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



Green-Campus

 An Taisce

*An féidir linn dul amach?
(Can we go outside?)
GRETB Letterfrack
Further Education Centre*

FEE ECOCAMPUS CONFERENCE APRIL 2024

Location



Dublin

Further Education Centre Letterfrack

Galway

Images of Connemara



Introduction — Background to the GRETB Further Education Centre Letterfrack

2001
Typical rural
FET centre

Part-time &
full-time

Levels 3, 4, 5 & 6 on
the National
Framework of
Qualifications [NFQ](#)

Level 4
Art, Catering,
Horticulture

Level 5
Business,
Healthcare,
Outdoor
Education &
Agriculture

Level 6
Administration, Marine &
Coastal Guiding and
Farming

QQI Level 4 Horticulture



GRETB Training garden

Developed an organic horticulture programme

All classes take place outside and in the poly tunnel

A lot of learning in biodiversity, recycling, plant and species life, sustainability

QQI Level 5 Agriculture and Level 6 Farming



Farming in Connemara

Programme is very skills based

Take place locally on the Host Farm
Skills in Beef, Sheep, Farm Safety, Farm
Equipment, Soils & the Environment

Safe use and application of pesticides and
fertilizer

Scientifically sensitive area we encourage
learning on farming sustainably with the
surrounding environment

Many visits to organic farms to experience
organic farming practices

Workshops on native breeds that cause less
damage to the environment

Looking after the farm to pass on to the next
generation

Agriculture



Water conservation and protection

Level 5 Outdoor Sport & Recreation and Level 6 Coastal Guiding



Skills and instructorships in
Kayaking, Sailing,
Windsurfing and Power Boat
skills

They have no fixed centre
that they attend. 90% of
their classes are outside

Developing an mobile
outdoor classroom for the
next academic year

Coastal guides in their
community
Natural environment and its
ecosystems, flora and fauna







Links with the community

Third level institutions

Local community groups

Local Primary, secondary and

further education schools

Local tourist attractions like

Kylemore Abbey

Local companies

Local media

National and regional organisations

The GRETB Further Education Centre Letterfrack has many opportunities to work with learners and staff in appreciating our outdoor space and environment and we welcome this opportunity to share our experiences with a wider audience.



Thank you for listening

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