

ETB POLICY

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1. ETB POLICY FOR COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTRES.

With the development of community based learning, training and support for other groups in the labour market, the ETB seeks a positive role and partnership relationship with Community Training Centres. The new operating standards will facilitate the achievement of the following objectives:

- A partnership and collaborative approach, as set out in the productivity agreement, to meeting in a flexible manner local and Learner needs.
- To strengthen the quality of outputs of Centres in terms of training outcomes and standards.
- To facilitate the use, by the ETB and the Community, of Community Training Centres as facilities for delivering a wide range of educational, training and development programmes which will be mutually agreed.
- To make available to all Community Training Centres, where possible and as budgetary constraints allow, the necessary resources, personnel and facilities to enable Community Training Centres to carry out the agreed programme. The agreed programme will flow from the Community Training Centre's Strategic Plan and annual Business Plan.
- To provide a framework within which the ETB and Community Training Centres can collaborate in identifying and providing for the needs of very marginalised and disadvantaged young people.
- To maximise the utilisation of resources in Community Training Centres for the benefit of the Learners.

1.1 ETB Aims

It is the intention of the ETB that Community Training Centres should, within the overall context of partnership and collaboration be recognised as:

- Providing a resource for community based training programmes for mutually agreed target groups;
- Being responsible for outcomes and standards of programmes which they deliver;
- Being self managing units with clearly defined roles and responsibilities;
- Having the flexibility to respond to local needs as they emerge, and as mutually agreed with the ETB from time to time.

1.2 ETB Objectives

It is the intention of the ETB that the above policy and aim be pursued through the following overall objectives:

- To deliver services relevant to the needs of Early School Leavers who otherwise would find it difficult or impossible to avail of ETB training services and would therefore be excluded from active participation in both the workforce and society.

- To facilitate the ETB and the community's need for local delivery of a wide range of programmes.
- To operate to an agreed mechanism through which accountability for funding can be structured and which will facilitate funding of different types of development programmes for the agreed learners.
- To continuously improve training outcomes in accordance with the ETB Quality Assurance Procedures or Regulation of Programme Development Delivery and Review, (Community Training Quality Assurance Procedures) the ethos of the Community Training Centre, and the potential of each Learner.