

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Dublin FET College Launch

Launch of the City of Dublin FET College

City of Dublin ETB (Education and Training Board) is proud to announce the launch of its new City of Dublin FET College.

The City of Dublin FET College has over 30,000 learners with 12,000 full time and 18,000 part time students. The College will operate over four integrated campuses strategically located all over the city. All courses are provided in ten specialist faculties. The City of Dublin FET College brand also involves the renaming of all existing FET centres to reflect their alignment within the new structure.

This development marks a significant milestone in the evolution of FET in Dublin, reinforcing a coherent, learner-centred approach that supports ease of access, progression, flexibility, and quality across the entire learner journey.

City of Dublin FET College Campuses

City of Dublin FET College now operates across four strategic campuses in the city, delivering a comprehensive range of programmes including Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses, apprenticeships, traineeships, Youthreach, and other further education and training upskilling opportunities for both young people and adults.

All City of Dublin FET College provision is now delivered through the following campuses:

- City of Dublin FET College Northwest Campus
- City of Dublin FET College Northeast Campus
- City of Dublin FET College Southwest Campus
- City of Dublin FET College Central Campus

In tandem with this change, all existing FET centres have been renamed to reflect their new campus alignment.

[Click here to view the new City of Dublin FET College campus locations.]

A New Ten Faculty Structure

The move to a faculty-based model will provide clearer pathways for learners, greater alignment with enterprise needs, and more consistent access to high-quality provision. The ten faculties are as follows:

- Arts, Humanities & Creative Media
- Business, Administration and Law
- Education, Adult & Community
- Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction
- Health and Welfare
- Computing, Digital & Data
- Natural Sciences
- Agriculture
- Tourism, Hospitality & Services
- Social Sciences, Journalism and Information

This structure strengthens academic and quality assurance processes while enhancing our capacity to offer relevant, future-focused programmes that respond to the skills needs of Dublin's economy and society.

Inclusion, Employer Engagement, and Lifelong Learning

The launch of City of Dublin FET College reflects our continued commitment to inclusive, accessible education and training that empowers learners to achieve their potential with lifelong learning. Through the City of Dublin FET College, we aim to deepen our engagement with local communities and enhance collaboration with employers, enterprise and stakeholders to provide clear, career-focused progression routes.

A Message from Leadership in City of Dublin ETB

Commenting on the launch, Dr. Christy Duffy, Chief Executive of City of Dublin ETB, stated:

"City of Dublin FET College is a large college with over 30,000 learners and the launch of the new College will make it easier for learners to clearly see the huge range of courses we provide all over the city. The new campus model and faculty structure will enhance academic delivery and drive continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

It also strengthens our ability to partner effectively with employers and communities, ensuring that the City of Dublin FET College continues to meet the needs of a dynamic, evolving city."

John Moriarty, Director of Transformation & Knowledge (FET), City of Dublin ETB, added:

"This rebrand marks an exciting new era for City of Dublin FET College, reinforcing our dedication to academic excellence, learner success, and community engagement."

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Notes to editors:

<u>City of Dublin ETB</u> has been a cornerstone of education in the capital for nearly 100 years. The launch of City of Dublin FET College represents the latest step in that journey, modernising our approach while staying true to our mission of delivering high-quality public education and training.

We do this through running Community National Schools, Community Special Schools, Community Hospital Schools and 11 Community Colleges across the city. The City of Dublin FET College has over 30,000 learners with 12,000 full time and 18,000 part time students and operates over four integrated campuses strategically located all over the city with all courses are provided in ten specialist faculties.

We are also responsible for SUSI, the national awarding authority for student grants in Ireland. City of Dublin ETB supports the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of Youth Services in Dublin city and is the lead partner in Music Generation Dublin City.

This provision is supported by a range of services including a psychological service, a curriculum development unit, a buildings capital and maintenance unit and the Head Office administrative staff in Ballsbridge.