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## Promoting the Development of Quality Vocational Education and Training

### A European Peer Learning Activity in Ireland

Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 and 22 October 2014

## AGENDA

### Tuesday 21 October 2014

- Venue: **ETBI Headquarters**  
Piper's Hill Education Campus, Kilcullen Road, Naas, Co Kildare, Ireland
- Chair: **Michael Moriarty**  
General Secretary, Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI) and  
President of the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE)
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Words of welcome**
- Michael Moriarty, General Secretary, ETBI
  - Bianka Stege, General Secretary, European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE)
- 14:15 – 14:45 **Keynote speech: The Further Education and Training Act 2013 – An innovative Irish approach to VET**
- Damien English, Minister of State for Skills, Research and Innovation
- 14:45 – 15:15 **The role of ETBI in the Irish VET sector**
- Michael Moriarty, General Secretary, ETBI
- 15:15 – 15:45 **How to ensure the provision of 21<sup>st</sup> Century high quality Further Education and Training Programmes?**
- Fiona Hartley, Deputy Director, SOLAS (Further Education and Training Authority)
- 15:45 – 16:00 **Refreshment break**
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Apprenticeship training and meeting the skills needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. How to improve the transition from education into the labour market?**
- Pat O'Mahony, Education Research Officer, ETBI

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| 16:45 – 17:00 | <b>Video presentation: Training apprenticeships for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Kerry Education and Training Board Apprenticeship Training Centre</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | <b>Work-based learning in the changing model of Dutch VET</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc van der Meer, Dutch Association of VET Colleges</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | <b>European model of “Matching Education with the Needs of the Public Services of the Future” – Joint Recommendations of EFEE and the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services (CEEP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bianka Stege, General Secretary, European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE)</li> </ul> |
| 20:00         | <b>Dinner</b> at Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

### **Wednesday 22 October 2014**

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| Venue:        | <b>Blackrock Further Education Institute (BFEI) – travel by courtesy coach</b>                                                                                |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | <b>Welcome - The Further Education college in the Irish FET Landscape</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deirdre Hanamy, Principal, BFEI</li> </ul> |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | <b>Guided tour of Blackrock Further Education Institute</b>                                                                                                   |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | <b>Refreshment break</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | <b>Ensuring quality in FET – a practitioner perspective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Tierney, Deputy Principal, BFEI</li> </ul>          |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | <b>Benefits of vocational and further education training – the student perspective</b>                                                                        |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | <b>Reflections on the visit by participants: What is different and what is similar to your own national system?</b>                                           |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | <b>Conclusions by Chair and end of visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Moriarty, General Secretary, ETBI</li> </ul>                    |
| 13:00         | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                  |

**NOTE: FET (Further Education and Training) is the more commonly used term for VET in Ireland.**

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