. This means that students entering 3rd level in 2009 are not guaranteed free fees for the duration of their course.

Higher Education Grants Scheme

You can apply for the Higher Education Grants Scheme if you are a student undertaking an approved full-time undergraduate course of at least 2 years or a full-time postgraduate course. You must meet a number of criteria to qualify for the grant including academic attainment and a means test.

You may qualify if you

- Are starting an approved course for the first time in the academic year in question
- Are a mature student (at least 23 years of age on January 1st in the year you are applying) who is either
 - entering in order to complete an approved course at undergraduate level for the first time or
 - re-entering in order to pursue or complete an approved course at postgraduate level for the first time or
 - already holding a postgraduate qualification and is re-entering to progress to a further postgraduate course which represents progression
- Have not successfully completed your course and are returning following a break of at least 5 years. This means you are a Second Chance Student.

You also have to meet certain requirements as follows:

Residence

You, or your parents or guardians, must have been ordinarily resident in your local authority area from 1st October in the year prior to applying for the grant. The local authority has discretion to waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances.

Age

You must be at least 17 years of age on 1st January in the year you are applying.

Academic attainment

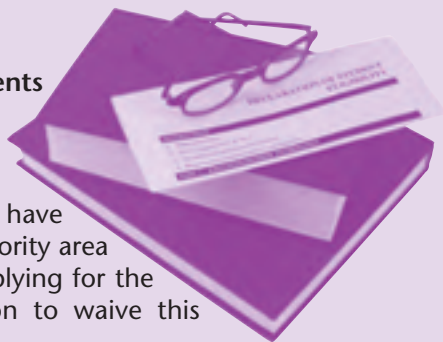
You must have reached the correct Leaving Certificate standard for your course.

Nationality

In order to get a maintenance grant you must be a national of an EU or EEA member state or Switzerland.

There are rules for others living in Ireland who either have refugee status or have been granted permission to remain in Ireland under certain conditions.

See www.citizensinformation.ie for more details.



Means

If you are under 23 your parents' income will be taken into account whether or not you are living with them. If you are over 23 and living with your parents, you will be assessed on their income.

If you are over 23 and neither living with your family nor cohabiting, you will be assessed on your own income. If you are cohabiting your partner's gross income will be taken into account.

The Back to Education Allowance, Child Benefit, Family Income Supplement and One-Parent Family Payment are not counted as income for assessment purposes. This may change in 2010.

The income your parents (or you) have must be at or below a certain level, depending on how many children your parents (or you) have:

Number of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance Grant and Service Charge paid €	75% Maintenance Grant and Service Charge paid €	50% Maintenance Grant and Service Charge paid €	25% Maintenance Grant and Service Charge paid €	Full Service Charge paid €
Less than 4	41,110	42,235	44,720	47,205	51,380
4 – 7	45,165	46,415	49,145	51,880	56,460
8 or more	49,045	50,400	53,360	56,320	61,295

How much will I get?

Rate of Grant	Residing within 24 Kilometers of the college €	Residing more than 24 km from the College €
100% Grant	1,302	3,249
75% Grant	979	2,437
50% Grant	651	1,625
25% Grant	328	812

Student Services Charge

There is an annual Student Services Charge that all students (except those who qualify for maintenance grants) have to pay. It is also known as a registration fee and it covers student services and examinations. The fee is €1500 for the year 2009/2010. If you qualify for a maintenance grant the Student Service Charge will be paid directly to the College.

Special rates of grants for disadvantaged students (Top-up Grant)

If you qualify for the Higher Education Grant and your or your parents' income, is under €22,308 you may qualify for a special rate of grant in addition to the regular grant. You, or your parents, must be claiming a long-term Social Welfare payment, claiming Family Income Supplement or participating in designated programmes (for example, a FÁS training programme).

The Top-Up Grant is €1,310 for students living within 24 kilometers of the college and €3,270 for everyone else.

Approved courses

The courses approved under the Higher Education Grant Scheme are:

- Full-time 3rd level education courses
- Recognised PLC courses, student nurse training or student garda training
- Fáilte Ireland courses lasting for at least 1 year
- Full-time Teagasc courses in an agricultural college
- Recognised full-time further education courses in Northern Ireland of at least 1 year

When and how do I apply?

Grant applications must be made on the official application form available from your Local Authority. It must reach the Local Authority by 31st August in the year you are applying.

Vocational Education Committees' Scholarship Scheme

What is it?

This scheme provides means tested scholarships to eligible students who are pursuing approved courses.

Will I qualify?

The eligibility conditions are generally the same as those for the Higher Education Grants Scheme (above). In addition students who have satisfactorily completed two years of a Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree or National Diploma) course, and gain admission through exemption, to year two of a Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) course will also qualify.

Approved courses

- Full-time courses at the colleges of the National University of Ireland; Trinity College Dublin; Dublin City University; the University of Limerick; Queens University, Belfast or the University of Ulster where the student progresses to the university course by completing a course at Level 6 (National Certificate) or Level 7 (National Diploma)
- Full-time approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses at approved institutions
- BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) courses in certain colleges of further education and colleges of further and higher education in Northern Ireland
- Approved undergraduate courses in third-level institutions in EU member states, on the same basis as the Higher Education Grants Scheme, in the case of students who have been awarded a National Certificate or a National Diploma

How much will I get?

The value of the grant is the same as for the Higher Education Grant.

When and how do I apply?

Scholarship applications must be made on the official application form available from the VEC. It must reach the VEC by 31st August in the year you are applying.

Third Level Maintenance Grants Scheme for Trainees

What is it?

This Grant Scheme covers a series of one, two and three-year courses leading to qualifications at Level 6 (Higher Certificate) and at Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree) in Institutes of Technology.

Will I qualify?

It is open to students who require higher level initial education and training to improve their employment prospects in line with the Government's sectoral employment priorities and who are entering approved Middle Level Technician or Higher Technical Business Skills courses for the first time in the academic year in question.

The scheme is also open to mature students who are re-entering in order to complete such a course. The eligibility conditions are generally the same as those for the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

How much will I get?

The value of the grant is the same as for the Higher Education Grant.

When and how do I apply?

Applications must be made on the official application form available from the VEC. It must reach the VEC by 31st August in the year you are applying.



Maintenance Grants Scheme for Students Attending Post-Leaving Certificate Courses

What is it?

This scheme provides means tested grants to eligible students who are pursuing approved courses.

Will I qualify?

This scheme is open to students who are entering approved, full-time Post-Leaving Certificate courses of at least 1 year for the first time in the next academic year. The eligibility conditions are generally the same as those for the Higher Education Grants Scheme. You must be at least 16 years of age at the start of the course. The list of approved centres is available from your local vocational education committee (VEC).

How much will I get?

The value of the grant is the same as for the Higher Education Grant.

When and how do I apply?

Applications must be made on the official application form available from the VEC. It must reach the VEC by 31st August in the year you are applying.

Fund for Students with Disability

This fund aims to assist students with disabilities in third-level institutions and PLC colleges to participate in further and higher education. Grants are provided for students who have serious sensory, physical, learning and/or communicative disabilities.

Applications for assistance are made by the Disability/Access officer in the student's third level institution or by the Principal in the student's PLC college following discussion with the student, on registration for their course, on his/her particular disability and the equipment or services required.

Student Assistance Fund

This fund is to assist students in a sensitive and compassionate manner who might otherwise because of financial reasons suffer severe hardship or be unable to continue their third-level studies. Applications should be made by the individual student to the Access/Disability Officer in their institution.

Chaplains in many third level colleges have funds which they can use for students suffering hardship.

Scholarships

The Department of Education and Science has a small number of scholarships on offer based on Leaving Certificate results. See *Student Grant Schemes* on the Department's website www.education.ie.

Bank of Ireland Millennium Scholars Trust

What is it?

The Trust awards scholarships for second and third level and mature students, and other progression route students who, due to economic, social and other barriers might not otherwise get the opportunity to attend third level.

Will I qualify?

The Trust welcomes applications from individuals who have the ability and motivation to participate successfully at third-level, but who because of economic circumstance or other barriers are prevented from doing so.

How much will I get?

Scholarships are from €3,200 per year depending on your circumstances. Awards of varying amounts are made to students in the creative and performing arts.

What courses are eligible?

Third-level education opportunities from level 7 in the National Framework of Qualifications and from Level 6 which give access to/progress to a Level 7 or 8 qualification.

Courses recognised by Universities, DIT, the Institutes of Technology, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) and the Institutes of Further and Higher Education in Northern Ireland. Other courses may be considered. Advanced studies in the creative/performing arts are also eligible.

When and how do I apply?

You must be proposed by a Nominating Body-an organisation registered with the Trust. These are organisations that will have close contact with the candidates and will be in a position to provide a personal reference and co-ordinate their application. Organisations can register and be considered by the Trust and must be registered with the Trust in advance of submitting applications.

The closing dates for 2009 are 2nd March 2009 for 3rd level entry or current 3rd Level and 1st April for the creative/performing arts. They are likely to be similar dates in 2010.

More information is available from the Trust Office at **National College of Ireland (NCI)**, Tel: **01 449 8500** or can be downloaded from **www.bankofireland.com** - see *In the Community* and **www.ncirl.ie** - see *about NCI*.

The Student Support Bill which at the time of printing is being discussed in the Oireachtas will change a lot of this financial information. Check with studentfinance.ie or with Treoir LoCall: 1890 252 084, info@treoir.ie

Tax Relief on Third Level Tuition Fees

Tax relief, at the standard rate of tax, is available on third-level tuition fees paid in respect of approved courses (of at least 2 years) at approved colleges of higher education.

Approved courses include

- Full/part-time courses in both private and publicly funded 3rd level Colleges in the State and any other EU Member State, including distance learning
- Full/part-time postgraduate courses (of at least 1 year) in both private and publicly funded 3rd level Colleges in the State and in EU and non-EU countries, including distance learning.

Contact the Revenue Commissioners for a list of approved colleges.
www.revenue.ie

Tax relief at the standard rate can be claimed by the student or by the person paying the fees. The maximum fee limit is €5,000 in 2009/2010.

When and how do I apply?

Application forms (I.T. 31 Form) are available from the Revenue Commissioners:

1890 333 425	Dublin only
1890 222 425	Clare, Cork, Kerry, Limerick
1890 444 425	Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Meath, Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow
1890 777 425	Any other county

or **www.revenue.ie**

Childcare

Direct funding and information about funding for childcare may be available from the following sources:

FÁS, the National Training and Employment Authority can help with childcare costs for people who wish to undertake training with FÁS.

Will I qualify?

You may qualify if:

- You are unemployed, wish to obtain work and wish to undertake a FÁS training programme (excluding apprenticeship), and
- You are the main carer of a child/children, and
- You need childcare in order to take up a training opportunity.

Note: It is only participants on certain training programmes who are eligible for childcare support, namely Bridging Training programmes, Specific Skills Training, Traineeships, Community Training, Return to Work programmes, Community Training Centres and linked work experience.

Childcare may be provided in crèches, playschools or with childminders. After-school care is also an eligible service.

However, FÁS contributions towards childcare costs will not be paid in respect of childcare provided by:

- The parents or guardians of the child
- Persons under 18 years of age
- Persons resident in the same house where the child resides

How much will I get?

For those in full-time training the allowance per week for a child:

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| • Not School Going | €63.50 |
| • Attending Primary School | €31.25 |
| • Attending Secondary School | No contribution |



For those in part-time training the allowance per week for a child:

- Not School Going €38.00
- Attending Primary /Secondary School No contribution

School Holidays

During the course of the training, FÁS will adjust its contribution for increased childcare payments to cover weekly block periods of school holidays for school-going children. For trainees on full-time programmes, the FÁS contribution will increase to €63.50 per child regardless of the age of the child. For trainees on part-time programmes, the FÁS contribution will increase to €38.00 per child regardless of the age of the child.

The additional payment will only be made for the days when the course participant is in training and the child/children are on school holidays.

The standardised list of school holidays provided by the Department of Education and Science will apply.

When and how do I apply?

It is up to you to identify the childcare service that's best for you and your child. Before beginning the course you should complete an application form and present it at the registration for the training course along with the child's birth certificate and a list of school holidays (if appropriate).

Contact your local FÁS office or Local Employment Services (LES) office for more information and application forms.

Website: www.fas.ie



VTOS, Youthreach And Senior Travelling Training Programmes

Some money for childcare may be available if you are participating in VTOS, Youthreach or a Senior Travelling Training Programme. Talk to your local VTOS co-ordinator in the Vocational Education Committee (VEC). Each area will have a limited amount available for childcare.

Community Childcare

You may be able to get a place in a local community crèche at a reduced fee thanks to the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme. You qualify for a significant grant (Band A) towards the cost of the crèche if you are getting a Social Welfare payment such as One-Parent Family Payment or on a Community Employment Scheme and a lesser grant (Band B) if you are getting Family Income Supplement (FIS) or a childcare subsidy under a FÁS or VEC scheme. Parents on a low income but who are above the FIS threshold will get a smaller grant (Band C). The amount of the subsidy depends on the age of the child.

	Band A		Band B		Band C	
	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1yrs+	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1yrs+	Age 0-1yrs	Age 1yrs+
Full-time (F) Subvention for Full-time Service 5hrs 1min+	€130	€100	€100	€70	€75	€45
Medium (M) Subvention for Sessional Service 3hrs 30mins - 5hrs	€65	€50	€50	€35	€38	€23
Short (S) Subvention for Sessional Service 2hrs 15mins - 3hrs 29mins	€43	€33	€33	€23	€25	€15

So check locally (with the Public Health Nurse, the local Citizens Information Centre or County/City Childcare Committee in your area) if there is a community crèche in your area.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has an Education Grant which is a fund to help people to get into education, and that includes funding for childcare. Contact your local SVP conference through your local church.

City/County Childcare Committees

If you are having a problem sourcing affordable childcare in your area it would be worth checking with your local City/County Childcare Committees. Contact your local Committee through your local area Partnership Office (see page 41), see www.pobal.ie/fundingprogrammes/childcare

The Childcare Bureau, Dublin

The Childcare Bureau operates under the auspices of the Northside Partnership and is working to develop an infrastructure in the North-East Dublin area, to support local childcare providers, employers and parents. Tel: 01-867 5244

The Border Counties Childcare Network (BCCN)

BCCN operates in the counties of Monaghan, Meath, Louth, Cavan, Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim. BCCN supports the development of a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of high quality, accessible, affordable early childhood services.

Tel: 047-72469 www.bccn.ie

Partnership Areas

If you are living in a Partnership area contact your local Partnership as they may have useful information about childcare supports in your area (see pages 41/42).



Forbairt Náionraí Teo

7 Merrion Square

Dublin 2.

Tel: 01-477 3151

(For information on playgroups through Irish (Naionraí) throughout the country).

www.naionrai.ie

St. Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland

Ground Floor, 64 Patrick Street

Dun Laoghaire

Co Dublin

Tel: 01 280 5705

www.montessoriireland.ie

National Childminding Association of Ireland

9 Bulford Business Campus

Kilcoole

Co Wicklow

Tel: 01 287 8466

www.childminding.ie

National Children's Nurseries Association

Unit 12c, Bluebell Business Park

Old Naas Road

Bluebell

Dublin 12

Tel: 01 460 1138 /460 1158

www.ncna.net

Barnardos Training & Resource Services

Christchurch Square,

Dublin 8.

Tel: 01-454 9699

www.barnardos.ie

IPPA, the Early Childhood Organisation

Unit 4, Broomhill Business Complex

Broomhill Road,

Tallaght, Dublin 24

Tel: 01-4630 010

www.ippa.ie

Irish Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Association (ISWECA)

Clai House

Millpool Road

Mountshannon,

Co Clare

Tel: 061 927 944

www.steinerireland.org

The Golden Pages has listings under Childminding Services, Crèches and Nursery Schools.

Useful Organisations

Aontas

Aontas is the National Adult Learning Organisation. It is a non-governmental organisation that exists to ensure that every adult in Ireland has access to appropriate and affordable learning opportunities throughout their lives. Aontas offers an information referral service to all adults requiring information on returning to learning. For further information contact Aontas at:

Tel: 01 406 8220, mail@aontas.com, www.aontas.com.

Area Based Partnerships /Community Partnerships

Area Based Partnerships and Community Partnerships manage many programmes to support those with disadvantage in their local communities. There are over 4,000 groups throughout the country receiving funding for programmes. For further information contact your local Area Based Partnership or Community Partnership below or Pobal at: **Tel: 01 2400 700, enquiries@pobal.ie www.pobal.ie.**

Centres for the Unemployed/Community Groups

Local Centres for the Unemployed, community groups and women's groups run a wide range of Adult Education programmes on subjects such as personal development, parenting, music or languages. Some of these courses are funded by the VEC, so you won't have to pay fees, while others are at a reduced rate for certain categories of people. Contact your local centre or community group.



Citizens Information Centres

CICs provide comprehensive information on all aspects of public services and entitlements for people in Ireland. **LoCall: 1890 77 71 21**. Check the Golden Pages for your nearest CIC. **www.citizensinformation.ie**.

Department of Social And Family Affairs.

Facilitators in the Department of Social and Family Affairs are available through Social Welfare Local Offices. Their job is to help those looking for education and training opportunities and work. Your Facilitator will inform you of all the supports available. Contact your Social Welfare Local Office. **www.welfare.ie**.

Fáilte Ireland

Fáilte Ireland, the national training body for tourism and catering, offers a number of tourism-related training courses every year. For further information contact Fáilte Ireland.

Tel: 1850 256 256, courses@failteireland.ie, www.failteireland.ie.

FÁS (Foras Áiseanna Saothair)

FÁS is the National Training and Employment Authority in Ireland. They design, develop and deliver programmes and services that meet the needs of the labour market. They have specific programmes for lone parents and women who wish to return to the workforce. They have a regional network of 66 offices and 20 training centres.

For further information or details of your local FÁS office.

Tel: 01 607 0500, info@fas.ie, www.fas.ie.

Foróige

Founded in 1952 Foróige provides a comprehensive range of youth work services for those aged 10 – 20. They have many clubs, local youth services, youth information centres, development projects and programmes throughout Ireland. **Foróige Head Office,**

Tel: 01 630 1560, info@foroige.ie, www.foroige.ie

Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC)

As the national awarding body for further education and training in Ireland, FETAC gives people the opportunity to gain recognition for learning in education or training centres, in the work place and in the community. FETAC makes and promotes awards of high quality, validates the quality of programmes, sets national standards and establishes working partnerships drawing together industry, education and training interests. FETAC, Tel: 01 865 9599, information@fetac.ie, www.fetac.ie.

Local Employment Services Network (LESN)

The aim of the Local Employment Services (LESN) is to provide intensive job-seeking supports to clients who are unemployed and who are experiencing social exclusion. There are currently 25 LESN areas of which 24 are in Partnership areas and one in Kildare is in a non-Partnership area. They may be contacted at your local Partnership office - see page 41 or check your local telephone directory. Information on the LESN is also available on the FÁS website: www.fas.ie.

Qualifax

Qualifax is the Irish national learner database of all third-level and further education courses. Included are links to college and other education/training websites in Ireland and abroad. It includes information on a number of careers to assist second-level students to make choices plus a range of other useful information for students of all ages. In the "Students" section you can take the Qualifax Interest Assessment test to find courses that fit your interests. There is also a grant calculator in this section. www.qualifax.ie.

Social Welfare Appeals Office (SWAO)

The SWAO is an independent agency separate from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. You can make an appeal to this Office if you are unhappy with a decision made on your application for a Social Welfare payment, or are unhappy with the service.

**LoCall: 1890 74 74 34, swappeals@welfare.ie,
www.socialwelfareappeals.ie.**

TEAGASC

The agricultural and food development authority offers full-time courses in horticulture, agriculture, forestry and equine studies both on a residential and non-residential basis, in colleges and centres around Ireland.

Tel: 059 9170 200, info@teagasc.ie, www.teagasc.ie.

TREOIR

(The National Federation of Services for Unmarried Parents and their Children)

Treoir operates the National Information Service for Unmarried Parents (including young parents) which provides free and confidential information on legal issues and social welfare entitlements for unmarried parents. Treoir has a free *Information Pack for parents who are not married to each other* and on its website a Useful Services Database of a broad range of local and national services.

Tel: 01-6700 120

LoCall: 1890 252 084, info@treoir.ie, www.treoir.ie.

Youth Information Centres

Youth Information Centres (YICs) provide a free, confidential information service to young people and those who work with them on a wide range of subjects including careers, education, employment matters, rights and entitlements, leisure, sport, travel and European opportunities.

Find your local YIC at www.youthinformation.ie/ireland/index.htm.

Youth Work Ireland

YWI is a federation of local youth services supporting youth clubs and groups, youth information centres and outlets and youth projects throughout the country.

Tel: 01 8729933, info@nyf.ie, www.youthworkireland.ie.

Area Based Partnerships

Ballyfermot Partnership	01 6235612	info@ballyfermotpartnership.ie
Ballymun Partnership	01 8423612	info@ballymun.org
Blanchardstown Partnership	01 8209550	info@bap.ie
Bray Partnership	01 2868266	info@brayareapartnership.ie
Breifni Integrated (Cavan)	049 4331029	reception@cavpart.ie
Canal Communities Partnership	01 4732196	info@canalpartnership.com
Cork City Partnership	021 4302310	info@partnershipcork.ie
CPLN Area Partnership (Clondalkin)	01 4508788	mail@cpln.ie
Donegal Local Development Co.	074 9127056	info@dldc.org
Drogheda Partnership Co.	041 9842088	info@droghedapartnership.ie
Dublin Inner City Partnership	01 8721321	office@dicp.ie
Finglas/Cabra Partnership	01 8361666	info@fcp.ie
Galway City Partnership	091 773466	info@gcp.ie
Galway Rural Development Co.	091 844335	grd@grd.ie
Inishowen Development Partnership	074 9362218	admin@inishowen.ie
Leitrim Development Co.	071 9641740	info@ldco.ie
Louth Leader Partnership	042 9330288	partnership@dep.ie
Longford Community Resources Ltd	043 3345555	enquiries@lclrl.ie
Mayo North East Leader Partnership Co. Ltd	094 9256745	mariaregan@mnelp.com
MFG Teo (Pairtiocht Chonomara)	091 574353	cumas@eircom.net
Pairtiocht Gaeltacht Thir Chonaill Monaghan Integrated Development Co	074 9532017	eolasmfg@eircom.net
	042 9749500	info@monaghanpartnership.com
North & East Kerry Development Co	066 7142576	sliebhluaichra@eircom.net
Northside Partnership	01 8485630	info@northsidepartnership.ie
OAK Partnership (NorthWest Kildare/North Offaly)	046 9732688	Info@oakpartnership.com
Paul Partnership Limerick	061 419388	info@paulpartnership.ie
Roscommon Integrated Development	094 9621337	roscommonptnship@eircom.net
Sligo Leader Partnership	071 9141138	info@sligoleader.com
South Kerry Development Partnership	066 9472724	info@skdp.net
Southside Partnership	01 2090610	info@sspship.ie
Tallaght Partnership	01 4664280	info@tallpart.com
Waterford Area Partnership	051 841740	info@wap.ie
Waterford Leader Partnership Ltd	058 54646	info@wlp.ie
West Limerick Resources Ltd	069 62222	info@wlr.ie
Westmeath Community Development Ltd	044 9348571	info@westcd.ie
Wexford Local Development Co.		
Enniscorthy	053 9237033	info@wexfordpartnership.ie
Wexford	053 9155800	info@wexfordareapartnership.ie

Community Partnerships

Athlone Community Taskforce (ACT)	090 6494555	athlonecommunitytaskforce@eircom.net
Avondhu Development Group (Mallow)	022 43553	info@avondhudevelopment.ie
Ballyhoura Development Ltd	063 91300	info@ballyhoura.org
Carlow Area Network Development Ltd (CANDO)	059 9133457	Cando1@cando.ie
Comhar Dhuibhne	066 9152280	comhairdhuibhne@mfg.ie
Co-operation Fingal (North)	01 8020484	info@co-operationfingal.ie
Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh	056 7752811	kcan@eircom.net
Clare Local Development Co Kilkee	065 9056611	info@eiri.org
Ennis	065 686800	ewp.ennis@eircom.net
IRD Duhallow Ltd	029 60633	Duhallow@eircom.net
Kilkenny Leader Partnership Co.	056 4441966	admincdcdnetwork@gmail.com
Laois Partnership	057 8662732	pcap@eircom.net
Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teo (Kerry)	066 9152280	eolas@mfg.ie
Meitheal Mhuscraí (Macroom)	026 45661	eolas@muscraí.ie
Mountmellick Community Development Association	057 8624525	mary@mmdasiltld.ie
Nenagh Art Centre	067 34900	manager@nenaghart.com
North And East Kerry Development Co.		
Listowel	068 23429	nktequality@gmail.com
Sliabh Luachra	066 7142576	sliabhluchra@eircom.net
North Tipperary Leader Partnership	0505 23379	info@roscrea2000.com
OB AIR Newmarket-on-Fergus Ltd	061 368030	obairnewmarket@eircom.net
Offaly Local Development Co. Tullamore	057 9352467	
West Offaly	057 9151622	info@offalyldc.ie
Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership	01 4965558	info@rpcp.ie
South & East Cork Area Development Ltd (ECAD)	021 4613432	info@secad.ie
South Tipperary Development Co.	052 6129616	info@communitypartnershipclonmel.com
Trim Social Care Centre	046 9437245	tide@community.meath.ie
Co. Wicklow Partnership	0404 61841	info@wicklowworkingtogether.org

Treoir Information Leaflets

- 1.** The Children Act 1997 (guardianship by agreement, access by family members)
- 2.** The Non-Fatal Offences against the Person Act 1997 (harassment, child abduction)
- 3.** Guardianship
- 4.** Access, Custody
- 5.** Shared parenting
- 6.** Rights of unmarried fathers
- 7.** Maintenance of children
- 8.** Family adoption
- 9.** Passport applications
- 10.** Birth registration
- 11.** Cohabitation
- 12.** Unmarried parents and equality legislation
- 13.** Establishing Paternity

Births to women under 20 1985- 2005

Births outside marriage 1990 - 2005

All publications can be downloaded from our website:
www.treoir.ie

Treoir Publications

"Being there for them" - for grandparents of children whose parents are not married to each other. *Funded by the Crisis Pregnancy Agency*

E-Bulletin - regular information for unmarried parents and those involved with them

Family Links Steps and Stages positive pointers for parents for who are helping their children to understand their family situation. *Funded by the Family Support Agency*

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