

## Higher Education Links Scheme

The Higher Education Links Scheme allows FETAC Award holders to access Level 6, 7 and 8 courses in most Higher Education Institutes. The main ones in the west of the country include:

- National University of Ireland Galway.
  - St Angela's College, Sligo
  - Athlone Institute of Technology
  - Galway/Mayo Institute of Technology
  - Sligo Institute of Technology,
  - Limerick Institute of Technology
- (Also see [www.fetac.ie](http://www.fetac.ie) for further links)

## Maintenance Grants:

Students may qualify for maintenance grants subject to means testing. Grant forms are available from Roscommon VEC office.

(Grant recipients' will also be exempt from the new government fee introduced this year)

## Quotes from past students:

" Completing the PLC course in Castlerea Community School enabled me to gain confidence and gave me a great foundation for the world of work"  
" I would recommend this course to anyone considering a career in business"



**FETAC** is a national awarding body for further education and training in Ireland, The Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) gives people the opportunity to gain recognition for learning in education or training centres, in the work place and in the community.

**FETAC Awards** are recognised and valued by employers and serve as a useful passport to employment and greatly improve career prospects.

## PLC Graduation Class 2011



# Castlerea Community School



FETAC Level 5 courses in

**Social Studies & Business Studies**

Also includes ECDL course



## Duration:

One year full-time courses from September to May  
or  
Two years part-time course

Starting Date:  
Monday 10th September 2012

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## FETAC Level 5 Award

### Title: **BUSINESS STUDIES**

**Award Code: 5M2102**

#### Course Description

This course is designed to give students a practical understanding of the general Business environment with an emphasis on Administration, Accounting and Computer Applications. It is ideal for students who wish to pursue a career in business and/or access further education in Business and Computers.

#### Course Content:

- Business Administration
- Book-keeping. Manual & Computerised
- Text Production
- Human Resources
- Communications
- Safety & Health at Work
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- ICT/ECDL—Extra

## ECDL Course

ECDL Foundation is the certifying authority of the leading international computer skills certification programme – ECDL

The Modules covered are:-

- Information & Communication Technology (ICT)
- File Management
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Using Databases
- Presentation
- Web browsing/ Communications

#### Entry Requirements:

- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate
- Applied
- Mature Students  
(Interview may follow Application)

#### Fees

There are no tuitions fees for Irish or EU nationals as the course is assisted by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the National Development Plan (NDP) but please note there is a professional body registration fee along with a

## FETAC Level 5 Award

### Title: **SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Award Code: DCHSX**

#### Course Description

This course is designed for students with an interest in social care. It provides students with a grounding in Community development and social care preparing them for further studies in this area.

#### Course Content:

- Social Studies
- Care Provision & Practice
- Safety & Health at Work
- Biology
- Communications
- Work Experience
- Human Resources
- Caring for Children (0-6yrs)

#### Entry Requirements:

- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Mature Students  
(Interview may follow Application)

## The National Framework of Qualifications:

The National Framework of Qualifications consists of 10 levels of education and training in Ireland. FETAC are responsible for providing a range of Awards at level 1 to 6.

Using FETAC Awards to Progress to Higher Education. A FETAC Award can facilitate progression to a variety of higher education courses in Institutes of Technology and Universities.

Students can use their points from their FETAC award to obtain a place on a course on level 6, Level 7 or Level 8.

**NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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