

Direct/Online Tuition Application Form

Applications are now invited from community groups and voluntary organisations for support regarding the delivery of educational programmes under LMETB's Community Education Programme.

In line with Government guidelines for usage of funding, priority will be given to courses/programmes which aim to work with individuals and groups that experience particular barriers to participation in adult learning. It facilitates those who wish to access learning locally, as a step to more active community involvement or certified learning. Courses should address the following:

- Specifically target educational and social disadvantage
- Promote social inclusion
- Foster personal development and skills enhancement for group members
- Widen participation in learning by adults from all sectors of our community

Programmes should aim to develop the individual's self-confidence and educational skills base in order to enable and facilitate their development and participation in the life of their community. Community-based courses are often the first step towards further options and choices for the adult learner.

DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Community education is outside the formal education sector and aims to enhance learning, foster empowerment and contributing to civic society. It is delivered in local areas in response to community needs and interests. It supports social cohesion, with local community groups playing an important role in community education provision. It provides opportunities for intergenerational learning, builds self-confidence and self-esteem and for those with low skills or a negative experience of formal education it can provide a stepping stone to further learning, qualifications and rewarding work.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Education Tuition Scheme is to provide tuition for community education initiatives in the local community. Groups can apply for Direct or Online Tuition Hours – the group can identify a subject area and apply to LMETB. LMETB will then organise the tutor and pay them directly.

PRIORITY

In line with Government guidelines for usage of funding, priority will be given to courses/programmes which aim to work with individuals and groups that experience barriers to participation in adult learning, in particular those who wish to access learning locally as a step to more active community involvement or certified learning. With this in mind programmes/courses should aim to address some/all of the following:

- Specifically target educational and social disadvantage
- Promote social inclusion
- Foster personal development and skills enhancement for group members
- Widen participation in learning by adults from all sectors of our community

TARGET GROUPS FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

- Adults with low or no formal qualifications or low literacy levels, especially those with less than upper second level education.
- The unemployed particularly those who are long term unemployed
- One parent families
- Travellers
- Migrants/refugees/asylum seekers
- Older people
- People with a disability
- Disadvantaged women and men, particularly those living in rural isolation or RAPID areas
- The homeless
- Ex-offenders
- Substance misusers
- Underemployed/seasonal and seasonal workers
- Dependents of those who are unemployed
- Low skilled people outside the labour force

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR:

Tutor fees only.

FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR:

- Community centre/group resources such as computers, cookers, tables etc.
- Rent
- Publicity and Administration costs incurred by the group
- Repeat funding of groups for the same activities; such groups need to identify progression routes for participants or clearly illustrate that new members are being engaged in such courses
- Youth Clubs/ Groups
- Sports Clubs
- For people under the age 18

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

• In assessing applications from established groups priority will be given to those showing innovation in course selection and in engaging new learners, under the Tuition Hours Scheme:

1. The funding of individuals to carry out training on behalf of a group is not acceptable (i.e. if the person applying for funding is the proposed tutor for the course).
2. A separate application form needs to be completed for each course applied for.
3. Since Spring 2018 grant applications no longer exist and funding will only be provided for direct or online tuition delivered by LMETB Community Education Tutor.

