

Courses Available

- Art
- Art & Craft
- Basic IT (computers)
- Budgeting
- Car Maintenance
- CBT—Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Cookery
- Creative Writing
- Crochet
- DIY
- Drama
- Drums for Beginners
- Electrical Maintenance
- Flower Arranging
- Gardening
- Guitar for Beginners
- Haircare & Hair Styling
- How to get the most from your mobile phone
- How to use the Internet
- Knitting
- Personal Development
- Pottery
- Sewing & Dress Making
- Small Engine Repair
- Upholstery/ Interior Design
- Woodwork

CONTACT US

For any queries, please contact:
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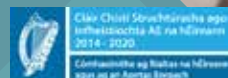
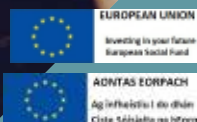
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What is Community Education?

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

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 to discuss your group's needs or fill in an application form and return by email or post. Application forms are available online at www.loetb.ie

We can also post out an application form to you. 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