Case Study on CMETB's PLC Access Programme

A cross functional working team was formed comprising of staff representing several services within FET to decide on a programme that would meet the needs of vulnerable learners. This team was streamlined and took over responsibility for the creation and implementation of the PLC Access programme.

The aims of the PLC Access programme

- To create, develop, support, encourage and facilitate an active, positive, and inclusive learning environment as per the vision of CMETB.
- To provide a transitional programme for learners leaving an educational programme that is heavily supported to a programme which would have limited personal supports in place.
- The programme is designed to address the issue of retention of learners, coming from Youthreach, on the PLC programme.

The objectives of the PLC Access Programme

- To provide learners with educational and personal supports during the transition from Youthreach to PLC, this will also include counselling.
- To provide learners with a positive experience of further education both academically and socially.
- To help learners develop skills in self-directed learning.
- To provide the opportunity for learners to gain certification at both Level 4 and 5.
- To assist learners in applying for future FET courses.

The programme was designed around certified and non-certified modules. Learners would complete a two QQI modules at Level 5, Communications and Word Processing. In addition to this they would complete some QQI modules at Level 4 and take part in taster modules

that would help them to decide on the path of progression they would like to take. Uncertified courses consisted of training such as Teambuilding, Health & Fitness, FIT and outdoor education courses in Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre.

Some statistics relating to the programme are presented below:

Academic Year	No. of Learners	No. Completing Course	No. Progressing – Education	No. Progressing – Employment
Cavan				
2019/20	15	12	5	0
2020/21	10	9	7	2
Monaghan				
2019/20	15	15	14	1
2020/21	11	11	9	2