

## Why PLCs started E.U. report identified

- increased demand for highly educated and skilled workers
  - reduced demand for unskilled workers
  - Move from single skill to multi-skilled
  - Move from manufacturing to services sector
  - Technological change
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- To respond to the job market, workers need to be trained.
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- FETAC courses are constantly updated in response to job market needs.

## What is PLC

- Post Leaving Cert
- It is between 2<sup>nd</sup> level and 3<sup>rd</sup> level
- Level 2.5
- Equivalent of 1st year university

For whom is PLC?

Students who have completed

- VPT 1
  - Leaving Cert
  - LCVP
  - LCA
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- No age limit- mature students are welcome

## What type of course is PLC/FETAC LEVEL 5

### Integrated:

- Element of General Education
- Vocational Training eg Business
- Work Experience

### Modular Course

i.e. students complete modules

- 5 Vocational Modules – Accounting  
Book-keeping  
Database  
Spreadsheets  
Word Processing
- 2 General Studies - Communication  
- one other
- 1 Work Experience Module

### TIME ALLOCATION

- Vocational 50% - 60%
- General Studies 20% - 30%
- Preparation for Work/  
Work Experience 20% - 30%

## CERTIFICATION

- FETAC Level 5 Award
- Fetac specify requirements
- Extern Examiners check that marks are in accordance with national standards
- Same National Award

## ASSESSMENT

- Examinations
- Assignments
- Projects
- Tasks
- Reports
- Presentations

All work is marked, then checked to ensure National Standard.  
Continuous Assessment- you hand in your work during the year.

## Why do a PLC/Fetac Level 5 course in St. Mary's

- Stepping stone to college
- Extra year with extra qualifications
- Prepare you for work e.g Public Service
- Fully trained and experienced Teachers of the Deaf
- Same award as other colleges: Fetac Level 5
- Small numbers, individual attention
- Excellent exam results
- Our students have done very well
- Higher Level Maintenance Grant up to €3420 p.a.
- No fees
- Keep D.A.

## After PLC/ Fetac 5 ..what? Progression

- To work
- To 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Institutes of Technology
- Courses linked directly with Fetac Level 5, some places reserved for Fetac students
- Other colleges
- Further Fetac courses
- Other training