



Co. Cavan
Vocational Education Committee
Coiste Gairmoideachais Co. an Chabháin

DIRECTORY OF EDUCATION SERVICES 2007



"PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR LIFE"

Mission Statement

"Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee is an educational authority providing a comprehensive range of full-time, part-time education, training and support services.

It aims to provide education for life in an innovative, responsive, caring and flexible learning environment.

It is committed to providing the maximum access to persons of all ages and backgrounds and to achieving quality and excellence in all aspects of its work.

It does this through its own schools, college, learning centres and in conjunction with other providers of education and training in the county to meet the changing technological, economic, social and cultural needs of the community. "

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*Clifford Kelly
Chairperson*

Chairpersons Address

As Chairman of Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee, I welcome this Directory of Education Services. The publication of this Directory allows us to reflect on the extensive range of educational services provided by Co. Cavan VEC.

Co. Cavan VEC has a proud tradition in the provision of education services in Co. Cavan. Initially the VEC focused on the provision of education at second level but over the years the level of education services provided by Co. Cavan VEC has expanded to include the following:

- Second Level
- Further Education
- Youthreach
- Adult Education
- Youth Services
- Adult Education
- Prison Education

I would like to pay tribute to the Chief Executive Officer, the Adult Education Officer, the Principals, the Centre Coordinators and staff for their commitment and work in the completion and preparation of this Directory of Education Services.

I look forward to the continued development and expansion of the education services provided by Co. Cavan VEC.

Cllr. Clifford Kelly

Chairperson

Co. Cavan VEC



*Colm McEvoy
Chief Executive Officer*

Foreword - Chief Executive Officer

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Directory of Education Services for Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee.

County Cavan VEC was established following the Vocational Education Act 1930 and over the years has gained a reputation for the provision of high quality educational services. These educational services have been provided in an innovative, flexible, caring inclusive and responsive manner. Traditionally Co. Cavan VEC was characterised as a rural education service provider, but changes in demographic and socio-economic parameters over the years have presented many challenges as the population became more urbanised and Co. Cavan VEC has expanded and adapted its services to meet the demands of the changing profile of its population.

Currently Co. Cavan VEC is classified as a medium size VEC serving a population of approximately 64,000. A broad range of educational services are provided to meet the key educational needs of County Cavan.

This Directory of Education Services is designed to inform the public of the range of education services provided by Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee.

I wish to thank all involved in the development and publication of this Directory of Education Services including the VEC Chairperson, Committee Members, Boards of Management, Adult Education

Officer, Principals, Centre Coordinators, students, parents, staff in VEC centres, schools and Cavan Institute.

Finally as Chief Executive Officer, I hope that this Directory of Education Services will be of great benefit to those who read it and look forward to working with the members and staff of Co. Cavan VEC in enhancing the reputation of Co. Cavan VEC as a leader in the provision of high quality services in this region.

Tá suil agam go mbeidh gach rath agus forbairt ag an tionscnaimh seo.

Ag forbairt ó bhliain go bliain.

Colm McEvoy

Chief Executive Officer

Co. Cavan VEC

CO. CAVAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE



FRONT ROW *Left to Right:* Cllr Paddy Conaty, Niamh Smyth, Colm McEvoy, CEO, Cllr Clifford Kelly, Chairperson, Cllr Madeline Argue, Vice-Chairperson, Cllr Mary Brady, Cllr Pauline McCauley, Sinead Donohoe.

BACK ROW *Left to Right:* Cllr Patricia Walsh, Pauline O'Brien, Cllr T.P. Smith, Francie Fitzsimons, Cllr Anthony Vesey, Cllr Maura Maguire-Lynch, Rory Moore, Head Office, Niall Lynch, Edel Myles, Peter Brady, Cllr Shane P. O'Reilly.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: Cllr Freddie Kettyle, Dessie Boylan.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CO CAVAN VEC

County Cavan VEC provides services to a diverse population featuring a variety of age cohorts and social strata and a number of ethnic minorities. The services include schemes and programmes approved by the Department of Education and Science. The remit encompasses mainstream second level education and further and second chance education in the context of lifelong learning. Furthermore, youth services, as well a variety of support services, are an integral part of the services delivered by County Cavan VEC.

The delivery of these services does not happen in isolation: it necessitates collaboration with communities and interagency co-operation. County Cavan VEC is conscious of its responsibility within the dynamic and demands of an ever-changing society.

County Cavan VEC Schools

Second level provision consists of the 4 Vocational Schools –

Breifne College, Cavan
St Bricin's College, Belturbet
St Mogue's College, Bawnboy
Virginia College, Virginia

Each school has a distinct identity within the locality. They provide a range of programmes which reflect the needs of the local community and the student cohort.

Cavan Institute

Cavan Institute provides Further Education courses and programmes on a full-time and part-time basis. It is also an Outreach Centre of Athlone Institute of Technology providing the 1st year of three 3rd level courses. Courses are also delivered under Post Leaving Certificate (PLC), Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) and Back To Education Initiative (BTEI). In addition, Cavan Institute operates a very successful Adult Education-School of Lifelong Learning which offers a number of business and professional related courses

including degree programmes in conjunction with the IPA. The student cohort varies from school leavers to mature students and includes identified target groups from within the localities. Cavan Institute enrolment has increased from 556 in the year 2000 to over 1150 in 2006/07 and Cavan Institute is now firmly established as one of the leading PLC Institutes in the country.

Adult Education Provision

Adult Education has been a significant service within Co. Cavan VEC for many years. The Adult Education Service has responded to the demands of a changing educational landscape during the last two decades. The curriculum in Adult Education is as varied as the learners it serves and great emphasis is placed on the provision of accreditation opportunities and routes of progression. Delivery at a variety of learning locations at local level is also characteristic of the service. Learning programmes are available, in the local schools, Cavan Institute, Outreach and Community settings as well as the work place.

Co. Cavan VEC Adult Education Service aims to provide quality Adult Education, which empowers people through participation and where the adult learner's life skills and experience is recognised. We offer the following programmes at various locations throughout the county;

- Community Education
- Adult Basic Education including Literacy, ESOL and Back to Education
- Adult Education Guidance and Information
- Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)
- Adult Education - Fee Paying Courses
- Youthreach

Youth Services

Co. Cavan VEC has a statutory responsibility for youth work in Co. Cavan as set out in the Youth Work Act 2001. Youth Work is *"A planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people through their voluntary participation, which is a) complimentary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and b) provided primarily by voluntary youth organisations."*

Prison Education

The VEC provides teaching services to the Adult Prison at Blacklion. At present there are nine full-time teachers employed there, providing courses in Health Education, Music, Woodwork, Art, Computer Studies, Hill Walking, Alcohol Awareness, Horticulture, Science, Maths, Numeracy, Literacy, English and Geography. The tuition provided caters for the various identified needs and abilities of the residents.

Co-Operation with Other Institutions

County Cavan VEC co-operates with other institutions in the provision of teaching hours or financial assistance. These include Holy Family School, Cootehill, Teagasc, Ballyhaise, and Drumlin House, Cootehill. Tuition hours provided are a valuable service to the Institutions concerned and found to be of great benefit to the recipients.

Students Grants

County Cavan VEC administers three student grant schemes, the qualifying conditions for which are laid down annually by the Department of Education and Science.

Under the three schemes the VEC processes approximately 750 applications annually.

Further Education Training and Awards Council Support Service

There are six FETAC regional offices, one of which is in Cavan, which support providers of further education delivering quality-assured programmes and services to learners.

Vocational Services Support Unit

The Vocational Support Services Unit was set up by the Department of Education and Science to provide support services to all VECs. In particular it carries out internal audits of VECs and examines systems in place and advises on same. The Unit has a staff of four and is operated through Co. Cavan VEC.

SCHOOLS/COLLEGES/CENTRES

School/College/ Centre	Address	Principal / Centre Co-Ordinator	Telephone Number
Cavan Institute	Cathedral Road, Cavan.	Ann Marie Lacey <i>Director</i>	049 4332633
Breifne College	Cootehill Road, Cavan.	John Kearney <i>Principal</i>	049 4331735
Virginia College	Virginia, Co. Cavan.	Karen Fitzpatrick <i>Principal</i>	049 8547050
St Bricin's College	Belturbet, Co. Cavan.	Mary Sheridan <i>Principal</i>	049 9522170
St Mogue's College	Bawnboy, Co. Cavan.	Anne Conaghan <i>Principal</i>	049 9523112
Youthreach Cavan	Moynehall, Ballinagh Road, Cavan.	Diarmuid Wilson <i>Centre Co-Ordinator</i>	049 4361573
Youthreach Cootehill	Market Street, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.	June Neylon <i>Centre Co-Ordinator</i>	049 5552561
Youthreach Kingscourt	Community Centre, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan	Sean Corcoran <i>Centre Co-Ordinator</i>	042 9668355
Adult Literacy Centre	Unit 12, Church View Square, Cavan.	Carmel Lee/ Siobhan McEntee <i>Adult Literacy Co-Ordinators</i>	049 4361881
FETAC Support Office	Unit 12, Church View Square, Cavan.	Mary Lynch McKenna <i>Co-Ordinator</i>	049 4331850
Adult Education Guidance and Information Service	Unit 12, Church View Square, Cavan.	Regina Lynch <i>Information Officer</i>	049 4377001
Community Education Facilitor	Unit 12, Church View Square, Cavan.	Gemma Brady	049 4377562
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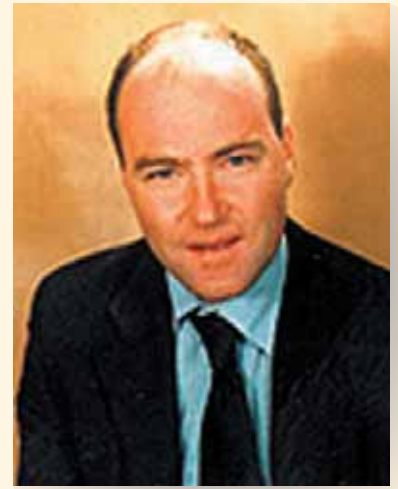
SECOND LEVEL EDUCATION

Breifne College

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Consequent to the Vocational Education Act of 1930, Cavan Technical School was set up in the Old Military Barracks on Wolfe Tone Street in Cavan town. It concentrated on developing skills in practical subjects such as woodwork, metalwork and domestic science. Shortly afterwards Cavan Vocational School moved to a more modern building in the historic Georgian surrounds of Farnham Street. Subjects such as Technical Drawing, Secretarial skills and Commerce were added and the Group Certificate Examination was introduced and hence the new name Cavan Vocational School.

In 1974, Cavan Vocational School moved from Farnham Street to its present location at Cullies. When the new school opened its doors on the Cootehill Road thirty two years ago we were proud of the fact that we could now offer a fully comprehensive curriculum to our students taking them through Intermediate Certificate right up to Leaving Certificate.



Now known as Breifne College, the school sees education not as a static entity but as an evolutionary process requiring constant research followed by subsequent innovation and provision of programmes appropriate to the developing needs of the student body and the demands and challenges of contemporary society.

Modern Schooling Complex

All classes are conducted in large, spacious rooms with properly regulated heating and ventilation.

Well-equipped Art Room

Metalwork and Engineering rooms hosting the most modern up to date equipment.

Science Laboratories that are continuously updating

Multi-purpose Gymnasium

Dynamic teaching methodologies that avail of progressive presentation techniques to bring subjects to life in the classroom.

Networked Computer Lab with data projector and a smaller computer room for more specialised programmes.

Computer facilities in all departments

Examination Programmes

Breifne College offers the following course programmes:

- Junior Certificate
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Rapid Programme
- Junior Certificate Schools' Programme
- Transition Year

1st Year Subjects

A wide range of academic and practical subjects includes: Irish, English, Maths, Computer Studies, History, Geography, French, Science, Metalwork, Woodwork, Technical Graphics, Business Studies, Civil Social and Political Education (C.S.P.E.), Art, Home Economics, Religion, Physical Education, Music and Drama and Social Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.). All of the above subjects are offered at Ordinary and Higher Level in both the Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations.

"Enrolment at Breifne College will prove to be a significant and progressive step in advancing your children's personal development and educational requirements".

Pastoral Care

To prepare students to cope with the complex challenge of living and working in a modern, contemporary society, the school utilises a fully functional Pastoral Care Structure. Involved are highly qualified committed members of staff and include:

- A Year Head for each year group
- A Class Tutor for each class group
- The School Chaplain
- A Student Counsellor
- Career Guidance Counsellors
- A Home School Liaison Officer

Other Pastoral facilities and provisions include:

- A well supervised Homework Club
- Personal Development Programmes
- Study Skills Programmes
- Excellent canteen facilities that provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon meals.

Co-curricular

Music Lessons
Speech and Drama
Video Productions
Educational Tours
Debating
Theatre Visits

Distinctive features of the sports programme

Large variety of sports catered for at individual and team levels for both boys and girls.

Concentrates on all levels with both A and B competitions.

Gaelic football at U14, U16 and senior level.

Soccer at U15 and U17 level.

School representation at Vocational Inter-County Senior Football Competitions.

Popular student sports include badminton, basketball, swimming, table tennis, athletics and camogie.

Mr. John Kearney

Principal

St Bricin's College

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St. Bricin's College has served the educational needs of the community for many years. It was officially opened on 7th January 1937. At first it had only three teachers and forty six students and prepared students to Group Certificate standard. With the introduction of the free Post Primary Education and Transport Scheme in 1967, the numbers increased substantially and the Intermediate Certificate examination was introduced. In 1977 a new extension was built and around the same time the Leaving Certificate was added. Over the years it has grown so now it can provide the full range of Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate subjects preparing students for apprenticeships in trades, entry to Institutes of Technology, Teacher Training Colleges and Universities. As well as the day courses at post primary level, the school has always provided Adult Education evening classes according to the requirements of the community.

Examination Programmes

St. Bricin's College offers the following course programmes:

- Junior Certificate
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied



Extra - curricular activities

These mainly include:

- Sports – Gaelic football, basketball and soccer.
- Water Sports
- School Musical
- Debating
- School Tours
- Student Council & Prefect System
- Gaisce Awards
- Charity Fundraising

SPORT

As well as a range of games held in the school grounds the students participate in GAA Competitions organised at county level where they have been doing very well in recent years. Since the early 1980's the school has been involved in water sports. At first the interest was in boat building as part of student project work when wooden sailing boats and fibre glass canoes were made. The next stage was getting on to the water and trying out sailing and canoeing. This proved so popular with students that the school affiliates to the Irish Sailing Association, and now run sailing courses for our students with the help of fully qualified sailing instructors.

Ms Mary Sheridan
Principal

St Mogue's College

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St. Mogue's College, Bawnboy is a small co-educational school catering for students between the ages of 12 and 18 approximately. Attending a smaller school has many advantages. Classes are small, individual attention is guaranteed and all ability ranges are catered for. Pupils have always fulfilled their potential here. Our examination results are excellent as are pupils' contribution to the many other facets of school and community life.

Our ambition is for each student to be happy and educated to the highest level possible. We set out to enable every student to do the best that he/she can within a structured and disciplined environment. We have a clear code of behaviour in St Mogue's which helps deliver a co-operative atmosphere where work and learning can thrive. Not only does the school offer a comprehensive range of subjects but, also, students are encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities, games, outdoor pursuits and various local and national projects. These academic, cultural and sporting activities enhance the quality of student life and are essential to the provision of a balanced education.

Our dedicated staff give unselfishly of their time and skills in helping all students achieve their full potential. St. Mogue's is conscious of the important partnership between parents, teachers and the individual student, which produces the very



best educational experience. This partnership, as well as hard work, willingness and co-operation of students, is essential for success at school. As an indication of the standard of studies in the school we like to draw your attention to the brilliant results of students in the Public Examinations over the years. The overall result is a credit to both students and teachers and a sure sign of the spirit of work within the school.

Over the past few years St. Mogue's welcomed students from other countries. It is pleasing to state that they have settled in well and are enjoying life here.

Examination Programmes

St. Mogue's College offers the following course programmes:

- Junior Certificate
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied

Extra - curricular activities

These mainly include:

- Sports – Gaelic football, basketball, hurling and soccer.
- Water Sports
- Drama
- Debating
- School Tours
- Student Council & Prefect System
- Gaisce Awards
- Charity Fundraising

Anne Conaghan

Principal

Virginia College

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Virginia College was first established in 1962. The original school was intended to accommodate 100 students. A large extension to cater for 300 students was opened in 1988. This virtually provided a new school with the provision of 11 new rooms being added to the original five permanent classrooms in the original building. A canteen was added in 1997. Current enrolment exceeds 550 and a further major extension was completed in August 2006 doubling the size of the school.

New extension

The new extension was officially opened on 30th August 2006. The completion of this new major extension, at a cost of €7 million, provided the principal, staff and students and the people of Virginia and the surrounding area with state of the art facilities that include specialist rooms in art, engineering, home economics, dress design, music and drama, new science laboratory, a new second science laboratory, new computer room and media room (approximately 150 new PC's and related IT equipment), a new PE hall, seven new classrooms, a new library, new staff accommodation, new administrative offices, together with a refurbished construction room, canteen and computer room.



Location

Virginia College is located in Virginia along the panoramic shores of Lough Ramor adjacent to the Park Hotel and nearby Golf Course and Forest.

School Aims

Virginia College aims to prepare our students for work, further education and life. All students are encouraged to reach their full potential in developing the whole person and achieving academic excellence. The school is organised on traditional core values as expressed in our aims.

1. To have consistently high expectations and to help students perform well in external examinations.
2. To help develop students as caring, responsible and participating members of society.
3. To help all students grow in self-worth through experiencing success in some aspects to the wider curriculum.
4. To involve and foster good relationships with parents and the wider community in the education of students.
5. To provide an ordered learning environment which encourages positive discipline.
6. To help students to develop their academic, physical, emotional, spiritual and career potential.

Programmes

Virginia College offers the following curricular programmes:

- Junior Certificate Programme
- Leaving Certificate Programme
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme
- Transition Year Programme

Subject Range

Core examination subjects at Junior Cycle are Irish, English, Mathematics, Religious Education, Science, History, Geography and Civics. The vast majority also study French. Classes are mainly organised on a mixed ability basis. Optional subjects include Music, Art, Woodwork, Business, Home Economics, Spanish, Technical Graphics and Metalwork. First year students sample each of these before deciding on their final options in November. Senior Cycle Optional subjects include French, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business, Home Economics, Art, Construction Studies, Technical Drawing, Engineering and Agricultural Science.

Extra - curricular activities

These mainly include:

- Sports – particularly Gaelic football, basketball and soccer.
- School Musical
- Concern Debates
- Magazine
- School Tours
- Student Council & Prefect System
- Gaisce Awards
- Charity Fundraising
- European School Exchange

Anti-Bullying Programme

The school operates a well organised programme established in consultation with the North Eastern Health Board, teachers, parents and students. Senior prefects act as mentors to First Year students.

Karen Fitzpatrick
Principal

FURTHER EDUCATION

Cavan Institute

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Cavan

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Mr Gerry McKenny, Deputy Director

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Cavan Institute has been providing education and training programmes of the highest quality in a caring and supportive environment since 1985. The College welcome students of all ages, nationalities and abilities.

Cavan Institute is now amongst the largest Colleges of Further Education in the country. At the moment there are over 60 courses on offer with the number of students applying for courses steadily increasing from year to year. Staff, who are friendly and approachable, deliver vocational courses, the content of which is regularly reviewed to ensure that the needs of local industry are met. Industry links are an important aspect of college life and any skills shortage experienced by employers is quickly identified and rectified by the provision of appropriate courses.

Cavan Institute is a major provider of FETAC Awards at Level 5 and Level 6. The Institute offers an extensive range of courses specifically directed towards employment demands. Courses include Business Studies, Office Administration, Teleservices, Computer Programming, Computer Applications, Travel and Tourism, Leisure Studies, Art, Craft and Design, Accounting, Auctioneering, Hairdressing, Interior and Furniture Design,



Cavan Institute new building officially opened March 2007

Floristry, Security Studies, Beauty Therapy, Sports Therapy, Cultural Studies, Nursing Studies, Drama, Music, Classroom Assistant, Child Care and Social Studies.

Students can avail of a range of qualifications from national and international awarding bodies including:

- Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) Certificates - Level 5 and Level 6
- Business Technology Education Council (BTEC) National Diplomas and Higher National Diplomas
- Institute of Accounting Technicians in Ireland (IATI) Certificates
- Certified Public Accounting (CPA) certificates
- City & Guilds Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy
- International Therapy Examinations Council (ITEC) Diplomas
- Confederation of International Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology (CIBTAC) Diplomas
- Comite International D'Esthetique et de Cosmetologie (CIDESCO)
- Institute of Public Auctioneers and Valuers (IPAV)

The above courses offer students nationally and internationally recognised certification in a wide range of disciplines. The standards set by the awarding bodies are widely accepted by employers and also provide progression to Further and Higher Education. Application to these courses should be made directly to Cavan Institute.

The Higher Education Links scheme operates for FETAC courses at Cavan Institute. Students who successfully complete a course at Cavan Institute can apply through this scheme to continue their studies in a related area in the Institutes of Technology and some Universities. In some cases students may apply for direct entry to Year 2 of a course at an Institute of Technology or University.

Cavan Institute has a long established relationship with Athlone Institute of Technology. Cavan Institute offers a number of Business and Social Care HETAC courses in conjunction with Athlone Institute of Technology. Application is via the CAO or direct to Cavan Institute. Students complete Year 1 of their studies in Cavan, before transferring to Athlone to complete Year 2.

In recent years Cavan Institute has established a number of links specifically for its graduates with Athlone IT, Dundalk IT, NUI Maynooth, University of Wolverhampton and Canterbury Christchurch University. These are in addition to the progression routes available under the Higher Education Links scheme.

Students taking courses at Cavan Institute are eligible for maintenance grants, which are means tested. There are no tuition fees for the majority of courses. Examination fees, membership fees of professional bodies and other sundry items are payable at various times through out the year. The friendly and welcoming ethos in Cavan Institute will ensure that your time with us will be both enjoyable and fulfilling.

Extra curricular activities at Cavan Institute include;

On Campus Games Promotion Officer who has the overall responsibility for development and promotion of Gaelic football, hurling, camogie and handball. Gaelic Football Scholarships are awarded by Cavan Institute to students playing at the very highest level and pursuing a Full-time course at the Institute.

Facilities for Students at Cavan Institute include;

- Computer Laboratories
- Apple Mac Suite
- Beauty Therapy and Spa Suite
- Hospitality Training Facility
- Art, Craft & Design Suite
- Lecture Theatres
- Guidance Suite
- Model Office
- Resource Library
- Student Canteen
- Access to Career Guidance, Counselling and Chaplaincy Service
- Hair Salons
- Music/Recording Studio
- Sports Therapy Rooms
- Science Laboratories

Ann Marie Lacey

Director

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Co. Cavan VEC operates 3 schemes of assistance for students resident in Co. Cavan who propose attending Post Leaving Certificate (PLC)/3rd level Colleges.

1. **Scholarship Scheme** covers full-time undergraduate courses in Ireland and in some instances in other EU States and full-time postgraduate courses in third level institutions in Ireland.
2. **Third Level Maintenance Grant Scheme** covers full-time courses up to National Certificate and Ordinary Degree Level.
3. **Post Leaving Certificate Grant Scheme** covers full-time Post Leaving Certificate courses of at least one year's duration in PLC Colleges/Schools in the Republic of Ireland including Cavan Institute.

Application Forms

Application Forms and further information available from:

Grants Department
Co. Cavan VEC
Keadue
Cavan
049 - 4331044

Adult Education



Adult Education Officer

The Adult Education programmes described in this Directory have all been developed to meet the specific needs of our learning community. We aim to provide flexible and innovative options of learning that meet the needs of an increasingly knowledge based society. The success of the Adult Education service in offering a variety of learning opportunities is due in no small measure to the tutors and organisers who support and coordinate our programmes. The many hundreds of learners who have and continue to participate in our programmes are testament to the quality of the learning and of our service. The vision and support of the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman and members of Co. Cavan VEC ensures that our Adult Education provision remains at the forefront at meeting the learning needs of our community. I hope that information included in this Directory of Education Service will stimulate your interest to access and progress within the Adult Education service.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuiochas a gabhail le gach ata ag obair agus ag staidear sa seirbhis.

Fiona Maloney
Adult Education Officer



Overview of Adult Education

County Cavan Vocational Education Committee has responsibility for delivering a range of education services; this includes adult and further education. The Adult Education Service of Co. Cavan VEC plays a significant role in ensuring this responsibility is met. The work of the service is to identify and meet the needs, through education and training, of specific target groups which include homemakers, people seeking to return to work, unemployed persons, and members of the international and travelling community. Our Adult Education Programme aims to meet the full range of needs in all who search for enlightenment. The range of such provision includes Degree, Diplomas, Certificate and other accreditations.



*County Cavan Vocational Education Committee -
Adult Education staff*

Adult Education Officer

Clerical Officer

Adult Literacy Organiser East Cavan

Adult Literacy Organiser West Cavan

BTEI Co-ordinator

Student Tutor Support

Family Learning Co-ordinator

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Community Education Service

Community Education refers to adult education and learning, generally outside the formal education sector, with the aim of enhancing learning, empowerment and contributing to civic society. The purpose of this scheme is to assist community and voluntary groups to deliver a range of educational activities for disadvantaged adults within their community. For example:

- Programmes that strengthen and increase the skills and knowledge of groups active in community and voluntary organisations leading to greater community involvement and participation;
- Programmes which support education and learning for community based women and men's groups, Travellers and other ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the elderly.
- Programmes which help address social problems such as isolation.

There are currently a wide variety of courses that are run throughout County Cavan under Community Education. The vast majority of these are run through local community groups and are created in order to address specific education and training needs. Assistance in the planning, development and management of new and existing community based learning groups. Funding is provided to enable disadvantaged adults to avail of community education at minimal or no cost. Therefore priority will be given to groups in disadvantaged areas, projects aimed at specially disadvantaged groups, educational activities that lead to progression of the individual and the group and also education that has national accreditation. Activities exclusively involving children and school going teenagers are ineligible under this scheme.

It is very much up to the group themselves to determine what courses they would like for their group. The Community Education Facilitator can arrange for a tutor to travel to the group's local community centre to deliver the course. The Community Education Service will fund the tutor and the tutor's expenses. Rent and materials cannot be funded. Some examples of courses set-up to date are as follows:

- Health Related Fitness
- Personal and Interpersonal Skills
- First Aid
- Computers/ECDL/Internet and email
- Watercolours/Oil Painting
- Basic DIY
- Arts& Crafts

Supports:

- Sourcing and funding a tutor to deliver a course
- Promoting the development and nurturing of new community based learning groups
- Liaison in relation to quality assurance, accreditation and certification
- Assisting Community Education groups to accessing funding and networking with local and national providers
- Developing and encouraging partnerships and links/referrals between community education groups and statutory bodies and other providers.
- Initiating and facilitating community education programmes and initiatives at outreach centres.



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Adult Literacy

County Cavan VEC provides a range of Adult Basic Education programmes for adults with literacy/numeracy difficulties. The programmes strives to provide a wide range of choice for students in regard to the nature, location and timetabling of learning opportunities. Our mission is: "To provide quality adult basic education courses which recognises the adult status of the learner". A free and confidential service based on the needs of the individual will be on offer at all times.

Since 1987 over 15,000 people have participated in Adult Literacy Programmes in County Cavan VEC. These programmes provide help on a private and confidential basis for those experiencing difficulty with reading, writing, spelling, numeracy, form-filling and letter writing. Tuition is offered on a one-to-one or small group basis and the service is free of charge. Other services provided include teaching English as a second language for refugees and migrant workers, basic computer classes and assistance with Driver Theory Test. Increased investment in recent years has allowed provision to be expanded to where we now have literacy classes available throughout the county. New forms of provision to meet particular client groups' needs have been developed such as workplace literacy, family literacy, traveller literacy, and high support literacy. Our literacy participants can progress to other courses to increase their job skills and life skills. These include FETAC Communications, Maths, Computers and Personal Effectiveness Skills.

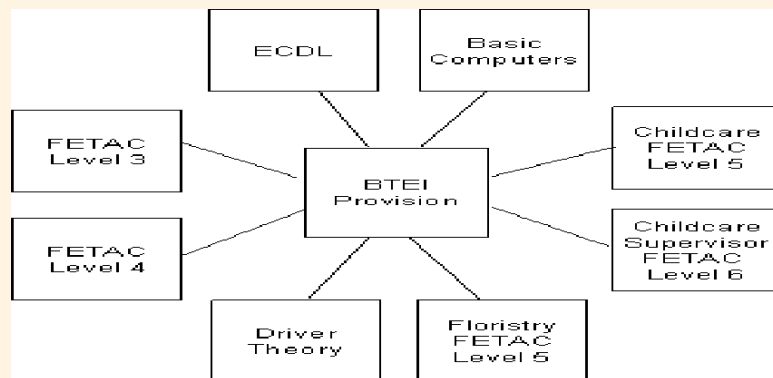
Family Learning

Family Literacy programmes aim to:

- Improve the skills and attitudes of educationally disadvantaged parents
- Enhance the quality of parent-child relationships
- Improve the developmental skills of young children
- Foster better skills between home and school
- Unite parents and children in a positive educational experience

Back To Education Initiative

The Back to Education Initiative commenced in 2002, it provides an opportunity for young people and adults to return to learning. The initiative provides part-time, flexible options across Further Education so that participants can combine a return to learning with other commitments, for example, work or family. The priority target groups are adults and early school leavers with less than upper second level education. Tuition is free for those with lower second level education. County Cavan VEC is very active in promoting part-time education opportunities under BTEI. and provides an extensive range of basic education programmes that include communications, computer skills and childcare.



ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

With the ever increasing number of migrants coming to our country in recent years there has been a huge demand for English classes. Co. Cavan VEC provides ESOL classes at Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced levels in many centres throughout the county. The students are varied in age, culture, economic and educational backgrounds but their needs are the same – functional English for everyday situations.

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Adult Education Guidance and Information Service

Cavan VEC has established the Adult Education Guidance Information Service (AEGIS) in 2005 as part of a countrywide initiative to promote and support adult education. It offers information, advice and guidance on training, education and careers for adults who are interested in returning to education. It has an Information Library open to the public with information on courses in Cavan and nationwide. AEGIS supports adults who may have left school early or did not have the opportunity to further their education. The target groups are; current and potential Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) students, Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) students and adults interested in undertaking any Adult Education or Community Education courses



Siobhan McEntee, ALO

VTOS

The Vocational Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) is a two year educational programme for long term unemployed adults. VTOS consists of a range of courses designed to meet the education and training needs of unemployed people. The aim of the course is to give the unemployed education & training opportunities and to prepare people to go to paid employment or to further opportunities leading to paid employment. The VTOS scheme applies to Junior and Leaving Certificate and PLC courses offered at Cavan Institute, entry subject to certain criteria. Where participants forego unemployment payments, education allowances are paid in lieu by the VEC.

Evening Courses

Part-time study is a route taken by those who wish to enhance their knowledge or update and develop their skills. Co. Cavan VEC's Cavan Institute's, Lifelong Learning Centre offers a broad range of part-time evening courses designed to meet the needs of self-development and is committed to providing opportunities to all groups in society who wish to pursue personal and career development goals.

Co. Cavan VEC also provide a number of short courses which are 8 – 10 weeks in duration held in over 20 different centres across the county. These courses extend across a wide range of areas, such as Introduction to Computers, Reflexology, Make-up and Beauty Care, Irish for beginners, Guitar, Spanish, French, Polish, Better interview skills, Accounts for small businesses, Furniture making, plus many more. Evening courses take place typically one evening per week and are usually 2 to 3 hours in duration each evening. Most courses commence in September and run until the following Spring/Summer. Other courses commence in January and run until the Spring/Summer.



The cost of each course is set at a level to ensure accessible education of the highest quality for all. Courses run subject to demand. Co. Cavan VEC Adult Education Service is committed to meeting the needs of the county and is constantly evolving to reflect changes in the community, industry and education. These needs are changing all the time and we are keen to develop our range of courses to maintain their relevance and value. Information and enrolment evenings are held in mid-September and mid-January. These are advertised in local media. Learners usually enrol for their chosen course on information & enrolment evening. Advice on courses may be obtained at the information evening. Applications are accepted prior to the information & enrolment evening through the Adult Education office at 12 Church View Square, Cavan.

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Youthreach

Youthreach is a two year programme of training and work experience course for early school leavers provided in an out of school setting. The aim of the programme is to develop the core skills required by young people to access second chance further education and employment. Youthreach bridges the gap between school and employment and paves the way for the young to become employed adults. Training allowances are paid to participants.

It offers participants the opportunity to identify and pursue viable options within adult life, and provides them with the opportunities to acquire certification. Youthreach was established in County Cavan VEC in 1989. All the young people in the centres are between the ages of 15 and 20 with the majority being under 18. The Youthreach Centres in Kingscourt, Cootehill and Cavan is offering programmes of second chance education for young people who have left school with few or no formal qualifications. Youthreach is full time and is open to those aged 15-20 who have left school early. Students can complete exams such as the junior cert and the following FETAC awarded courses:

- Art/Design
- Career Information
- Caring For Children
- Child Development
- Computer Literacy
- Craft Wood
- Food and Cookery
- Food and Nutrition
- Health Related Fitness
- Maths
- Personal Effectiveness
- Preparation for Work
- Video Expression
- Work Orientation



Visits to Museums, Art Galleries, Careers Exhibitions and Outdoor Pursuits Centres are all part of the personal development programme.



In the computer suite trainees are taught computer applications, information technology, desktop publishing and basic keyboard skills.



A wide range of woodcraft skills are taught including furniture making, carving and sculpting.

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Youth Services



Youth Officer

As Youth Officer for Co. Cavan VEC, I welcome you to this Directory of Education Services. Co. Cavan VEC has a statutory responsibility for the implementation of the Youth Work Act 2001 in Co. Cavan and I, as Youth Officer, intend to work in partnership with local youth providers to ensure the highest and most comprehensive quality of service is delivered to all our young people in Cavan. Traditionally Youth Work thrived on the goodwill and voluntary effort of community spirited individuals and it is my intention to work in partnership with local youth providers.

The Youth Work Act 2001.

In December 2001, The Youth Work Act was enacted. The purpose of the Youth Work Act is to provide a statutory framework for the provision of youth work programmes and services nationally. Under the Act, Cavan Vocational Education Committees have, for the first time, statutory responsibility for the development of youth work within County Cavan.

So, what is Youth Work?

Youth Work is defined as:

"A planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people through their voluntary participation, which is a) complimentary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and b) provided primarily by voluntary youth organisations."

Ensuring the highest and most comprehensive quality of service is delivered to young people in Co. Cavan involves:

- Co-ordination of plans, proposals and activities re: youth work programmes/services and related activities

- Provision of financial assistance
- Preparation of a Youth Work Development Plan
- Compilation of a Youth Work Annual Report
- Designation, reviewing or withdrawal of designation for local youth work/service organisations.
- Establish a Youth Work Committee to advise and make recommendations to the VEC on the performance of its youth work functions
- Establish a Voluntary Youth Council to advise on matters relating to the Youth Work Development Plan and to act as a forum for voluntary youth organisations

Approach of Co. Cavan VEC towards the Youth Work Act:

- Youth Work is for all young people
- Promote diversity of provision
- Encourage and support voluntarism
- Promote quality standards in management and youth work practice
- Promote the active participation in decision making in youth groups
- Allocate resources to meet needs

Schemes administered by Vocational Educational Committees on behalf of the Youth Affairs Section of the Department of Education & Science.

- Youth Information Centres
- Local Youth Club Grant Scheme
- Special Projects to assist Disadvantaged Youth

Currently the VEC are creating a Youth Service Directory for Co. Cavan and are requesting that all local voluntary youth clubs/groups REGISTER with Co. Cavan VEC. Registration forms are now available in English and Irish from the VEC or you can print them directly from our homepage:
www.cavanvec.ie

For further information, please contact:

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County Cavan VEC
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Youth and Sport

YOUTH GRANTS

Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee operates a Pilot Local Youth Club Grant Scheme. The Scheme is open to clubs/organisations in Co. Cavan that have youth work as their primary focus. Priority for grant aid is given to those that are directly involved in the provision of services to disadvantaged and marginalised sections of the youth population between the ages of 10 and 21. The scheme is funded by the Department of Education and Science from the proceeds of the National Lottery.

SPORT GRANTS SCHEME

Co. Cavan Vocational Education Committee operates a Grant Aid Scheme for Sports Organisations.

Applications for aid are considered from clubs / organisations in Co. Cavan which have, as their central focus, the promotion of sporting opportunities for young people.

Grants will be allocated to clubs/sports organisations in respect of

- Training/coaching courses
- Purchase of equipment and
- Administration costs

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Prison Education

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Loughan House is an Open Detention Centre for adult men and has recently expanded its capacity from 85 to 110 places. Cavan V.E.C. has a long and productive association with education provision in Loughan House and now employs nine teachers.

A new custom-built school is presently under construction and it is hoped it will be ready in time for the new school year and promises to be a great addition to learners and staff alike.

The Open Learning Centre

An Open Learning Centre with six computer work stations was provided in the main residential block four years ago and continues to provide a recreation and education facility for learners outside class time. This project was grant-aided by the Dept. Public Enterprise, after a successful application was made, by the Education Centre and the Governor.

Aim of the Education Programme

Our overall aim is to help the men cope with their sentences and improve their range of education, training and work options on release. Special attention is given to those with literacy and numeracy needs. Some students follow Fetac courses while others will follow specific courses in local

colleges (Enniskillen, Sligo, and Leitrim) e.g. ECDL, Advanced ECDL, City & Guilds Catering courses, Transport Management as well as a range of Creative Art courses where appropriate. Learners must be approved by the Irish Prison Service for temporary release to attend courses in the community.

There is a broad range of subjects available on a daily basis: P.E. Woodwork, Art & Craft, Home Economics, Computer Studies, Literacy & Numeracy, English, Maths, Science, and Music. Classroom activities are organized on an individualized basis to cater for the specific needs of the learner. New students are inducted into the education programme on a continuous basis, as they arrive from other prisons in the system, and are serving sentences ranging from weeks to months and in some cases, several years.

Other on-going Curricular Initiatives include:

- Education Guidance
- Health Promotion
- Parenting Courses
- Start your Own Business course
- Driving Theory Test
- Hill-Walking
- Educational Visits to Places of Interest

Educational visits to Art Galleries, Museums, Heritage sites etc. are a unique feature of the summer education programme in the open detention centre. These trips provide a great opportunity to create an awareness of valuable local resources as well as providing an alternative to more damaging pastimes. Some of the venues visited to date include The Arigna Mining Experience, The Wild Birds of Prey Sanctuary, Parke's Castle, The Organic Farm, The Niland Arts Centre and the Cavan County Museum.

Training Courses

Over the last number of years, the Education Centre has facilitated the delivery of the following certificated courses:

- Safepass
- Forklift Driving &
- Manual Handling

Information Technology Support Service



The aim of the Information Technology Support Service is to provide a high quality efficient IT support to the schools and education centres of Co. Cavan VEC.

Currently the service supports the IT needs of:

- Breifne College
- St. Bricin's College
- St. Mogue's College
- Virginia College
- Cavan Youthreach Centre
- Cootehill Youthreach Centre
- Kingscourt Youthreach Centre
- Adult Learning Centre
- VEC Head Office

IT support provided to schools and centres includes:

- Networking
- Software Support
- Hardware Support
- IT Planning
- ePortal
- SharePoint Technology
- Internet Access
- Email Support

All schools and centres have a fully supported, secure networked environment with access to email, internet and other shared resources. ePortal and SharePoint technology, currently being installed in the schools will provide a platform to maximise the use of the network infrastructure in the schools.

Given the pace of IT development and growing demand for IT skills within the education sector, I am certain that there will be many additional IT developments in our schools and centres in the future.

It is a very exciting time to be involved in IT in the education sector.

John McCabe
IT Systems Administrator

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The information provided in this publication is intended as a guide to Co. Cavan VEC Educational services and the information is as accurate as possible at the time of going to print. However it is subject to continuing development.



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