From “just a tutor” to Educational Professional

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Republic of Ireland

- 84,421 km^2
- Population 4.75 million
- Independence 1921
- 26 counties
- Ranked 11th wealthiest in the world (GDP per capita)[Central Intelligence Agency. Retrieved 19/02/17]
- Human Development: 6th (same as Germany)

United Nations (2015)

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Cork

- Area: 10% of the Country
- Population: 11%

- City: 119,230 (2011)
- County: 399,802 (2011)

- Migration(2016)
- City: +4,380
- County: -2,861

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Education System

Primary Level
(Year 1-8)

Second Level

Junior Cycle
(Years 1-3)

Transition Year
(Year 4

Senior Cycle
Years (5-6)

Third Level

Universities

Institutes of Technology

Colleges of Education

Independent Colleges

Adult & Further Education

Qualifications

Primary Degrees
P/G Diplomas & Degrees
Research

National Certs & Diplomas
Primary Degrees
P/G Diplomas & Degrees
Research
Professional Qualifications

Primary Degrees
P/G Diplomas & Degrees
Research

Diplomas
Primary Degrees
P/G Diplomas & Degrees
Professional Qualifications

Vocational

Craft

Educational

Primary School	Secondary School	Bachelor Degree	Masters	Doctorate
4/5 to 11/12	12/13 to 18/19	18/19 to 21/22	21/22 to 23/24	24- 28

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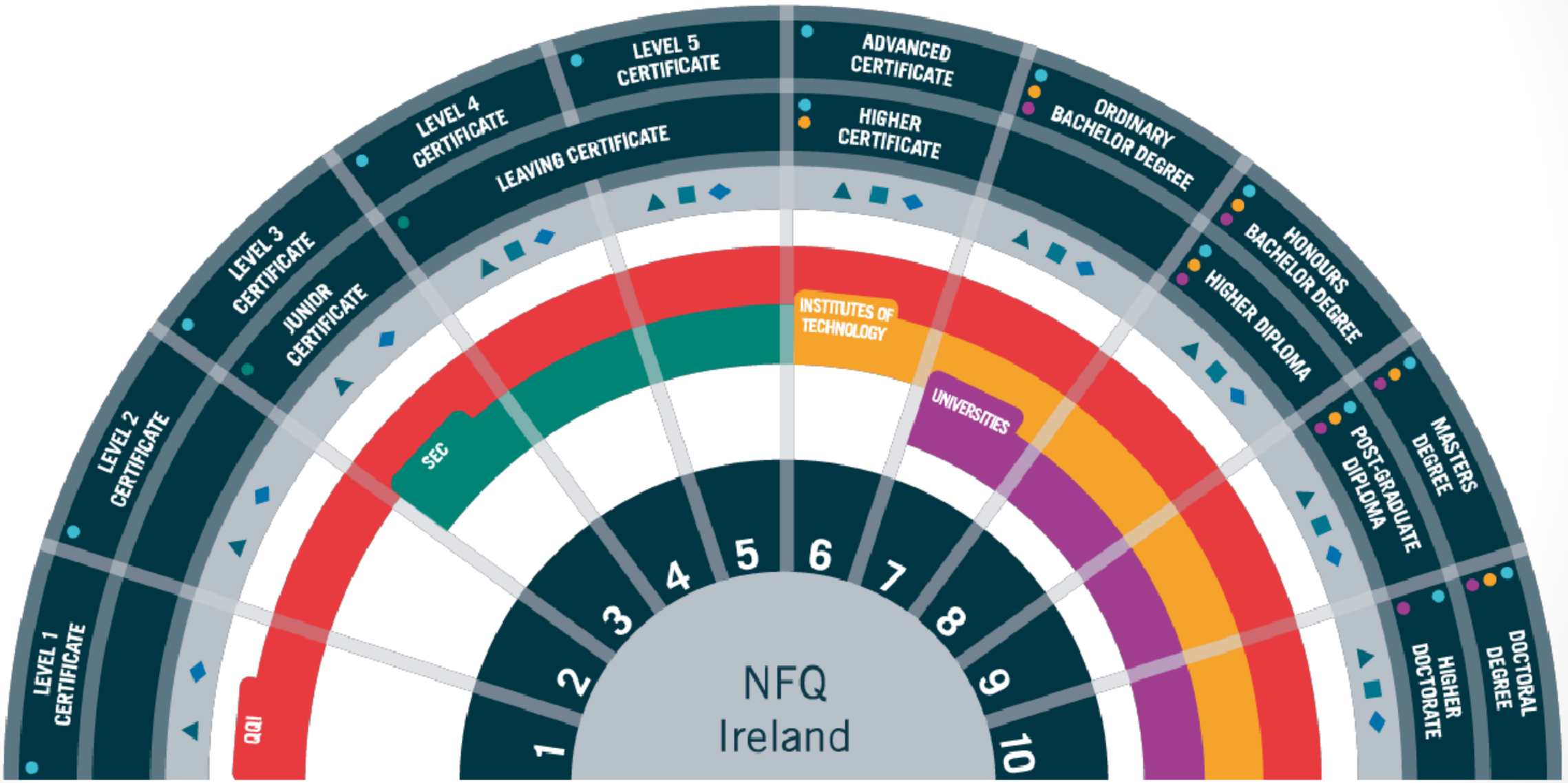
National Framework of Qualifications

A pathway for every learner



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Societal level drivers

- Society in transition
  - Socially & Culturally (Immigration, Emigration)
- Economy
  - Human capital central to economic recovery
  - Plan for future knowledge economy
- Professionalisation of Further & Adult Education
  - Learning that supports and challenges learners to reach their full potential
  - Deep Learning: working with learners to construct their personal knowledge
  - Lifelong Learning
  - Create Professional Identity and support Professional Development

Adult Basic Education

- Local voluntary groups
- International Adult Literacy Survey 1995
- White Paper (2000) Learning for Life
- National policy (and budget)
- Substantial challenges
- Professional qualification TEQ required
- Learning is for learners – full potential e.g. challenges faced
- 1 in 4 adults with low literacy levels#
- Immigration: new , now refugees

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Challenges:

From 33 VECs to 13 ETBs

(SOLAS, 2012)

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Good news

- Consolidation of sector and changes to provision
- Teacher Education Qualifications
- Recognition of Issues (Budget allocated)
- Integration of literacy courses

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Providers of Adult Literacy Services

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Development of TEQ

- 1990s “Barefoot College” ethos
- 1995 3rd level Qualification for Literacy Organisers developed
- 1998 3rd level Qualification for Tutors developed

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My Story

BA (Hons) in Adult & Further Education

BA in Adult Education

Higher Certificate in Arts in Literacy Development

Foundation Diploma in Training & Education

Diploma in ICT (OU)

Teacher's Diplomas (Typing, Word Processing, IT)

Secretarial Training

Post primary

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CASE

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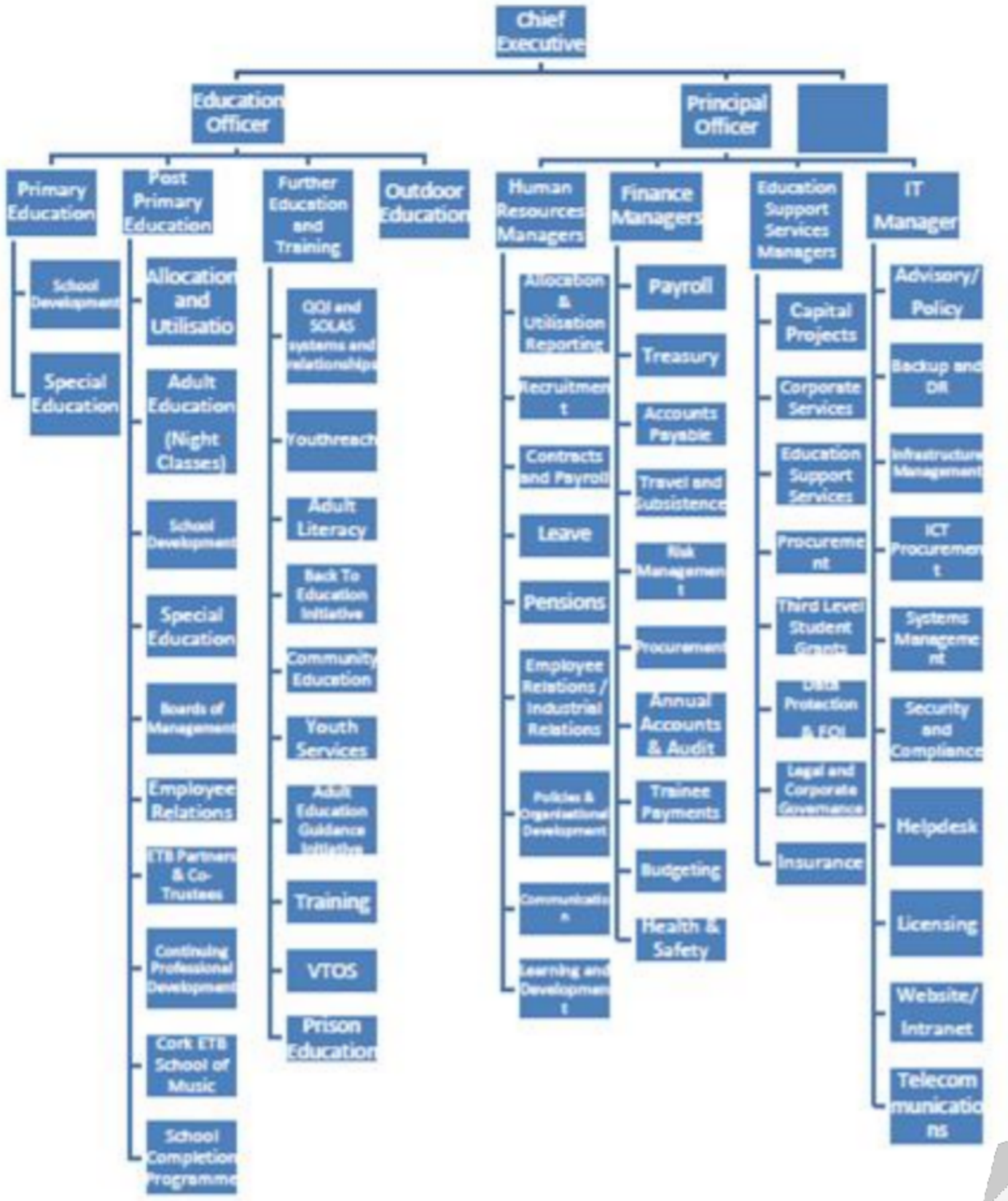
Structure of CORK ETB



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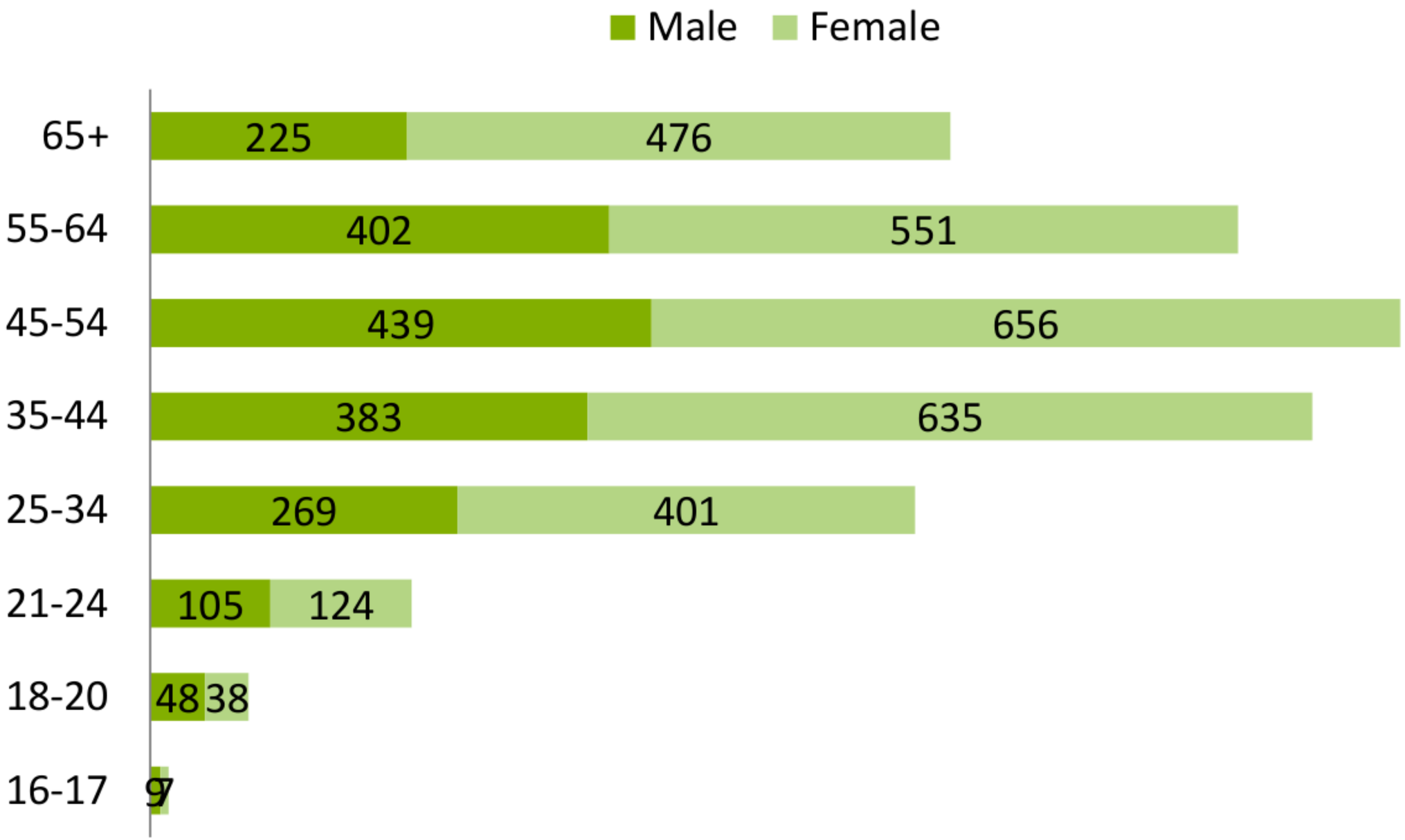
Cork ETB Literacy Service (2016)



	16-17	18-20	21-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Male	9	48	105	269	383	439	402	225
Female	7	38	124	401	635	656	551	476

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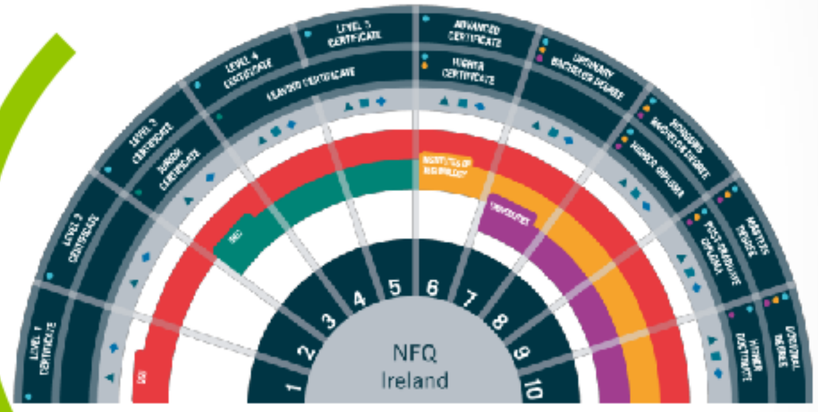
Tutors



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(Volunteers)

Small Group

(Volunteers & Paid Tutors)

Accredited Programmes

(Paid tutors)

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My role

- ICT & General Learning Tutor
  - Basic ICT ipad/tablet, smart phone/iphone introduction
  - QQI L2 General Learning (Pattern & Relationship)
  - QQI L2 Computer Skills
  - QQI L3 Computer Literacy
  - QQI L3 Internet & Email Skills
  - QQI L3 Word Processing
  - Family Literacy
  - Photography
  - Personal Effectiveness
  - Internet Safety

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West Cork

Classes (per week)

12 groups

18 hours

3 days

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Changes in the classroom

- Technology is everywhere – Smart phones
  - Download and access apps
- Beginners definition has changed
  - Spiky skills
- Expectations have changed

The weather : Irish Obsession

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Joe

- 35+ year old male
- Farm labourer
- Some intellectual challenges
- Open about literacy level
- Low literacy level
- One-to-one (reading & writing) and group (ICT)

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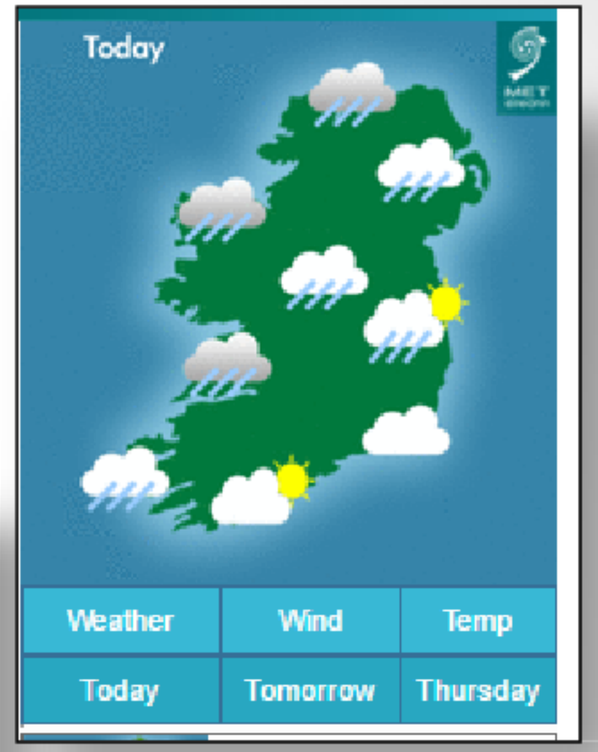
Weather Websites

www.met.ie
www.wisuki.com
www.xcweather.co.uk
www.yr.no

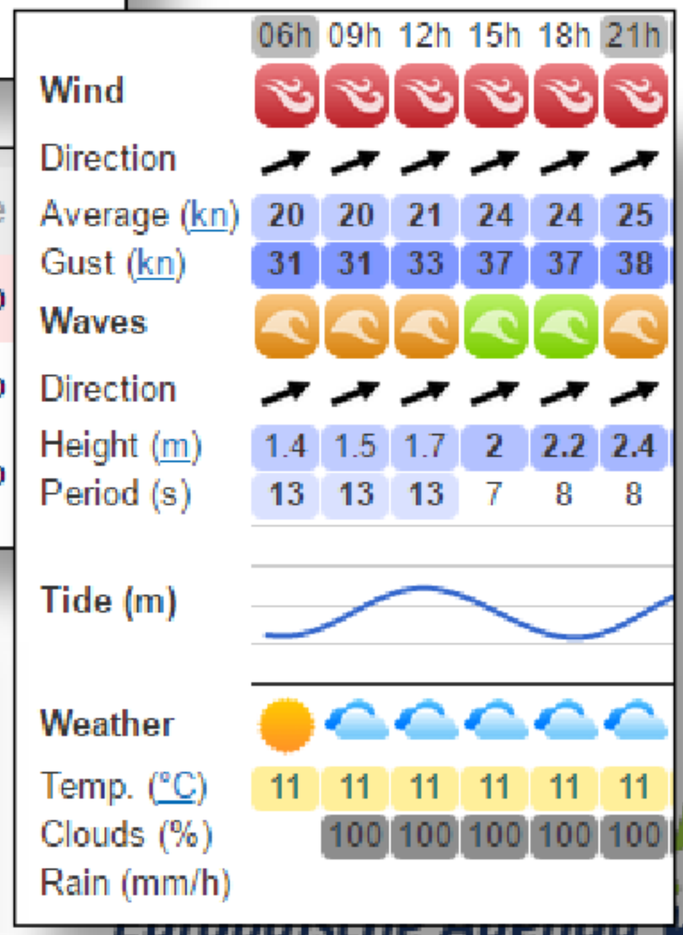


Today

Good dry periods this afternoon in parts of Munster and south Leinster with some bright spells, but misty and damp on some coasts.
Generally cloudy and misty elsewhere with rain at times, persistent in the northwest and north and windy here also, as southwesterly winds increasing fresh to strong and gusty. Top temperatures of 10 to 14 degrees Celsius.

	Wind	Avg.		Gust	Temp.	Rain	Weather	Cloud	Pressure
15:00	WSW	26 mph	to	41 mph	11 °C	0.2 mm		100%	1016 mb
18:00	W	26 mph	to	43 mph	11 °C	0.1 mm		100%	1015 mb
21:00	WSW	28 mph	to	44 mph	11 °C	0.4 mm		100%	1014 mb

Time	Forecast	Temp.	Precipitation	Wind
15:00–18:00		11°	0 mm	Fresh breeze, 8 m/s from west-southwest
18:00–00:00		10°	0 mm	Moderate breeze, 7 m/s from west-southwest



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Storytelling

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Barbara

- 55+ year old female
- Stay at home grandmother
- Some health issues (limited mobility)
- Literacy level not discussed openly
- Some writing challenges
- Group ICT class

Storybird.com

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Changes for me

- I'm here!
- Increased knowledge & skills
- Increased confidence in MY 3 R's
- Not "just a tutor"
- I'm an Education Professional

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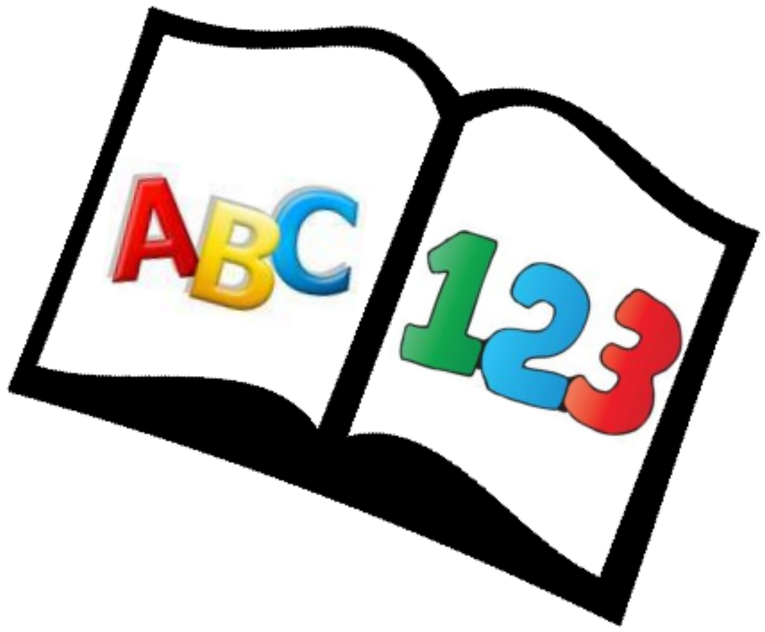
Evolving Identity

Not what I do . . . 3 R's

- Reading
- Writing
- Arithmetic



But how I do it . . . 3 R's

- Respect
- Relevance
- Responsiveness

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Vielen Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit

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