

National Learning Network

Think *Possible*



Free *life changing* **courses**
and supported **training**

- Information for Guidance Counsellors -

About NLN

Every year, some of your students don't fit neatly into a Leaving Cert Applied to college route because of a disability, a mental health difficulty, or a setback that means mainstream progression isn't the right fit yet.

National Learning Network (NLN), part of Rehab Group, gives those students a supported, practical route into a recognised QQI qualification, work experience, and, for nine out of ten students, a job or further training at the end of it. We work in more than 50 centres nationwide, and our instructors design each programme using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles focusing on how the student learns, not a fixed curriculum.

Funded by Education and Training Boards Ireland and the HSE, NLN supports people aged 16 and over, many who have left school or college early, and need help exploring their strengths and next steps.

With personalised supports, small class sizes, and continuous intake, NLN offers accessible programmes that create pathways for students to grow, succeed, and achieve their goals.

At NLN, education is about more than qualifications. It is about confidence, independence, purpose, and real opportunity.



Courses

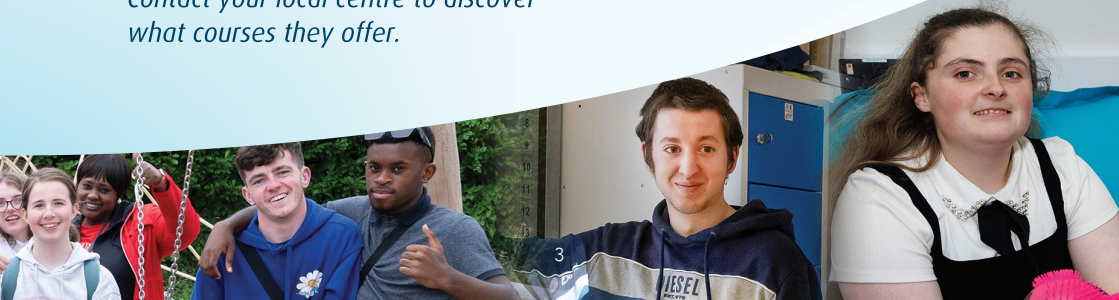
NLN offers a wide range of courses that can open doors to exciting new careers and employment opportunities. Our certified training courses are designed using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and offer nationally recognised qualifications including QQI (Level 1-6), ICDL, MOS and City & Guilds.

Our vocational courses are funded by Education and Training Boards Ireland in a diverse range of subject areas:

- Arts
- Business Studies and Administration
- Career Exploration
- Catering and Hospitality
- Computer Programming and Creative Media
- Digital Skills
- Employer-Based Training
- Getting a Job
- Horticulture and Green Skills
- IT and Office Skills
- Personal Development
- Retail and Customer Service
- Skills for Life
- Sports and Recreation

NLN also provides rehabilitative training programmes which are designed to assist students in improving the quality of their lives through greater inclusion and involvement with the local community and through learning new skills. These programmes are funded by the HSE.

Contact your local centre to discover what courses they offer.



Consider NLN if a student is age 16 or over and:

- ⚙️ Has a diagnosed or suspected disability, long-term illness, or mental health difficulty affecting their ability to manage mainstream FE/HE
- ⚙️ Has left school early, or is likely to, and needs a structured but flexible re-entry point
- ⚙️ Struggles with a standard classroom pace or format
- ⚙️ Wants a practical, work-experience-led route rather than a purely academic one
- ⚙️ Is neurodivergent including autistic people
- ⚙️ Has a general or specific learning disability
- ⚙️ Had an accident or injury or has a long-term illness impacting their daily life
- ⚙️ Is experiencing anxiety/depression or other mental health challenges
- ⚙️ Needs specialist additional supports to engage in education, training or work experience

Not sure? Refer anyway, NLN carries out its own assessment and support students through the academic process.

All applications to NLN must be approved by the Department of Social Protection, the local Education and Training Board (ETB) and/or the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Applications for HSE funded training must be aged 18 or over.

We're not just about **training**, we can **support students** in many ways

PERSON- CENTRED APPROACH

Every course is tailored to the individual's needs, this is done by means of assessment and discussion which leads to the development of a personal training plan for every student.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Learning support for literacy and numeracy is available for students, along with access to assistive technology to support individual learning needs.

ON-SITE PSYCHOLOGIST

NLN offer supports from psychologists and one-on-one coaching in order to help students learn to be the best that they can be.

JOB-SEEKING SKILLS

Vocational training courses include job-specific modules to help students learn job-seeking skills such as CV writing and interview skills.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Each of our vocational training courses include a work placement to give students the chance to gain real-life skills, on-the-job training and valuable experience in a job that interests them.

CONTINUOUS INTAKE

At NLN we offer continuous intake. That means that students don't have to start a course in September or January, instead they can start with us when they are ready to.

COURSE SAMPLING

At times students may not know which course is the right one for them. We offer students an opportunity to sample courses for a couple of weeks before committing to one.

GOAL SETTING & PLANNING SUPPORT

The rehabilitation officer, instructor and manager support every student to create their own individual action plan. This is tailored to the individual's own goals, and targets are set at their pace of learning.

How to refer a student to NLN



Contact your local NLN centre or email **info@nlm.ie** to discuss the needs of your student



Visit your local centre, meet our students and staff, tour the facilities and discuss course options



Complete an application form and health report. We will support your student through the application process



Students can try out a few courses to find the right one for them



We offer continuous intake all year round so students can start when they are ready

Hear from our students



NLN Bantry didn't just help me build a business - they helped me believe that I could build one. The support, encouragement, and guidance I received gave me the foundation to grow my photography business into what it is today. I'm truly grateful for the experience and the confidence it gave me to pursue my dream career.

Shannon | NLN Bantry



I would highly recommend NLN for anyone who found school hard. NLN has a lot of supports for students to help them with their needs, and to get work experience, and to work on their confidence."

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NLN is good for gaining more skills for the outside world, for making friendships with people, and gaining skills for a work placement so that you can get a potential job, or it can lead you on a path to a college degree. We did career preparation – they help you prepare for job interviews. I did work experience, and that led to my manager realising that I am a competent worker and offering me the job. I couldn't believe it, my first job. I like it, and I feel proud."

Christian | NLN Swords



When I started with NLN I didn't think I would be able to see it to the end. The support I received from all the staff made me believe I was capable of gaining my qualifications. They supported me on going out and gaining valuable work experience. I wouldn't recognise myself now, I have been working full time for the past two years in a job I love. I will always look back at my time in NLN fondly and I am very thankful that I found them."

Eimear | NLN Dundalk



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