

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

Institute of Technology Sligo

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Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board.

Recognising our common history as primary providers of Education in Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim, Institute of Technology Sligo(ITS) and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB) wish to further endorse their cooperation through this memorandum of understanding. The alignment of MSLETB further education programmes with ITS higher education programmes and existing agreements with the Ballinode Community College are but two examples of the already close relationships that exist between MSLETB and ITS. Both parties enter this Memorandum of understanding to cooperate closely in the provision of education opportunities in the region.

Through this MOU framework MSLETB and ITS now seek to develop an overarching agreement that will encompass any local links agreements signed previously, and will enter a process of substantive progress and collaboration in education provision across the region. Areas of mutual interest include:

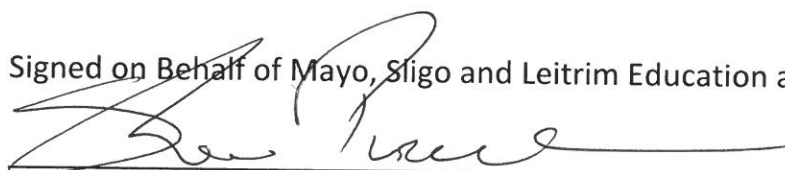
- ✓ The changing FET & HE landscape as a good basis for taking collaboration to the next level.

In recognising these areas of mutual interest, ITS and MSLETB intend to work together on:

- ✓ Mapping data and any trends relating to FET student progression into ITS using systems such as PLSS, Banner and the CAO.
- ✓ Developing smooth and seamless pathways for students from FET to HE, with clear roles for each sector and the learner as beneficiary.
- ✓ Publish the learning pathway from FE to HE across the range of programmes on offer by MSL ETB and IT Sligo
- ✓ Supporting the FET remit up to and including Advanced Certificate Level 6, which offers direct pathways into Stage 2 of ITS programmes based on subject match.
- ✓ Examining the RPL process as the vehicle for advanced entry from FET Level 6 to HE.
- ✓ Aligning programmes, supports and course provision to be achieved across FET and HE in the region.
- ✓ Consider opportunities to develop a set of programmes in the Music/creative industries that would include seamless progression between ETB and IT Sligo
- ✓ Consider initiatives to support of student entrepreneurship
- ✓ Hold a joint meeting with Career Guidance and School Principals in order to promote the ladder of progression
- ✓ Explore joint property development opportunities and collaboration with regard to physical infrastructure.

This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by both parties to report progress and identify additional opportunities for agreement and collaboration.

Signed on Behalf of Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board.



Mr Shaun Pursell (CEO)

Signed on Behalf of Institute of Technology Sligo.

Dr. Brendan McCormack (President)

Dated: _____ 2017