

Policy on Youthreach Programme – Meals/Equipment

Youthreach offers a wide range of training and education for young people, with many leading to QQI awards. To join a Youthreach programme you must be unemployed, out of school and aged between 15 and 20 years. If you are 16 years or over, you will be paid an age-related training allowance. Youthreach programmes run all year round with a continuous intake, so you can join a programme at any time. Youthreach is co-funded by the Irish Government, the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative as part of the ESF Programme for Employability Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020.

On recruitment all learners are given a Youthreach Enrolment Pack to complete. Once accepted onto a programme each learner receives a weekly training allowance. This allowance is based on age and there are also additional payments in relation to meal and a travel allowances, where applicable.

As part of the Youthreach programme we operate a healthy eating programme where all learners have breakfast and lunch prepared on site each day. The meal allowance is part payment to cover food consumed on site and the preparation of this food also forms part of the learners' programme/personal skills. On recruitment the learners agrees to assign the meal allowance to a self-financing project which is then utilised by each Centre Co-ordinator for the benefit of all learners. A mandate is normally signed on recruitment by the learner and Co-ordinator.

Some courses require the learners to have specific class material for example safety equipment, beauty products, etc. The centre organises the bulk purchase of such equipment of behalf of the learners. Ownership of the equipment falls to the learner once the full amount has been paid back to the Youthreach Centre. A mandate authorising this repayment is signed by the learner and the Centre Co-ordinator.

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