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RÁITEAS MISIN

Soláthróidh Coiste Gairmoideachais Chathair Chorcaí, mar cheannaire agus i gcomhpháirtíocht le daoine eile, léann agus seirbhísí bainteacha chun cuidiú le daoine a gcuid acmhainneachta mar dhaoine a bhaint amach agus a bpáirt a ghlacadh sa tsochaí. Déanfaidh an Coiste iarracht ar chuimsiú sóisialta a chur chun cinn agus daoine a ullmhú le páirt a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíocht eacnamaíoch.

“Seirbhís amháin”

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Cork Vocational Education Committee will, as a leader and in partnership with others, provide learning and associated services which help people to achieve their potential as persons and to participate in society. The Committee will strive to promote social inclusion and to prepare people to participate in economic activity.

“One service”

FOCAL BROLLAIGH ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR J CORR

CATHAOIRLEACH

COISTE GAIRMOIDEACHAIS CHATHAIR CHORCAÍ

Is maith liom, ar son bhaill Choiste Gairmoideachais Chathair Chorcaí, Tuarascáil Bhliantúil an Choiste 2007 a chur i láthair.

Déanann an tuarascáil seo cur síos ar ghníomhaíochtaí agus oibríochtaí CG Chathair Chorcaí le linn an chéad bhliain de chur i ngníomh a Phlean Oideachais 2006-2010. Forbraíodh an Plean Oideachais ó phróiseas fada agus cuimsitheach comhairliúcháin le haonaid seirbhíse an Choiste agus réimse leathan de chomhlachtaí eile, idir reachtúla agus deonacha, a chomhoibríonn le agus a thugann tacaíocht don CG i soláthar seirbhísí Oideachais do phobail i gCathair Chorcaí.

Léiríonn obair an CG go bhfuil cur síos déanta uirthi sa tuarascáil seo Prionsabail Threoracha an Choiste le réimse seirbhísí Oideachais nuálacha agus d'ardchaighdeán a sholáthar, a chuirfeadh ar chumas an fhoghlaimeora a chuid (h)acmhainneachta a bhaint amach agus páirt a ghlacadh ina phobal féin agus sa tsochaí. Tógann iarrachtaí agus éachtaí na bliana deiridh ar thaidisiún bródúil an CG. Is traidisiún é a bhaineann go mórmhór leis an bhfoireann atá, thar mhórán blianta, tar éis a n-iarrachtaí a thiomnú ar na foghlaimeoirí, agus muid ag freastal orthu i gcónaí. D'fhoireann an Choiste san am a caitheadh chomh maith le foireann láithreach, ba mhaith liom ómós an Choiste a chur in iúl mar ghealL ar a gcuid tiomantais.

Jim Corr

Cathaoirleach

FOREWORD BY CLLR. J CORR

CHAIRMAN

CITY OF CORK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I am pleased, on behalf of the members of the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee, to present the Committees Annual Report for 2007.

This report describes the activities and operations of the City of Cork VEC during the first year of the implementation of its Education Plan 2006-2010. The Education Plan, which developed out of a long and comprehensive consultative process, involving the Committees service units and a broad range other bodies, statutory and voluntary, that cooperate with and support the VEC in the delivery of Education services to the communities of Cork City.

The work of the VEC described within this report reflects the Committees Guiding Principles of providing a range of high quality and innovative Education services designed to enable each individual learner the opportunity to reach her or his potential and participate fully in their community and in society. The efforts and achievements of the past year build on the proud tradition of the VEC. It is a tradition that owes much to the staff who, over many decades, have dedicated their efforts to the learners who we continuously strive to serve. To all the past and current staff of the Committee, I would like to express the appreciation of the Committee for their commitment.

Jim Corr

Chairperson

FOCAL BROLLAIGH ÓN UASAL T. OWENS

PRÍOMHFHEIDHMEANNACH

COISTE GAIRMOIDEACHAIS CHATHAIR CHORCAÍ

Ag scríobh na Tuarascála Bliantúil seo dúinn, dhéanamar iarracht cur síos a dhéanamh ar an réimse seirbhísí éagsúil agus uathúil a sholáthair CG Chathair Chorcaí in 2007. Tá ár réimse leathan seirbhísí agus éagsúlacht an tsoláthair a chuireann CG Chathair Chorcaí ar fáil dírithe ar dheiseanna a sholáthar do na hearnálacha agus aoiseanna go léir laistigh de na pobail. Táimid thar a bheith comhfhiosach ar éagsúlacht na riachtanas agus na gcultúr atá i gCathair Chorcaí, agus sainaithníonn ár n-amharc sraitéiseach sa “Phlean Oideachais 2006-2010” cad é mar is féidir linn freastal ar na riachtanais seo.

Bhí roinnt forbairtí ar leith laistigh den CG i rith 2007, lena n-áirítear oscailt oifigiúil Lár Choláiste Eoin. Tá impleachtaí móra do sheirbhísí an CG de bharr glactha oifigiúil FETAC Bheartas Dearbhaithe Cáilíochta CG Chathair Chorcaí agus soláthraítear creatlach fhoirmiúil chun ár seachadadh de chláir fhoghlama d’árdcháilíocht a thacú agus a fheabhsú d’fhoghlaimeoirí gafa lenár seirbhísí.

Tugann an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo léargas ginearálta ar an slí ar sholáthair an CG agus a sheirbhísí na tosaíochtaí seo le linn 2007.

Ar deireadh, ba mhaith liom an deis seo thógaint mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le baill an Choiste as a ndílseacht agus a dtacaíocht, agus leis an bhfoireann go léir mar gheall ar a bproifisiúntacht agus a dtiomantas i soláthar na seirbhísí oideachais d’éagsúlacht mhór foghlaimeoirí ar fud phobal Chathair Chorcaí.

Timothy Owens

Príomhfheidhmeannach

INTRODUCTION FROM MR T. OWENS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CITY OF CORK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

In writing this Annual Report, we have attempted to describe the diverse and unique range of services provided by the City of Cork VEC to the communities of Cork City in 2007. Our wide range of services and the diversity of provision offered by the City of Cork VEC are aimed at providing opportunities for all sectors and ages within the communities. We are particularly conscious of the diversity of needs and cultures that exist within the City of Cork and our strategic vision, sets out in the "Education Plan 2006-2010" identifies how we can provide for and meet these needs.

2007 witnesses a number of significant developments within the VEC, including the official opening of St John's Central College. The formal acceptance by FETAC of the City of Cork VEC's Quality Assurance policy has major implications for the VEC's services and provides a formal framework to support and enhance our delivery of quality learning programmes for learners engaged in all our services.

This Annual Report gives an overview of how the VEC and its services have delivered on these priorities during 2007.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their commitment and support and all the staff for their professionalism and dedication in the delivery of education services to a great diversity of learners throughout the communities of Cork City.

Timothy Owens

Chief Executive Officer

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CITY OF CORK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BALLRAÍOCHT 2007 / MEMBERSHIP 2007

Baill ainmnithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Members nominated by Cork City Council

Cllr. Jim A. Corr, Chairman

Cllr.Tim Brosnan, Vice Chairman

Cllr. Terry Shannon

Cllr. Mairin Quill

Cllr. Dave McCarthy

Cllr. Chris O'Leary

Cllr. Denis O'Flynn

Cllr. Michael Ahern

Cllr. Patricia Gosch (replacing Cllr. Deirdre Clune on her election to Dáil Eireann)

Mr. Ernie Nelson

Mr. Denis Kirby

Sr. Sheila Kelleher

Ms. Maire Roycroft

Baill ainmnithe ag foireann CG Chathair Chorcaí
Members nominated by the staff of the City of Cork VEC

Mr. Michael O Connor

Ms. Anna McCarthy

COISTE GAIRMOIDEACHAIS CHATHAIR CHORCAÍ

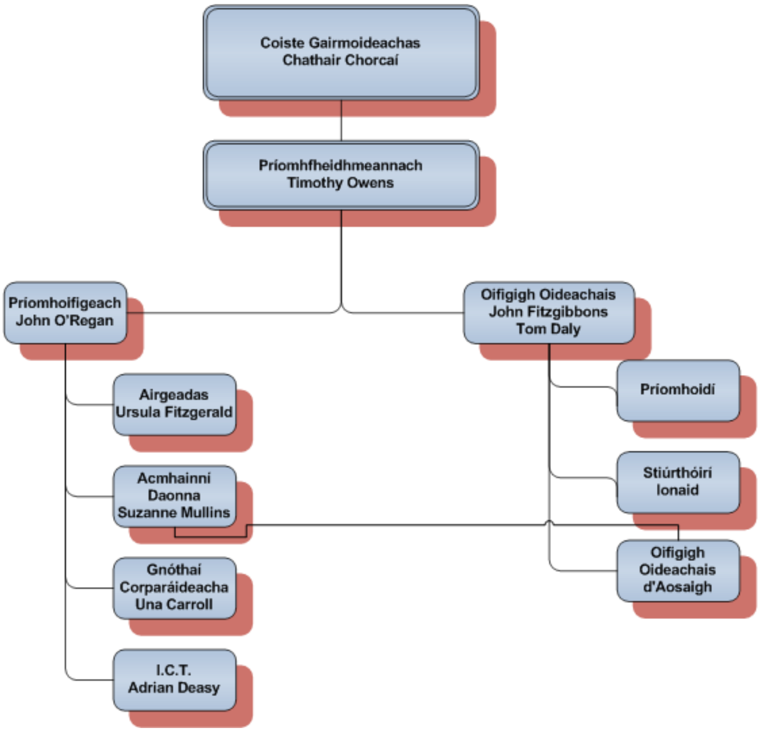
STRUCHTÚR EAGRAÍOCHTÚIL AGUS FREAGRACHTAÍ

RÓL AN CG

Tá an coiste seo déanta suas de thrí bhall déag, atá ainmnithe go díreach ag Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí. Tá dhá bhall tofa ag foireann CG Chathair Chorcaí agus tá dhá bhall eile tofa ag tuismitheoirí mhic léinn CG Chathair Chorcaí. (Tá an dá áit d'ionadaíocht tuismitheora folamh faoi láthair.) Istigh i bhfeidhmeanna an choiste, atá ina "bhFeidhmeanna Forchoimeádta" faoin Acht Gairmoideachas (Leasú) 2001, tá: forbairt pholasaí, pleanáil, monatóireacht, agus glacadh na tuarascála bliantúil agus na gcuntas. Tá an Coiste freagrach freisin as ceapachán a Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh.

RIALACHAS CORPARÁIDEACH

Ghlac CG Chathair Chorcaí, de réir riachtanas Imlitreach F11/05 na Roinne Oideachais agus Eolaíochta, le Cód Dea-Chleachtais do Rialachas Corparáideach. Cinntíonn an Cód go gcuireann an Coiste agus a n-oifigigh, atá i róil aonair agus comhróil agus in earnálacha freagrachta, prionsabail rialachais mhaith i bhfeidhm.



CITY OF CORK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

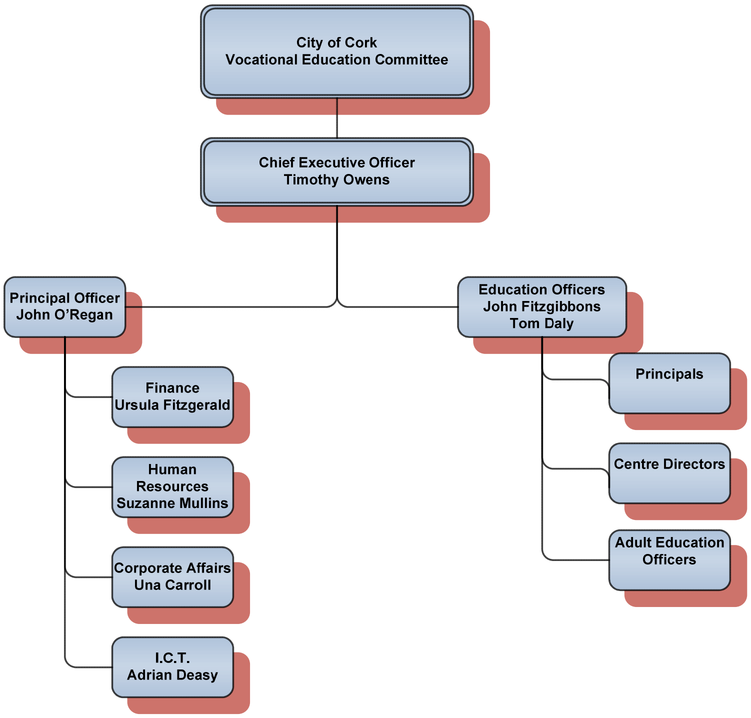
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

THE ROLE OF THE VEC

The committee is comprised of thirteen members who are nominated directly by Cork City Council. Two members are elected by the staff of the City of Cork VEC and two members are elected by the parents of students of the City of Cork VEC. (The two parent representative places are currently vacant. The functions of the committee which are "Reserved Functions" under the Vocational Education Amendment Act (2001) include: policy development, planning, monitoring, and the adoption of the annual report and accounts. The Committee is also responsible for the appointment of its Chief Executive Officer.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The City of Cork VEC has, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Science Circular Letter F11/05, adopted a Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance. This Code ensures that the principles of good governance are applied by the Committee and its officers in individual and collective roles and areas of responsibility.



Cé go bhfuil freagracht iomlán ag an bPríomhfheidhmeannach do riarachán ghnó an Choiste, tá an Príomhoifigeach freagrach as an bhfeidhm riaracháin ó lá go lá. Tá feidhmeanna riaracháin an Choiste roinnte i gceithre phríomhréimse:

- Airgeadas
- Acmhainní Daonna
- Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise & Cumarsáide
- Seirbhísí Tacaíochta Oideachais

Tá gach limistéar riaracháin nó roinn maoirsithe agus comhordaithe ag Leas-Phríomhoifigeach.

Tá an freagrach as Airgeadas an CG a rialú agus a mhonatóiriú. I measc a freagrachtaí agus a sainchúraim tá:

- Rialú Airgeadais agus Tuairisciú
- Polasaithe agus Modhanna Oibre
- Cuntasaíocht bhainistíochta
- Tuairisceáin na Roinne Oideachais agus Eolaíochta (V.15)
- Bainistíocht Cistíochta
- Imréiteach Bainc
- Aistriú Cistí
- Párolla
- Pá
- Tuarastail
- Liúntas Mac Léinn
- Íocaíochtaí do Sholathróirí/Conraitheoirí
- Íocaíocht Taistil & Marthain

While the Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for the administration of the Committees business, the day to day administration function is the immediate responsibility of the Principal Officer. The Committees administrative functions are divided into four main areas:

- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information & Communication Technology
- Educational Support Services

Each administrative area or department is overseen and coordinated by an Assistant Principal Officer.

The Finance Department is responsible for controlling and monitoring the VEC's Finances. Its responsibilities and remit includes:

- Financial Control and Reporting
- Policies & Procedures
- Management accounting
- Department of Education and Science returns (V.15)
- Treasury Management
- Bank Reconciliation
- Funds Transfers
- Payroll
- Wages
- Salaries
- Student Allowances
- Payments to Supplier/Contractors
- Travel & Subsistence payment
- Scholarships/Grants payments

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the management of staff from recruitment through to retirement. This covers a number of areas:

- Recruitment procedures
- Appointments, conditions of service, Contracts
- Promotional Posts competitions
- Scoláireachtaí/Íocaíochtaí deontas

Tá freagrach as bainistíocht na foirne ó earcaíocht go dtí scor. Clúdaíonn sé seo an oiread seo de réimsí:

- Modhanna Oibre Earcaíochta
- Ceapacháin, coinníollacha seirbhíse, Conarthaí
- Comórtais Phostanna Ardaithe
- Caidreamh foirne (Aonar, Ceardchumann, Comhpháirtíocht)
- Leithdháileadh & Úsáid Foirne
- Córais Riaracháin AD
- Polasaithe agus Modhanna Oibre Foirne
- Cothabháil Thaifead Pearsanta
- Tuairisceáin staitistiúla
- Oiliúint & Forbairt na Foirne
- Aoisliúntas

Roinn na Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide

Cé go bhfuil an roinn TFC ina roinn is lú ó thaobh pearsanra laistigh d'eagraíocht an CG, is fairsing iad a sainchúram agus a freagrachtaí. Tá an roinn seo freagrach as deimhniú go dtugann crua-earraí, bogearraí, agus áiseanna TFC tacaíocht do sheachadadh seirbhísí sonraí feidhmiúla d'fhoireann agus cliant go léir an CG. Leag an roinn TFC béim ar fhorbairt straitéis TFC a áiritheoidh seasmhacht chóras criticiúil agus ionracas sonraí, agus a cheadóidh comhtháthú gach seirbhíse sonraí faoi chreatlach choiteann. Ríthábhachtach don mhéid seo ná bainistíocht raon seirbhísí sonraí chun tacaíocht a thabhairt d'fheidhmeanna Airgeadas, Acmhainní Daonna, agus Tacaíocht Mhic Léinn an Choiste.

- Staff relations (Individual , Union, Partnership)
- Staff Allocation & Utilization
- HR Administration Systems
- Staff Polices & Procedures
- Maintaining Personnel Records
- Statistical returns
- Staff Training & Development
- Superannuation

Information and Communications Technology Department

While the ICT department is the smallest in terms of personnel within the VEC organization, its remit and responsibilities are extensive. The department is responsible for ensuring that the ICT hardware, software and facilities across the scheme support the delivery of efficient data services to all VEC staff and clients. The ICT department has focused on the development of an ICT strategy that will ensure the stability of critical systems, ensure data integrity and allow the integration of all data services under a common framework. Key to this has been the management of a range of data services to support the Finance, Human Resource and Student Support functions of the Committee.

The ICT department is also responsible for:

- Website maintenance
- Technical support and advice to colleges/centres
- Staff ICT training

The Educational Support Service covers three main areas:

- Corporate Support
- Scholarships & Grants
- Estate Management.

Corporate Support operates the VEC reception & switchboard and provides secretarial services to the Committee & Sub Committees, the CEO, Education, Adult Education and Youth Officers and the Community Education Facilitator. It also has responsibility for customer service and Freedom of Information requests and procedures.

Tá an roinn TFC freagrach freisin as:

- Cothabháil shuíomh Gréasáin
- Tacaíocht teicneolaíochta agus comhairle do choláistí/ionaid
- Oiliúint foirne TFC

Clúdaíonn an trí phríomhréimse:

- Tacaíocht Chorparáideach
- Scoláireachtaí & Deontais
- Bainistíocht Eastáit.

Bíonn Tacaíocht Chorparáideach ag gníomhú le fáiltiú & Iasc-chlár an CG agus soláthraítear seribhísí rúnaíochta don Choiste agus do na Fo-Choistí, don CEO, do na hOifigigh Oideachais, Oideachais Aosaigh agus Óige agus don Éascaitheoir Oideachais Phobail. Táthar freagrach chomh maith as seirbhís do chustaiméirí agus iarratais agus nósanna imeachta Shaoráil Faisnéise.

Riarann an Rannóg Scoláireachtaí agus Deontas an Scéim Dheontas Ardoideachais agus proíseálann breis is 1,200 iarratas go bliantúil.

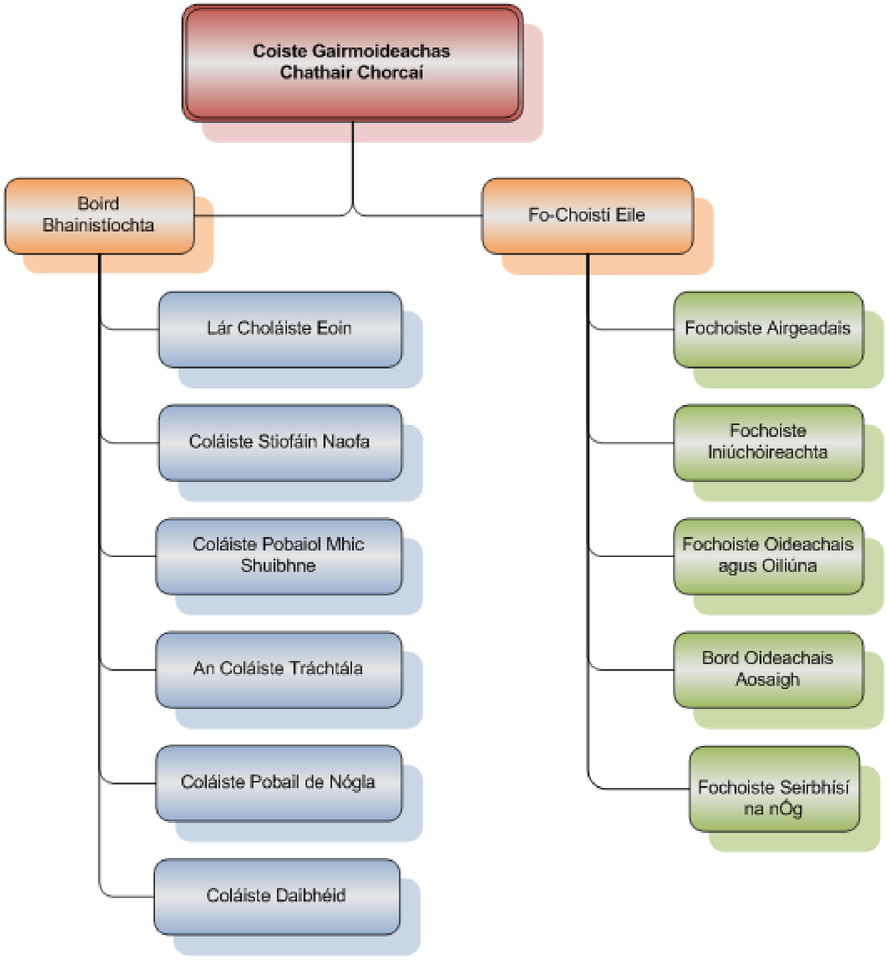
Soláthraíonn Bainistíocht Eastáit an saineolas chun déileáil le tionscadail chaipitil, árachas, cúrsaí dlí agus soláthar.

The Scholarships & Grants Section administrates the Higher Education Grants Scheme and process over 1,200 applications annually.

Estate Management provide the expertise for dealing with capital projects, insurance, legal affairs and procurement.

FOCHOISTÍ AN CG

Bhunaigh CG Chathair Chorcaí, de réir soláthair an Acht Oideachais (1998) agus an Acht Gairmoideachais [Leasú] (2001) roinnt fochoistí le tacaíocht a thabhairt don Choiste chun a freagrachtaí a chomhlíonadh agus chun ceannaireacht agus bainistíocht éifeachtach agus sofhreagrach a sholáthar i seirbhísí an CG.

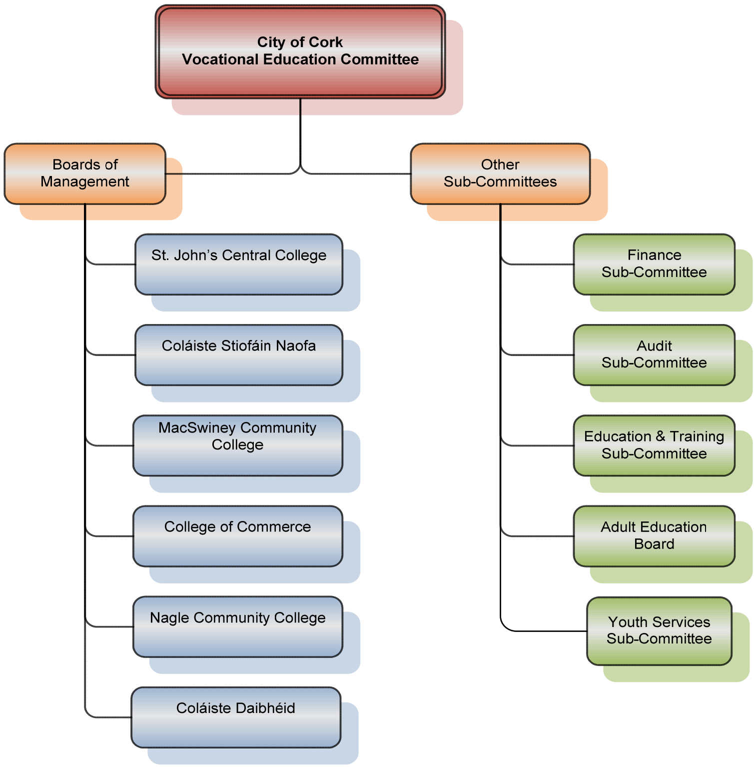


Boird Bhainistíochta

Bunaíodh Boird Bhainistíochta do gach scoil agus coláiste an CG, de réir riachtanais an Acht Oideachais 1998. Feidhmíonn an Príomhoide mar Rúnaí don Bhord Bainistíochta agus tá ballraíocht na mbord ionadaíoch de na geallsealbhóirí san ionad aonáin. Mar

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE VEC

The City of Cork VEC has, in accordance with the provisions of Education Act (1998) and the Vocational Education Amendment Act (2001), established a number of sub-committees to support the Committee in meeting its responsibilities and to provide effective and responsive leadership and management throughout the services of the VEC



Boards of Management

Boards of Management have been established for each of the VEC's schools and colleges, in accordance with the requirement of the Education Act 1998. The Principal acts as Secretary to the Board of Management and the membership of each board is representative of the stakeholders in the individual centre. In response to the unique

fhreagra ar chineál uathúil na dtrí choláiste Breisoideachais, cuireadh ainmnithe foghlaimeoirí in ionad ainmnithe tuismitheoirí do na Boird.

Táthar ag súil go dtiocfaidh gach Bord Bainistíochta le chéile cúig uair ar a laghad sa bhliain acadúil, agus go ndéanfaidh an Coiste breithniú ar chlár na gcruinnithe sin ag a chruinnithe míosúla. Freastalaíonn an Príomhfheidhmeannach nó an Oifigeach Oideachais ar chruinnithe an Bhoird i ról tacaíochta agus comhairleach.

Fochoiste Airgeadais

Bunaíodh fochoiste airgeadais ina bhfuil seachtar ball an choiste de réir riachtanas an Acht Gairmoideachais [Leasú] 2001. Tá an fochoiste seo freagrach as:

- Ioncam agus caiteachas an choiste a mhonatóiriú
- Impleachtaí airgeadais na bpleananna Oideachais agus Seirbhíse
- Bronnadh na gconarthaí móra a athbhreithniú

Tagann an fochoiste airgeadais le chéile ceithre uair sa bhliain. Soláthraíonn an Príomhfheidhmeannach agus an tOifigeach Airgeadais tacaíocht feidhmiúcháin.

Ballraíocht an Fhochoiste Airgeadais

- An Cmhlr. Tim Brosnan (Cathaoirleach)
- An Cmhlr. Michael Aherne
- An tUas. Michael O’Connor
- Anna McCarthy Uas.
- An tSr. Sheila Kellehar
- An tUas Timothy Owens, Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin

Fochoiste Iniúchóireachta

Tá seisear ball ar an bhfochoiste Iniúchóireachta. Bunaíodh in 2006 i gcomhlíonadh na riachtanas reachtúla, tagann sé le chéile ceithre uair sa bhliain chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar éifeachtach an Fheidhmiúcháin ina fhreagrachtaí agus cúraim a chomhlíonadh. Déanann an fochoiste iniúchóireachta athbhreithniú agus monatóireacht ar na tuarascála iniúchóra go léir freisin.

nature of the three Further Education colleges, the parent nominees to the Boards have been replaced by learner nominees.

Each Board of Management is expected to meet on at least five occasions in the academic year and the minutes of these meetings are considered by the Committee at its monthly meetings. The Chief Executive Officer or the Education Officer attends Board meetings in a support and advisory role.

Finance Sub-Committee

A finance subcommittee comprising seven committee members has been established in accordance with the requirements of the Vocational Education Amendment Act 2001. This subcommittee is responsible for:

- Monitoring committee income and expenditure
- The financial implications of the Education and Service Plans
- Reviewing the awarding of major contracts

The finance subcommittee meets four times a year. Executive support is provided by the Chief Executive Officer and the Finance Officer.

Membership of the Finance Sub-Committee

- Cllr. Tim Brosnan (Chairman)
- Cllr. Michael Aherne
- Mr. Michael O'Connor
- Ms. Anna McCarthy
- Sr. Sheila Kelleher
- Mr. Timothy Owens, Chief Executive Officer

Audit Sub-Committee

The Audit sub-committee is comprised of six members. Established in 2006 in compliance with legislative requirements, it meets four times a year to monitor the effectiveness of the Executive in carrying out their responsibilities and duties. The audit subcommittee also reviews and monitors all audit reports.

Ballraíocht an Fhochoiste Iniúchóireachta

- An Cmhlr. Jim A. Corr (Cathaoirleach)
- An Cmhlr. Terry Shannon
- An Cmhlr. Dave McCarthy
- An tUas. Denis Kirby
- An tUas. Ernie Nelson
- Maire Roycroft Uas.

Fochoiste Oideachais agus Oiliúna

Tá trí Ionad Ógtheagmhála agus Ionad Oiliúna Taistealaithe Sinsearacha faoi údarás CG Chathair Chorcaí. Tugann CG Chathair Chorcaí tacaíocht do raon comhlachas/seirbhísí eile trí sholáthar uaireanta Múinteoireachta Páirtaimseartha. Tá na huaireanta seo soláthraithe ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta faoin teideal "Comhoibriú le hInstitiúidí eile".

Bhunaigh an Coiste Fochoiste Oideachais agus Oiliúna chun struchtúr soiléir tuarascála a sholáthar dóibh siúd uile thuas, atá éifeachtach agus a chinntíonn comhtháthú agus comhordú le Seirbhísí cosúla agus bainteacha.

- Le maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar oibriúchán éifeachtach na nIonad Oideachais, nó soláthar na seirbhísí mar is cuí, ar son CG Chathair Chorcaí.

- Le comhordú/suimeáil éifeachtach a éascú idir Seirbhísí agus soláthróirí cosúla eile

Chomh maith le seisear ball de Choiste Gairmoideachais Chathair Chorcaí, iarradh ar ionadaithe freisin ó na heagraíochtaí a leanas, ag féachaint do na gníomhaíochtaí comhthreomhara a bhfuil baint acu iontu.

- FÁS
- Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
- Feidhmeannacht Seirbhíse Sláinte
- An Roinn Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh
- An Roinn Dlí (Gardaí)
- Ionadaithe Fostóirí Aitiúla (Cumann Lucht Tráchtála Chorcaí)

Membership of the Audit Sub-Committee

- Cllr. Jim A. Corr (Chairperson)
- Cllr. Terry Shannon
- Cllr. Dave McCarthy
- Mr. Denis Kirby
- Mr. Ernie Nelson
- Ms. Maire Roycroft

Education and Training Sub-Committee

The City of Cork VEC has three Youthreach Centres under its jurisdiction and a Senior Traveller Training Centre. The City of Cork VEC supports a range of other bodies/services through the provision of Part-Time Teaching hours. These hours are provided by the Department of Education and Science under the heading "Co-operation with other Institutions".

In order to provide a clear reporting structure for all the above, that is both efficient and effective and that ensures integration and co-ordination with similar and related Services, the Committee established an Education and Training Sub-Committee:

- To oversee the efficient and effective operation of Centres of Education or the provision of Services as appropriate, on behalf of the City of Cork VEC
- To facilitate effective co-ordination/integration between other similar Services and providers

In addition to six members of the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee, representatives were also invited from the following organisations, in view of the parallel activities in which they are involved.

- FÁS
- Cork City Council
- Health Service Executive
- Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs
- Department of Justice (Gardai)
- Representatives of Local Employers (Cork Chamber of Commerce)

Bord Oideachais Aosaigh

Tá an Bord Oideachais Aosaigh freagrach as pleanáil agus monatóireacht straitéiseach iomlán i soláthar na seirbhísí Oideachais Bhunata Aosaigh agus Oideachais Phobail. Tugann CG Chathair Chorcaí tacaíocht do 117 eagraíocht éagsúla, ina measc naoi gcinn de scéim litearthachta, ocht gcinn acu siúd atá comharsanachtbhunaithe, i soláthar na seirbhísí oideachais do bhreis is 4,100 foghlaimeoir.

Fochoiste Seirbhísí na nÓg

Tá seirbhísí na nÓg soláthraithe ar son an Choiste ag ceithre eagraíocht deonacha na n-óg – YMCA, Foróige, Ógra Chorcaí agus Cónaidhm Náisiúnta na nÓg. Tá a gcuid oibre tacaithe agus monatóirithe ag foireann an Choiste Gairmoideachais agus maoirsithe ag fochoiste Seirbhísí na nÓg, atá freagrach as pleanáil straitéiseach agus monatóireacht.

Adult Education Board

The Adult Education Board is responsible for overall strategic planning and monitoring of provision in the Adult Basic Education and Community Education services. The City of Cork VEC supports 117 different organizations, including nine literacy schemes, eight of which are neighbourhood based, in the delivery of education services to more than 4,100 learners.

Youth Services Sub-Committee

Youth services are provided on the Committee's behalf by four voluntary youth organizations – YMCA, Foróige, Ógra Chorcaí and the National Youth Federation. Their work is supported and monitored by Vocational Education Committee staff and is overseen by the Youth Services sub-committee, which is responsible for strategic planning and monitoring.

Tuarascáil Airgeadais 2007

Forbhreathnú ar Ioncam agus Caiteachas 2007

Tá ioncam agus caiteachas taifeadta ar bhonn fáltas airgid agus íocaíochta.

Ioncam

Ba é €59,813,485 ioncam 2007. Is é seo méadú de 12.84% ar an bhliain roimhe.

Caiteachas

Pá

Tá an chuid phá de chaiteachas an Choiste seo ag 64.09% den chaiteachas iomlán. Bhí méadú ar chostais phá de 1.46% i 2007. Léiríonn an méadú pá tionchar na reachtaíochta pro-rata (cosaint oibrithe), íocaíochtaí agus breisíochtaí náisiúnta pá.

Bhí 1,577 fostaí taifeadta ar an dtuairisceán cánach P.35 ag deireadh bliana (1,481 i 2006). Ní raibh méadú suntasach ar leibhéil sholáthar foirne i 2007.

Neamhphá

Bhí costais athfhillteacha iomlána neamhphá sa bhliain airgeadais 2007 ag leibhéal céanna na bliana roimhe don chuid is mó.

Mhéadaigh caiteachas neamh-phá Phríomh-Scéime faoi €312,596 i 2007. Tháinig an méadú seo go príomha ó chostais mhéadaithe i ngach réimse soláthair sheirbhíse, leis na costais mhéadaithe de sheirbhísí agus fóntais ghinearálta ag déanamh suas méid suntasach den mhéadú.

Íocaíochtaí Mac Léinn

VTOS

Rinneadh íocaíochtaí do 453 mac léinn mar liúntais in ionad íocaíochtaí Leasa Shóisialta i 2007. Tá an méid seo comhsheasmhach le blianta roimhe.

Ógtheagmháil/Taistealaithe/BTEI

Íocadh liúntais oiliúna do shuas go 168 mac léinn san iomlán in 2007. Léiríonn an figiúr seo méadú imeallach ar na blianta roimhe.

Tacaíocht iar-Ardteistiméireachta

Íocadh deontais chothaithe do 1,007 mac léinn in iomlán i 2006, sin laghdú de 125 nó de 11% thar 2006. Tá an formhór de mhic léinn a fhaigheann na híocaíochtaí seo ina gcónaí i gCathair Chorcaí nó i gContae Chorcaí

Finance Report 2007

Income & Expenditure 2007 Overview

Income and expenditure are recorded on a cash receipts and payment basis.

Income

Income in 2007 was €59,813,485. This represents a 12.84% increase on the previous year.

Expenditure

Pay

The pay element of this Committee's expenditure represents 64.09% of the overall expenditure. Pay costs increased by 1.46% in 2007. The increase in pay reflects the impact of pro-rata (workers protection) legislation, national pay awards and increments.

A total of 1,577 employees were recorded on the P.35 tax return at year (1,481 in 2006). There were no significant increases in staffing levels in 2007.

Non Pay

Overall non pay recurrent costs in the 2007 financial year were generally at the same level as the previous year.

Main Scheme non-pay expenditure increased by €312,596 in 2007. This increase was due mainly to increased costs in all service provision areas, with the increased costs of general services and utilities accounting for a significant proportion of the increase.

Student payments

VTOS

A total of 453 students were paid allowances in lieu of Social Welfare payments in 2007. This number is consistent with previous years.

Youth Reach/Travellers/BTEI

Up to 168 students were paid trainee allowances in 2007. This figure represents a marginal increase on previous years.

Post Leaving Certificate Support

A total of 1,007 students were paid maintenance grants in 2006, a decrease 125 of or 11% over 2006. The majority of students in receipt of these payments are resident in Cork City or County Cork.

Scoláireachtaí

Íocadh deontais chothaithe do 133 mac léinn san iomlán mar gheall ar fhreastal ar Institiúidí teicneolaíochta agus institiúidí de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, sin laghdú de 19 ar 2006.

Caipiteal

Bhí an caiteachas ar Chaipiteal i 2007 i leith na Scéimeanna Oibre Éigeandála agus Oibre Samhriadh agus spás breise sa Cheanncheathrú Riaracháin nua i gCé Lavitt.

Tionscadail Féinmhaoinitheacha

Tosaíodh ar roinnt tionscadal i 2006, ina measc, an Tionscnamh Treorach Oideachais Aosaigh agus SKILLVEC, a lean ar aghaidh i rith 2007 agus ar bhain ioncam agus táillí breise comhcheangailte leo.

Forbhreathnú ar Airgeadais na Príomhscéime

PÁ RIARACHÁIN	
Íocaíocht do POF, Oifigigh Oideachais	234,046
Íocaíocht d'Eagraithe Oideachais Aosaigh	161,398
Íocaíocht d'Fhoireann Cléireachais/Riaracháin	1,976195
Íocaíocht d'Fhoireann Riaracháin VTOS	75457
IOMLÁN	2,447,096

PÁ TEAGAISC	
Íocaíocht do Bhuanmhúinteoirí Lánaimseartha	18,886,669
Íocaíocht do Mhúinteoirí Sealadacha Lánaimseartha	63,372
do Mhúinteoirí Páirtaimseartha Pro Rata	3,901,898
Íocaíocht do Mhúinteoirí Páirtaimseartha eile	328,440
Íocaíocht do Mhúinteoirí sannta ar Chomhoibriú	765,421
Íocaíocht do Mhúinteoirí VTOS	195,107
Ionadaíocht	685,426
Oideachas Aosach (Féinmhaoinitheach)	986,024
IOMLÁN	25,812,357

Scholarships

A total of 133 students were paid maintenance grants for attendance at Institutes of technology and National University of Ireland institutions, a decrease of 19 over 2006

Capital

The expenditure on Capital in 2007 was in respect of Emergency Work and Summer Work Schemes and additional space in the new Administration Headquarters in Lavitt's Quay.

Self Financing Projects

A number of projects which were commenced in 2006, among them the Adult Education Guidance Initiative and SKILLVEC, continued through 2007 and had associated additional income and charges.

Overview of Main Scheme Finances

ADMINISTRATION PAY	
Remuneration of CEO, Education Officers	234,046
Remuneration of Adult Education Organisers	161,398
Remuneration of Clerical/Administrative Staff	1,976195
Remuneration of VTOS Administration Staff	75457
TOTAL	2,447,096

INSTRUCTION PAY	
Remuneration of Permanent Whole-time Teachers	18,886,669
Remuneration of Temporary Whole-time Teachers	63,372
Remuneration of Pro Rata Part-Time Teachers	3,901,898
Remuneration of Other Part-Time Teachers	328,440
Remuneration of Teachers assigned on Cooperation	765,421
Remuneration of VTOS Teachers	195,107
Substitution	685,426
Adult Education (Self-Financing)	986,024
TOTAL	25,812,357

PÁ COTHABHÁLA	
Íocaíocht d'Fhoireann Chothabhála	1,511,105
Eile	431,143
IOMLÁN	1,942,248

PÁ BAINTEACH & SONRAITHE	
Pá Riaracháin Youthreach	47,970
Pá Treorach Youthreach	989,407
Pá Cothabhála Youthreach	10,696
Pá Taistealaithe Sinsearacha	311,700
ALCE + ALDF + SPIDAS	1,038,616
Gnóthaí Óige	156,189
Pá ar Iasacht	253,128
Treoirchomhairliú	38,088
AEGI	153,846
Cúram Leanaí	100,529
BTEI	390,953
School Services Support	260,167
IOMLÁN	3,751,289

Deontais Bhainteacha na Príomhscéime	
Liúntas TLO	16,062
Míchumais Chiste Speisialta	124,361
Oiliúint Riachtanais Speisialta	4,564
Deontas Taistealaithe	10,003
Comhairle Náisiúnta Spóirt	13,136
IOMLÁN	168,126

MAINTENANCE PAY	
Remuneration of Maintenance Staff	1,511,105
Other	431,143
TOTAL	1,942,248

ASSOCIATED & TARGETED PAY	
Youthreach Administration Pay	47,970
Youthreach Instruction Pay	989,407
Youthreach Maintenance Pay	10,696
Senior Travellers Pay	311,700
ALCE + ALDF + SPIDAS	1,038,616
Youth Affairs	156,189
Seconded Pay	253,128
Guidance Counselling	38,088
AEGI	153,846
Childcare	100,529
BTEI	390,953
School Services Support	260,167
TOTAL	3,751,289

Associated Main Scheme Grants	
TLO Allowance	16,062
Special Fund Disabilities	124,361
Special Need training	4,564
Travellers' Grant	10,003
Irish Sports Council	13,136
TOTAL	168,126

EILE	
Gailearaí	1,922,260
Seirbhísí Mac Léinn	1,078,541
Tionscnaimh Speisialta Naomh Eoin	320,403
Tráchtáil Cheaintín	304,691
Comhlachtaí Scrúdaithe	292,783
Pointe Naisc	254,315
Scéimeanna Áineasa Pobail	206,189
CG Scileanna	165,373
Scileanna Oideachais Aosaigh d'Obair (R2E)	197,436
ESF	3,060
IOMLÁN	4,745,051

Clár Fostaíochta Pobail	371,567
IOMLÁN	371,567

OTHER	
Gallery	1,922,260
Student Services	1,078,541
St John’s Special projects(DSW)	320,403
Canteen Commerce	304,691
Exams bodies	292,783
Link Point	254,315
Community Recreation Schemes	206,189
Skills VEC	165,373
Adult Ed Skills for Work (R2E)	197,436
ESF	3,060
TOTAL	4,745,051

Community Employment Programme	371,567
TOTAL	371,567

Tuarascáil Seirbhísí Tacaíochta Oideachais 2007

Tionscadail Chaipitil 2007

B’fhéidir nach raibh gach íocaíocht déanta sa bhliain airgeadais.

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Cur Síos ar Obair	Luach €
Oibreacha Éigeandála Coláiste Daibhéid	
Córas Téite Nua	220,958.00
Deisiúcháin don Díon	325,000.00
Scéim Oibreacha an tSamhraidh 2007 Coláiste Daibhéid	
Athchuir/Deisiúcháin d’Fhuinneoga	40,000.00
Scéim Oibreacha an tSamhraidh 2007 L.C. Eoin	
Deisiúcháin do Díon an Aguisín Séipéil	131,092.00
Scéim Oibreacha an tSamhraidh 2007 Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	
Fuinneoga Athchurtha	215,546.00
Scéim Oibreacha an tSamhraidh 2007 CP De Nógla	
Córas Aeraithe	48,963.00
Scéim Oibreacha an tSamhraidh 2007 - CP T. Mhic Shuibhne	
Fuinneoga Athchurtha	329,289.00
Oifigí Riaracháin, Cé Lavitt	
Oibreacha do spás sa bhreis	79,510.00
IOMLÁN	1,390,358.00

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Capital Projects 2007

All payments may not have been made in the financial year

All payments may not have been made in the financial year

Description of Work	Value €
Emergency Works Colaiste Daibheid	
New Heating System	220,958.00
Repairs to Roof	325,000.00
Summer Works Scheme 2007 Colaiste Daibheid	
Replacement/Repairs to Windows	40,000.00
Summer Works Scheme 2007 St. John's C.C.	
Repairs to Roof of Church Annex	131,092.00
Summer Works Scheme 2007 - Colaiste Stiofain Naofa	
Replacement Windows	215,546.00
Summer Works Scheme 2007 - Nagle C.C.	
Ventilation System	48,963.00
Summer Works Scheme 2007 - T. McSwiney C.C.	
Replacement Windows	329,289.00
Administrative Offices, Lavitts Quay	
Works to additional space	79,510.00
TOTAL	1,390,358.00

Achoimre Deontas Mac Léinn

Bliain Acadúil 2006/2007 ag Bealtaine, 2007

Líon na n-iarratas nua a bhfuarthas	921
Líon na n-iarratas athnuachana a bhfuarthas (athmheasúnuithe san áireamh)	294
Iomlán	1215

Dámhachtainí Nua

Scoláireachtaí	91
TLT	142
PLC	255
Iomlán Bronnta	488

Iarratais Athnuachana

Scoláireachtaí	63
TLT	155
PLC	76
Iomlán Athnuachana	294

Bliain Acadúil 2007/2008 ag Nollaig, 2007

Líon na n-iarratas nua a bhfuarthas	898
Líon na n-iarratas athnuachana a bhfuarthas (athmheasúnuithe san áireamh)	289
Iomlán	1187

Student Grants Summary

2006/2007 Academic year at May, 2007

Number of new applications received	921
Number of renewals received (including re-assessments)	294
Total	1215

New Awards

Scholarships	91
TLT	142
PLC	255
Total Awarded	488

Renewals

Scholarships	63
TLT	155
PLC	76
Total Renewed	294

2007/2008 Academic year at December, 2007

Number of new applications received	898
Number of renewals received (including re-assessments)	289
Total	1187

Dámhachtainí Nua

Scoláireachtaí	70
TLT	125
PLC	237
Iomlán Bronnta	432

Iarratais Athnuachana

Scoláireachtaí	50
TLT	159
PLC	80
Iomlán Athnuachana	289

Stádas na n-iarratas

Iomlán próiseáilte	691
Ar feitheamh le doiciméid ó iarratasóirí	207
Iomlán	898

New Awards

Scholarships	70
TLT	125
PLC	237
Total Awarded	432

Renewals

Scholarships	50
TLT	159
PLC	80
Total Renewed	289

Status of applications

Total processed	691
Awaiting documents from applicants	207
Total	898

SCOILEANNA AGUS COLÁISTÍ CG CHATHAIR CHORCAÍ

Scoileanna Dara Leibhéal

Oibríonn CG Chathair Chorcaí trí scoil dara leibhéal:

- Coláiste Pobail Traolach Mac Suibhne, Cnoc na hAoine
- Coláiste Pobail de Nógla, Machain
- Colaiste Daibhéid, Ardán Theas

Soláthraíonn na scoileanna seo réimse leathan deiseanna oideachais agus cláracha do mhic léinn, ina measc:

- Teastas Sóisearach
- Clár Scoileanna an Teastais Shóisearaigh (JCSP)
- Ardteistiméireacht
- Ardteistiméireacht fheidhmeach (LCA)
- Clár Gairme na hArdteistiméireachta (LCVP)
- Idirbhliain

Soláthraíonn Coláiste Pobail Traolach Mac Suibhne agus Colaiste Pobail de Nógla deiseanna PLC d'fhoghlaimeoirí ina bpobail.

Coláistí Breisoideachais

Tá trí Choláiste Breisoideachais faoi chúram CG Chathair Chorcaí:

- Coláiste Tráchtála Chorcaí, Oileán Uí Mhuireasáin
- Lár Choláiste Eoin, Sráid an Mhuilinn Shábhadóireachta
- Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, Bóthar na Trá Móire

Tairgeann na trí choláiste réimse leathan de chláracha iar-Ardteistiméireachta, i gcomhar le réimse Cláracha Oiliúna agus Ullmhúcháin Ghairme (VPTP) atá deartha leis na scileanna riachtanacha a sholáthar d'fhoghlaimeoirí faoi choinne réimse leathan postanna agus slite beatha. Oibríonn an VTOS (Scéim Dheiseanna Oiliúna Ghairme) trí sholáthar "mhodh scaipthe" sna coláistí, a éascaíonn soláthar deiseanna oideachais dara seans d'fhoghlaimeoirí a fhaigheann leas sóisialta.

CITY OF CORK VEC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Second Level Schools

The City of Cork VEC operates three second level schools:

- Terence MacSwiney Community College, Knocknaheeny
- Nagle Community College, Mahon
- Coláiste Daibhéid, South Terrace

These schools provide students with a broad range of education opportunities and programmes, including:

- Junior Certificate
- Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate applied (LCA)
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
- Transition Year

Terence MacSwiney Community College and Nagle Community College also provide PLC opportunities for learners in their communities.

Further Education Colleges

Three Further Education Colleges come under the remit of the City of Cork VEC:

- Cork College of Commerce, Morrison's Island
- St. John's Central College, Sawmill Street
- Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, Tramore Road

The three colleges offer a broad range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) programmes, in conjunction with a range of Vocational Preparation and Training Programmes (VPTP) that are designed to provide learners with the skills necessary for a wide range of occupations and careers. The VTOS (Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme) operates through "dispersed mode" provision in the colleges, allowing second chance education opportunities to be provided for learners in receipt of social welfare.

Cláruithe

Tá figiúirí cláraithe do sé choláiste an Choiste léirithe sa tábla seo a leanas. Tá na figiúirí seo bunaithe ar fhíorú na Ranna Oideachais agus Eolaíochta ar shonraí Thuairisceáin Dheireadh Fómhair na gcoláistí.

Cláruithe ar 30/09/07

	Teastas Sóisearach	Idirbhliain	Clár Scoileanna an Teastais Shóisearaigh	Clár Gairme na hArdteistiméireachta	An Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach	Ardteistiméireacht	Iar Ardteistiméireacht	Iomlán
Coláiste Pobail De Nógla	51	31	36	10	0	45	48	221
Coláiste Pobail Traolach Mhic Shuibhne	89	0	63	0	31	62	142	387
Coláiste Daibheid	83	22	0	0	0	39	0	144
An Coláiste Tráchtála	0	0	0	0	0	195	1772	1967
Lár Choláiste Eoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1112	1112
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	10	0	0	0	0	20	799	829
Iomláin	234	234	234	234	234		234	234

Chun bonn a sholáthar do chomparáid, tá na sonraí comhfhreagracha ó thuairisceáin Deiridh Fómhair 2006 curtha ar fáil sa tábla seo a leanas.

Cláruithe ar 30/09/06

	Teastas Sóisearach	Idirbhliain	Clár Scoileanna an Teastais Shóisearaigh	Clár Gairme na hArdteistiméireachta	An Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach	Ardteistiméireacht	Iar Ardteistiméireacht	Iomlán
Coláiste De Nógla	69	24	36	7	8	46	42	232
Coláiste Mhic Shuibhne	91	0	30	0	38	48	142	349
Coláiste Daibhéid	67	24	0	0	0	47	0	138
An Coláiste Tráchtála	0	0	0	0	0	187	1876	2063
Lár Choláiste Eoin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1109	1112
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	7	0	0	0	0	12	812	831
Iomláin	234	234	234	234	234	234	234	234

Enrolments

Enrolment figures for the Committees six colleges are presented in the following table. These figures are based on the Department of Education and Science's verification of the colleges October Returns data.

Enrolments on 30/9/2007

	Junior Certificate	Transition Year	Junior Certificate Schools Programme	Leaving Certificate Vocational programme	Leaving Certificate Applied	Leaving Certificate	Post Leaving Certificate	Total
Nagle Community College	51	31	36	10	0	45	48	221
Terrence MacSwiney Community College	89	0	63	0	31	62	142	387
Coláiste Daibheid	83	22	0	0	0	39	0	144
College of Commerce	0	0	0	0	0	195	1772	1967
St John's Central College	0	0	0	0	0	0	1112	1112
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	10	0	0	0	0	20	799	829
Totals	233	53	99	10	31	361	3873	4660

In order to provide a basis for comparison, the corresponding data from the 2006 October returns is presented in the following table.

Enrolments on 30/9/2006

	Junior Certificate	Transition Year	Junior Certificate Schools Programme	Leaving Certificate Vocational programme	Leaving Certificate Applied	Leaving Certificate	Post Leaving Certificate	Total
Nagle Community College	69	24	36	7	8	46	42	232
Terrence MacSwiney	91	0	30	0	38	48	142	349
Coláiste Daibheid	67	24	0	0	0	47	0	138
College of Commerce	0	0	0	0	0	187	1876	2063
St John's Central College	0	0	0	0	0	0	1109	1112
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	7	0	0	0	0	12	812	831
Totals	234	48	66	7	46	340	3981	4725

Mar a thaispeánann na sonraí seo, bhí laghdú ar chláruithe iomlána Choláiste Pobail de Nógla faoi bheagnach 5% bliain ar bhliain, fiú go raibh méadú sna cláruithe Iar-Ardteistiméireachta ag an gcoláiste. Taispeánann Coláiste Pobail Traolach Mhic Shuibhne clárú méadaithe de bheagnach 11%, é sin go léir i gcuid iar-bhunscoile an choláiste. Bhí méadú 4.3% i gcláruithe i gColáiste Daibhéid agus is cosúil go leanfar leis an leibhéal seo sna blianta atá le teacht.

Ar an iomlán, bhí laghdú sa bhreis de 2.7% ar chláruithe Iar-Ardteistiméireachta, le laghdú leantach ar chláruithe de 5.5% ag an gColáiste Tráchtála.

Is cosúil go mbeidh cláruithe ina dúshláin is mó don Choiste sa bhliain atá le teacht, leis an mbuairt is mó ag baint le Coláiste Pobail de Nógla agus an Coláiste Tráchtála. -Iarmhairt amháin de chláruithe PLC a thit i rith na bliana ab ea laghdú i ranntlach áiteanna formheasta ón Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta don Choiste. Muna n-aisiompófar an treocht atá tar éis leanúint ar aghaidh ar feadh roinnt bliana, tarlóidh suíomh d'os-ranntlach suntasach foirne sna blianta atá le teacht.

Roinnt Ócáidí ar Leith 2007

- Bhí Lár Choláiste Eoin oscailte go hoifigiúil ag an Aire Micheál Martin, Aire Fiontair, trádála agus fostaíochta
- Ceapadh Liam ó Riada mar Phríomhoide i Coláiste Daibheid
- Ceapadh Tadgh Ó Laighin mar Phríomhoide Tánaisteach i Coláiste Daibheid
- Chuir Lár Choláiste Eoin deireadh le socruithe le hollscoileanna Sunderland agus Teeside chun forchéimniú do leibhéal na céime onóracha a thabhairt do mhic léinn Scánnán agus Dearadh Intí.
- Bhuaigh mac léin de Theiripe Scéimhe ón gColáiste Tráchtála an Comórtas Scileanna Náisiúnta, agus thaistil sí chuig an gComórtas Scileanna Domhanda san tSeapáin i nDeireadh Fómhair, áit a bhuaigh sé bonn cré-umha dá hiarrachtaí.
- Bhuaigh foireann sacair an Choláiste Tráchtála Craobhchomórtas Léige Rannán 1 na gColáistí Uile-Éireannacha i bhFeabhra 2007.
- Thosaigh an tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Tacaíochta Iompraíochta (NBSS) ag tabhairt tacaíochta do Choláiste Pobail Traolach Mhic Shuibhne i dtreo fhorbairt Seomra Tacaíochta Iompraíochta

As this data shows, overall enrolments declined in Nagle Community College by almost 5% year on year, not withstanding an increase in Post Leaving Certificate enrolments at the college. Terrence MacSwiney Community College shows an increased enrolment of almost 11%, all in the post primary section of the college. Coláiste Daibheid evidenced a 4.3% increase in enrolments and indications are that this is likely to be maintained in the coming years.

Overall, Post Leaving Certificate enrolments have declined by a further 2.7%, with the College of Commerce showing a continued decline in enrolments of 5.5%.

Enrolments are likely to continue to pose one of the greatest challenges for the Committee in the year ahead, with Nagle Community College and the College of Commerce being of most concern. A consequence of falling PLC enrolments during in the year was a reduction in the allocation of approved places from the Department of Education and Science to the Committee. Unless the trend which has persisted for several years is reversed, a significant staffing over-allocation situation will emerge in coming years.

Some Notable Events 2007

- St John's Central college was officially opened by Minister Micheál Martin, Minister for Enterprise, trade and employment
- Ceapadh Liam ó Riada mar Phríomhoide i Coláiste Daibheid
- Ceapadh Tadgh Ó Laighin mar Phríomhoide Tánaisteach i Coláiste Daibheid
- St John's Central College finalized arrangements with the universities of Sunderland and Teeside to provide progression to honours degree level for students of Film and Interior Design Students.
- A student of Beauty Therapy from the College of Commerce won the National Skills Competition and travelled to the World Skills Competition in Japan in October 2007 where she received a bronze medal for her efforts.
- The College of Commerce soccer team won the all Ireland Colleges Division 1 League Championship in February 2007.
- The National Behaviour Support Service (NBSS) began support for Terrence MacSwiney Community College towards the development of a Behaviour Support Room

Oideachas Féinmhaoinitheach Aosaigh

Soláthraítear cláracha féinmhaoinitheacha oideachais aosaigh sna trí Choláiste Breisoideachais. Cé go bhfuil cúrsaí fóillíochta ar fáil, chomh maith le deiseanna oideachais "dara seans", tá cuid mhór cláracha ar fáil do bhreisfhorbairt phroifisiúnta atá deimhnithe ag comhlachtaí aitheanta agus creidiúnaithe náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta, FETAC, HEA, City and Guilds, srl. san áireamh.

Cláruithe

	2006/2007	2007/2008
Coláiste Tráchtála Chorcaí	5,653	4,695
Lár Choláiste Eoin	773	1,017
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	1,179	1,032

Bhí fáltais ó oideachas féinmhaoinitheach aosaigh i 2007 €1,271,545, sé sin i gcomparáid le €1,115,621 i 2006.

Self Financing Adult Education

Self-financing adult education programmes are provided in the three Further Education Colleges. While the range of provision encompasses hobby and leisure type courses, as well as “second chance” education opportunities, a significant proportion of the programmes on offer are for further professional development and are certified by nationally and internationally recognized and accredited bodies, including FETAC, HEA, City and Guilds, etc.

Enrolments

	2006/2007	2007/2008
Cork College of Commerce	5,653	4,695
St John’s Central College	773	1,017
Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa	1,179	1,032

Receipts from self financing adult education in 2007 were €1,271,545, compared to €1,115,621 in 2006,

Ionaid Ógtheagmhála

Tá an Coiste go díreach freagrach as oibriúchán cheithre Ionad Ógtheagmhála agus Ionad Oíliúna Taistealaithe Sinsearacha. Socraíodh suíomh agus méid na dtrí n-ionad seo i ndlúthchomhairliúchán le FAS, a sholathraíonn do dheiseanna comhthreomhara i roinnt Ionad Oiliúna an Phobail, ina bhfuil seirbhísí teagaisc áirithe soláthraithe ag an gCoiste Gairmoideachais. Cuireadh tús le hathbhreithniú ar ghníomhaíochtaí an Choiste sa réimse seo le cinntiú go meaitseálann an soláthar reatha riachtanais athraitheacha an spriocghrúpa, agus aird ar thionscnaimh bhainteacha agus forbairtí reachtúla, an tAcht Oideachais (Leas) san áireamh.

Tá na hionaid agus a gcumas le feastal ar fhoghlaimeoirí thíos:

	Líon na bhFoghlaimeoirí
Sráid Dean	25
An Gleann	25
Cnoc na hAoine	25
Seirbhís Thacaíocht Foghlama Chorcaí	24
STTC	56

Solathraíonn na hionaid cláracha Teastais Shóisearaigh, an Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach (LCA) agus FETAC do dhaoine óga idir 12-19 bliana d'aois. Cuireann an Bord um Leas Oideachais, an Bord Sláinte agus scoileanna Chathair Chorcaí mic léinn ar aghaidh chuig an tseirbhís.

Lean na hIonaid Ógtheagmhála orthu lena ngníomhacht le linn 2007 i gcur i bhfeidhm Thionscnamh Creatlach Cáilíochta d'Ógtheagmhála agus d'Ionaid Oiliúna do Thaistealaithe Sinsearacha. Cuireadh cur chuige comhordaithe i bhfeidhm le cáilíocht agus oiriúnacht idirghabhála do dhaoine óga a fheabhsú, trí Phleanáil Fhorbartha Ionaid, Measúnú Ionaid Inmheánaigh agus Measúnú Ionaid Sheachtraigh.

Youthreach Centres

The Committee is directly responsible for the operation of four Youthreach Centres and one Senior Travellers Training Centre. The location and size of these centres was determined in close consultation with FAS which provides for parallel opportunities in a number of Community Training Centres within which the Vocational Education Committee provides certain teaching services. A review of the Committee's activities in this area has commenced to ensure that current provision matches the changing needs of the target group and having due regard to related initiatives and legislative developments, including the Education (Welfare) Act.

The centres and their capacity to cater for learners are given below:

	No. of Learners
Dean St.	25
The Glen	25
Knocknaheeny	25
Cork Learning Support Service	24
STTC	56

The centres provide Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) and FETAC programmes to young people between the ages of 12-19. Students are referred to the service by the Education Welfare Board, the Health Board and the schools of Cork City.

The Youthreach centres have continued to engage throughout 2007 in the implementation of the Quality Framework Initiative for Youthreach and Senior Traveller Training Centres. Through Centre Development Planning, Internal Centre Evaluation and External Centre Evaluation, a coordinated approach to improving the quality and appropriateness of interventions for young people has been implemented.

Seirbhís Oideachais Phríosún Chorcaí

Thosaigh an Coiste seirbhís oideachais a chur ar fáil do Phríosún Chorcaí in 1978 ar bhonn páirtaimseartha ag an tús agus fairsingíodh í coiscéim le méadú i ndaonra na bpríosúnach.

Tógadh aonad oideachais saintógtha in 1983, ina bhfuil sainseomraí ealaíne, adhmadóireachta, agus eacnamaíochta baile. Is fireannach amháin daonra na mac léinn, an chuid is mó acu a d'fhag oideachas foirmiúil gan creidiúnú ar bith, agus a mbeadh saolta deacra agus fadhbacha acu. Tá deiseanna oideachais curtha ar fáil do na príosúnaigh go léir ar theacht isteach sa phríosún dóibh; tá glacadh athraitheach, agus leanúnachas ina fadhb áirithe mar gheall ar nádúr neamhbhuan agus athraitheach daonra an phríosúin.

Tá na Cláracha seo a leanas curtha ar fáil agus soláthraithe sa tSeirbhís Oideachais an Phríosúin.

- Teastas Sóisearach
- Ardteistiméireacht
- FETAC
- An Ollscoil Oscailte

Ghlac 347 príosúnach páirt i gcláracha oideachais le linn 2007.

Oibríonn clár iar-scaoilte i gcomhar leis an tSeirbhís Promhaidh do chiontóirí ar theacht amach as príosún dóibh. Tugann sé deiseanna faoi na cláracha FETAC agus BTEI:

- FETAC (Clárú 18)
- BTEI (Clárú 17)

Education Service Cork Prison

The Committee began providing an education service to Cork Prison in 1978 on a part-time basis initially and has expanded to keep pacekept pace with the increase in prisoner population.

A purpose built education unit was constructed in 1983, with specialist art, woodwork, and home economics classrooms. The student population is an exclusively male one, the vast majority of which would have left the formal education setting with no accreditation, and would have had problematic and difficult lives. Education opportunities are made available to all prisoners on their entry to the prison; uptake is variable, with continuity a particular problem due to the transient and variable nature of the prison population.

The following Programmes are offered and delivered within the Prison Education Service:

- Junior Certificate
- Leaving Certificate
- FETAC
- Open University

347 prisoners participated in education programmes during the 2007 year.

A post-release programme operates in conjunction with the Probation Service for offenders on their release from prison. It offers opportunities under both FETAC and BTEI programmes:

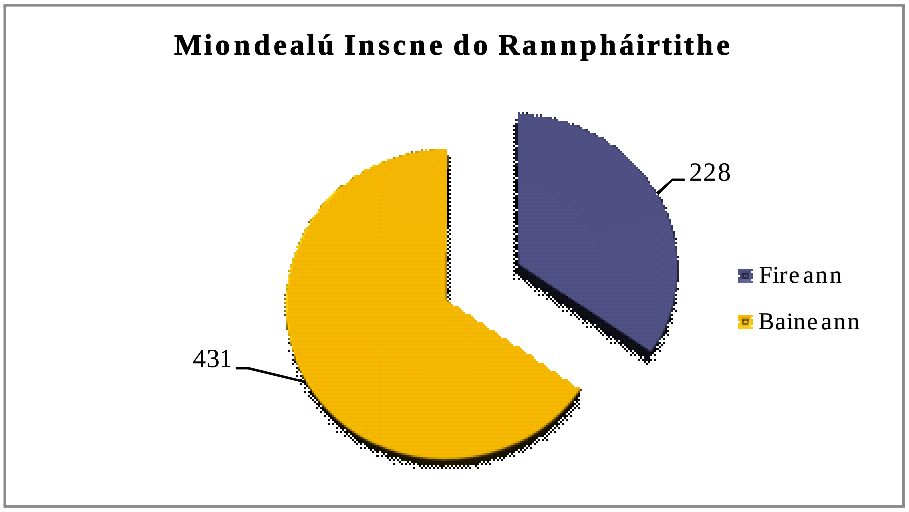
- FETAC (Enrolment 18)
- BTEI (Enrolment 17)

An Tionscnamh um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas (BTEI)

Is clár páirtaimseartha é an Tionscnamh um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas ina ligtear do dhaoine óga agus do dhaoine fásta pilleadh ar oideachas a cheangal lena gcuid dualgas teaghlaigh agus eile. Cuirtear BTEI ar fáil trí réimse seirbhísí CG, ina measc Coláistí Breisoideachais, seirbhís Oideachais Phobail agus an tseirbhís Bunoideachais um Dhaoine fásta (Litearthacht).

Cuireadh leithdháileadh de €468,224 ar fáil i 2007 faoin gclár seo. Mar gheall ar sholúbthacht an chláir ligeadh do na seirbhísí soláthraithe réimse clár solúbtha agus nuálach a fhorbairt do 659 foghlaimeoir.

As na foghlaimeoirí a soláthraíodh dóibh, fir ab iad 34.6%. Sin feabhsú suntasach thar bhlianta roimhe sin (i 2006, an figiúr coibhéiseach ab ea 19.55%). D'ainneoin an méid seo, tá deacrachtaí leanúnacha a mhaireann chun fir a mhealladh chun páirt a ghlacadh i gcúrsaí oideachais, go háirithe fir óga.



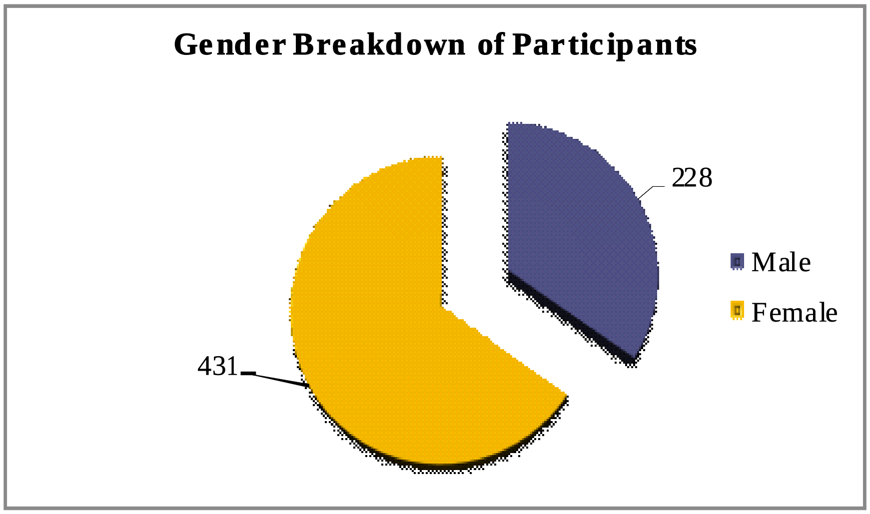
As na rannpháirtithe, ní raibh suas go hoideachas dara leibhéil uachtaraigh ag 71.97% acu, agus chuir 24% síos ar an eispéireas foghlama a bhí acu roimhe mar oideachas Bunscoil nó níos ísle.

Back to Education Initiative (BTEI)

The Back to Education Initiative is a part-time programme that allows young people and adults to combine a return to education with their family and other commitments. BTEI is provide through a range of VEC services, including the Further Education Colleges, Community Education service and the adult Basic education (Literacy) service.

An allocation of €468,224 in 2007 was provided under this programme. The flexibility of the programme allowed the proving services to develop and deliver a range of flexible and innovative programmes to 659 learners.

Of the learners provided for, 34.6% were male. This is a significant improvement over previous years (2006 the equivalent figure was 19.55%). Notwithstanding this, there are continuing difficulties experienced in engaging men, particularly young men, in education.



Of the participants, over 71.97% had less than upper second level education, with 24% describing their previous education experience as Primary or below.

Tionscadail Speisialta Seirbhísí na nÓg

Tá seirbhísí na n-óg soláthraithe ar son an Choiste ag ceithre eagraíocht deonacha na n-óg – YMCA, Foróige, Ógra Chorcaí agus Cónaidhm Náisiúnta na nÓg.

Tá a n-obair ag fáil tacaíocht agus monatóireacht chomh maith ó fhoireann an Choiste Ghairmoideachais agus déanann fochoiste CG maoirseacht uirthi, fochoiste atá freagrach as pleanáil agus monatóireacht straitéiseach agus a fhaigheann tuarascálacha go rialta ó agus a bhuaileann go foirméalta le gach ceann de na ceithre heagraíochta gach bliain.

- 14 Tionscadal (ina measc OUTREACH)
- Leithdháileadh 2007 - €1,269,704
- Leithdháileadh Uaireanta Páirtaimseartha Teagaisc - €437,130
- Líon na Rannpháirtithe – 2,068

An Ciste um Áiseanna agus Seirbhísí do Dhaoine Óga

Bunaíodh an Ciste um Áiseanna agus Seirbhísí do Dhaoine óga i 1998 mar chuid de straitéis fhoriomlán an rialtais le dul i ngleic le mí-úsáid drugaí. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gCiste cuidiú le forbairt áiseanna do dhaoine óga, ina measc áiseanna spóirt agus áineasa, agus seirbhísí i gceantair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste ina bhfuil fadhb shuntasach drugaí nó ina bhfuil féidearthacht ann go bhforbrófar fadhb.

Is é cuspóir an Chiste daoine atá "i mbaol" i gceantair faoi mhíbhuntáiste a mhealladh isteach sna háiseanna agus sna gníomhaíochtaí seo agus chun iad átreorú ó chontúirtí mí-úsáide substainte. Is iad spriocghrúpaí an Chiste daoine atá 10-21 bliain d'aois agus atá ar an imeall mar gheall ar roinnt fachtóirí áirithe a bhaineann le cúlra an teaghlaigh, cúinsí timpeallachta, míbhuntáiste oideachais, baint le coireacht agus/nó drugaí, srl. Bhí príomhfhócas an Chiste go nuige seo i gceantair na dTáscfhórsaí Áitiúla Drugaí.

Tionscadail Phríomhshrutha (tríd an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta)

- 14 Tionscadal
- Leithdháileadh - €745,332

Neamh-Phríomhshrutha (tríd an Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta)

- 3 Thionscadal
- Leithdháileadh - €153,000

Special Youth Services Projects

Special youth services are provided on the Committee's behalf by four voluntary youth organizations – YMCA, Foróige, Ógra Chorcaí and National Youth Federation.

Their work is also supported and monitored by Vocational Education Committee staff and is overseen by a VEC sub-committee which is responsible for strategic planning and monitoring and which receives regular reports from and meets formally with each of the four organizations on an annual basis.

- 14 Projects (including OUTREACH)
- 2007 Allocation - €1,269,704
- Part-time Teaching Hours Allocation - €437,130
- No. of Participants – 2,068

Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund

The Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund was established in 1998 as part of the Government's overall strategy to tackle drug misuse. The Fund aims to assist in the development of youth facilities, including sport and recreational facilities and services in disadvantaged areas where a significant drug problem exists or has the potential to develop.

The objective of the Fund is to attract "at risk" young people in disadvantaged areas into these facilities and activities and divert them away from the dangers of substance abuse. The target groups for the Fund are 10-21 year olds who are marginalized through a combination of risk factors relating to family background, environmental circumstances, educational disadvantage, involvement in crime and/or drugs, etc. The main focus of the Fund to date has been in Local Drugs Task Force areas.

Mainstreamed Projects (through Department of Education and Science)

- 14 Projects
- Allocation - €745,332

Non-Mainstreamed (through Department of Community, Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs)

- 3 projects
- Allocation €153,000

Bhí an Point-Naisc d'Ógra Chnoc na hAoine, ar thailte Choláiste Pobail Traolach Mhic Shuibhne, (institiúid de chuid CG Chathair Chorcaí), oscailte go hoifigiúil ag an Aire Stáit Pat Carey i mí na Samhna.
Tá an "Pointe-Naisc' Ógra mar chuid de choimpléasc foirgneamh nua ar an láithreán seo, déanta suas chomh maith de Crèche Teaghlaigh, oibrithe ag Iníonacha na Carthanachta agus Tionscadal Springboard, a oibríonn faoi choimirce Fheidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte.
Príomhchuspóir Sheirbhís "Pointe-Naisc" Chnoc na hAoine ná teagmháil, treoshuíomh, and nascadh ar aghaidh a chur ar fáil do dhaoine óga áitiúla – go háirithe iad siúd nach bhfuil ag glacadh páirt i Seirbhísí reatha. Forbraíodh é ag costas €542,500.

The Knocknaheeny Youth Link-Point, on the grounds of Terence McSwiney Community College, (a City of Cork VEC institution) was officially opened by Minister of State Pat Carey in November.
The Youth "Link- Point" is part of a complex of new buildings on this site, comprising also a Family Crèche, operated by the Daughters of Charity and a Springboard Project, operating under the aegis of the Health Service Executive.

The primary purpose of the Knocknaheeny Youth "Link-Point" Service is to provide contact, orientation and linking onwards for local young people - particularly for those who are not participating in existing Services. It was developed at a cost of €542,500.

Oideachas Pobail

Achoimre ar thorthaí 2007

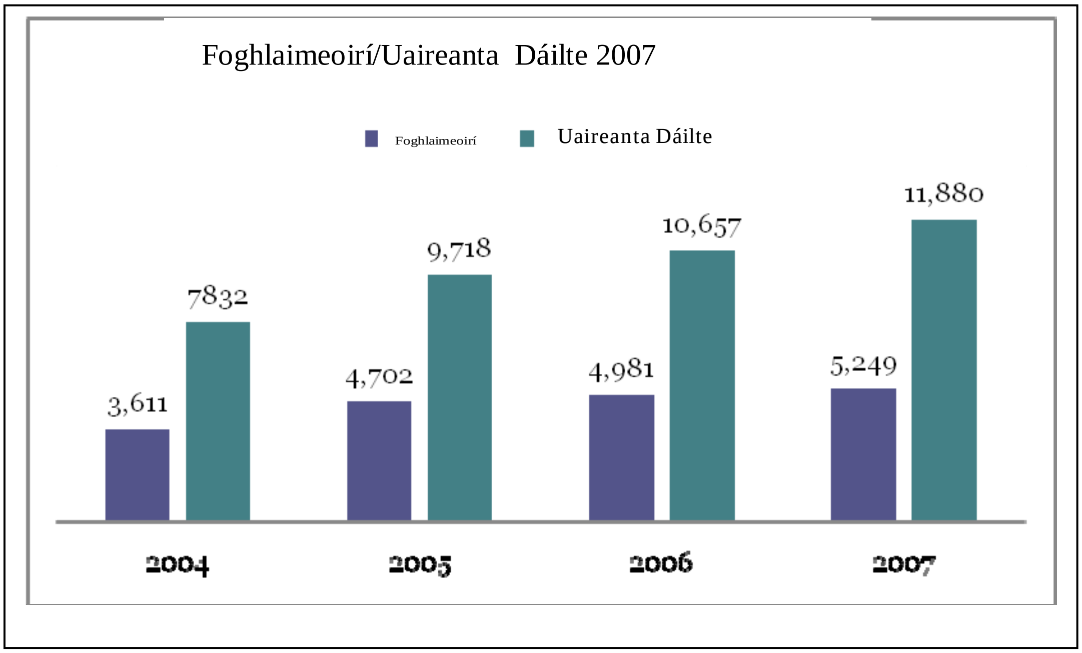
Tá Seirbhís Oideachais Phobail CG Chathair Chorcaí (CCVEC) curtha ar fáil i gcomhpháirtíocht le comhchiste tiomanta de 102 soláthraí bunaithe sa phobal tríd an chathair.

D'fhan struchtúr na seirbhísí chun coimeád leis an Samhail Forchéimnithe Struchtúrtha, agus is é seo an réasúnaíocht atá faoi bhun Straitéis Oideachais Phobail CCVEC. Tá cistiúchán do Litearthacht Aosaigh & Oideachas Pobail (ALCE) fós dírithe don chuid is mó ar fhoghlaimeoirí Céim 1, faoi mar a bhíonn cistiúchán de chuid an Tionscnaimh um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas (BTEI)/Comhpháirtíocht Chathair Chorcaí (CCP) dírithe go sonrach ar Céim 2 den Samhail Forchéimnithe Struchtúrtha.

I 2007 bhí bliain d'fhorás seasta eile ag an seirbhís.

- An líon a ghlac páirt (na trí sruth) ab ea 5,249 i 2007, suas ó 4,981 i 2006.

- An cóimheas deimhniúcháin (thar na trí sruth cistiúcháin) ab ea 36% de 432 cúrsa i 2007, síos beagáin ó 38% de 430 cúrsa i 2006.



Community Education

Summary of outcomes in 2007

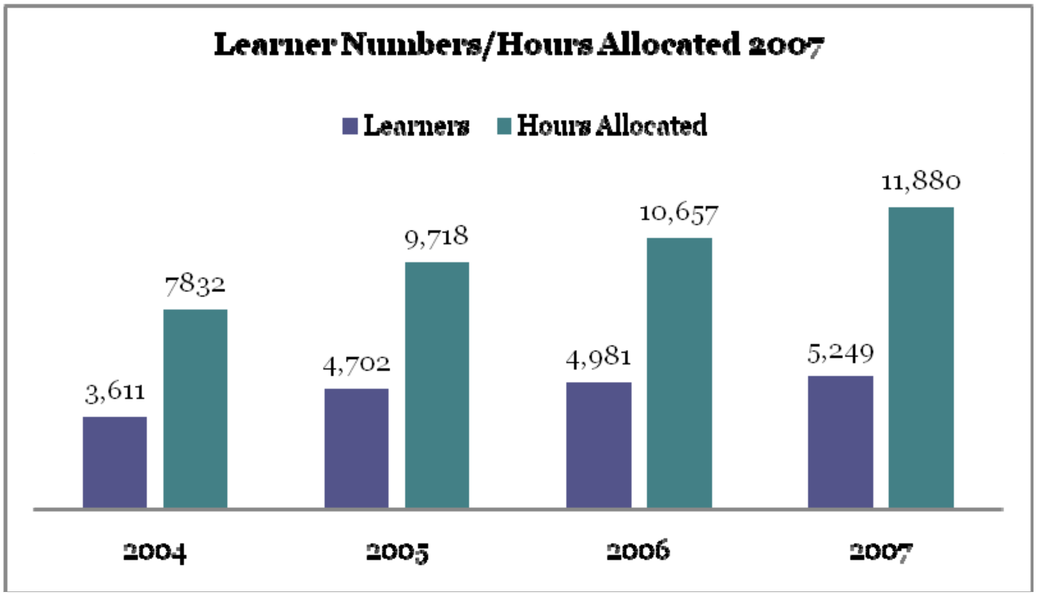
The Community Education Service of City of Cork VEC (CCVEC) is delivered through a partnership with a committed pool of 102 community based providers throughout the city.

The structure of the service has remained in keeping with the Structured Progression Model, which is the rationale underlying the CCVEC Community Education Strategy. Adult Literacy & Community Education (ALCE) funding remains largely targeted at Stage 1 learners, while Back to Education Initiative (BTEI)/Cork City Partnership (CCP) funding is specifically focused on Stage 2 of the Structured Progression Model,

In 2007 the service experienced another year of steady growth.

- Numbers participating (all three streams) was 5,249 in 2007, up from 4,981 in 2006.

- The ratio of certification (across all three funding streams) was 36% of 432 courses in 2007 down slightly from 38% of 430 courses in 2006.



Litearthacht Aosaigh agus Oideachas Pobail (ALCE) Oideachas Pobail Mhaoinithe (Ag Díriú ar Fhoghlaimeoirí Céim 1 don Chuid is Mó)

- I 2007 bhí méadú ar chistiúchán ón ALCE go €381,524 ó €336,690 in 2006
- D'ainneoin ardú i bpá teagascóra, bhí méadú de 841 ar líon na n-uaireanta thar leibhéal 2006.
- Mhéadaigh líon na bhfoghlaimeoirí aonair a bhain tairbhe go 4,429, suas ó 4,133 i 2006.
- D'fhan líon na gcúrsaí seasta ag 335, beagnach comhsheasmhach le blianta roimhe sin, 334 i 2006 agus 332 i 2005.
- Bhí laghdú ar líon na gcúrsaí maoinithe faoi ACLE a chur deimhniúchán ar fáil i 2007 go 18%, síos ó 21% i 2006.

Tionscnaimh um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas (BTEI) agus Comhpháirtíocht Chathair Chorcaí (CCP), a mhaoinigh Oideachas Pobail Deimhnithe (ag díriú go heisiach ar fhoghlaimeoirí Céim 2).

- Bhí laghdú de bheagán ar líon na bhfoghlaimeoirí a bhain tairbhe as na cúrsaí oideachais phobail deimhnithe seo i 2007 - 820, síos ó 848 i 2006.
- An cistiúchán ó BTEI agus CCP i 2007 ab ea €146,120, sin méadú ar an €118,500 i 2006. Dá bharr, bhí an tseirbhís in ann a dtiomantais phá teagascóra mhéadaithe a íoc, agus in ann soláthar uaireanta a fhairsingiú faoi bheagnach 400 uair.
- Fanann líon na gcúrsaí, agus iad go léir ag dul i dtreo deimhniúcháin, seasta ag 97 i gcomparáid le 96 i 2006.
- Shroich an tSeirbhís na grúpaí a díríodh orthu go sonrach, lena n-áirítear go háirithe:
    - Daoine le míchumas (a sheasann do 43% foghlaimeoirí)
    - Teaghlaigh ar ioncam íseal
    - Teaghlaigh Aontuiste
    - Inimircigh

Pictiúr foriomlán deimhniúcháin in Oideachas Pobail

Tá gá na figiúirí ALCE a chur le chéile le sonraí ó chúrsaí deimhnithe BTEI/CCP chun an pictiúr comhlánaithe a thabhairt thíos.

Adult Literacy and Community Education (ALCE) Funded Community Education (Primarily Targeting Stage 1 Learners)

- In 2007 funding from ALCE increased to €381,524 from €336,690 in 2006.
- Despite a rise in tutor pay, the number of hours increased by 841 over the 2006 level.
- The number of individual learners benefiting increased to 4,429, up from 4,133 in 2006.
- The number of courses remained steady at 335, almost consistent with previous years, 334 in 2006 and 332 in 2005.
- The number of courses funded under ALCE offering certification decreased slightly in 2007 to 18% down from 21% in 2006.

Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) and Cork City Partnership (CCP) funded Certified Community Education (exclusively targeting Stage 2 learners)

- The number of learners benefiting from these certified community education courses in 2007 declined slightly at 820 down from 848 in 2006.
- Funding from BTEI and CCP in 2007 was €146,120 an increase on €118,500 in 2006. This enabled the service not only to meet its increased tutor pay commitments but also to expand provision by almost 400 hours.
- The number of courses, which *all* lead towards certification, remains steady at 97 compared to 96 in 2006.
- The Service reached the specifically targeted groups, including in particular:

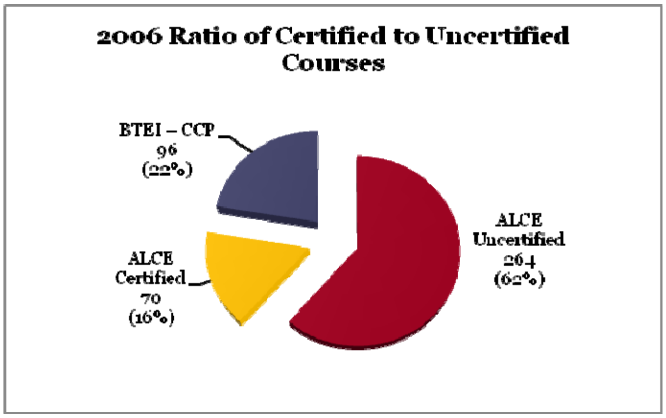
    - people with disabilities (who represent 43% of learners)
    - low income families
    - single parent families
    - Immigrants

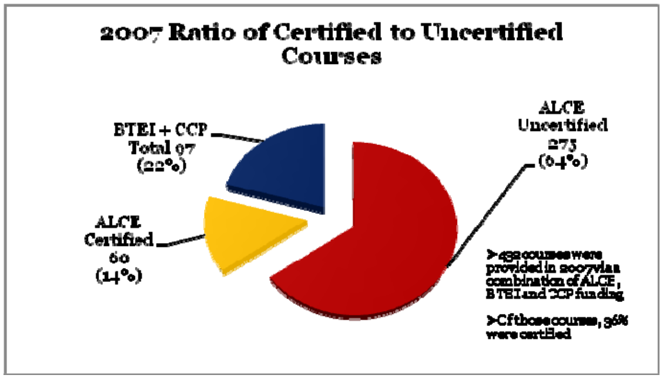
Overall picture of certification in Community Education

ALCE figures need to be combined with data from the BTEI/CCP certified courses to give the complete picture below.

When the number of certified courses funded under ALCE and BTEI/CCP are combined, the ratio of certification in the Community Education Service overall in 2007 was 36%. This represents a very slight decrease on 2006 when the ratio was 38% and the number of courses was lower.

Nuair a chuirtear líon na gcúrsaí deimhnithe a fhaighean cistiúchán faoin ALCE agus BTEI/CCP le chéile, an cóimheas deimhniúcháin san Seirbhís Oideachais Phobail i 2007 in iomlán ab ea 36%. Seasann sé seo do laghdú an-bheag ar 2006 nuair a bhí an cóimheas 38% agus nuair a bhí líon na gcúrsaí níos ísle.

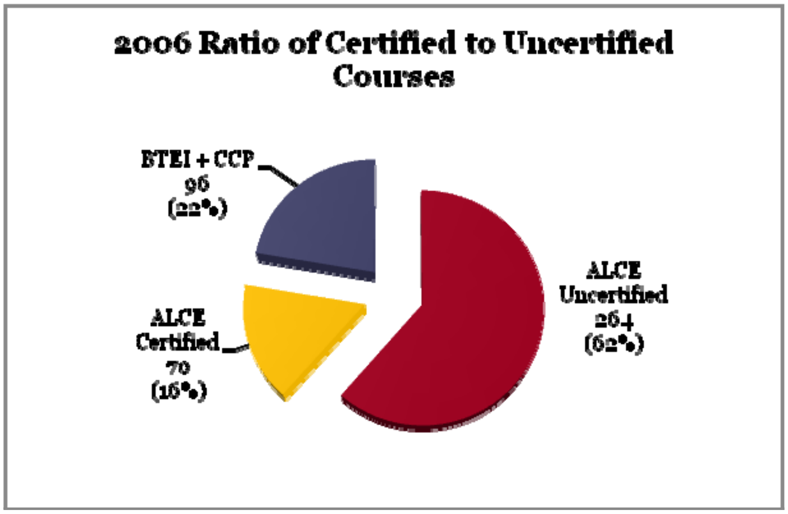


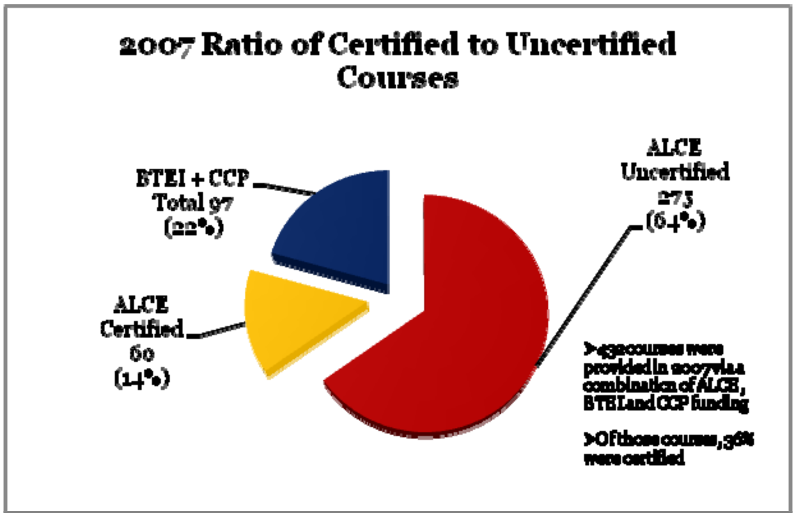


Tá sé riachtanach monatóireacht agus scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an gcóimheas de bharr dhá fhachtóir

- Cruthóidh tabhairt isteach Leibhéil NQF 1 agus 2 ag FETAC i 2007 deiseanna thar am do sholáthraithe Oideachais Phobail chun deimhniúchán a chur ar fáil ag leibhéil faoin bpointe tosaithe roimhe sin, iar-ghlaoite leibhéal Boinn NCVA.

- Tá riachtanas leanúnach líon na ndeiseanna chun dul isteach arís sa chóras oideachais trí sheirbhís Oideachais Phobail neamhdheimhnithe a chothromú leis an riachtanas deiseanna bríocha a chur ar fáil do dhaoine agus do ghrúpaí a theastaíonn uathu dul chun cinn oideachasúil a dhéanamh trí dheimhniúchán a bhaint amach dá bhfoghlaim.





This ratio needs to be monitored and examined in the future in light of two emerging factors:

- The introduction of NQF Levels 1 and 2 by FETAC in 2007 will create opportunities in time for Community Education providers to offer certification at levels below the previous starting point, formerly known as NCVA Foundation level.

- The ongoing need to balance the number of opportunities to re-enter the education system through the uncertified Community Education service with the need to offer meaningful opportunities for individuals and groups wishing to progress educationally by gaining certification for their learning.

Leithdháileadh 2007 agus úsáid uaireanta

Bhí leithdháileadh de 8,671 uair múinteoireachta, ag costas de thart ar €381,524, soláthartha trí Ionaid Acmhainní Teaghlaigh, Scéimeanna Idirchaidrimh Phobail um Scoileanna Baile, grúpaí/eagraíochtaí Míchumais agus Scoir, Scéimeanna Oideachais don Lucht Siúil agus tionscnaimh eile atá treoraithe ag an bpobal.

Trasna na cathrach, bhí uaireanta páirtaimseartha dáilte do 102 ionad chun riachtanais a ndobharcheantar, nó a bpobal spéise i gcás seirbhísí fud na cathrach, a shroicheadh.

Ó na 8,671 uair dáilte, úsáideadh 93%. Tá roinnt cúiseanna leis an easnamh seo – mar shampla, b'fhéidir ná leanfaí ar aghaidh le roinnt cúrsaí pleanáilte, uaireanta go déanach san fhómhair, an phríomhthréimhse ghníomhaíochta.

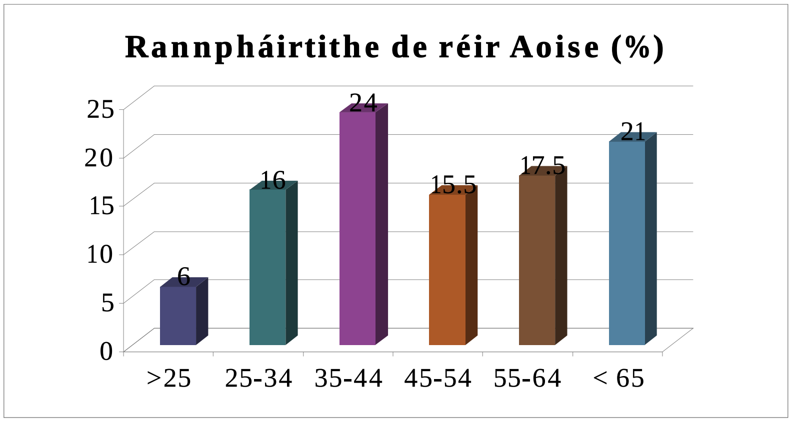
Soláthar Cúrsa 2007

I 2007 sholáthair seirbhís Oideachais Phobail CG Chathair Chorcaí 335 cúrsa – beagnach an uimhir chéanna is a bhí ann i 2006. Bíonn na cúrsaí ar siúl go tipiciúil thar 10 go 12 seachtain, le seisiúin ranga de dhá uair in aghaidh na seachtaine.

Na Foghlaimeoirí

Bhí ranganna Oideachais Phobail curtha ar fáil do 4,429 foghlaimeoir i 2007, in éagsúlacht chúrsaí, suas ó 4,133 foghlaimeoir i 2006. De na foghlaimeoirí seo, fir ab iad 821 dóibh agus mná 3,608. Tá taifead comhsheasmhach le blianta beaga anuas don chuid is mó ag baint le leibhéal íseal páirteachais fhir in Oideachas Aosaigh.

Tá an próifíl pháirteachais trasna gach grúpa aois, tuairiscithe ag soláthraithe a bhfuair cistiúchán Oideachais Phobail i 2007, ar taispeáin sa chairt seo a leanas. Tá láithreacht suntasach de dhaoine sna grúpaí d'aois níos sine, agus tá sé dóchúil go méadófar ar seo thar na deich bliana atá le teacht, bunaithe ar réamhaisnéisí déimeagrafaíochta reatha.



2007 Allocation and utilisation of hours

There was an allocation of 8,671 teaching hours, at a cost of approximately €381,524, provided through Family Resource Centres, Home School Community Liaison Schemes, Disability and Retired groups/organizations, Traveller Education Schemes and other community led initiatives.

Across the city 102 centres were allocated part time hours to meet the needs of their catchment area, or community of interest in the case of citywide services.

Of the 8,671 hours allocated, 93% were used. The shortfall is due to a variety of factors - for example, planned courses may fall through, sometimes late in the autumn, the main period of activity.

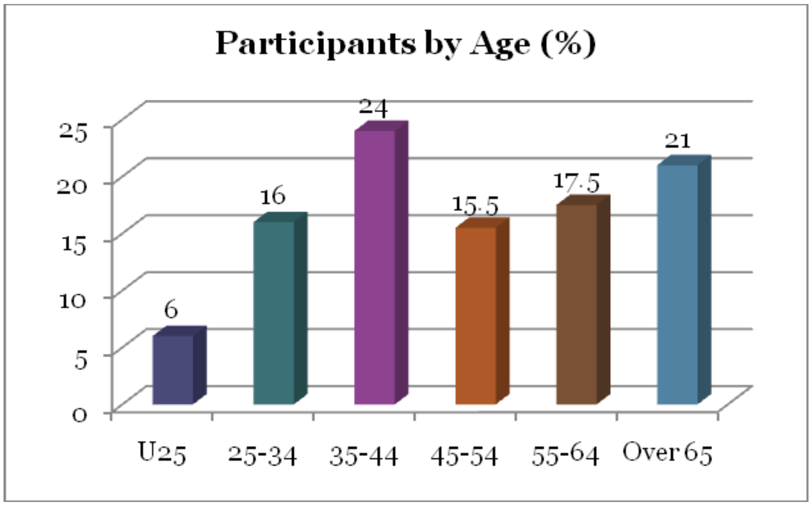
2007 Course Provision

In 2007 the City of Cork VEC Community Education service provided 335 courses – almost the same number as in 2006. Courses typically run over 10 to 12 weeks, with class sessions of two hours per week.

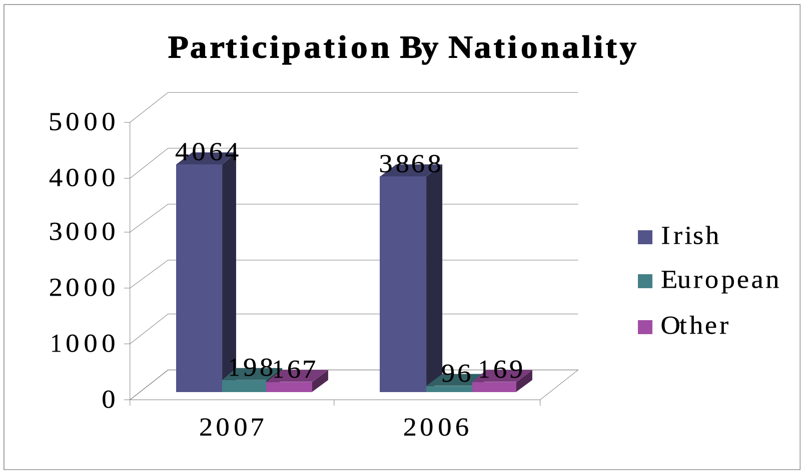
The Learners

Community Education classes were provided for 4,429 learners in 2007, in a variety of courses, up from 4,133 learners in 2006. Of these learners, 821 were male and 3,608 female. The low level of male participation in Adult Education generally has been consistently recorded in previous years.

Participation profile across all age groups, reported by providers in receipt of Community Education funding in 2007, is shown in the following chart. There is a significant presence from people in the older age groups, with this likely to increase over the next decade based on current demographic forecasts.



Tá an leibhéal páirteachais i 2007 ó dhaoine óna pobail inimircigh leagtha amach sa léaráid thíos. Léiríonn na figiúirí sa thábla thíos go bhfuil ráta páirteachais inimircigh comhcheangailte de 8%, suas ó 6% i 2006. Tá staitisticí iontaofa gann maidir leis an daonra inimircigh ar bhonn náisiúnta agus áitiúil, mar tá an daonra imircigh eacnamaíoch soghluaiste ó thaobh dul sa tóir ar obair, agus mar sin táthar mall chun fréamhacha pobail a chur síos. Ar bhonn náisiúnta, luaitear figiúr de 10%.



Cistiúchán don Tionscnaimh um Fhilleadh ar an Oideachas (BTEI) agus Comhpháirtíocht Chathair Chorcaí (CCP)

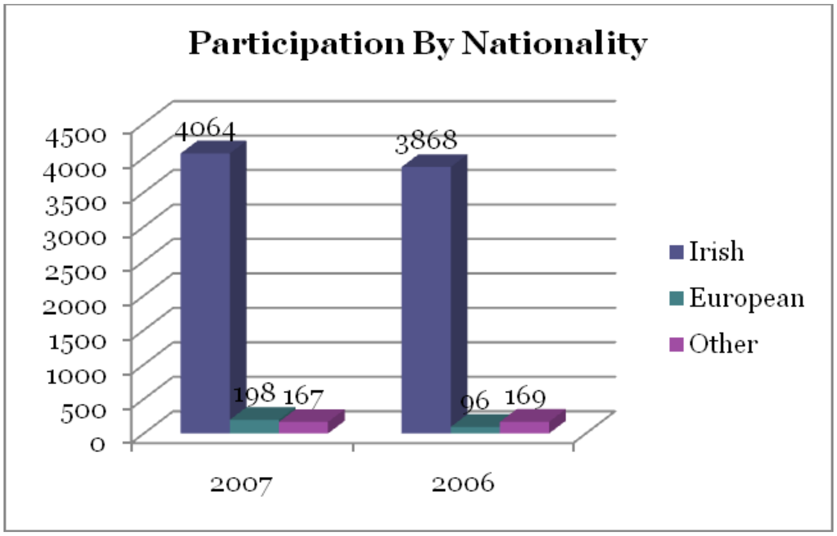
Tá an dá chiste seo curtha le chéile chun achmhainn a thabhairt do chur chuige bunaithe-sa-cheantar maidir le soláthar cúrsaí deimhnithe trí Líonraí Oideachais Phobail atá bunaithe go háitiúil, ag cur deiseanna ar fáil do dhul chun cinn, go háirithe ó oideachas pobail neamhdheimhnithe.

Bhí méadú go bhforiomlán sa bhuiséad de €27,620 i 2007. Tharla an méadú seo go príomha de bharr soláthair fhadaithe maoinithe ag BTEI. Dá bharr, bhí méadú sna huaireanta teagascóra dáilte do chúrsaí deimhnithe faoi bheagnach 400, fad is a bhíothas fós ag sroicheadh rátaí pá teagascóra níos airde de bharr méaduithe ar chomhaontuithe pá náisiúnta.

Cúrsaí

D'fhan líon iomlán na gcúrsaí curtha ar siúl ag soláthraithe maoinithe faoin gclár seo comhsheasmhach i 2007 ag 97 ina iomlán. Is méadú de 9 (24%) é seo i sa líon cistithe ag BTEI cothromaithe i gcoinne titime de 8 (16%) i líon na gcúrsaí maoinithe ag CCP.

The level of participation in 2007 by individuals from the immigrant communities is outlined in the diagram below. The figures in the table above indicate a combined immigrant participation rate of 8%, up from 6% in 2006. Reliable statistics are scarce in relation to the immigrant population both nationally and locally, as the economic migrant population is mobile in pursuit of work and consequently slow to put down community roots. Nationally a figure of 10% is quoted.



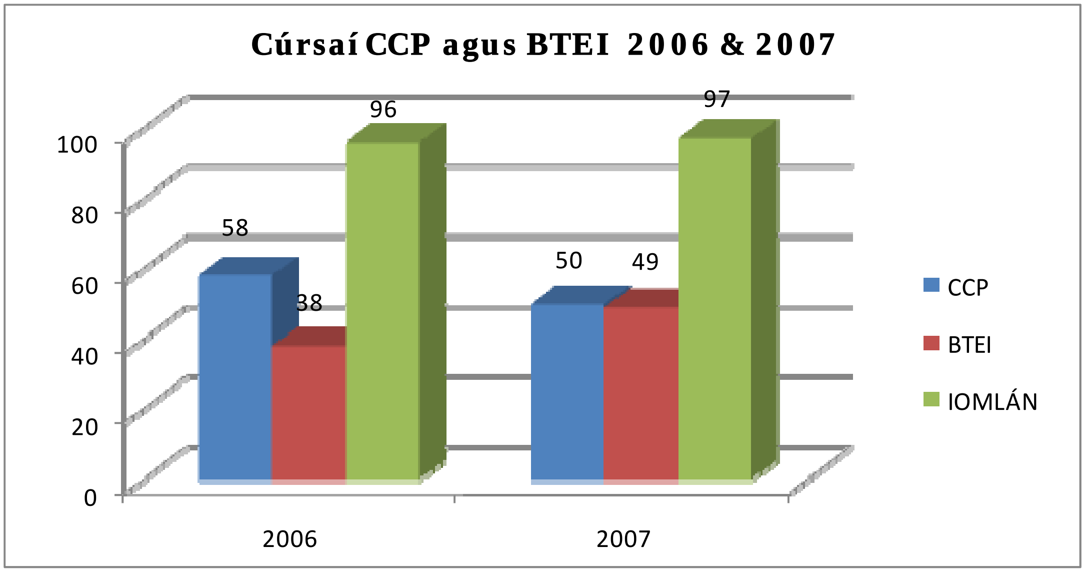
Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) and Cork City Partnership (CCP) funding

Both of these funds are combined to resource an area-based approach to providing certified courses through the locally based Community Education Networks, offering opportunities for progression mainly from uncertified community education.

The budget increased overall by €27,620 approx in 2007. This increase was largely due to expanded provision funded by BTEI. This enabled an increase in the tutor hours allocated for certified courses by almost 400, while still meeting the higher tutor pay rates due to national pay agreement increases.

Courses

The number of courses run by providers funded under this programme remained steady in 2007 at 97 in all. This corresponds with an increase of 9 (24%) in the number funded by BTEI balanced against a drop of 8 (16%) in the number of courses funded by CCP.



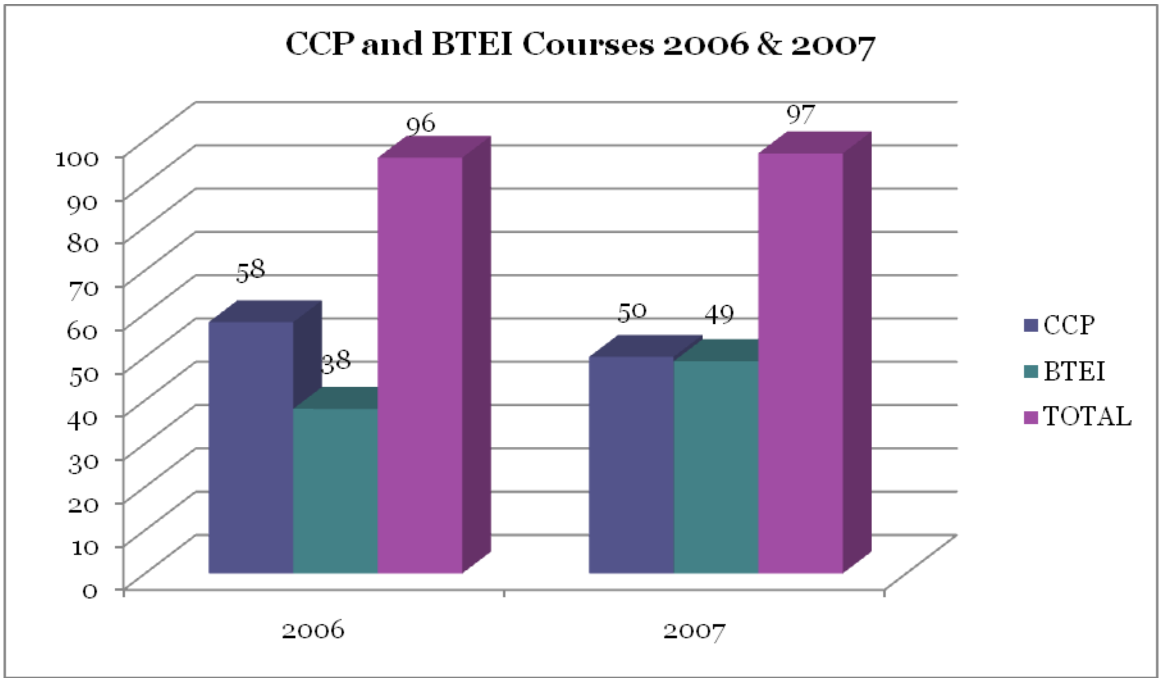
Na Foghlaimeoirí in Oideachais Phobail Dheimhnithe
Líon na Rannpháirtithe

	2006	2007
BTEI	395	373
CCP	453	447
IOMLÁN	848	820

Tháinig meath de 3% ar líon na bhfoghlaimeoirí a ghlac páirt i gcúrsaí maoinithe ag BTEI/CCP i 2007, sin laghdú cosúil le meath na bliana roimhe sin. Bhí líon na bhfoghlaimeoirí maoinithe ag BTEI síos ag 373, meath de 5.5%, ach san am céanna, ní raibh an meath chomh comharthach sin maidir le líon na bhfoghlaimeoirí a bhfuair tacaíocht ón CCP i gcomparáid le 2006.

Próifíl na bhfoghlaimeoirí - Aois

Tá próifíl aoise na bhfoghlaimeoirí i gcúrsaí Oideachais Phobail Dheimhnithe cothrom ina raon don chuid is mó trasna na mbandaí aoise, le timpeall ar aon tríú dóibh siúd faoi aois 35, aon cheathrú idir 35 agus 35, agus beagnach leath dóibh aois 46 and níos



The Learners in Certified Community Education

Number of Participants

	2006	2007
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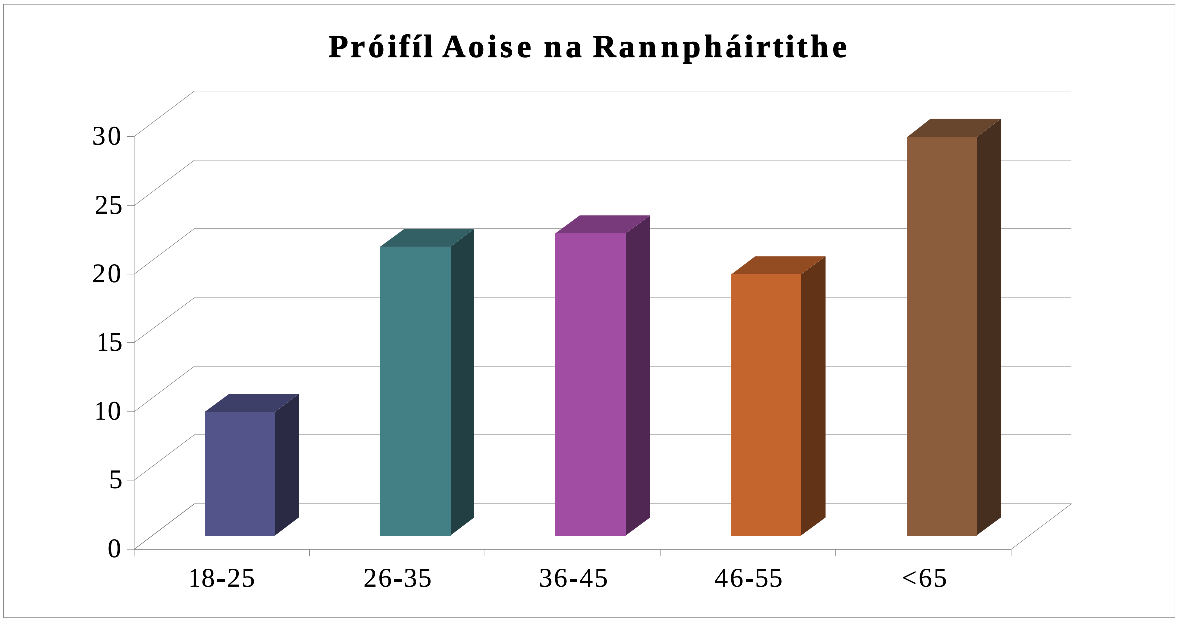
CCP	453	447
TOTAL	848	820

The number of learners participating in courses funded by BTEI/CCP declined by 3% in 2007, a similar decline to the previous year. The number of learners funded by BTEI was down at 373, a decline of 5.5%, whereas the number of learners supported by CCP funding declined less markedly compared with 2006.

Profile of learners – Age

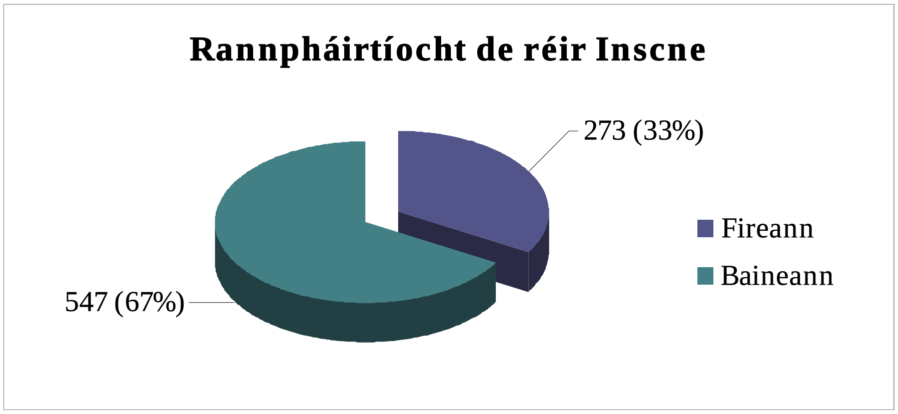
The age profile of learners in Certified Community Education courses is reasonably evenly spread across the age bands, with approximately one third under the age of 35, one quarter between 35 and 45, and almost half aged 46 and over. Less older learners avail of certified programmes with 29% of participants aged 55 or over compared to sine. Baineann méid níos lú d'fhoghlaimeoirí níos sine úsáid as chláir dheimhnithe, le

thart ar 29% de rannpháirtithe aois 55 nó níos sine i gcomparáid le 39% dóibh siúd atá níos sine ná 55 sna cúrsaí Céim 1 maoinithe ag ALCE. Tá méadú 7% tagtha ar chéatadán na bhfoghlaimeoirí níos sine ná 55 i gcúrsaí deimhnithe i 2007.

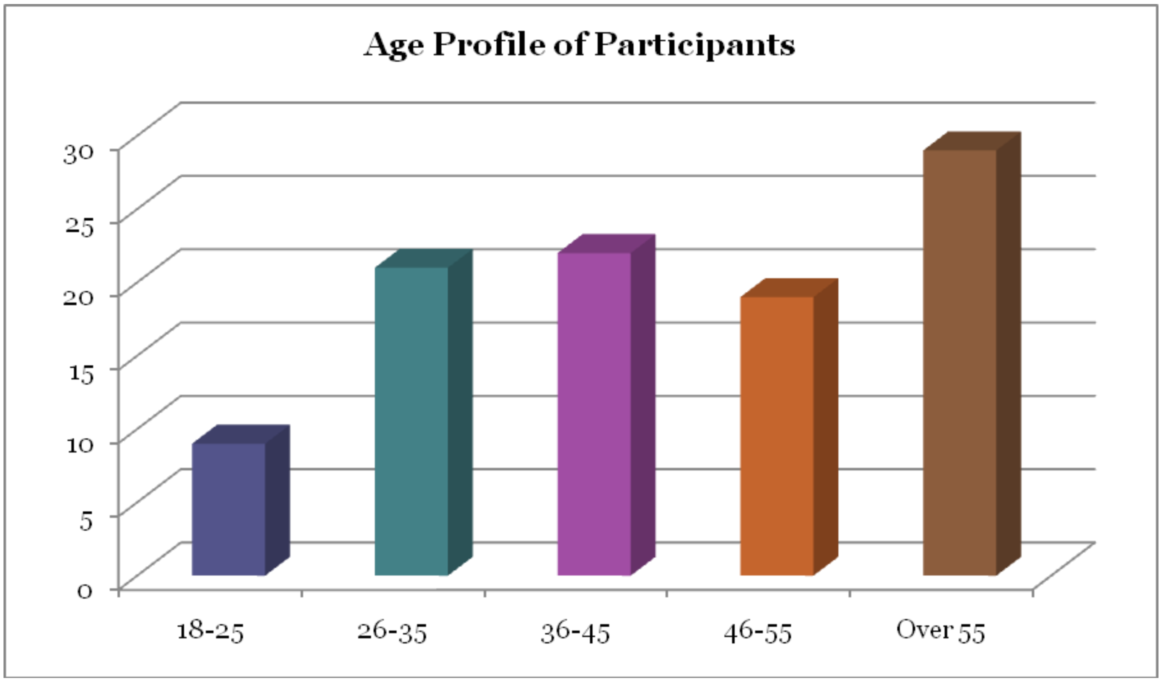


Próifíl na bhfoghlaimeoirí - Inscne

Ghlac níos mó fear (33%) páirt sna cúrsaí maoinithe ag BTEI/CCP ná mar a ghlac sna cúrsaí maoinithe ag ALCE (19%) i 2007. Mar sin féin fanann an neamhchothroime i rátaí páirteachais mar eochair-réimse gur gá tabhairt faoi.

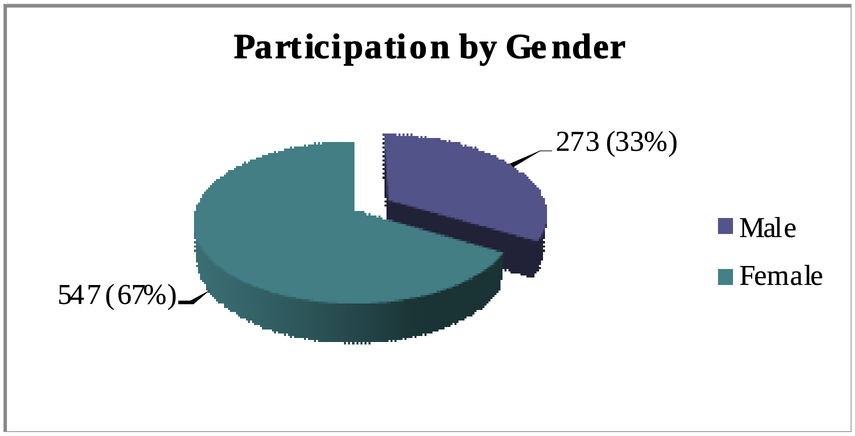


39% over-55s in the ALCE funded, Stage 1 courses. The percentage of learners over 55 in certified courses has increased by 7% in 2007.



Profile of learners – Gender

More males (33%) participated in courses funded by BTEI/CCP than in those funded by ALCE (19%) in 2007. However the imbalance of participation rates remains a key area to be addressed.



Seirbhís Bhunoideachais Aosaigh (Litearthacht)

Tá na Scéimeanna (Litearthachta) ABE mar bhunaonad **na Seirbhíse Litearthachta ABE** agus mar chuid lárnach de na pobail áitiúla ina bhfeidhmíonn siad. Déanann ocht Scéim Litearthachta ABE an tseirbhís a chur ar fáil i gceantar sa chathair. Clúdaíonn na ceantair bunús na gceantar sa chathair atá faoi mhíbhuntáiste, ina measc na ceithre ceantar ACPIF. Cuireann naoú Scéim Litearthachta seirbhís ar fáil ar fud na cathrach do bhaill an Lucht Taistil.

Foghlaimeoirí

In 2007, cláraíodh 1,389 foghlaimeoirí leis an Bhunseirbhís Oideachais d'Aosaigh. Seo méadú de 14.4% thar 2006.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Líon na bhFoghlaimeoirí	438	450	608	744	971	1,249	1,250	1,185	1,214	1,389

Cuireann Teagascóirí oilte oiliúint ar fáil "duine le duine" nó do ghrúpa beag (6 go 8 foghlaimeoir).

Forbhreathnú ar Chláir/Thionscadail Litearthachta-ABE

Litearthacht Téamach ABE

Bainfear úsáid bhreise as modheolaíochtaí áirithe chun forbairt litearthachta a mhéadú i gcomhthéasc ealaíne, ríomhaireachta agus scileanna TE, Sláinte & Sábháilteacht, agus Scrúduithe Teoirice do Thiománaithe, chomh maith le scéimeanna nuálacha i gcomhthéacs teaghlaigh trí Fhoghlaim Bunaithe ar an dTeaghlach. Cuireadh an clár seo le chéile go speisialta le freastal a dhéanamh ar riachtanais bhunfhoghlaimeoirí aosacha.

Bunoideachas Dianteagaisc d'Aosaigh (ITABE)

Dianchlár dírithe ar scileanna agus cumais bhreise a thabhairt do dhaoine fásta. Tháinig méadú suntasach ar an leibhéal soláthair sa réimse seo i 2007 (2006 – 34 rannpháirtí).

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	94

Adult Basic Education Service (Literacy)

The ABE (Literacy) Schemes are the fundamental unit of the ABE Literacy Service and are an integral part of the local communities in which they operate. Eight ABE Literacy Schemes each provide the service in a district_of the city. The districts cover the majority of the disadvantaged city areas, including the four RAPID areas. A ninth Literacy Scheme provides a citywide service for members of the Travelling Community.

Learners

In 2007, 1,389 learners were registered with the Adult Basic Education Service. This is a increase of 14.4% over 2006.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No. of Learners	438	450	608	744	971	1,249	1,250	1,185	1,214	1,389

Tuition is provided by trained Tutors on either a “one to one” or small group (6 to 8 learners) basis.

ABE-Literacy Programmes/Projects Overview

Themed ABE-Literacy

Increasing use will be made of a variety of methodologies to enhance literacy development within the context of art, computers and IT skills, Health & Safety, and Driver Theory Tests, as well as innovative programmes within a family context through Family Based Learning. This programme is specifically designed to meet the needs of adult basic learners.

Intensive Tuition Adult Basic Education (ITABE)

An intensive programme aimed at providing adults with increased skills and competencies. The level of provision in this area increased dramatically in 2007 (2006 – 34 participants).

No. of Learners in 2007	94

ESOL (Béarla mar dara teanga nó mar theanga eile)

Tá tacaíocht ar leith ann d'Iarrthóirí tearmainn/Theifigh agus béim faoi leith ar scileanna labhartha/scríofa Béarla, do gach leibhéal, in atmaisféar cairdiúil réamhchúiseach, agus dóchas ann go gcuirfear imeascadh chun cinn i sochaí na hÉireann. Tá cumas teanga ríthábhachtach maidir le himeascadh

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	188

Tá éileamh breise ar theagasc ESOL, taobh istigh de theorainn na cathrach, ag teacht níos mó agus níos mó ó na hionaid atá lonnaithe sa Chathair agus ar Chnoc an Aerfoirt. Tá soláthar díreach ag CG Chathair Chorcaí taobh istigh de choimpléacs na Gníomhaireachta Lonnaíochta agus Imeasctha ar chnoc an aerfoirt.

Foghlaim Bunaithe ar an Teaghlach

Cuireann sé comhairle agus cuidiú ar fáil do thuismitheoirí ar mhian leo tuiscint níos fearr a bheith acu ar an gciall le foghlaim sa bhaile chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh agus dá gcuid páistí le teagasc i mbunscileanna oideachais. Bhí méadú suntasach i soláthar i 2007 (91%)

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	113

Filleadh ar Oideachas FÁS/CG (R2E)

Tá sé seo dírithe ar rannpháirtithe ar na Scéimeanna Fostaíochta Pobail FÁS sa Chathair. Maireann sé ar feadh 30 seachtaine. Baintear soláthar 9 n-uaire teagaisc gach seachtain ó chlár 19 n-uaire fostaíochta pobail an fhoghlaimeora. Cuirtear teastais ar fáil. Is dianchúrsa bunscileanna atá ann ina bhuil Uimhreachas, Teicneolaíocht an Eolais, Teangacha Nua-Aimseartha, Forbairt Phearsanta, Béarla, Cumarsáid agus Foghlaim trí mheán na nEalaíon.

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	79

Filleadh ar Oideachas (R2L)

Tá ráta fáis le feiceáil fosta sa tseirbís eile foghlama Foghlaim san Ionad Oibre. Tiocfaidh méadú ar an bhfás anseo mar gheall ar fheidhmniú céimneach scéim Ghrúpa Comhairliúcháin na Comhpháirtíochta Náisiúnta Údaráis Áitiúil (LANPAG) a dhíríonn ar oibrithe na Comhairle Cathrach ar fud na cathrach, chomh maith le scéimeanna FÁS Pilleadh ar Obair agus scéimeanna na Gníomhaireachta Litearthachta Náisiúnta d'Aosaigh.

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	36

ESOL (English as a second or other language)

This is a specific support for Asylum Seekers/Refugees with emphasis on oral/written English language skills, for all levels in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, aiming to promote integration into Irish society. Language competence is essential to integration.

No. of Learners in 2007	188

Demand for ESOL tuition, within the city boundary, is increasingly coming from the centres located in the City and on the Airport Hill. Cork County VEC has a direct provision within the Settlement and Integration Agency complex on the airport hill.

Family Based Learning

Offers help and advice to parents who wish to better understand the idea of learning at home and to support them and their children with tuition in basic educational skills. There was a significant increase iin provision in 2007 (91%)

No. of Learners in 2007	113

FAS/VEC Return to Education (R2E)

This is aimed at participants on the FAS Community Employment Schemes in the City. It lasts for 30 weeks. Provision of 9 hours tuition per week is deducted from the learner's 19 hour community employment programme. Certificates are offered. It is an intensive basic skills programme that includes Numeracy, Information Technology, Modern Languages, Personal Development, English, Communications and Learning through the Arts.

No. of Learners in 2007	79

Return to Learning (R2L)

Another learning service showing a growth rate is within Workplace Learning. Growth here will be accelerated by the gradual roll out of the Local Authority National Partnership Advisory Group [LANPAG] initiative targeting City Council workers throughout the city, as well as the FÁS Return to Education and National Adult Literacy Agency initiatives.

No. of Learners in 2007	36

Scileanna le haghaidh na hOibre á maoiniú ag FÁS

Tá Scileanna le haghaidh na hOibre ann le bunscileanna Béarla, Mata agus Theicneolaíocht an Eolais san Ionad Oibre a uasghrádú. Cuirtear teagasc ar fáil i dTeagasc Léitheoireachta, Tuairiscí scríbhneoireachta, Ríomhaireacht, Áirimh agus Forbairt Phearsanta. Is féidir cúrsaí a leasú chun freastal ar riachtanais faoi leith. Is féidir go mbeidh na ranganna ann san ionad oibre i rith uaireanta oibre.

Líon Foghlaimeoirí i 2007	40

Cláir 2007

Tá figiúirí páirteachais mar a thaispeántar thíos

	Fireann	Baineann	Iomlán
Litearthacht Áite Oibre	36	40	76
Litearthacht Phríomhshrutha	287	578	865
Dian-Litearthacht	35	59	94
CE/FAS	37	42	79
ESOL	76	112	188
Litearthacht Teaghlaigh	14	99	113
Iomlán	485	930	**1,389**

Meánlíon na n-Uaireanta Teagaisc in aghaidh an Iarratasóra

	Uaireanta/seachtaine	Uaireanta/bliana
Litearthacht Áite Oibre	6	160
Litearthacht Phríomhshrutha	16	656
Dian-Litearthacht	36	924
CE/FAS	36	1200
ESOL	14	493
Litearthacht Teaghlaigh	10	159
Iomlán	**118**	**3592**

FAS funded Skills for Work

Skills 4 Work is designed to help upgrade basic skills in English, Mathematics and IT in the workplace. Tuition is given in, Reading instructions, Writing reports, Computers, Calculations and Personal development. Courses can be tailored to suits specific needs. Classes may be held in the workplace/centres during work hours.

No. of Learners in 2007	40

2007 Programmes

Participation figures are as shown.

	Male	**Female**	**Total**
Workplace Literacy	36	40	76
Mainstream Lit.	287	578	865
Intensive Literacy	35	59	94
CE/FAS	37	42	79
ESOL	76	112	188
Family Literacy	14	99	113
Total	485	930	**1,389**

Average Tuition Hours Per candidate

	Hours/week	**Hours/year**
Workplace Literacy	6	160
Mainstream Lit.	16	656
Intensive Literacy	36	924
CE/FAS	36	1200
ESOL	14	493
Family Literacy	10	159
Total	**118**	**3592**

Deimhniúchán a fuair cliaint in 2007

	1-3 Modúl	3-8 Modúl	Iomlán
Leibhéal 3 FETAC	82	13	95
Leibhéal 3 FETAC	66	4	70
Teastas Sóisearach	1	0	1

Foireann

Is mar seo a leanas na sonraí faoi fhoireann na Seirbhíse [Litearthachta] CGCCABE (2007):

An Fhoireann	Foireann Lánaimseartha	Foireann Páirtaimseartha	Uaireanta gach bliain		Iomlán gach bliain
			Lán-aimsire	Páirt-aimsire	
ALO	1.5	7	2730	5679	8409
Oibrithe Acmhainne	2	-	3640		3640
Teagascóirí (Íoctha)	-	63	-	5,469.5	5,469.5
Teagascóirí (Deonacha)	-	347	-	28088	28088

	W. T.	*P. T.*	*W.T.E.*
Eagraithe Litearthachta Aosaigh	*2.0*	*4.50*	*6.5*

Certification achieved by clients in 2007

	1-3 Modules	3-8 Modules	Total
FETAC Level 3	82	13	95
FETAC Level 4	66	4	70
Junior Certificate	1	0	1

Staffing

The CCVEC ABE [Literacy] Service is currently staffed (2007) as follows:

Staff	F/T staff	P/T staff	Annual Hours		Total P.A
			Full Time	Part-Time	
ALO	1.5	7	2730	5679	8409
Resource Workers	2	-	3640		3640
Tutors (Paid)	-	63	-	5,469.5	5,469.5
Tutors (Volunteer)	-	347	-	28088	28088

	W. T.	*P. T.*	*W.T.E.*
Adult Literacy Organisers	*2.0*	*4.50*	*6.5*

Treoirsheirbhís Aosaigh Chathair Chorcaí

Tá Treoirsheirbhís Aosaigh Chathair Chorcaí maoinithe faoin Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta (DES) faoin bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta agus tá sé comhtháite isteach i soláthar oideachais aosaigh faoi CG Chathair Chorcaí. Bunaíodh é i mBealtaine 2006 faoi Phas IV den Tionscnamh Treorach Oideachais Aosaigh (AEGI), a bhí bunaithe i 2000 ag DES agus a bhfuair comhairliúchán ón Ionad Náisiúnta do Threoir in Oideachas (NCGE). Soláthraíonn an AEGI treoir réamh-dhul isteach, leanúnach, agus réamh-dhul amach do ghrúpaí sprice ar leith:

- Eolas ar chúrsaí, gairmeacha, cistiúchán, etc don phobal i gcoiteann
- VTOS
- BTEI
- Litearthacht
- Oideachas Pobail
- Bord Airgeadais Oideachais

I 2007 ceapadh treoirchomhairleoir sa bhreis don tseirbhís, mar sin ag tabhairt an cumas don seirbhís soláthair sa bhreis a chur ar fáil. Lean Treoirsheirbhís Aosaigh Chathair Chorcaí ar aghaidh á bunú féin i 2007, agus léiríonn líon na gcliant a úsáideann an tseirbhís an fhorbairt seo. Do na céad sé mhí de 2007, d'oibrigh CCAGS ó cheanncheathrú nua CG Chathair Chorcaí i gCé Lavitt agus i mí Iúil 2007, bhog an fhoireann treorach isteach sna háitribh athchóirithe ar an Meal Theas. Tugann an suíomh áisiúil seo an cumas do chliaint teacht isteach go héasca d'eolas nó chun freastail ar choinne ina n-aonair le Treoirchomhairleoir. Oibríonn seirbhís lár na cathrach amanna 'siúl-isteach', Luan go Déardaoin 10.00rn go 12in agus 2.30in go 4.30in.

Cé go raibh oibriú as suíomh lár na cathrach i gceist leo, leantar ar aghaidh i mbliana le fáis suntasach na teagmhála, an atreoraithe agus soláthair bhunaithe sa phobal Is eilimint leanúnach fós é tógail líonraí agus choibhnis san obair treorach mar chomhlánann agus feabhsaíonn an tseirbhís soláthair oideachais bhunaithe i suíomhanna áitiúla, pobail.

Soláthar Seirbhíse

- **Fiosrúcháin ón bPobal i gCoitinne** – bhí **254** duine aonair i dteagmháil leis an seirbhís ag iarraidh eolais, rinne siad an méid seo thar fhón, trí rphost agus teacht isteach.
- **Treoir Ghrúpa** – buaileadh le **55** grúpaí nua do theoir ghrúpa.

Cork City Adult Guidance Service

The Cork City Adult Guidance Service is funded by the Department of Education and Science (DES) under the National Development Plan and is integrated into adult education provision within the City of Cork VEC. It was established in May 2006 under Phase IV of the Adult Education Guidance Initiative (AEGI) which was established in 2000 by DES and advised by National Centre for Guidance in Education (NCGE). The AEGI provide pre-entry, on-going and pre-exit guidance to specific target groups:

- Information on courses, careers, funding etc. to the general public
- VTOS
- BTEI
- Literacy
- Community Education
- Education Finance Board

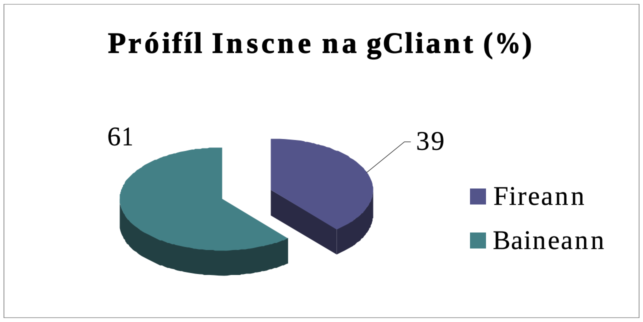
In 2007 an additional guidance counsellor was appointed to the service, thus enabling the service to further expand provision. Cork City Adult Guidance Service continued to establish itself in 2007 and the numbers of clients using the service reflects this development. For the first six months of 2007, CCAGS operated from the City of Cork VEC' new administrative headquarters in Lavitts Quay and in July 2007 the guidance team moved into refurbished premises on the South Mall. This convenient location enables clients to drop in for information or attend a one-to-one appointment with a Guidance Counsellor. The city centre service operates walk-in times from Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 12pm and 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Although operating out of a city centre location the community based contact, referral and provision continued to develop significantly this year. Networking and relationship building has continued to be an on-going element of the guidance work as the service complements and enhances established education provision in local, community settings.

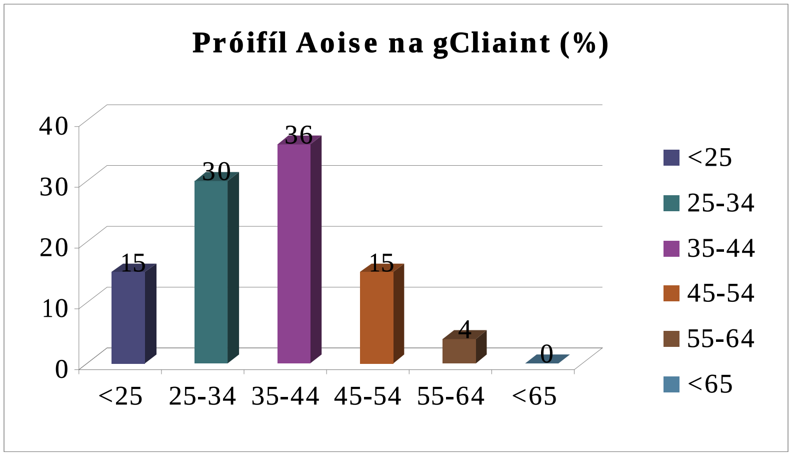
Service Provision

- **General Public Enquiries** – **254** individuals contacted the service seeking information, they did so via phone, email and drop-in.
- **Group guidance** – **55** new groups were met for group guidance.

- **Treoir duine-le-duine** – buaileadh le **320** daoine aonair ar bhonn duine-le-duine do threoir
- **Oideachas Pobail** – bhí **157** duine aonair den 320 feicthe do threoir duine-le-duine bunaithe i bpobail áitiúla.
- **Atreoruithe** – tháinig 23% de na hatreoruithe do threoir ó chuairteanna ranga seirbhíse treorach, 10% ó GC Chathair Chorcaí agus bhuail 8% isteach don seirbhís.
- **Gnóthú oideachais** – bhí an Ardteistiméireacht ag 11% dóibh siúd a bhain úsáid as an seirbhís, bhí oideachas bunscoile ag 9% agus bhí níos lú ná an Ardteistiméireacht ag 8%.



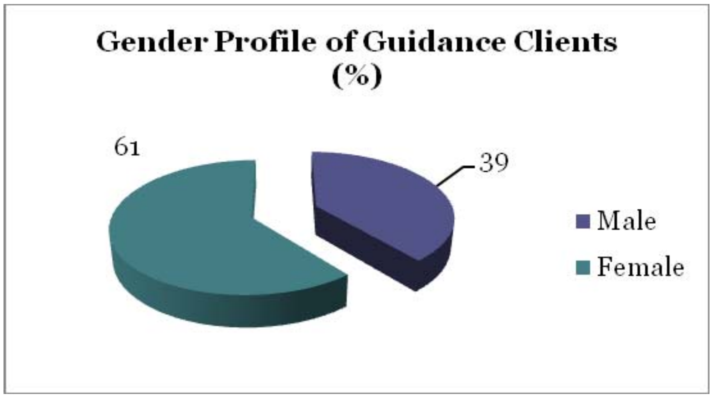
Tá méid suntasach de chliaint treorach atreoraithe anseo ag pobail áitiúla agus is cosúil go mbíonn mná níos gníomhaí don chuid is mó ina dtimpeallachta áitiúla, rud a mhiníonn an miondealú inscne b'fhéidir.



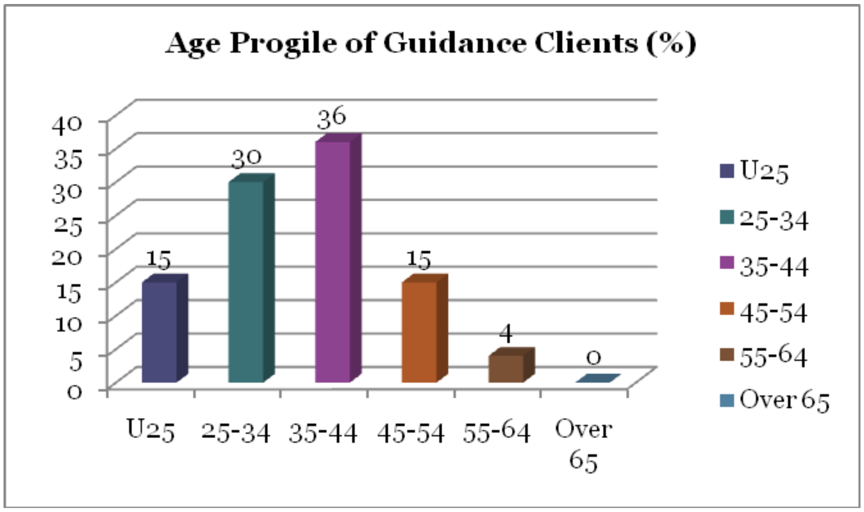
Faoi mar is féidir a fheiceáil ón ngraf, tá 36% idir na haoiseanna de 35 agus 44 bliain d'aois. Tá sé seo i líne leis an treocht náisiúnta.

One-to-one guidance – **320** individuals were met on a one-to-one basis for guidance.

- **Community Education** – **157** individuals of the 320 seen for one-to-one guidance were based in local communities.
- **Referrals** – 23% of referrals for guidance came from guidance service class visits, 10% of referrals came from City of Cork VEC and 8% dropped into the service.
- **Education attainment** – 11% of those who used the service had the Leaving Certificate, 9% had primary education and 8% had less than the Leaving Certificate.



A significant number of guidance clients are referred by local communities and women in general tend to be more active in their local environments which may explain the gender breakdown.



As can be seen from the graph 36% are between the ages of 35 and 44 years of age. This is in line with the national trend.