

## IACTO Chairperson's Q2 update to our CTC membership

Dear Chairperson and Board members,

As you all move into a well-earned holiday mode, I want to bring you up to date with the work of IACTO on your behalf. In doing so, I want to thank my fellow Directors who give so generously of their time on behalf of all CTCs. I would also like, on behalf of all of us, to pay a special tribute to NACTM and in particular those GMs who have undertaken additional work with us in the Policy & Procedures project groups and Innovation 'pilots'. Finally, we would be lost without both Estelle and Siubhan. Their dedication is truly remarkable.

### AGM

We had a very successful AGM in Mullingar on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. This year we varied the agenda and had very relevant and informative inputs from Mary Lyons of SOLAS, Gerry Griffin of DES the National Coordinator Youthreach and from Mike Connor of NACTM.

### DES

A copy of a welcome letter from Further Education and Training (FET) Principal Officer, Phil O'Flaherty, addressed to CEOs and FET Directors of ETBs across the country is attached for your information. This has come about through our work on the Liaison Group and ensures that staff across the 14 ETBs dealing with CTCs will have access to the same fundamental information. It is a timely reminder that throughout significant FET institutional changes, traditional guidelines and resources available for the CTC programme continue to apply. IACTO provide access to CTC Directors and GMs to these resources on our website [www.iacto.ie](http://www.iacto.ie) using your allocated username and password to gain access. If you have lost or misplaced yours, please contact [siubhannash@iacto.ie](mailto:siubhannash@iacto.ie)

### SOLAS - National Youthreach Programme (YR) Review

We would like to thank key personnel from SOLAS and ERSI for the update they provided to CTC Directors attending the Leadership CPD event recently in relation to the SOLAS Youthreach National Evaluation. You will know ERSI are in the closing stages of writing up the data with a deadline into SOLAS of the end of June as we understand it. Our emphasis to supporting marginalized learners with building transversal skills using a holistic approach came through the analysis strongly. The voice of young people and reasons they leave school early was heard. We look forward to reading both the ERSI report when complete and the SOLAS response. We have attached a copy of the ERSI slides from that event. We will continue to update you on this and other items at our next Information Forum of 2018 planned for later in the year, details will follow.

### CTC Staff Pay Claim

The second Conciliation Conference took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at The WRC. The Funder attended alongside IACTO and we can confirm the Conciliation process is now concluded without agreement. We await a (SIPTU) staff side response.

### CTC Management & Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Our Training & Development calendar for CTC Management Teams for Q2 - Q3 is attached. A reminder of 'topics' available is as listed in your SLA 2018 document. To date GDPR & Child Safeguarding continue to be current 'hot' topics; workshops on both were very well attended by CTC Directors and GMs. The CTC P&P project group working with IACTO have developed supporting materials and updated CTC policies and procedures to support voluntary Directors and their Corporate Governance responsibilities.

### CPD Analysis

An analysis of 2017 CPD events delivered by IACTO has now been completed. We used both evaluations taken at each event and feedback from Boards & GMs from across the network. The highest ratings (75 %+ ) were given by all attendees to our Information Forums which combined practical operational management sessions. Topics for these sessions are (you might recall) developed based on the training needs analysis we undertake when planning the next years' work. This strategy is clearly meeting your needs and we will soon be undertaking a similar exercise for 2019 and inviting your input to support our service delivery.

Finally, I would like to encourage as many Chairpersons and Board Members as possible to attend both our CPD training events and information sessions. I know that it can be extremely difficult for volunteers to find the time and attendance at CTC Board meetings can be challenging in their own right. However, IACTO will be ineffective unless it can interact with its membership. We are totally open to suggestions on how this can be improved and would be delighted to get suggestions e.g. but not only, in relation to location, day of the week and times of sessions.

Every best wish for a good summer and we look forward to working together to the benefit of our learners.

Yours faithfully,

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Please feel free to circulate to all Voluntary CTC Directors & GMs

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