

LCEN MEMBERS

- Moyross Adult Education Group
- Our Lady of Lourdes CARE Group
- Limerick City CDP, St. Munchin's
- Northside Family Resource Centre
- Southill Adult Education Network
- Adapt House
- St. Mary's Adult Education Group
- Queen of Peace Community Development Group
- St. Saviour's Adult Education Group
- Doras Luimni
- Limerick Women's Network
- Garryowen Community Development Group
- LCETB;
- Paul Partnership



What is Community Education?

Community Education is adult learning and education which takes place in the local community and aims towards improving the quality of life of learners, their families and the wider community.

Approximately 3,000 adult learners participate in Community Education programmes in Limerick each year.

Classes are held in around ... venues in Limerick city.

Community Education is an opportunity for adults to return to learning in an informal, non-threatening environment.

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LCEN, which was set up in 1993, is a network of community groups and statutory agencies involved in the provision of community based adult education in Limerick City. The aim of LCEN is to promote the value of life-long learning and to ensure the continuation and further development of quality learning opportunities for adults in Limerick City.

What we do

1. Represent 15 organisations and 3,000 adult learners in Limerick city
2. Work collectively in the provision of Community Education
3. Share information, knowledge and resources and explore and share good practice within Community Education
4. Support members in the provision of Quality Assured Community Education
5. Work in collaboration with local, regional and national organisations to advocate for Community Education

LCEN is supported by



Achievements and Milestones

- Eight Community Groups Awarded FETAC Quality Assurance
- Membership of Aontas Community Education Network (CEN) and CEN steering group member
- Inclusion in Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan.
- Funding secured for Development Workers
- Annual participants in the Aontas Adult Learner Festivals
- Highlighting adult learner achievements through initiatives e.g. Production of Tackies, Rushers & Peggy's Leg! booklet of childhood stories by adult learners
- Winners of Aontas STAR Award in 2012 in recognition of the positive contribution LCEN has made to local communi-



What adult learners have said about Community Education

It gives you more pride in yourself...you feel you're more equal to everybody...

You're bringing life experience and it's very enriching

You get to know people in the community

It broke a cycle in my family...I was working at 15, my mother was working at 13 so I was repeating the cycle and then education gave me the ability to break that, to realise that there is more

You never know what amazing things are happening on your doorstep until you join classes

Quotes taken from The Social Value of Community Based Adult Education in Limerick City; November 2011