

Progress Report on Back to Education Initiative (Part-time)
January to December 2011

1. Activity description

The overall aim of the BTEI (Part-time Programme) is to increase the participation of young people and adults with less than upper second level education in a range of learning opportunities. Therefore, a high priority is to target individuals and groups that experience particular and acute barriers and are more difficult to engage in the formal learning process, for example people with a disability, Travellers, homeless people and lone parents.

The **Back to Education Initiative (Part-time)** comprises two strands:

- Formal Strand (33 VECs and 14 Secondary, Special and Community and Comprehensive Schools)
- Community Strand (There is a commitment to reserve 10% of all places approved annually for course provision in community groups and organisations. In 2011, a total of 38 groups received budget allocations).

The BTEI offers part-time provision of up to 400 hours per year, leading to certification through the National Framework of Qualifications, at FETAC Levels 1-6. The aim is to facilitate adults' access, transfer and progression to other education or employment pathways. The Initiative is designed to complement other Further Education provision funded by the Department of Education and Science, such as Adult Literacy, Youthreach and Traveller Programmes, VTOS and Post Leaving Certificate Courses.

2. Significant Changes in the Operating Environment

2.1 The difficulties in relation to economic activity continue to impact sharply on employment levels, with lower-skilled jobs suffering the most. Irish Government policy on skills development, as well as the European Commission Action Plan on Adult Learning, highlights the need for upskilling adults with low levels of education and training. Providers have continued to report much increased demand for provision, particularly from the recently unemployed and those facing redundancy or reduced working hours. Greater numbers of young people are also seeking access to education and training as a result of the changes in social welfare payments for those under 18.

Many providers continue to report that demand for part-time provision greatly outstrips supply. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that unemployed participants may prioritize part-time provision in order to access or retain part-time temporary employment when it becomes available. There was **an increase in the participation of unemployed people from 34% of participants in 2010 to 40% in 2011 (31% were reported as unemployed in 2009)**. An increased amount of provision is taking place on an inter-agency basis, initiated in conjunction with statutory agencies such as the Department of Social Protection and FÁS, as well as local community interests. The establishment of Regional Consultative Committees across the country between FÁS and VECs has provided more formal structures to optimize further education and training resources and to identify and implement new methods of service delivery in response to identified need.

In June 2011 Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn, T.D. announced the allocation of 3,000 additional Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) places to Vocational Education

Committees (VECs) around the country as part of the almost 16,000 additional places that were made available under the Government's Jobs Initiative. The additional places were funded at a cost of €3 million through a redeployment of departmental savings. The places commenced in September 2011.

In addition, a further 1,000 places were made available from September – December 2011 which were funded from Departmental savings.

Providers were requested to promote access, participation and progression opportunities for unemployed people, to take account of the Government's activation agenda. In line with the National Skills Strategy, providers were requested to prioritize older, low-skilled workers, younger age cohorts (those under 25, particularly those with low educational attainment) and those in the 25-34 year old age cohort with PLC/upper secondary educational attainment or below.

A total of 4,121 participants took part in courses offered under the Jobs Initiative funding. 52% of these were reported unemployed while a further 32% were reported as not in the labour market. Appendix 2 provides data on these participants in relation to age profile, economic status, education level etc.

The Department has made provision in 2012 for the continuation and extension of part time programmes for the unemployed through the Back to Education Initiative.

Many providers continue to emphasize that short-term educational interventions are counterproductive if more substantial progression opportunities are not subsequently available.

Providers also continue to stress the complexity of work with highly marginalised people who may now be further isolated because of new demand for provision from those who have recently become unemployed.

2.2 Under the National Partnership Agreement, *Towards 2016* published in June 2006, priority was given to expanding the Back to Education Initiative (Part Time) by 2,000 places by 2009 (from a base of 8000 places in 2006). It was also intended to adopt measures to monitor and evaluate progress within the Initiative.

The national budget allocation for 2011 was **€22,203,200** which provided for the approval of **13,000 places**. This includes the allocation of €3,000,000 under the Jobs Initiative.

2.3 The new awards at Levels 1 and 2 on the National Framework of Qualifications have particular relevance for a key target group within BTEI, people with disabilities. While roll out of new programmes at these levels has been delayed because of industrial relations issues, there is also evidence to show that certified outcomes at Levels 1 and 2 are now being achieved by this target group.

2.4 Industrial relations issues also impacted on the number of participants receiving accreditation for programmes completed during 2010, as a significant number of portfolios were not presented for the November assessment schedule because of these difficulties.

2.5 The current moratorium on recruitment or replacement of staff in the public service is also reducing the capacity of the service to strategise and deliver.

3. Commentary on Activity-related Progress

The guidelines developed to provide practical support for practioners are listed below:

- **Certification Matters:** *Guidelines to Support Certification Outcomes through Back to Education Initiative Funded Programmes.*
- **Delivering Accredited Programmes to Learners with Disabilities:** *Guidelines for Facilitating the Successful Delivery of Back to Education Initiative Funded Programmes to Learners with Disabilities.*
- **Widening Participation in Adult Learning:** *Guidelines for Effective Planning and Delivery of Back to Education Initiative Outreach Provision.*
- **Promoting Access and Progression in Adult Learning:** *Guidelines to Enhance Cooperation between Back to Education Initiative and Adult Literacy Service Programmes.*
- **Increasing Men's Participation in Adult Learning:** *Guidelines to Enhance Men's Engagement with Back to Education Initiative Funded Programmes.*

At an overall level, these reports have helped to focus attention on the key objectives of BTEI (Part-time). In particular, it is of note that the guidelines on men's engagement have contributed to **an increase in the overall male participation rate to 32% in 2011** (under the Jobs Initiative the rate was 38%). The guidelines on delivering accredited programmes to learners with disabilities have helped to promote the need to match learners to appropriate programmes in order to optimize positive outcomes.

Copies of the guidelines may be accessed under the Back to Education Initiative at www.education.ie

Curriculum guidelines to support providers to implement a foundation programme at NFQ Level 3, leading to a full award at this level were completed and disseminated in 2010. Supports to providers focused on the development of Level 3 integrated programmes, with particular reference to the core skills of Communications and Mathematics as part of integrated programme development.

4. Progress in relation to Physical Indicators and Targets

Data for this report in relation to the three indicators concerning the **BTEI (Part-time)** set out in the **Activity Implementation Plan (ESF 1.3)** has been drawn from the **Implementation Reports** submitted by providers for the period January to December 2011 (reports from 33 VECs, 12 Non-VEC Schools and reports from 36 of the 38 Community Groups which were funded in 2011).

The **Participant Details Form**, which is completed by course participants, is the primary source of the data at local level. In the absence of a Further Education Management Information System (FEMIS), which would enable the collection and collation of data in electronic format, it is noted that a number of providers return incomplete or inaccurate reports.

Data in relation to the **BTEI (Part-time Options)** is presented for both the Border Midlands and West (BMW) Region and the South and East (S & E) Region. Unless otherwise specified, it is inclusive of both the Formal Strand and the Community Strand.

ALL DATA PRESENTED IN THIS REPORT AND IN APPENDIX 1 REFERS TO PARTICIPANTS AND ACTIVITY FUNDED UNDER THE MAIN BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR BTEI IN 2011 AND THAT FUNDED UNDER THE JOBS INITIATIVE. APPENDIX 2 PROVIDES A SEPARATE REPORT ON THE JOBS INITIATIVE.

NUTS III Activity Indicator Report for reporting period January to December 2011

4.1 Participants

<i>Activity: Upskilling the Workforce – Back to Education Initiative (Part-time)</i>			
<i>Indicator Used: Number of Participants</i>			
Region	Total	Participants	
		Male	Female
<i>Border Region</i>	3,603	1,114	2,489
<i>Midland Region</i>	3,339	1,030	2,309
<i>West Region</i>	3,494	1,078	2,416
BMW Total	10,436	3,222	7,214
<i>South East Region</i>	4,262	1,304	2,958
<i>Mid East Region</i>	2,573	918	1,655
<i>Dublin Region</i>	6,307	2,210	4,097
<i>South West Region</i>	4,567	1,228	3,339
<i>Mid West Region</i>	3,885	1,387	2,498
SAE Total	21,574	7,047	14,547
National (BMW + SAE)	32,030 100%	10,269 32%	21,761 68%

In total there were **32,030** participants in courses under the BTEI (Part-time) in 2011, of which **68% were women and 32% were men**. The participation rate of men continues to increase from 31% (8,591) in 2010 and 29% (8,085) in 2009.

4.2 Certification

Activity: Upskilling the Workforce – Back to Education Initiative (Part-time)			
Indicator Used: Number of Participants completing with Certification			
Region	Total	Participants	
		Male	Female
<i>Border Region</i>	1,904	628	1,276
<i>Midland Region</i>	1,478	400	1,078
<i>West Region</i>	1,630	522	1,108
BMW Total	5,012	1,550	3,462
<i>South East Region</i>	2,209	666	1,543
<i>Mid East Region</i>	930	305	625
<i>Dublin Region</i>	2,218	573	1,645
<i>South West Region</i>	1,801	426	1,375
<i>Mid West Region</i>	1,595	476	1,119
SAE Total	8,753	2,446	6,307
National (BMW + SAE)	13,765 100%	3,996 29%	9,769 71%

The table shows that **43% (13,765) of all participants (32,030) achieved certification during 2011.**

As programmes funded under the Jobs Initiative commenced in September, the data shows that only 14% of these participants had achieved certification by end December 2011. A further 84% of these participants were reported as continuing on these programmes into 2012 (Appendix 2: Table 11 and 12).

When the Jobs Initiative data is excluded, the certification rate is 47% for 2011 as follows:

BTEI	Total Achieved Certification	Male	Female	%
National	13,765 100%	3,996 29%	9,769 71%	43% of total participants (32,030)
Jobs Initiative (Appendix 2:Table 12)	567 100%	198 35%	369 65%	14% of total participants (4,121)
Main BTEI Allocation 2011 (Excluding Jobs Initiative)	13,198 100%	3,798 29%	9,400 71%	47% of 27,909 (32,030 less 4,121)

This 47% rate of certification is an increase on the 2010 position of 43%.

Of those who achieved certification in 2011 (including both the main budget allocation and the Jobs Initiative allocation), **29% (3,996)** were men and this is **an increase from the 2010 position when 27% of those who achieved certification were men**. (In 2009 23% of those who achieved certification were men while in 2008, 18% of those who achieved certification were men).

Table 14 in Appendix 1 presents details of the **awards (component/full awards) achieved by participants**. Approximately **25% of awards were in respect of FETAC Level 3 single modules, 21% for FETAC Level 4 single modules and 44% for FETAC Level 5 single modules**.

Table 13 in Appendix 1 identifies that **work in respect of 31,714 awards was completed in 2011 while certification was achieved in respect of 31,328 awards (component/full awards)**. This reflects **an increase from the position in 2010** which showed work completed in respect of 24,768 awards and certification achieved in respect of 21,520 awards (component/full awards).

The importance of supporting learners to attain certified outcomes continues to be promoted with providers through reference to the report circulated in 2009: ***Certification Matters: Guidelines to Support Certification Outcomes through Back to Education Initiative Funded Programmes***.

Industrial relations issues in some VECs resulted in portfolios not being presented for assessment in November. It is considered that this difficulty has impacted on the overall number of awards achieved through BTEI in 2011.

4.3 Progression

Activity: Upskilling the Workforce – Back to Education Initiative (Part-time)			
Indicator Used: Number of Participants progressing to full-time employment/further education/training			
Region	Total	Participants	
		Male	Female
<i>Border Region</i>	617	173	444
<i>Midland Region</i>	489	90	399
<i>West Region</i>	705	247	458
BMW Total	1,811	510	1,301
<i>South East Region</i>	1,233	343	890
<i>Mid East Region</i>	156	74	82
<i>Dublin Region</i>	776	220	556
<i>South West Region</i>	193	48	145
<i>Mid West Region</i>	597	161	436
SAE Total	2,955	846	2,109
National (BMW + SAE)	4,766 100%	1,356 28%	3,410 72%

Note: Details of progression outcomes were not reported in respect of an additional 2,451 participants ref. Appendix 1, Table 16

The table shows that **15% (4,766) of all participants in 2011 (32,030) progressed to employment or further education/training.**

In 2010, 17% of participants were reported as progressing to employment or further education/training, while the data for 2009 reported 23% as progressing.

Table 16 in Appendix 1 shows that **12% (3,890) of all participants progressed to other education provision, while 2.7% (876) progressed to full-time/part-time employment.**

In addition to the 4,766 participants who progressed to employment or further education/training, **a further 45% (14,371) of all participants were reported as continuing courses from 2011 into 2012** (ref. **Table 15**, Appendix 1). This reflects the part-time, flexible nature of provision offered under the Back to Education Initiative.

In the absence of a Further Education Management Information System (FEMIS), the collection and management of data that tracks learning outcomes and participants' progression is challenging for providers. It is intended to continue to review the data collected on progression with a view to providing clarification to providers on this issue.

Additional data (gender disaggregated) in relation to all participants under BTEI in 2011 is presented in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 presents data on the Jobs Initiative as follows:

- No. of Participants: VECs
- No. of Participants: Non VEC Schools
- No. of Participants: Community Strand
- Age Profile
- Participants classified by BTEI (Part-time) Funding Categories
- Profile of Target Groups
- Profile of Funding Categories of Target Groups
- Profile of Economic / Employment Status
- Duration of Unemployment prior to entry
- Duration of Not in Labour Market prior to entry
- Profile of Education Levels on Entry
- Profile of Additional Supports
- Profile of Component / Full Awards Completed
- Profile of Component / Full Awards Achieved
- No. of Participants continuing in BTEI (Part-time) 2011 to 2012
- Data on Progression from BTEI (Part-time)
- Education Levels of Participants who Left Early
- Data on Reasons Participants left Early

5. Progress with regard to expenditure

See Table in Annex 1

6. Data On Participants In Programme Activity Implementation Plan (Commission Implementing Regulation 1828/2006 - Annex XXIII)

6.1 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER YEAR

(People entering, those leaving, carry-over from one year to the next)

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Entrants:	10,269	21,761	32,030
(1) Leaving (Progressed to employment/further education/training ref. Table 16 Appendix 1)	2,281	4,936	7,217
(2) Left Early	1,044	1,846	2,890
(3) Carry-over to next year (re. Table 15 Appendix 1)	4,608	9,763	14,371
Total	7,933	16,545	24,478*

* Under reporting of data on programme outcomes in respect of 7,552 participants (32,030 less 24,478)

6.2 BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Participants:	10,269	21,761	32,030

6.3 BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TO STATUS IN THE LABOUR MARKET

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Total Employed (total number of employed, including self-employed)	1,245	5,019	6,264
Self-employed <i>This data is not disaggregated from the data collected for employment status of participants on BTEI (Part-time) programmes</i>			
Unemployed (total number of unemployed including long-term unemployed)	5,515	7,123	12,638
Long-term unemployed (more than 3 years unemployed prior to entry to BTEI Part-time programme – ref. Table 9 , Appendix 1)	1,113	1,966	3,079
Inactive persons (total number of inactive persons, including those in education, training or retirement, those having given up business, the permanently disabled, those fulfilling domestic tasks or other)	3,509	9,619	13,128
Inactive persons in education or training	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Participants	10,269	21,761	32,030

Ref: Table 8 and Table 9, Appendix 1

6.4 BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Young people (15-24)	1,944	2,891	4,835
Older workers (55-64)	1,280	2,424	3,704

6.5 BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY VULNERABLE GROUPS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL RULES

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Minorities: (Travellers)	135	598	733
Migrants:(ESOL participants, Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrant Workers)	1,214	1,901	3,115
Disabled:	1,540	1,827	3,367
Other disadvantaged people: (Substance Misusers, Ex-offenders, Homeless, One-Parent Family)	578	4,125	4,703

*This data is based on self-selection by participants of the above designations – further data is presented in **Table 6 & 7**, Appendix 1*

6.6 BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	Male:	Female:	Total:
Primary or lower secondary education (ISCED 1 and 2)	6,893	12,207	19,100
Upper secondary education (ISCED 3)	2,712	7,725	10,437
Post-secondary non-tertiary education (ISCED 4)	563	1,532	2,095
Tertiary education (ISCED 5 AND 6) <i>The data for post-secondary non-tertiary education and tertiary education is not disaggregated. Under the BTEI (Part-time) courses are provided from Level 1 to Level 6 of the National Qualifications Framework, with emphasis on provision up to Level 3 and 4. Course providers are required to prioritise offering courses to those with less than upper second level education.</i>			
Total	10,168	21,464	31,632*

**Education level data not provided in respect of 1.2% (398) of total participants reported for 2011 (32,030)*

7. BTEI (Part-time Programme): Horizontal Principles Reports

BTEI (Part-time Programme): Social Inclusion Principle Report 2011 (attached)

BTEI (Part-time Programme): Gender and Wider Equal Opportunities Report 2011 (attached)

8. Compliance with EU and National policy

It is the policy of the Department of Education and Skills to comply with all EU regulations in relation to procurement, state aids etc.

9. Publicity

Information leaflets and posters in both English and Irish are widely circulated on the **BTEI (Part-time)**.

On the basis of the publicity guidelines circulated by the Structural Funds Unit of the Department of Education and Skills in March 2009, beneficiaries are required to show the following on material concerning BTEI (includes websites, stationery, forms, publications, advertisements, information leaflets, launches, seminars, conferences etc.):

- Ireland's EU Structural Funds logo
- ESF logo
- NDP logo
- "Investing in your future" tagline.

10. Proposals for re-profiling of expenditure (where applicable)

See Annex 1 table 1 and 2

11. Proposals to amend Programme Activity Implementation Plans

There are no proposals to amend the Programme Activity Implementation Plan.

ANNEX 1

Table 1 – Expenditure for the Reporting Period 01/01/2011-31/12/2011

<i>HCIOP €m</i>	<i>Total Programme Forecast</i>	<i>Total Programme spend</i>	<i>Expenditure as % of forecast</i>	<i>Total co- financed spend</i>	<i>EU Social Funds</i>	<i>National Public Co- financed</i>	<i>Private Co-financed</i>
Source of information within financial tables		Column		Column	Column	Column	Column
Region							
Dublin		4.821	N/A	3.794	1.897	1.897	0.00
South East		3.096	N/A	2.437	1.218	1.218	0.00
Mid East		2.059	N/A	1.620	0.810	0.810	0.00
Mid West		2.370	N/A	1.865	0.932	0.932	0.00
South West		2.412	N/A	1.898	0.949	0.949	0.00
SAE Total	0.967	14.758	1526%	11.613	5.806	5.806	0.00
Border		2.802	N/A	2.205	1.102	1.102	0.00
Midland		1.739	N/A	1.368	0.684	0.684	0.00
West		2.307	N/A	1.815	0.907	0.907	0.00
BMW Total	2.000	6.848	342%	5.389	2.694	2.694	0.00
National (BMW + SAE)	2.967	21.606	728%	17.002	8.501	8.501	0.00

In relation to the figures included in Table 1 above, note:

- **Total co-financed spend** amounts are estimated by calculating the percentage of Total Programme spend that is eligible for co-financing. The percentage applied is based on the 2009 claim amounts as a percentage of the 2009 Total programme spend. The EU Social Funds amount is at the revised activity aid rate of 50%.

Table 2 – Cumulative Expenditure since January 2007 (€m)

<i>HCIOP €m</i>	<i>Total Programme Forecast</i>	<i>Total Programme spend</i>	<i>Expenditure as % of forecast</i>	<i>Total co- financed spend</i>	<i>EU Structural Funds</i>	<i>National Public Co- financed</i>	<i>Private Co-financed</i>
Source of information within financial tables		Column		Column	Column	Column	Column
Region							
Dublin		21.918	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
South East		12.581	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
Mid East		7.737	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
Mid West		10.308	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
South West		11.093	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
SAE Total	8.661	63.637	735%	50.469	25.234	25.234	0.00
Border		11.414	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
Midland		7.427	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
West		9.513	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00
BMW Total	25.000	28.354	113 %	21.439	10.719	10.719	0.00
National (BMW + SAE)	33.661	91.991	273%	71.909	35.954	35.954	0.00

In relation to the figures included in Table 2 above, note:

- **Total Co-financing spend for the period 01/01/2007-31/12/2009** are the actual claim amounts submitted. The EU Structural Funds amount is at the revised activity aid rate.
- **Total co-financed spend amounts for the period 01/01/2010-31/12/2011** are estimated by calculating the percentage of Total Programme spend that is eligible for co-financing. The percentage applied is based on the 2009 claim amounts as a percentage of the 2009 Total programme spend. The EU Structural Funds amount is at the revised activity aid rate.
- It is anticipated that the actual claim amounts for the period 01/01/2010-31/12/2011 will be available for the Autumn, 2012 Monitoring Committee meeting.

Appendix 1: Back to Education Initiative (Part-time) 2011**Table 1: No. of BTEI (Part-time) Participants: VECs**

Region	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
<i>Border Region</i>	1,107	2,469	3,576
<i>Midland Region</i>	934	2,099	3,033
<i>West Region</i>	922	2,134	3,056
<i>BMW Total</i>	2,963	6,702	9,665
<i>South East Region</i>	1,151	2,661	3,812
<i>Mid East Region</i>	898	1,638	2,536
<i>Dublin Region</i>	2,098	3,754	5,852
<i>South West Region</i>	1,026	3,007	4,033
<i>Mid West Region</i>	1,177	2,104	3,281
<i>SAE Total</i>	6,350	13,164	19,514
<i>National (BMW + SAE)</i>	9,313	19,866	29,179

91% of Total Participants (32,030) under VECs

This includes 4,121 participants who took part in programmes funded under the Jobs Initiative. Appendix 2 provides data specific to these participants.

Table 2: No. of BTEI (Part-time) Participants: Non VEC Schools

Region	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
<i>Border Region</i>	0	0	0
<i>Midland Region</i>	0	0	0
<i>West Region</i>	17	47	64
<i>BMW Total</i>	17	47	64
<i>South East Region</i>	46	78	124
<i>Mid East Region</i>	0	0	0
<i>Dublin Region</i>	11	22	33
<i>South West Region</i>	89	285	374
<i>Mid West Region</i>	109	287	396
<i>SAE Total</i>	255	672	927
<i>National (BMW + SAE)</i>	272 27%	719 73%	991 100%

3% of Total Participants (32,030) under Non-VEC Schools

Table 3: No. of BTEI (Part-time) Participants: Community Strand

Region	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
<i>Border Region</i>	7	20	27
<i>Midland Region</i>	96	210	306
<i>West Region</i>	139	235	374
BMW Total	242	465	707
<i>South East Region</i>	107	219	326
<i>Mid East Region</i>	20	17	37
<i>Dublin Region</i>	101	321	422
<i>South West Region</i>	113	47	160
<i>Mid West Region</i>	101	107	208
SAE Total	442	711	1,153
National (BMW + SAE)	684 37%	1,176 63%	1,860 100%

6% of Total Participants (32,030) under Community Strand

Table 4: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Age Profile

Gender	16 – 18	18 – 20	21 – 24	25 – 34	35 – 44	45 – 54	55 – 64	Over 65	Total
Male	178	726	1,040	2,307	2,265	1,901	1,280	506	10,203
Female	194	988	1,709	5,002	5,610	4,643	2,424	1,114	21,684
Total	372 1%	1,714 5%	2,749 9%	7,309 23%	7,875 25%	6,544 21%	3,704 12%	1,620 5%	31,887 100%

As a % of Total Participants for whom age data provided: 31,887

Note: Data not provided in respect of 0.4% (143) of total participants

Table 5: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Participants classified by BTEI (Part-time) Funding Categories

BTEI (Part-time) Funding Category	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Category 2A: Persons in receipt of jobseeker payments or means tested social welfare payments and holders of medical cards and their dependents with less than upper second level education	6,232	10,116	16,348 51%
Category 2B: Persons in receipt of jobseeker payments or means tested social welfare payments and holders of medical cards and their dependents with upper second level education	3,060	8,330	11,390 35%
Category 3: Persons in employment or not in the labour market with less than upper second level education	736	2,348	3,084 10%
Category 4: All others with upper second level education	241	967	1,208 4%
Total	10,269	21,761	32,030 100%

Funding Categories presented as a % of Total Participants National 32,030

Table 6: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Target Group Profile

Target Group	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Person with Disability	1,540	1,827	3,367 10.5%
Substance Misuser	227	96	323 1.0%
Ex-offender	84	26	110 0.3%
Early School Leaver	4,549	7,836	12,385 38.7%
One-Parent Family	164	3,960	4,124 12.9%
Traveller	135	598	733 2.3%
Homeless	103	43	146 0.5%
ESOL Participant	525	951	1,476 4.6%
Refugee	152	211	363 1.1%
Asylum Seeker	210	259	469 1.5%
Migrant Worker	327	480	807 2.5%
Other	4,166	9,983	14,149 44.2%

Target Groups presented as a % of Total Participants National **32,030**

Table 7: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Target Group Funding Categories

Target Group	BTEI (Part-time) Funding Category (as defined in Table 4)			
	C2a	C2b	C3	C4
Person with Disability	71%	27%	2%	0.1%
Substance Misuser	68%	28%	3%	1%
Ex-offender	75%	17%	7%	1%
Early School Leaver	76%	5%	18%	0.4%
One-Parent Family	50%	48%	1%	0.4%
Traveller	94%	4%	3%	0%
Homeless	66%	32%	3%	0%
ESOL Participant	46%	39%	10%	5%
Refugee	58%	38%	2%	2%
Asylum Seeker	60%	34%	3%	3%
Migrant Worker	34%	49%	8%	9%
Other	27%	59%	7%	8%

Table 8: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Profile of Economic / Employment Status

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Unemployed Job Seekers Benefit / Allowance	5,515	7,123	12,638 40%
Employed Fulltime	456	1,214	1670 5%
Employed Part-time	789	3,805	4594 14%
Not in the Labour Market	3,509	9,619	13,128 41%
Total	10,269	21,761	32,030 100%

As a % of Total Participants: **32,030**

Table 9: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Duration of Unemployment Prior to Entry

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Less than 6 months	714	1,283	1,997 16%
6 – 12 months	1,133	1,408	2,541 20%
13 – 24 months	1,539	1,488	3,027 24%
25 – 36 months	941	903	1,844 15%
More than 3 years	1,113	1,966	3,079 25%
Total	5,440	7,048	12,488 100%

% relative to total number for whom data provided: 12,488

Note: Data not provided in respect of 1% (150) of total participants reported as Unemployed (12,638) in Table 8

Table 10: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Duration of Not in Labour Market Prior to Entry

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Less than 6 months	475	1,290	1,765 14%
6 – 12 months	404	877	1,281 10%
13 – 24 months	531	1,224	1,755 13%
25 – 36 months	389	1,004	1,393 11%
More than 3 years	1,660	5,071	6,731 52%
Total	3,459	9,466	12,925 100%

% relative to total number for whom data provided: 12,925

Note: Data not provided in respect of 1.5% (203) of total participants reported as Not in the Labour Market (13,128) in Table 8

Table 11: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Profile of Education Level on Entry

Education Level	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Primary Education	2,058	3,539	5,597 18%
Lower Second Level/FETAC Level 3 Or Equivalent	4,835	8,668	13,503 43%
Upper Second Level/FETAC Level 4/5 or Equivalent	2,712	7,725	10,437 33%
FETAC Level 6 or above Award	563	1,532	2,095 6%
National Total	10,168	21,464	31,632 100%

As a % of Total Participants for whom Education Level Data provided: 31,632

Note: Education level data not provided in respect of 1.2% (398) of total participants reported for 2011 (32,030)

Table 12: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Profile of Additional Supports

Support	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Guidance/Mentoring/Counselling	4,600	9,522	14,122 44%
Literacy	1,051	1,821	2,872 9%
Childcare	18	279	297 1%

As a % of Total Participants National: **32,030**

Table 13 BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Profile of Component/Full Awards Completed

Completed Modules/Programmes	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Junior Cert (Single Subject/s)	24	14	38 0.1%
Junior Certificate Full Award	5	0	5 0.02%
Leaving Certificate (Single Subject(s))	251	243	494 2%
Leaving Certificate (Full Award)	20	19	39 0.1%
FETAC Level 1 (Component Award(s))	0	5	5 0.02%
FETAC Level 1 (Full Award)	0	0	0 0%
FETAC Level 2 (Component Award(s))	69	169	238 1%
FETAC Level 2 (Full Award)	8	13	21 0.07%
FETAC Level 3 (Component Award(s))	3,059	5,210	8,269 26%
FETAC Level 3 (Full Award)	122	196	318 1%
FETAC Level 4 (Component Award(s))	2,334	3,729	6,063 19%
FETAC Level 4 (Full Award)	45	121	166 1%
FETAC Level 5 (Component Award(s))	2,344	11,865	14,209 45%
FETAC Level 5 (Full Award)	144	1,069	1,213 4%
FETAC Level 6 (Component Award(s))	3	493	496 2%
FETAC Level 6 (Full Award)	19	121	140 0.4%
Total	8,447	23,267	31,714 100%

Note: As % of total number of component/full awards completed 31,714

Table 14: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Profile of Component / Full Awards Achieved

Achieved Certification	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Junior Cert (Single Subject/s)	24	15	39 0.1%
Junior Certificate Full Award	5	0	5 0.02%
Leaving Certificate (Single Subject(s))	217	203	420 1.3%
Leaving Certificate (Full Award)	20	19	39 0.1%
FETAC Level 1 (Component Award(s))	0	2	2 0.01%
FETAC Level 1 (Full Award)	0	0	0 0%
FETAC Level 2 (Component Award(s))	67	145	212 0.7%
FETAC Level 2 (Full Award)	8	13	21 0.07%
FETAC Level 3 (Component Award(s))	2,866	4,904	7,770 25%
FETAC Level 3 (Full Award)	126	210	336 1%
FETAC Level 4 (Component Award(s))	2,419	4,022	6,441 21%
FETAC Level 4 (Full Award)	56	141	197 0.6%
FETAC Level 5 (Component Award(s))	2,136	11,753	13,889 44%
FETAC Level 5 (Full Award)	151	1,094	1,245 4%
FETAC Level 6 (Component Award(s))	14	535	549 1.7%
FETAC Level 6 (Full Award)	19	144	163 0.5%
Total	8,128	23,200	31,328 100%

Note: As % of total number of component/full awards achieved 31,328

Table 15: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: No. of Participants continuing under BTEI from 2011 to 2012

No. of Participants Continuing BTEI Modules from 2011 to 2012	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
	4,608	9,763	14,371 45%

As a % of Total Participants National: 32,030

Table 16: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Data on Progression from BTEI on Completion of Programme(s)/Modules

Progression	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Further Education	925	2,491	3,416 10.6%
CERT / FAS Training / Apprenticeship	161	129	290 0.9%
Third Level Education	88	96	184 0.6%
Full-time / Part-time Employment	182	694	876 2.7%
Unknown	925	1,526	2,451 7.6%
Total	2,281	4,936	7,217 22.5%

As a % of total number of participant: 32,030

Table 17: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Education Levels of Participants who Left Early

Education Level	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Primary Education or Equivalent	239	341	580 20%
Lower Second Level or Equivalent	493	796	1,289 45%
Upper Second Level or Equivalent	271	607	878 30%
Greater than Upper Second Level	41	102	143 5%
Totals	1,044	1,846	2,890 100%

As a % of total number of participants who left early: 2,890. Of the 32,030 participants in 2011, 9% left early

Table 18: BTEI (Part-time) 2011: Data on Reasons Participants left Early

Reason for Leaving	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Family Commitments	54	236	290 9%
Work Commitments	27	70	97 3%
Personal Issues	264	486	750 24%
Joined Other Programmes	81	97	178 6%
Course Not Meeting Needs	95	123	218 7%
Take up Employment	66	102	168 5%
Financial Barriers	7	8	15 0.5%
Childcare Barriers	2	21	23 1%
Transport Barriers	14	27	41 1%
Moved Location	35	30	65 2%
Asked to Leave	9	8	17 1%
Unknown	466	739	1,205 39%
Total reasons identified	1,120	1,947	3,067 100%

As a % of total reasons identified 3,067

Appendix 2: BTEI – Jobs Initiative 2011**1. Number of Participants**

No. of Participants	Male	Female	Total
Participants under Jobs Initiative	1,559 38%	2,562 62%	4,121 100%

VECs reported that 829 (20%) of the 4,121 participants had engaged in other BTEI provision in 2011 prior to commencing courses funded under the Jobs Initiative

2. Age Profile

Gender	16 – 18	18 – 20	21 – 24	25 – 34	35 – 44	45 – 54	55 – 64	Over 65	Total
Male	51	147	154	350	376	283	164	34	1,559
Female	54	157	222	568	654	564	246	97	2,562
Total	105 3%	304 7%	376 9%	918 22%	1,030 25%	847 21%	410 10%	131 3%	4,121 100%

As a % of Total Participants 2011: 4,121

3. Participants classified by BTEI (Part-time) Funding Categories

BTEI (Part-time) Funding Category	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Category 2A: Persons in receipt of jobseeker payments or means tested social welfare payments and holders of medical cards and their dependents with less than upper second level education	935	1,189	2,124 52%
Category 2B: Persons in receipt of jobseeker payments or means tested social welfare payments and holders of medical cards and their dependents with upper second level education	518	1,051	1,569 38%
Category 3: Persons in employment or not in the labour market with less than upper second level education	76	235	311 8%
Category 4: All others with upper second level education	30	87	117 2%
Total	1,559	2,562	4,121 100%

Funding Categories presented as a % of Total Participants 4,121

4. Profile of Economic / Employment Status

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Unemployed Job Seekers Benefit / Allowance	1,061	1,099	2,160 52%
Employed Fulltime	33	84	117 3%
Employed Part-time	113	414	527 13%
Not in the Labour Market	352	965	1,317 32%
Total	1,559	2,562	4,121 100%

As a % of Total Participants 4,121

5. Duration of Unemployment Prior to Entry

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Less than 6 months	136	203	339 16%
6 – 12 months	191	201	392 18%
13 – 24 months	300	222	522 24%
25 – 36 months	201	172	373 17%
More than 3 years	233	301	534 25%
Total	1,061	1,099	2,160 100%

% relative to total number reported Unemployed: 2,160

6. Duration of Not in Labour Market Prior to Entry

Economic / Employment Status	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Less than 6 months	74	113	187 14%
6 – 12 months	57	116	173 13%
13 – 24 months	69	127	196 15%
25 – 36 months	55	121	176 13%
More than 3 years	97	488	585 45%
Total	352	965	1,317 100%

% relative to total number reported as Not in the Labour Market: 1,317

7. Profile of Education Level on Entry

Education Level	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Primary Education	244	350	594 14%
Lower Second Level/FETAC Level 3 Or Equivalent	764	1,069	1,833 45%
Upper Second Level/FETAC Level 4/5 or Equivalent	459	942	1,401 34%
FETAC Level 6 or above Award	92	201	293 7%
National Total	1,559	2,562	4,121

As a % of Total Participants 4,121

8. Target Group Profile

Target Group	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Person with Disability	124	158	282 7%
Substance Misuser	21	14	35 1%
Ex-offender	12	1	13 0.3%
Early School Leaver	718	917	1,635 40%
One-Parent Family	34	438	472 11%
Traveller	17	78	95 2%
Homeless	15	5	20 0.5%
ESOL Participant	87	148	235 6%
Refugee	19	23	42 1%
Asylum Seeker	20	37	57 1%
Migrant Worker	75	85	160 4%
Other	711	1,182	1,893 46%

*Target Groups presented as a % of Total Participants National **4,121***

9. Target Group Funding Categories

Target Group	BTEI (Part-time) Funding Category (as defined in Table 4)			
	C2a	C2b	C3	C4
Person with Disability	63%	36%	1%	0%
Substance Misuser	74%	20%	3%	3%
Ex-offender	100%	0%	0%	0%
Early School Leaver	80%	6%	14%	0.1%
One-Parent Family	49%	50%	1%	0.4%
Traveller	95%	3%	2%	0%
Homeless	30%	65%	5%	0%
ESOL Participant	41%	48%	7%	5%
Refugee	62%	33%	0%	5%
Asylum Seeker	54%	42%	4%	0%
Migrant Worker	52%	38%	6%	4%
Other	28%	61%	5%	5%

10. Profile of Additional Supports

Support	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Guidance/Mentoring/Counselling	702	1,045	1,747 42%
Literacy	265	331	596 14%
Childcare	4	15	19 0.4%

As a % of Total Participants National: 4,121

11. No. of Participants continuing under BTEI provision 2012 from Jobs Initiative provision in 2011

No. Participants Continuing from 2011 to 2012	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
	1,326	2,151	3,477 84%

As a % of Total Participants National: 4,121

12. Certification

No. of participants who achieved certification	Male	Female	Total
	198	369	567
	35%	65%	100%

14% of JI Participants achieved certification in 2011

13. Profile of Component/Full Awards Completed

Completed Modules/Programmes	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Junior Cert (Single Subject)	0	0	0
Junior Certificate Full Award	0	0	0
Leaving Certificate (Single Subject)	0	0	0
Leaving Certificate (Full Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 1 (Component Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 1 (Full Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 2 (Component Award)	0	15	15 1%
FETAC Level 2 (Full Award)	0	1	1 0.1%
FETAC Level 3 (Component Award)	253	516	769 45%
FETAC Level 3 (Full Award)	13	20	33 2%
FETAC Level 4 (Component Award)	168	167	335 19%
FETAC Level 4 (Full Award)	1	7	8 0.5%
FETAC Level 5 (Component Award)	89	461	550 32%
FETAC Level 5 (Full Award)	0	13	13 1%
FETAC Level 6 (Component Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 6 (Full Award)	0	0	0
Total	524	1,200	1,724 100%

Note: Completion rates as a % of total number of awards completed 1,724

14. Profile of Component / Full Awards Achieved

Achieved Certification	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Junior Cert (Single Subject)	0	0	0
Junior Certificate Full Award	0	0	0
Leaving Certificate (Single Subject)	0	0	0
Leaving Certificate (Full Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 1 (Component Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 1 (Full Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 2 (Component Award)	0	15	15 1%
FETAC Level 2 (Full Award)	0	1	1 0.1%
FETAC Level 3 (Component Award)	238	388	626 51%
FETAC Level 3 (Full Award)	13	20	33 3%
FETAC Level 4 (Component Award)	124	122	246 20%
FETAC Level 4 (Full Award)	4	20	24 2%
FETAC Level 5 (Component Award)	56	202	258 21%
FETAC Level 5 (Full Award)	1	27	28 2%
FETAC Level 6 (Component Award)	0	0	0
FETAC Level 6 (Full Award)	0	0	0
Total	436	795	1,231 100%

Note: Certification award data presented as a % of total number of awards achieved: 1,231

15. Data on Progression from BTEI on Completion of Programme(s)/Modules

Progression	Participants		
	Male	Female	Total
Further Education	82	212	294 7%
CERT / FAS Training / Apprenticeship	3	3	6 0.14%
Third Level Education	1	2	3 0.07%
Full-time / Part-time Employment	2	15	17 0.4%
Unknown	37	62	99 2.4%
Total	125	294	419 10%

As a % of total number of participant: 4,121

16. Education Levels of Participants who Left Early

Education Level	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Primary Education or Equivalent	18	33	51 16%
Lower Second Level or Equivalent	50	78	128 42%
Upper Second Level or Equivalent	34	76	110 36%
Greater than Upper Second Level	8	11	19 6%
Totals	110	198	308 100%

As a % of total number of participants who left early 308

Of the 4,121 participants in 2011, 7% left early

17. Data on Reasons Participants left Early

Reason for Leaving	Participants		Total
	Male	Female	
Family Commitments	7	19	26 8%
Work Commitments	0	9	9 3%
Personal Issues	22	38	60 18%
Joined Other Programmes	12	8	20 6%
Course Not Meeting Needs	23	31	54 16%
Take up Employment	8	7	15 5%
Financial Barriers	0	1	1 0.3%
Childcare Barriers	1	1	2 1%
Transport Barriers	4	7	11 3%
Moved Location	0	2	2 1%
Asked to Leave	5	2	7 2%
Unknown	40	85	125 38%
Total reasons identified	122	210	332 100%

As a % of total reasons identified 332