



For details of our next
Programme based in
Athlone (Blended Learning)

Starting September
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Trainee Entrepreneur Programme

Westmeath Community Development (WCD) will run a Business Development Programme in Athlone/Mullingar starting in September 2026 which is operated under the Community Employment Programme and funded by the Irish Government.

We are now delivering the programme with a mixture of classroom and blended learning.

Programme runs for 24 weeks

All the skills involved in bringing a project from the idea through to commercial reality are studied, practised and put into effect.

Participants will work closely with the Business Management Consultants on a one-to-one basis during the course of the programme.

How long is the course?

The course is run of 19.5 Hours per week – Monday 9:30am to 4:30pm in Training Centre/online with the other time allocated to Business Research & Development. Also one-to-one meetings with Programme Manager.



PROGRAMME FEATURES

It provides a structured development programme to those who wish to start a new venture. The participant will usually have tested the market prior to the end of the programme.

Participants will receive skills in Financial Planning and Control, Market Research and all the other skills involved in bringing a project from the idea stage through to the commencement of trading.

Practical research in the market place, tutorials and group projects will be reflected in a formal Business Plan prepared by the participant which can be used for obtaining finance for the new venture. Candidates will receive the relevant Community Employment allowance for the duration of the programme.

Eligibility to participate:

A referral to the programme by a Case Officer of the Department of Social Protection and agreement by Westmeath Community Development is required for participation. Queries on eligibility may be made to the Department of Social Protection at your local Intreo Centre.

How to Apply:

Those who feel confident that they have a good Business Idea, but not sure how to go about it should apply through the numbers below.

After this they will be invited to an informal chat to discuss the idea.

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