

Intensive Tuition in Adult Basic Education (ITABE)

The ITABE project is an initiative of the **Department of Education & Science** to deliver through VEC Adult Literacy Services, a model of tuition in adult literacy and basic education for adults who are educationally disadvantaged.

The aim of the programme is to provide participants, in groups of 6 – 8 students, with an opportunity to access 6 hours of tuition per week over a 14-week period as opposed to the average of 2 hours per week currently provided.

A number of these projects have been allocated to each of the 33 VECs.

This is a joint project led by the **IVEA**, in partnership with **NALA**, with the co-ordination of the project provided by **County Dublin VEC**.

The ITABE project will be supported by an Advisory Group comprising representatives of the Department of Education & Science, the Irish Vocational Education Association, the VEC Literacy Forum, the National Adult Literacy Agency and the **National Centre for Guidance in Education**.

Who are the course participants?

Participants will be 18 years of age or older and not attending full-time second level education. They must be experiencing a severe degree of literacy or numeracy difficulties and have a literacy standard below FETAC Level 3.

What might the course content include?

The majority of tuition hours will be allocated to modules most directly related to literacy/numeracy provision. The course content should include a combination of the following:

- Communication Skills: Oracy / Reading / Writing /Spelling /Numeracy
- Learning to Learn: Understanding Learning Styles / Study Skills / Educational Guidance
- Introduction to IT: Basic Computers / Internet

Will there be an option of accreditation?

Participants will be given the opportunity to gain **FETAC** accreditation if they so choose and if it is available. All participants must have their literacy/numeracy skills assessed at the beginning and end of the course using appropriate methodologies.

What additional supports are available to participants?

Adult students taking part in ITABE programmes are entitled to access the Adult Education Guidance Initiative in schemes in which guidance projects have been established.

Since ITABE projects will be provided by local VEC Adult Literacy Services participants will also benefit from the existing supports provided by these services.

How can I find out more?

If you would like any further details please contact the National ITABE Coordinator Marian Lynch at **County Dublin VEC**, 1 Tuansgate, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Tel: 01-4529600 or email m.lynch@codubvec.ie
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- **ITABE Statistical Report 2011**

- **Guidance Awareness Training 2008 Report**
- **Application for ITABE Projects 2012**
- **Assessment Pack 2010**
- **ITABE Newsletter - November 2009**
- **Statistical Report Form 2009**
- **ITABE Guidelines 2008**
- **ITABE - AEGI Briefings 2008**