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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin
*Galway and Roscommon
Education and Training Board*

Service Plan

2016

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ETBs are statutory authorities which have responsibility for education and training, youth work and a range of other statutory functions. ETBs manage and operate second-level schools, further education colleges, multi-faith community national schools and a range of adult and further education centres delivering education and training programmes. The general functions of an Education and Training Board are set out in the Education and Training Boards Act 2013.

Geographical Structure

There are a total of sixteen (16) ETB's throughout the country configured as follows;



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First Level Education

ETBs are the patron designates of a number of community national schools. Founded in local communities, these schools are child-centred, inclusive, multi-belief, State supported schools which strive to provide a high quality primary education for every child in line with the Primary School Curriculum and guidelines laid down by the Department of Education and Skills. GRETB hopes to become a patron of CNS schools in the near future.

Second Level Education

ETBs manage one third of all second level schools in the country – education for over 100,000 students. They operate inclusive enrolment policies and also cater for a significant number of students with special needs. GRETB has twenty second level schools which includes three island schools.

Further Education & Training

ETBs provide further education and training to over 200,000 adults and young people annually. Services are delivered through a variety of programmes to meet a diverse range of needs including Literacy and Numeracy, Skills Training, Apprenticeship, Youthreach, Back to Education etc. GRETB hopes to provide further education and training to approximately 17,500 learners in 2016.

Youth Services

GRETB Youth Services delivers and supports a range of programmes for young people.

Other Supports

GRETB also co-operates with other agencies, groups, colleges and community groups to deliver a variety of programmes catering to the diverse needs of client groups in local communities.

Foreword from CE

In line with legislative requirements, the Service Plan 2016 sets out the type and volume of education and training which will be provided by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board within the funding allocated by Government over the course of the year.

Our objective is to provide high quality, sustainable education and training opportunities to post-primary, Post-Leaving Certificate, 2nd Chance Education and Training, Apprenticeships, Literacy Education, etc.. The service plan is designed to place learners at the centre of the services we provide and to help improve the overall educational and training wellbeing of those who seek our services, no matter where people live, what stage of life they are at, or what their education and training needs may be.

Whilst continuing our efforts to improve services and educational outcomes, we must also focus on the cost and sustainability of services and ensure that we are achieving the best value for money for both the public and our learners.

GRETB fully acknowledges the requirement to operate within the limits of the funding provided and we will ensure this receives the very significant management focus required in 2016. Given the scale of the geographical and demographical challenges involved, GRETB will strive to do the maximum we can with the resources provided.

GRETB works to enhance the educational opportunities and success of each of our learners, remaining ever cognizant of the empowering and transformative effect that a positive educational experience can have on our learners.

David Leahy

Chief Executive

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Geographic areas and locations



GRET B 2nd level provision:

Tuam: (Archbishop McHale College)	Roscommon: (Roscommon Community College)
Mountbellew: (Coláiste an Chreagáin)	Boyle: (Abbey Community College)
Loughrea: (St Bridget's College)	Elphin: (Elphin Community College)
New Inn: (St. Killian's College)	Inis Mór, Oileáin Árann: (Coláiste Naomh Éinne)
Claregalway: (Coláiste Bhaile Chláir)	Inis Oírr, Oileáin Árann: (Coláiste Ghobnait)
Athenry: (Clarín College)	Inis Meáin, Oileáin Árann: (Coláiste Naomh Eoin)
Athenry: (Coláiste an Eachréidh)	Corr na Móna: (Coláiste Naomh Feichin)
Indreabhán: (Coláiste Cholmcille)	Ros Muc: (Colaiste na bPiarsach)
Galway City: (Galway Technical Institute)	Galway City: (Galway Community College)
Galway City: (Coláiste na Coiribe)	Galway City: (Coláiste Mhuirinne/Merlin College)

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The GRETB FET provision consists of the following Full and Part Time programmes:

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS):

Ballinasloe	Castlerea
Boyle	Roscommon town
Letterfrack	Rosmuc Ionad Breisoideachais Rosmuc
Galway City	Tuam

Youthreach

Ballinasloe	Portumna
Ballaghaderreen	Roscommon town
Letterfrack	Leitir Móir
Galway City	Tuam

Back to Education Initiative

Galway City	Roscommon
Loughrea	Tuam
Ballinasloe	Portumna
Gort	Oughterard

Adult Literacy

Loughrea	An Cheathrú Rua
Galway City	Moycullen
Roscommon	Tuam
Breacadh	Headford

GRETB Training Centre, Mervue, Galway

Apprenticeship
Specific Skills Training
Traineeships
Community/ Justice Workshops
Evening Training
Specialist Training Provision

Adult Education Guidance Service

Galway	Oranmore
Oughterard	Roscommon

Prison Education:

Education Unit, Castlerea Prison, Harristown, Co. Roscommon

Outdoor Education and Training Centre:

Petersburg Outdoor Education & Training Centre, Clonbur, Co. Galway.
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Background & Statistical information

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board was established on 1st July 2013 under the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013, as an amalgamation of Galway City, County Galway & County Roscommon VECs. It has a corporate structure which is made up of a democratically appointed committee and a management (executive) team.

The services provided include Second level education, Further Education and Training and Youth Services in addition to other community based education programmes and services. All services are delivered at local level.

Galway & Roscommon ETB target clients are:

- Students and/or their parents/guardians
- Adult learners
- Communities
- Young people and volunteers
- Applicants and grant recipients under the various student support schemes administered directly by the ETB
- Voluntary and Sporting Organisations

Service	No. of locations	No. of Participants
Second Level & Post Leaving Certificate	20	6,293
Further Education	40	9,500
Training	35	1,700

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Projected Income & Expenditure 2016

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Schools & Head Office	49,930,000
Further Education and Training	33,172,000
Student Support Services	50,000
Youth Services	1,424,000
Agencies and Self-Financing Projects	3,800,000
Capital	1,300,000
TOTAL	89,676,000