



NIGHT CLASS PROGRAMME - Spring 2012

**COUNTY LAOIS
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
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PORTLAOISE COLLEGE

Enrolment: Mon, 23rd Jan 2012 (7.30pm – 9.30pm) Commencing: week beginning Mon, 30th Jan 2012
Director: Mr. William Flanagan Mountrath Road | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 862 1480 Email: info@portlaoisecollege.ie Website: www.portlaoisecollege.ie

PROPOSED COURSES

HOBBY AND CRAFT COURSES

Subject	Time	Day	Duration	Fees €
1. Art – Acrylics	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
2. Art – Water Colours*	7.30-9.30	Tues	8 wks	90
3. Art – Painting with Oils*	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
4. Badminton Lessons and Play	8.00-10.00	Wed	8 wks	90
5. Ballroom Dancing	8.00-9.30	Mon	8 wks	65
6. Beauty and Skin Care	7.30-9.30	Tue	5 wks	55
7. Bee Keeping*	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
8. Beginners Knitting*	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
9. Computers – Beginners	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
10. Career Coaching Course*	7.30-9.30	Tue	5 wks	55
11. Computers – Beginners over 55's	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
12. Computers – Intermediate Excel/Word	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
13. Cookery – An Introduction	7.30-9.30	Tue	5 wks	55 + ingred
14. Crochet for Beginners*	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
15. DIY for Ladies	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
16. First Aid	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
17. Floristry & Flower Arranging	7.30-9.30	Mon	6 wks	65
18. Gardening and Garden Design*	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
19. Freestyle Bollywood Dance*	8.00-9.30	Thur	8 wks	65
20. Guitar	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
21. Heal Yourself – Personal Development	7.30-9.30	Mon	5 wks	55
22. Home Baking and Desserts	7.30-9.30	Mon	5 wks	55 + ingred
23. Indian Cookery	7.30-9.30	Thur	6 wks	65 + ingred
24. Hypnotherapy*	7.30-9.30	Tue	6 wks	65
25. Interior Design	7.30-9.30	Tue	6 wks	65
26. Italian	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
27. Photography	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
28. Life Skills using NPL	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
29. Pilates Beginners	7.00-8.30	Tue	8 wks	65
30. Sewing and Textiles	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
31. Sign Language	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
32. Small Engine Maintenance	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
33. Spanish – Beginners	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90
34. Tai Chi	8.00-9.30	Wed	6 wks	65
35. Tantra (Meditation)*	8.00-9.30	Wed	6 wks	65
36. Yoga – Beginners	7.00-8.00	Mon	8 wks	50
37. Yoga – Improvers	8.00-9.30	Mon	8 wks	65

LEAVING CERTIFICATE ORDINARY LEVEL

38. Maths	7.30-9.30	Wed	8 wks	90
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CERTIFIED COURSES – FETAC LEVEL 4

39. Computer Applications – Access, Excel, Graphics	7.30-9.30	Thur	10 wks	110
40. Information Technology Skills – Word, Internet, File Mgt., Inputting	7.30-9.30	Mon	10 wks	110

* new courses

SKILLS FOR WORK

Regional Co-ordinator: Marian O'Reilly Co. Laois VEC | Ridge Road | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Tel: (087) 177 7879 Email: sfwmidlands@gmail.com Web: www.skillsforwork.ie

WHAT IS SKILLS FOR WORK?

Free education and training for

- Companies
- Full-time/Part-time employees
- Self-employed

Criteria

- For those with less than Leaving Certificate Level of education

Course Duration and Class Size

- 12 week courses for groups of 6-8 adults

Sample courses

- Communications Through Computers
- Work Related Skills
- Customer Care
- Personal/Interpersonal Skills
- Communications, Basic IT, Maths

PORTARLINGTON ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

Enrolment: Mon, 23rd Jan 2012 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm Commencing: Mon, 30th Jan 2012
Centre Director: Margaret Morrin Bracklone Street | Portarlinton | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 862 3161 Email: info@portarlintonaec.ie Website: www.portarlintonaec.ie

PROPOSED COURSES

HOBBY COURSES

Subject	Time	Day	Duration	Fees €
1. Floristry & Flower Arranging	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
2. Beginners Computers	7.30-9.30	Mon	8 wks	90
3. Art & Design	7.30-9.30	Tue	8 wks	90

CERTIFIED COURSES – FETAC LEVEL 5

4. Health & Safety	7.00-9.30	Tue	10 wks	110
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ABBEYLEIX FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE

Director: Helen Kavanagh Mountrath Road | Abbeyleix | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 873 1127 Email: hkavanagh@abbeyleixfec.ie Website: www.laoisvec.ie

We propose to offer courses in IT, Ceramics, Occupational First Aid, Art and Woodcraft.
Please contact the Centre for further details.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE & INFORMATION SERVICE (AEGIS)

Guidance Coordinator: Carmel Hoolan No. 2 Meehan Court | Portlaoise
Tel/Fax: (057) 867 2963 Email: info@laoisaegis.ie Website: www.laoisaegis.ie

THINKING ABOUT RETURNING TO LEARNING AS AN ADULT?

AEGIS CAN HELP YOU:

- Find the right course for you
- Apply for local courses
- Apply for college courses
- Find out about fees and grants
- Find out about social welfare payments for education.

AEGIS offers a drop in service on Mondays from 10.00am to 1.00pm and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. For appointments at other times please contact the service.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE

Community Education Facilitator: Teresa McEvoy Ridge Road | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 866 1890 Email: tmcevoy@laoiscommed.ie Website: www.laoisvec.ie

WHO IS OUR SERVICE FOR?

Any group or organisation can avail of our service. Priority will be given to groups whose focus is on addressing educational and community disadvantage. Classes generally run for 6 – 10 weeks and are organised at times and locations which suit the participants.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES FOR DISADVANTAGED ADULTS SCHEME

A limited amount of funding is available to people in receipt of Social Welfare, to access accredited Third Level courses.

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

Adult Literacy Organiser: Kathleen Bennett Ridge Road | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 866 1338 Email: kbennett@laoisalc.ie Website: www.laoisvec.ie

The Adult Learning Centre offers support to adults who wish to return to learning. Part-time tuition is offered on a one-to-one basis and/or in small groups. You will be given the opportunity to improve your reading, writing, spelling, maths and basic computer skills in a relaxed, adult friendly environment. **This is a free and confidential service.**

- Catch up on missed educational opportunities;
- Cope with literacy needs in everyday living;
- Help children with homework;
- Improve job prospects;
- Build your confidence.

ADULT EDUCATION SERVICE

Adult Education Officer: Joe Cunningham Ridge Road | Portlaoise | Co. Laois
Tel: (057) 862 1352 Email: jcunningham@laoisvec.ie Website: www.laoisvec.ie

Enrolment night for classes in Portlaoise College and Portarlinton Adult Education Centre is Monday 23rd January. Full fees payable on enrolment night. Courses must have a minimum number of participants to commence. Confirmations and communications will take place by text.