Expression of Interest

Funded QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care

An opportunity for Early Years professionals to further their qualifications

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board, Services to Business, along with the CCLPL-Coiste Curam Leanaí Port Lairge (Waterford Childcare Committee), are inviting expressions of interest from individuals currently working in the Early Learning and Care (ELC) sector who would like to further their professional development by undertaking a QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care.

This is an exciting opportunity for eligible employees to progress their qualifications through the SOLAS Skills to Advance government Initiative which provides focused initiatives for the development of people in employment. Specifically, this initiative intends to support the development of knowledge, skills and professional practice within the early childhood education and care sector.

About the Programme
The proposed programme is for those currently in employment seeking to upskill/reskill through funded training opportunities while continuing with their work commitments. Classes will be in-person and will take place in Waterford City, 2 evenings per week and 5 x Saturdays per 16 weeks term over 64-week duration, not including self-directed learning hours or work-based learning hours.

The course will cover the following modules:

- Sociology and Social Policy in Early Learning and Care
- The Developing Child
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Inclusive Early Learning and Care
- Supervision and Administration in Early Learning and Care
- Advanced Professional Practice Placement in Early Learning and Care Settings

The programme aims to enhance participants' understanding of child development, curriculum approaches, inclusive practice, leadership, supervision and the delivery of high-quality early learning and care.

Eligibility Criteria
To be considered for a place on this funded programme, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a QQI Level 5 award in Early Learning and Care or Early Childhood Care and Education.
- Be currently employed within the Early Learning and Care sector.
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must also provide evidence of English language competency at B2 level.

- Both you and your employer must be eligible for Skills to Advance funding.

Register Your Interest

If you are interested in taking part in this funded training opportunity, we would encourage you to submit an expression of interest to Deirdre Lindy, CCLPL via the following MS Forms link: Expression of Interest- QQI Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care – Fill out form

CLOSING DATE Friday 4th December

Please note that this is an initial expression of interest and does not guarantee a place on the programme. Further information regarding course commencement, scheduling, application procedures and supporting documentation will be provided to interested candidates.

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