

Student Supports

An Cosán provides a range of personal and educational supports, including child care, counselling, one-to-one study support, IT skills development, career guidance and financial supports. All our counsellors are fully qualified and accredited with the IACP. A limited number of Bursaries and phased payment options are available for individual learners on a case by case basis.



Early Years

An Cosán's Early Years Education Centres offer programmes for children ranging in age from 3 months to 12 years, integrating the best practice of early childhood education with high quality care provision. The Highscope curriculum is used in all our early years services, ensuring all children receive a high quality programme, based on the interests and strengths.

Rainbow House and Fledglings Early Years Education offers early years childcare programmes in Tallaght, Whitehall and Cabra. Rainbow House also offers additional early years education and care and after school care to support adults returning to education from the community in Tallaght West.

With support from the following:



About Us

An Cosán's holistic, learner-centered model puts you, the learner at the heart of all we do. Our hospitality is integral to our ethos, providing 'a place of hearth and home' and recognises that learners' basic needs must be met before they can excel in their studies. Everyone who comes through the door of An Cosán speaks of the warmth, welcome and visible spirit of care that is present.

An Cosán is here to help you succeed through our innovative model of community education. We provide people of all ages with pathways to learning, leadership and social enterprise. We offer a variety of affordable short programmes, through to a range of options in community, further and higher education programmes including early years education and care, wellness, parenting, community development, leadership, addiction studies and social enterprise.

Our accredited programmes offer progression paths towards Certificate, Higher Certificate and BA Degree awards and all our higher education programmes are accredited through IT Carlow, our collaborative partner.

Our programmes aim to support you to develop your own capacities and experience a sense of empowerment in your life and community. You can attend face to face classes in An Cosán Tallaght or access programmes through our blended online learning model with An Cosán's Virtual Community College (VCC) from anywhere in Ireland. Through the VCC, An Cosán is now working with local Community Partners across Ireland to bring our programmes and holistic approach to address barriers and challenges at a local level. The VCC empowers people to learn anywhere, at any time, using the latest virtual, online and mobile technologies.

Within the lifetime of An Cosán's Strategic Plan 2018-2021, all our programmes will be delivered within the European Commission's Digital Competence Framework. A key element of our work is the development of a critical digital mindset, which prepares individuals to be adaptable and versatile to the digitalization of societies. We focus on developing the 'digital agency' of individuals in terms of their development as digital citizens and digital workers.

Find out more:

Visit our website or contact our team in one of the following locations:

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Virtual
Community
College

Guide to Classes and Programmes



The Path to your Future

2018
2019





FACE TO FACE PROGRAMMES SUPPORTED BY TECHNOLOGY

First Steps Back to Education

- English Classes – reading and writing
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- Irish Classes
- Drama Workshops
- Art
- University of the Third Age (U3A)

Health and Wellbeing

- Personal Development
- Women and Wellness
- Health and Wellbeing for Life
- Mindfulness
- Spirituality
- Yoga
- The Lifestart Growing Child Programme
- From Lads to Dads

Computers and Technology Courses

- ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)
- Computers for the Terrified
- Young Women in Technology
- Technology for Education
- Digital Pathways
- Skills to Succeed Academy
- Technology for Employment: Career information, Getting a job, surfing the web for jobs, Social Media for Employment, C.V. and cover letters, Identify your skills, Interview skills
- Computer applications, App Design, Web Design, Working in the cloud, Online security, Cyberbullying, Introduction to Coding
- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube
- Office Skills Workshops: Microsoft Office Applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Gmail and google accounts
- Other Workshops: How to use a smartphone and tablet, Computer & mobile applications, Using online Government services.

Further Education Programmes

- General Learning, QQI Major Award, Level 3
 - Community Care, QQI Major Award, Level 5
 - Community Development, QQI Major Award, Level 5
 - Early Childhood Care and Education, QQI Major Award Level 5
 - Business Administration, QQI Major Award Level 5*
 - Train the Trainer, QQI Level 6*
- * (Awaiting validation)



Higher Education Programmes

- Bachelor of Arts in Leadership & Community Development, QQI Level 7
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Addiction Studies and Community Development, QQI Level 7
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Early Childhood Education and Care, QQI Level 8



BLENDED ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Introductory Unaccredited Programmes

Options available in the following modules:

- Community Development
- Community Leadership
- Community Drugs Work
- Gender Studies
- Climate Change

Higher Education Programmes

Special Purpose Award

| 10 week | QQI Level 6

- Learning to Learn at Third Level
- Community Leadership
- Community Development
- Citizenship and Social Action
- Social Enterprise Development
- Group Work and Facilitation Skills
- Social Analysis

Special Purpose Award | CPD

| 10 week | QQI Level 7 |

- Transformative Community Education
- Technology Enhanced Learning

Certificate Programmes | 1 year

| QQI Minor Award Level 6 |

- Applied Addiction Studies and Community Development*
- Leadership and Community Development*
- Leadership and Social Enterprise

* Certificate programmes have progression paths to Higher Certificate and BA Degree