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What is Community Education?

It is about creating opportunities for people to identify their learning needs and learn in their own community. A Community Education programme aims to:

· Build community participation

· Address social isolation

· Engage vulnerable adults

· Develop active citizenship

· Address educational needs

Our Ethos

Our ethos is to promote social inclusion for all groups and engage specifically with socially disadvantaged adults.

Programme Duration

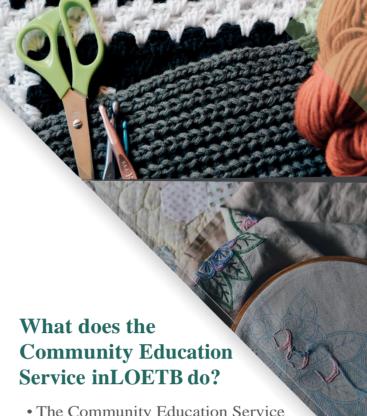Usually 6 to 8 weeks with a minimum of 10 people (with Covid restrictions numbers may be less)

Who can apply for Community Education Programmes?

Community Education has identified a number of target groups such as:

• People affected by mental health issues
• People affected by rural isolation
• Older people
• People with a disability
• Homeless people
• Ex-offenders
• Substance misusers
• Early school leavers
• Long term unemployed and their dependents
• One parent families
• Travellers
• Migrants/refugees/asylum seekers
• People experiencing disadvantage
• Carers
• Groups providing community education programmes in areas where adults do not have easy access to part-time education opportunities
• Any Community and Voluntary Group in Laois and Offaly.

How to Apply

Contact Gillian on 085 805 4579 to discuss your group's needs or fill in an application at:

https://www.loetb.ie/community-education

What does the Community Education Service inLOETB do?

• The Community Education Service promotes and/or develops community education initiatives in local community settings

• Funds groups through tuition hours or grants

• Supports new and existing groups

• Facilitates networking between community and voluntary groups

• Encourages community involvement

Sample Courses

• Computers (Basic IT (computers) / How to use the Internet / How to get the most from your mobile phone and/or iPad)

• Managing Stress (Yoga / Mindfulness / Personal Development)

• Creativity (Art / Ceramics / Crafts / Photography / Creative Writing / Drama / Pottery / Sewing / Interior Design / DIY / Woodwork)

• Health (First Aid / Cookery / Haircare and Styling)

Community Projects

• Community Art
• Community Gardening
• Community Voices

The above examples are for illustration only as we can work with you to identify your group's own areas of interest.