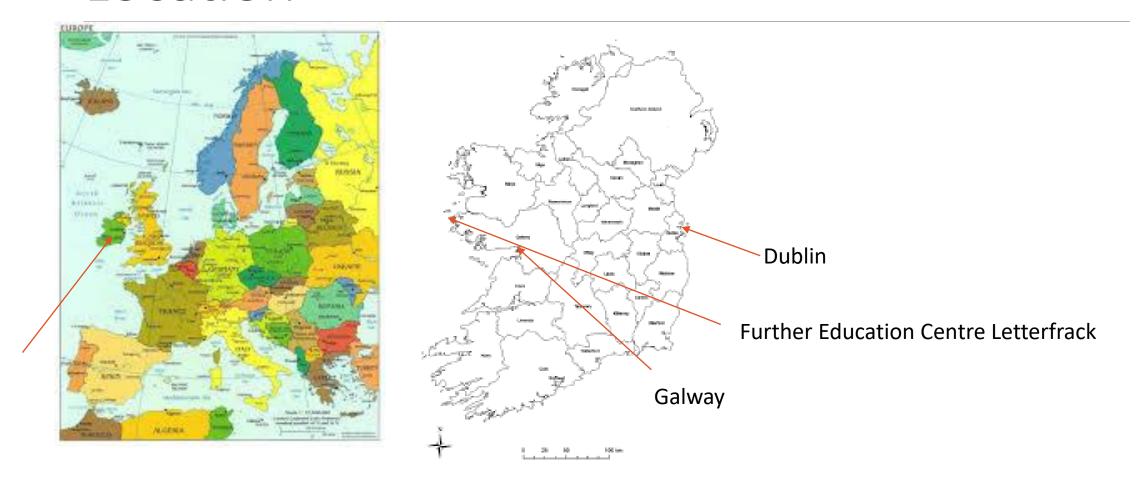




An féidir linn dul amach? (Can we go outside?) GRETB Letterfrack Further Education Centre

FEE ECOCAMPUS CONFERENCE APRIL 2024

Location



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 NFC

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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