



# Skills to Advance

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## June 2026

Skills to Advance is poised to enhance the professional journeys of eligible employees facing job transitions and adapting to evolving skill demands!

If you qualify, you may receive full funding 100% for Level 5 courses and an impressive 70% funding for Level 6 courses.

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## COURSES COMMENCING 2026

### SKILLS TO ADVANCE COURSES COMMENCING 2026

Fetch Code	Course Title & Application Link	Level	Start Date	Days	Times	Duration	Location
<b>Taking Expressions of Interest for 2026 For Up to 100% Funded Training Courses for Eligible Employees</b>							
<b>Dunboyne College of Further Education</b>							
TBC	Microdermabrasion	ITEC	Expressions of Interest Being Taken	TBC	TBC	TBC	DCFE
TBC	Facial Electrics	ITEC	Expressions of Interest Being Taken	TBC	TBC	TBC	DCFE
<b>Drogheda Institute of Further Education</b>							
<a href="#">529767</a>	Supervisory Management	QQI Level 6	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Thursday	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
<a href="#">529766</a>	Start Your Own Business	QQI Level 5	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
<a href="#">508708</a>	Spreadsheets	QQI Level 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
<a href="#">511433</a>	Training Needs Identification & Design	QQI Level 6	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
<a href="#">511435</a>	Training Delivery & Evaluation	QQI Level 6	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
<a href="#">529824</a>	Digital Marketing	QQI Level 5	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Wed	Evening	12 weeks	Drogheda
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<b>O'Fiaich Institute, Dundalk</b>							
<a href="#">530106</a>	Retail Floristry	QQI Level 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530107</a>	Business Administration	QQI Level 5	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530108</a>	Digital Marketing	QQI Level 5	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530109</a>	Spreadsheets	QQI Level 5	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">510879</a>	Care of the Older Person	QQI Level 5	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530110</a>	Pastry, Baking & Desserts	QQI Level 5	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">511390</a>	Enhancing Productivity with AI	QQI Level 5	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	8 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530113</a>	Beauty Therapy Level 5 – ITEC Eye Treatments	ITEC	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530116</a>	Beauty Therapy Level 5 – ITEC Waxing	ITEC	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	12 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530118</a>	ILM – Understanding Costs and Budgets	ILM	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Monday	Evening	4 Days	Dundalk
<a href="#">530120</a>	ILM – How to Lead Effective Meetings	ILM	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Evening	4 Days	Dundalk
<a href="#">530123</a>	ILM – Understanding Leadership	ILM	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Evenings	4 Days	Dundalk
<a href="#">530124</a>	ILM - Understanding Stress Management	ILM	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dundalk
<a href="#">530125</a>	ILM – Understanding Conflict Management	ILM	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Evenings	4 Days	Dundalk



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<b>Regional Skills &amp; Training Centre, Dundalk</b>							
<a href="#">517160</a>	Coaching Models of Practice	QQI Level 6	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Monday	Day & Evening	6 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">530189</a>	Spreadsheets	QQI Level 5	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Tuesday	Evening	10 weeks	Dundalk
<b>8th June - 13th July (4 training days + 1 skills demo day - 5 weeks total)</b>							
<b>AMTCE, Dundalk</b>							
<a href="#">520860</a>	ILM Planning Change in the Workplace	ILM	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Tuesday	Day	4 weeks	Dundalk
<a href="#">520810</a>	Understanding Stress Management	ILM	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Tuesday	TBC	4 weeks	Dundalk
TBC	Managing People	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dundalk
	Geometrical Design Tolerancing to BS 8888 & ISO Standards	QQI Level 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026		Day	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	B-solid Base Programming Course		15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026		Day	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	CNC Milling Course – Hands on milling - Operator to Setter		16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026		Day	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	<u>Hypermill Part 1</u>		16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026		Day	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk

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<b>Engineering Courses Taking Expressions of Interest</b>							
	Preventative Maintenance	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	Pneumatics Systems	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	Industrial Electrical Systems	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	Programmable Logic Controllers	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	Electrical Principles	QQI Level 6	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
<b>Robotics Courses Taking Expressions of Interest</b>							
	Micro Qualification Programme – Utilising Robotics in Advanced Manufacturing	QQI Level 7	Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
	Introduction to Robotics Programming		Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken	TBC	TBC	Contact AMTCE in Dundalk	Dundalk
<b>BTEI, Kells</b>							
<a href="#">530668</a>	Advanced Aesthetics – Microdermabrasion	ITEC	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Monday	Day	6 weeks	Kells
<a href="#">530670</a>	Advanced Aesthetics – Skin Peeling	ITEC	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Monday	Day	17 weeks	Kells
<a href="#">530699</a>	Advanced Aesthetics – Skin Needling	ITEC	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	Monday	Day	17 weeks	Kells



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BTEI, Louth							
Dundalk							
523488	ICDL Spreadsheets	ICDL	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk
523487	ICDL Computer Essentials	ICDL	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk
523417	Manual & Computerised Accounts	QQI Level 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Thursday	Day	20 weeks	Dundalk
523490	Business Management	QQI Level 5	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Monday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk
523440	Safety & Health at Work	QQI Level 5	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	12 weeks	Dundalk
523462	Care Support	QQI Level 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Thursday	Day	12 weeks	Dundalk
523471	Care Skills	QQI Level 5	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday	Day	12 weeks	Dundalk
TBC	Communications	QQI Level 5	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dundalk
TBC	Intellectual Disabilities	QQI Level 5	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Dundalk
527881	Special Needs Assisting	QQI Level 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Day	23 weeks	Dundalk
522965	Professional Practice Placement in Childcare	QQI Level 5	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	43 weeks	Dundalk
523005	Early Childhood Growth & Development	QQI Level 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Thursday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk
522980	Children's Rights, Legislation & Regulation	QQI Level 5	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	43 weeks	Dundalk
522996	Holistic Care of Children for Childcare	QQI Level 5	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk
522999	Curriculum, Play & Creative Studies	QQI Level 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Day	38 weeks	Dundalk
523000	Understanding & Assisting Children with Additional Needs	QQI Level 5	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday	Day	19 weeks	Dundalk



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<b>Drogheda</b>							
523113	ICDL Spreadsheets	ICDL	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday	Day	22 weeks	Drogheda
523097	ICDL Word Processing	ICDL	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Friday	Day	22 weeks	Drogheda
523087	MOS Word	Microsoft	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	15 weeks	Drogheda
514007	MOS Excel	Microsoft	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Monday	Day	15 weeks	Drogheda
523129	Manual & Computerised Accounts	QQI Level 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Day	20 weeks	Drogheda
<b>Ardee</b>							
527874	Care Support	QQI Level 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2026	Wednesday	Day	14 weeks	Ardee
527875	Work Experience	QQI Level 5	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	Tuesday	Day	14 weeks	Ardee
523445	Recovery of Mental Health	QQI Level 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	Wednesday	Day	12 weeks	Ardee
523441	Care of the Older Person	QQI Level 5	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Day	12 weeks	Ardee
522954	Special Needs Assisting	QQI Level 5	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Day	23 weeks	Ardee



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# MICRO-QUALIFICATIONS COMMENCING 2026

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW BEING TAKEN

- Building Digital Business Skills
- Business Innovation and Market Development
- Corporate Sustainability Reporting
- Customer Experience Design for Business
- Enhancing Productivity with AI
- Environmental Sustainability Awareness
- Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace
- Fish Farm Techniques
- Immersive Technology
- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Lean Practice for Sustainable Business
- Learning & Skills Development for Business
- Resource Efficiency for Sustainability
- Sustainability Leadership
- Sustainable Supply Chain Procurement
- The Circular Economy in the Workplace
- Transversal Skills for Caregivers
- Using Robots in Advanced Manufacturing
- Wind Energy with Immersive Technology

Centers within LMETB will provide specific Micro-Qualifications in 2026. If you are interested in any of these Micro-Qualifications, please take a moment to register your interest.



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# “Building the Skills That Power Progress”



## Why Micro-Qualifications Are the Smartest Way to Upskill in 2026

The world of work is changing fast—really fast. That’s why traditional long courses aren’t always enough anymore. Enter micro-qualifications: small, powerful learning bites designed to upgrade your skills quickly and credibly.

### ✓ What Are Micro-Qualifications?

Think of them as focused, practical training modules that teach exactly what you need—no fluff, no wasted time. Each micro-qualification gives you a recognised badge of expertise you can use immediately.

### 💡 Why You Should Train Using Micro-Qualifications:

- Fast & Flexible Learning.
- Busy schedule? No problem. Learn in short bursts that fit around work and life.
- Stay Ahead in a Changing Job Market.
- Industries are evolving rapidly. Micro-qualifications help you stay relevant and competitive without committing to a long course.
- Boost Your CV Instantly.
- Every micro-qualification adds a certified skill to your profile—perfect for job applications, promotions, or career changes.
- Real Skills for Real Jobs.
- These aren’t theoretical. They’re designed with employers, based on what’s actually needed today.
- Confidence You Can Feel.
- Each completed micro-qualification gives you a quick win—and momentum to keep growing.

### Who Are They For?

- Teachers wanting to refresh or specialise
- Professionals aiming for promotion
- Career changers building new foundations
- Anyone interested in learning and upskilling

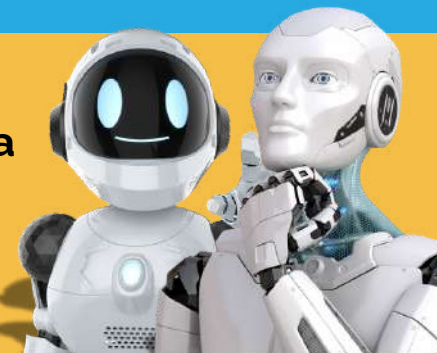


### Small Steps. Big Impact.

- Micro-qualifications prove that you don’t need a big course for big learning. Start stacking skills, building confidence, and shaping the future you want—one micro win at a time.



Upskilling through Skills to Advance and LMETB courses is a practical way to enhance your employability and adapt to changing job markets.



# Life Skills

**AMT**  
Ionad Oiliúna  
Barr Feabhais  
Ard-Deantoinseachta  
**CE**  
Advanced  
Manufacturing Training  
Centre of Excellence

**Operational Optimisation**  
Funded Training Course

# ILM Leadership and Management

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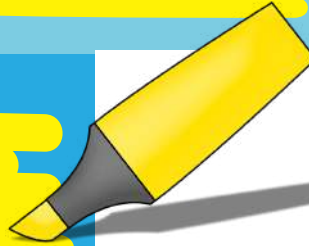
**Register your interest**



LEARN AND LEAD

# ILM Courses

Bite-Size Learning for  
Busy Professionals



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- ILM Awards in Leadership and Management (Level 3) Understanding Leadership - Awarding Body - City & Guilds
- ILM Awards in Leadership and Management (Level 3) Planning Change in the Workplace - Awarding Body - City & Guilds
- ILM Awards in Leadership and Management Understanding Conflict Management (Level 3) - Awarding Body - City & Guilds
- ILM Awards in Leadership and Management (Level 3) Understanding Stress Management in the Workplace - Awarding Body - City & Guilds

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# The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)



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Business owners must be aware of the new legislative requirement that will impact how companies report on sustainability. The CSRD Directive came into force January, 2023. This directive modernises, and strengthens the rules regarding the social and environmental information that companies must disclose.

The CSRD mandates that a range of large companies & listed SMEs publish regular sustainability reports which detail their social and environmental risks, and the impact their activities have on people and the environment.

The new rules ensure that investors, civil society organisations, consumers & other stakeholders have access to vital information for assessing companies' sustainability performance.

By harmonising the info required, reporting costs will be reduced for companies over the medium to long term.

Companies need to apply the new rules for the 2024 financial year, with reports to be published in 2025.

Companies must report according to European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), developed by European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG), which align with EU policies and international standards.

To support businesses in implementing these new requirements, Sola in partnership with its strategic partners are pleased to offer several micro credentials in Green Skills. These programs will equip your team with the knowledge & tools necessary to effectively comply with the CSRD Directive and enhance your company's sustainability reporting capabilities.

## **Benefits of the Training:**

- **Comprehensive Understanding** of the CSRD and ESRS requirements.
- **Practical Skills** to improve your company's sustainability and reporting processes.
- **Expert Guidance** from industry experts on best practices and compliance strategies.
- **Future-Proofing** to ensure your business is prepared for sustainability challenges and opportunities
- **Up to 100% Skills to Advance Funding** on these courses for eligible employers and employee
- **Enhance Organisation's Green Credentials.**
- **Gain Advantage Over Competitors**
- **Reduce Waste, Save Money, Energy & Resources**

We encourage all businesses to take advantage of these training opportunities to ensure a smooth transition to the new reporting standards and to position your company as a leader in sustainability. The effective transition and integration of sustainability is an urgent business need. The current landscape is marked by new regulations. Forward-thinking businesses recognise that sustainability is no longer simply a matter of compliance and good public image. Today it is a question of business value, competitiveness, and survival.

**“Understand the challenge and gain the skills to drive change”**



“Training in green skills can enhance your career.”

# Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace

## QQI Level 5 - Expressions of Interest Being Taken

Green skills are needed in the workplace to adapt products and services to tackle climate change. Green practices will also assist in meeting environmental requirements, regulations and open up new business opportunities.

To boost your awareness of sustainable practices, a new Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace programme has been developed as part of the Skills to Advance initiative. This programme will help you to develop an awareness of the key sustainability issues affecting your work environment and enable you to implement lasting changes.

### What is the aim of the programme?

The programme will help you to develop an awareness of the impacts of environmental change and the key sustainable practices that can be implemented by an individual and a business.

### Who is the programme for?

The programme is designed for all employees who would benefit from an awareness of sustainability practices in the workplace.

### How is the programme delivered?

Education and Training Boards across the country deliver the programme in a flexible manner to suit operational requirements of participating companies and their workforce.

### How long is the programme?

The programme requires approximately 25 hours contact time with a tutor and additional time to complete projects and assignments.

### Does the programme lead to a qualification?

The programme is accredited by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and leads to a Level 5 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

### What is the programme content?

Environmental Sustainability Awareness in the Workplace covers the following:

1. Climate change, environmental pressures and global initiatives
2. Energy and water management and conservation
3. Sustainable food and food waste prevention
4. Circular Economy, waste and resource management and greening the supply chain
5. Environmental management and green awareness for employees
6. Greening communities and greening your lifestyle
7. Generating a personal action plan (assignment) and a workplace environment report (project)

### How was the programme developed?

This Skills to Advance programme was developed in consultation with enterprise by SOLAS, ETBs, SEAI, EPA, Irish Water, Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and the Regional Skills Fora.

### What are the benefits?

By successfully completing the programme, you will be able to identify, prioritise and implement environmentally sustainable improvements in your workplace.

#### Employer

- Develop new skills in your team
- Green your business for cost savings, competitiveness and profitability
- Access highly subsidised flexible training

#### Employee

- Develop green skills for your career
- Future-proof your job
- Access highly subsidised flexible training



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# Green Skills

<p><b>Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace</b> QQI Level 5</p>	<p><b>Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken</b></p>	<p>This programme will help you to develop your awareness of the impacts of environmental change and the key sustainable practices that can be implemented by you and in your workplace.</p> <p>On successful completion of the award in Environmental Sustainability in the Workplace the learner will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a Personal Environmental Action Plan.</li> <li>• Draft a report on an environmental improvement plan for your workplace.</li> <li>• Limit and reduce your organisation's impact on the environment.</li> <li>• Find out how to be more sustainable as a company.</li> <li>• Save money by reducing wastes and managing resources more effectively.</li> <li>• Enhance the organisation's green credentials.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resource Efficiency for a Sustainable Workplace</b> QQI Level 5</p>	<p><b>Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken</b></p>	<p>This programme will allow you to identify waste in your workplace (in the areas of energy, water, waste, and materials), reduce their impact, reduce your workplace's carbon footprint and ultimately reduce costs for your business.</p> <p>On successful completion of the award in Resource Efficiency for a Sustainable Workplace the learner will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline what needs to be done to implement resource efficiency improvements in your workplace.</li> <li>• Identify potential actions that could be included in an action plan under different topic areas - energy, water, waste, material use, supply chains and biodiversity.</li> <li>• Scope out a carbon footprint for a business and establish a baseline.</li> <li>• Assess your waste in order to make cost savings in energy, water and materials.</li> <li>• Develop a resource efficiency plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Circular Economy in the Workplace</b> QQI Level 6</p>	<p><b>Expressions of Interest Now Being Taken</b></p>	<p>This micro-qualification will develop your skills in order to make circular economy improvements within your business. On successful completion of the award in The Circular Economy in the Workplace you will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the context and main concepts of the circular economy.</li> <li>• Apply circular thinking concepts to identify circular economy improvement actions in the workplace.</li> <li>• Analyse the potential impacts of circular economy improvement actions within (a) business.</li> <li>• Develop a business case for circular economy improvement actions.</li> </ul>



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