



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 Kathleen (Laois) 087 957 3654, Gillian (Offaly) 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 in LOETB 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.



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