

## Learner Expectations

Learners who participate on this programme must

- Work towards completing all modules offered.
- Turn up for class each day and arrive on time.
- Complete and submit work as per deadlines set down by programme staff and tutors.
- Participate in all activities.

All learners are required to complete a number of tasks in order to successfully pass each module. These tasks may include

- Skills Demonstration
- Assessment/Examinations/Tests/ Presentations
- Learner Record (Submission of Learner Portfolio)

*All work completed must be individuals own work.*

## Entry Requirements:

- Be eligible to participate on a FÁS LTI (you need to arrange an appointment with a FAS employment officer to assess eligibility)
- Long Term Unemployed.
- In receipt of a Social Welfare Payment.
- Interested in the area of Horticulture.
- Aged between 18 and 35.
- Have a good written and verbal communication skills.
- Live in the LCDP priority areas of West & North West Clare, Ennis, Killenena and Kildysart.
- Ability to work as part of a team.
- Desire to progress to further learning and training.

**Note: All modules offered are subject to the availability of premises and tutors. Therefore,**

**Location:**  
**Scarriff, Co. Clare**



### Expression of Interest Form

#### Horticulture

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Have you successfully completed a leaving certificate?**

Yes  No

If yes, at what level? Ordinary  Higher

Other Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare payment or are you a dependant of a SW recipient?**

Yes  No

**Please complete and return to:**

**Contact Details:** For further details contact Samantha McCarthy, Education Co-ordinator, Clare Local Development Company, Kilrush Rd, Ennis, Co.



# FETAC LEVEL 5: MAJOR AWARD IN HORTICULTURE

***Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration. ~Lou Erickson***



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## Aims and Objectives

### Programme Aim

The aim of the programme is to enable the Learner through practical and observed learning to integrate the theoretical and practical aspects of personal, social and horticulture skills development.

All learners are supported in identifying their individual learning needs. Learners are encouraged to develop to their maximum potential at their own pace in a supported learning environment of equality and inclusion.

The overall purpose of the Programme is to assist Learners achieve a **FETAC Level 5 major award in Horticulture** within the National Framework of Qualifications to facilitate progression to further learning and/or work.

This horticulture programme is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of horticulture and the skills to pursue a career in this sector

### About the course

- This course will start on the 21st November 2011.
- It will take place in the Scarriff Co. Clare
- Classes will run each morning from 9.15am to 1.15pm from Monday to Friday.



## FETAC & The National Qualifications Framework



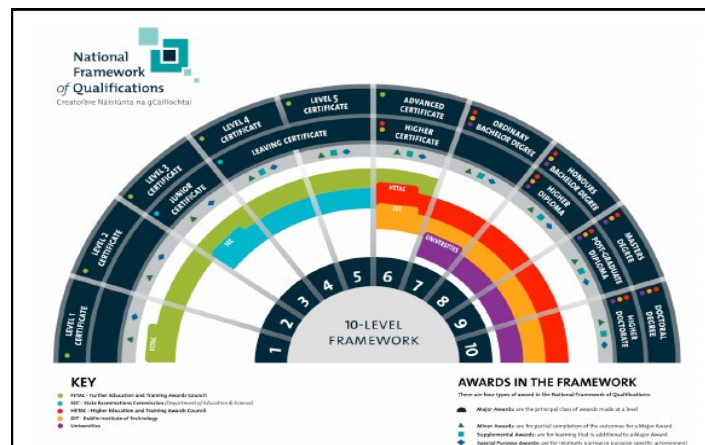
**FETAC**, the Further Education and Training Awards Council, was set up in 2001 by the Minister for Education and Science under the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999.

It is the single national awarding body for the further education and training sector in Ireland. FETAC awards are designed to provide access to employment and to further and higher education and training.

A FETAC Level 5 qualification offers students the equivalent of a Higher Leaving Certificate Qualification.

On completion of the 36 week, 680 hour programme, students will have completed 8 certified modules, and 4 - 5 non certified components that give a sound introduction to the area of motor technology.

This combination of both academic and practical modules offers students an excellent foundation for further studies, as well as all the practical and technical skills to prepare them for full time employment in the workplace.



## Modules Offered

Learners who want to gain the Major Award at FETAC Level 5 in Horticulture must complete 8 FETAC modules. These include;

1. **Plant Identification and Use** To provide learners with an understanding of the principles, practices and relevance of plant identification and use.
2. **Communications** To provide learners with an opportunity to develop valued communications skills both for the education and workplace sector in order to enhance personal, social and professional development.
3. **Soil Science & Growing Media** To enable learners to develop an understanding of the soil properties and processes that are basic to the optimum utilization of soils now and in the future.
4. **Food Crops** To provide the learner with a knowledge and understanding of the principals of crop production and enable learners to develop the practical skills necessary for the successful production of a wide range of food crops.
5. **Work Experience** To facilitate learners to carry out 80 hrs of practical work experience.
6. **Landscape Construction & Maintenance** To provide the learner with the knowledge and skills relevant to landscape construction and maintenance.
7. **Safety & Health @ Work** To provide learners with the skills and knowledge to promote and maintain safety and health in the working environment.
8. **Plant Science** To enable learners to acquire skills, knowledge and understanding of plant growth and development.

Non certified modules to include: IT, Personal/Group Development, Health & Safety and Life Coaching.

**Note: All modules offered are subject to the availability of premises and tutors. Therefore, changes in programme content may occur.**