

# **Return to Learning Seminar Series**

## **Ennis Regional Learning Centre**

### **January — June 2009**

#### **Planned Seminars & Workshops in Ennis RLC January to June 2009**

The Ennis Regional Learning Centre is a new third level centre opening in Ennis under the umbrella of the Shannon Consortium. **The Shannon Consortium** is an education partnership between the **University of Limerick (UL)**, **Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT)**, **Mary Immaculate College (MIC)** and the **Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT)**. This is a **Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) Cycle 2** initiative administered by the **Higher Education Authority (HEA)** aiming to provide flexible access to higher education for adults from all backgrounds within the county. **The Regional Learning Centre** *aims to provide accessible, flexible, accredited, third level opportunities at Levels 6-8 on the National Framework of Qualifications in Co. Clare in response to the needs of the local population.*

For learners who are over 18 and thinking about applying for a place on a higher level programme now or in the future, the Ennis Regional Learning Centre is planning to host a series of seminars and workshops. These will be aimed at helping you find all the information you need about your return to learning.

*To register interest in any of these contact :*

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All seminars and workshops are free of charge

**Completing a CAO form as a mature student and the application process** - Information and an opportunity to ask questions about the CAO form and the application process for higher level education.

**Turning Dreams into Reality** — Explore your hopes for returning to learning. Create an action plan to get there.

**Find the Course you Want** — An exploration workshop to help you decide what programme you would like to study at third level and what is right for you.

**Support for Adult Learners with Disabilities or Learning Difficulties** — Information seminar on supports available for adult learners with disabilities / learning difficulties at higher level.

**Achieving Study / Life Balance** — look at what is important in your life at present. How will study fit into this? Explore what changes you will need to make and plan effective strategies to keep you and your life balanced.

**Making a Direct Application to Third Level as a Mature Student** — your questions answered about the entire application / form completion process.

**Prepare Yourself for the Mature Student Interview** — Learn valuable interview techniques to help you get through this process confidently.

**Academic Writing** — become familiar with some of the conventions associated with academic writing. De-mystify the process. Learn some essay writing techniques

**Effective Note-Taking** (*so you can read them afterwards*) — How to take effective notes in class. Enhance reading, selecting and note-taking skills. Practice paraphrasing and summarising techniques so that you are equipped with the skills needed to distinguish between your own words and the words of the author.

**Effective Use of Libraries at Higher Level** — This workshop introduces you to using a library for reading and research, without being baffled by the range of books available.

*All seminars & workshops are subject to a minimum number of participants.  
Dates, times and venue will be advised at a later date.*

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**ActiveLink.ie**

<http://www.activelink.ie/>

**Age Action Ireland**

<http://www.ageaction.ie/>

**AONTAS**

<http://www.aontas.com/>

**City of Galway VEC**

<http://www.cgvec.ie/>

**Citizens Information**

<http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/>

**Clare Education Centre**

<http://www.clare-education-centre.ie/>

**Clare Lifelong Learning Network**

<http://www.clarelearningnetwork.org/>

**Combat Poverty Agency**

<http://www.combatpoverty.ie/>

**County Clare VEC**

<http://www.clarevec.ie/>

**County Galway VEC**

<http://www.countygalwayvec.com/>

**Department of Education & Science**

<http://www.education.ie/>

**East Galway VEC**

<http://www.eastgalwayadulthoodeducation.ie/>

**Education Guidance Service for Adults**

<http://www.egsa.org.uk/>

**Education Ireland**

<http://www.educationireland.ie/>

**Equality Authority**  
<http://www.equality.ie/>

**FETAC**  
<http://www.fetac.ie/>

**Léargas**  
<http://www.leargas.ie/>

**Irish Human Rights Commission**  
<http://www.ihrc.ie/home/default.asp>

**National Voluntary Childcare Collaborative**  
<http://www.nvcc.ie/>

**Irish Vocational Education Association**  
<http://www.ivea.ie/>

**National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA)**  
<http://www.nala.ie/>

**National Centre for Guidance in Education**  
<http://www.ncge.ie/>

**NEWB : The National Education Welfare Board**  
<http://www.newb.ie/>

**National Learning Network**  
<http://www.rehab.ie/nln/index.aspx>

**Prison Education Service, Ireland**  
<http://www.pesireland.org/>

**VTOS**  
<http://www.vtos.ie/joomla/>

**The Wheel**  
<http://www.wheel.ie/>