**PRESS RELEASE**

**27th February 2023**

**Cit of Dublin ETB celebrates 10 years as state provider of education and training in Dublin City**

City of Dublin ETB will join 15 other Education and Training Boards across the country next month, to celebrate 10 years since their establishment. To mark the milestone, a national ‘[ETB Week](https://events.etbi.ie/ETBDay2023)’ is being coordinated by [Education and Training Boards Ireland](http://www.etbi.ie/), which will run from 27th February – 3rd March 2023.

City of Dublin ETB will join the national ETB Week celebrations, by hosting a variety of activities that will be highlighted across our social media pages - @CityofDublinETB.

Speaking today, Dr. Christy Duffy, Chief Executive, City of Dublin ETB: “City of Dublin ETB is delighted to join the #ETBDay initiative to highlight the life changing and transformative impact ETBs have in our local communities. City of Dublin ETB is committed to developing One Service with the learner journey at the centre for our 48,000 learners in Dublin city.”

**ETB Excellence Awards**

ETB Week celebrations will culminate in the ETB Excellence Awards, which will take place in Croke Park on 2nd March. The Excellence Awards will recognise individuals, initiatives and groups in ETBs across the country, that have had a significant impact on their community, and are going above and beyond to embody the ETB ethos.

Over the past month, ETBs across the country were invited to submit entries to a number of categories, including ‘ETB Hero’, ‘Excellence in Education Award’, and ‘Excellence Award for Equality’, amongst others. The winners will be announced at the upcoming awards ceremony.

City of Dublin ETB is delighted to have been shortlisted across five award categories including Excellence Awards for Respect, Community, Equality and Youth Services, as well as the ‘My ETB’ Creative Learner competition.

Commenting on the milestone year, **Paddy Lavelle, Chief Executive of Education and Training Boards Ireland**, said: “This year marks 10 years since the establishment of Education and Training Boards across the country – which is an extremely important milestone for us. The 16 ETBs operating across the country play a vital role in providing a route to education for people within their community – no matter what stage of their education journey they are on.

“As we reflect on 10 years of ETB education provision, we are delighted to be able to celebrate some of the people and groups across the country that are doing exemplary work at our upcoming ETB Excellence Awards, and we are looking forward to recognising all the achievements of our ETBs across the week.”

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**Notes to Editor:**

*Please note that City of Dublin ETB has rebranded and is no longer to be referred to as ‘CDETB’. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please also find attached a copy of our new logo for your records.*

**City of Dublin ETB** is the state provider of education and training in Dublin with over 3,000 staff and 48,000 learners in the city. We operates 25 schools and colleges including two Community National Schools, 11 second level schools and 12 Colleges of Further Education.

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 maintenance unit and the Head Office staff in Ballsbridge.

We are the largest provider of QQI awards in Further Education and Training (FET) in Ireland and manage 9 Youthreach Centres, two Training Centres, and an Adult Education Service operating in five separate areas across the city. We also provide an education service in seven Prisons and fund a range of Community Training Centres and Local Training Initiatives.

**Education & Training Boards Ireland (ETBI)** is the national representresponsible for ative association for its members – Education & Training Boards (ETB) and negotiates on behalf of the ETB sector at various forums both within the education sector, the wider public service and at EU level. Its mission is to lead and advance the continued development of education, training and youthwork in Ireland and its vision is to harness the strength of the sector to influence and promote collaboration and collective effort. ETBI is guided by its core values of excellence, care, equality, community and respect. Follow ETBI on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ETBIreland), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ETBI.ie) , [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/education-and-training-boards-ireland/) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/etbi_ireland/).