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Introducing Youthreach

YOUTHREACH is an integral part of the national programme of second-chance education and training in Ireland and is a central part of the Government's contribution to the achievement of a lifelong learning society.

The programme is directed at unemployed young early school leavers aged 15-20. It offers participants the opportunity to identify and pursue viable options within adult life, and provides them with opportunities to acquire certification. It operates on a full-time, year-round basis.

The programme is intended to facilitate young people in returning to learning and preparing for employment and adult life.



National Summary



- There are 3700 places in 107 YOUTHREACH Centres nationally.
- An estimated 750 children fail to transfer every year from Primary to Post-Primary school.
- YOUTHREACH is inter-disciplinary in approach. Practitioners combine education, training and youth-work methodologies.
- The key mechanism for quality assurance in the Centres is the **Quality Framework Initiative for YOUTHREACH**
- Centres participate in an Annual 'Internal Centre Evaluation' (I.C.E) which helps develop a 'Centre Development Plan' (CDP)

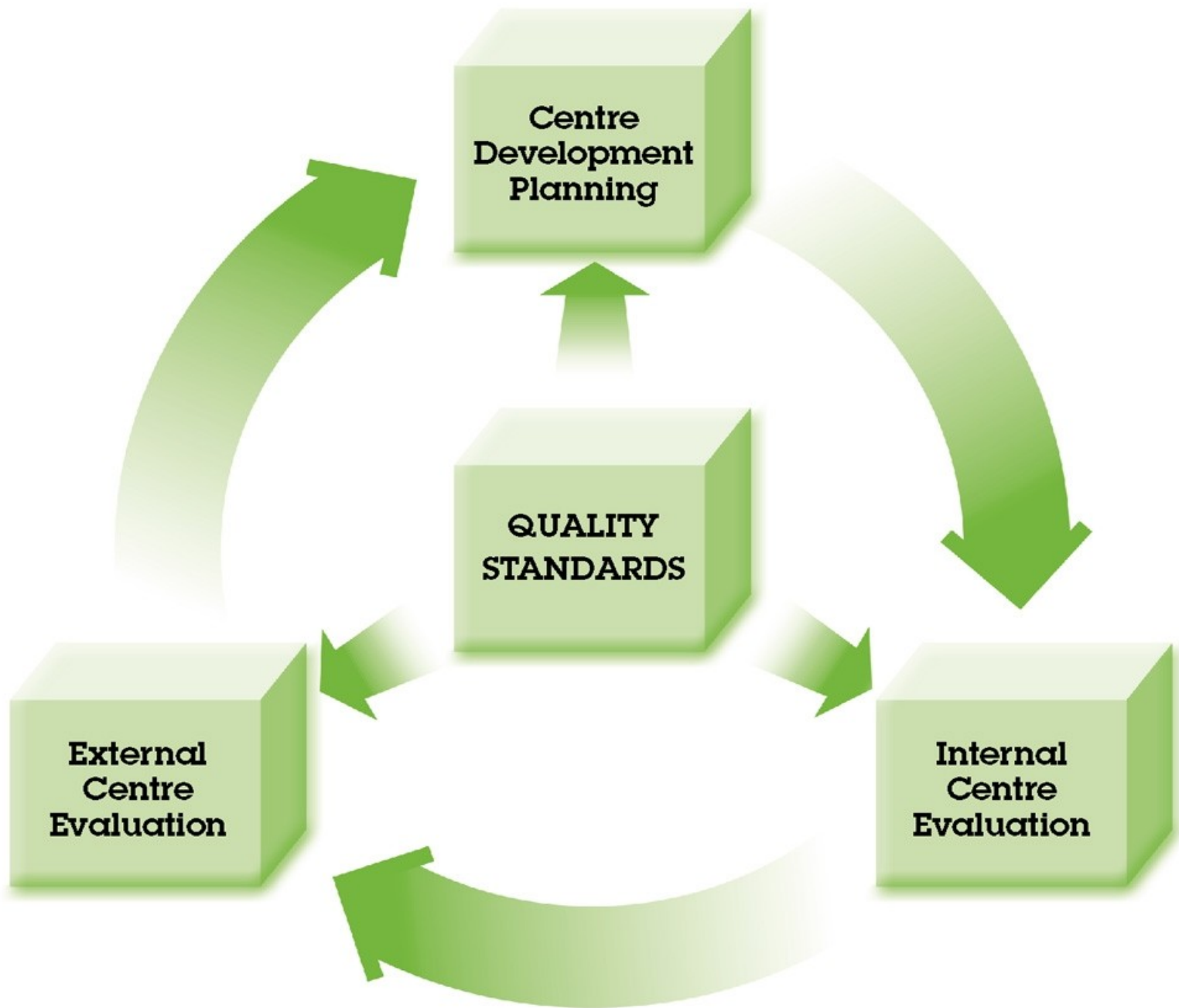


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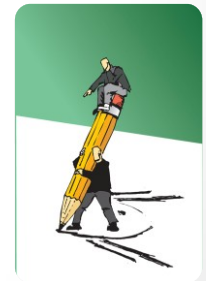
Quality Framework

- Centres carry out an **Internal Centre Evaluation** annually and engage in the **Centre Development Planning** process every 3-5 years where appropriate.
- **External Centre Evaluation** is an essential part of the overall approach to quality assurance. The Department of Education and Science Inspectorate has responsibility for the quality of education provided in Centres for Education under the 1998 Education Act and therefore will be responsible for the External Evaluation of centres.



YOUTHREACH Staff Employed By Co. Clare VEC

- Co-ordinators
- Resource persons
- Part-Time Tutors/Teachers
- Auxiliary Staff
- Special Education Needs Initiative Facilitator



Accreditation in YOUTHREACH



- FETAC Levels 3 – 4
- Junior Certificate (Level 3)
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied (Level 4)
- Non Certified programmes





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