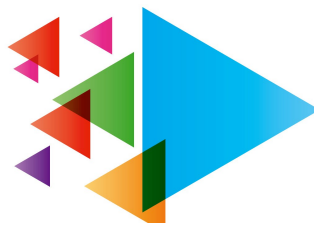


Enhancing European cooperation in VET

looking back – planning ahead



30 June and
1 July 2020

Virtual conference



Workshop 2:

VET for labour market integration and social inclusion

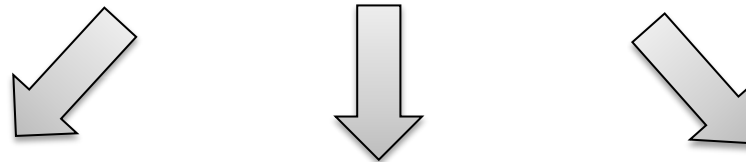
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Mary Lyons, Director, SOLAS National Innovation

Who we are?



SOLAS learning works

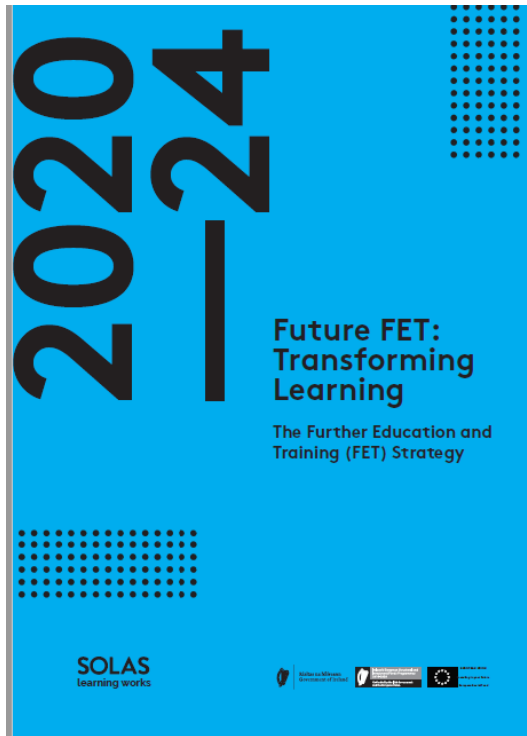


SOLAS - The Further Education and Training Authority - is a state agency in Ireland established on October 27, 2013

SOLAS funds the Education & Training Boards (ETBs) and other bodies engaged in the provision of further education and training programmes

Other functions include planning, coordination, research and monitoring of further education and training provision

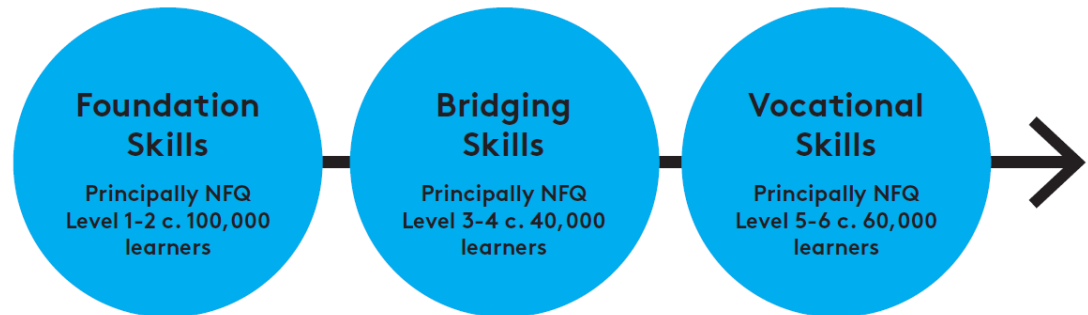
This is FET



Serving around **200,000** unique learners each year - both employed and unemployed

A continuum of learning opportunities from Level 1 to Level 6 of the National Framework of Qualifications

FET by Broad Type of Provision



Focus on upskilling and reskilling employees in low skilled work from 2019



Employees whose skills level are below Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, in jobs with a low skill requirement, 50+ years, in sectors/occupations at risk of economic displacement



SMEs and other organisations with limited capacity to identify and meet skills development needs of their employees



Industry sectors with particular skills needs, arising from emerging opportunities or as a result of economic vulnerabilities

eCollege is a fully online learning service funded by SOLAS. It provides flexible online learning opportunities aligned to industry recognised certifications, coupled with online tutor support



Online

eCollege is online 24/7

Learners can study at a time and place that suits them



eTutor supported

All courses have eTutor support Monday to Friday

Learners can also use practice labs, practice tests and ebooks to support course learning



Certified

All courses result in industry certification from Microsoft to Adobe and many more

Generally equivalent to Level 5 & 6 NFQ qualifications

Digital Improvement

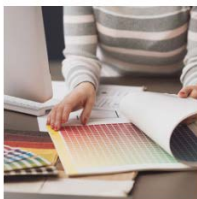
Suitable for those building on basic digital skills



International Computer
Driving Licence (ICDL)
Office Productivity

Digital Command

Suitable for those looking to gain in-depth skills for specific software packages or business skills



Graphic Design and
Illustration using Adobe
Illustrator
Web and Graphic Design



Print and Digital Media
Publication using Adobe
InDesign
Web and Graphic Design



Project Management
Certified Associate
Business



Microsoft Access
Office Productivity



Microsoft Excel
Office Productivity



Certified Digital
Marketing Professional
Web and Graphic Design



PRINCE2® Foundation
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Digital Specialisation

Suitable for those looking to gain specialist, professional skills



CompTIA Network+
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Introduction to
Programming using
JavaScript
Computer Programming



Introduction to
Programming using
Python
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Java Foundations Certified
Junior Associate
Computer Programming



Java SE 8 Programmer I
Computer Programming



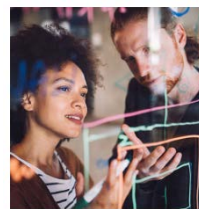
Java SE 8 Programmer II
Computer Programming



Software Testing – ISTQB
Certified Tester –
Foundation Level
Computer Programming



Windows Operating
Systems Fundamentals
IT Professional



Changing Career to the IT
Sector
IT Professional

Acceleration of Innovation in upskilling & reskilling options as a result of Covid-19 emergency

On March 22nd 2020 eCollege opened up free of charge to those affected by Covid-19:

- Short-time working
- Recently unemployed



Application process streamlined ✓

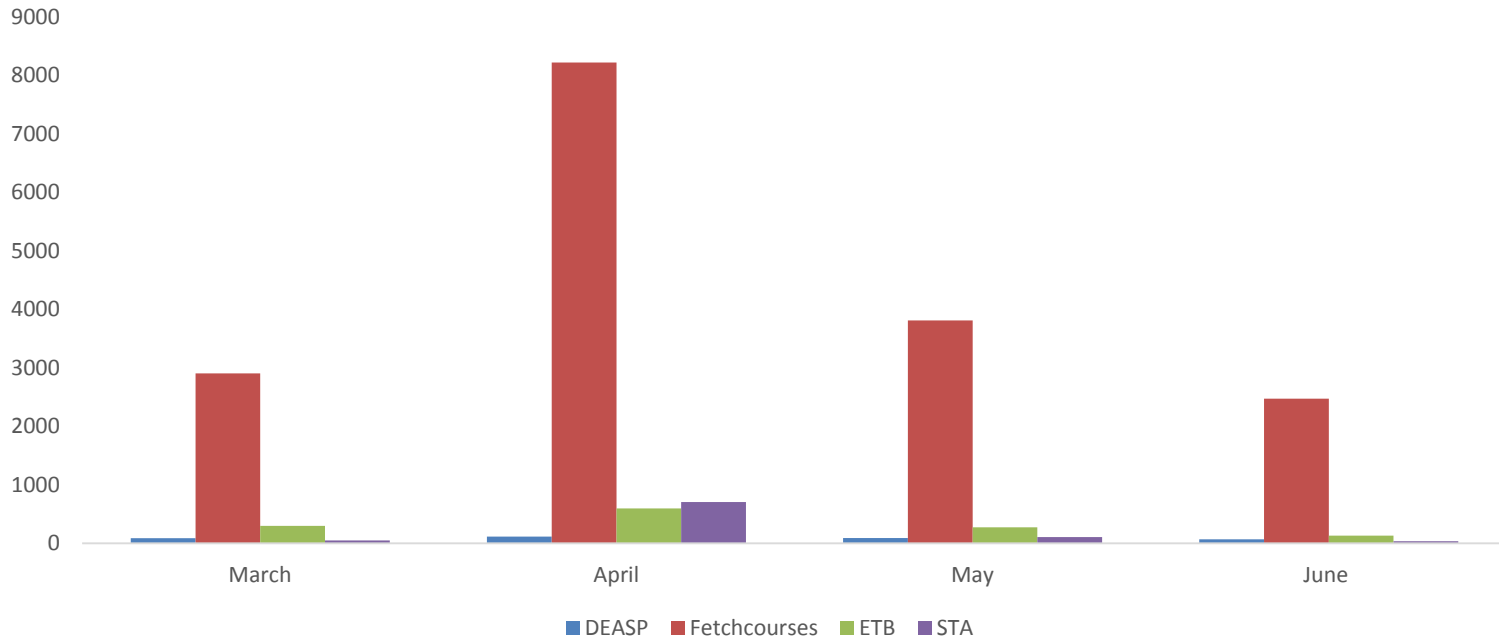
Contracts with suppliers renegotiated ✓

Additional funding obtained ✓

Targeted promotional campaign activated ✓

eCollege learners – what is the demand?

Summary of eCollege referrals by origin 24th March 2020 to 28th June 2020



eCollege enrollments in **3 months** from 24/03/20 to 28/06/20 equals **19,948** (typically 12,000 learners per annum)

Most in demand courses % of Total

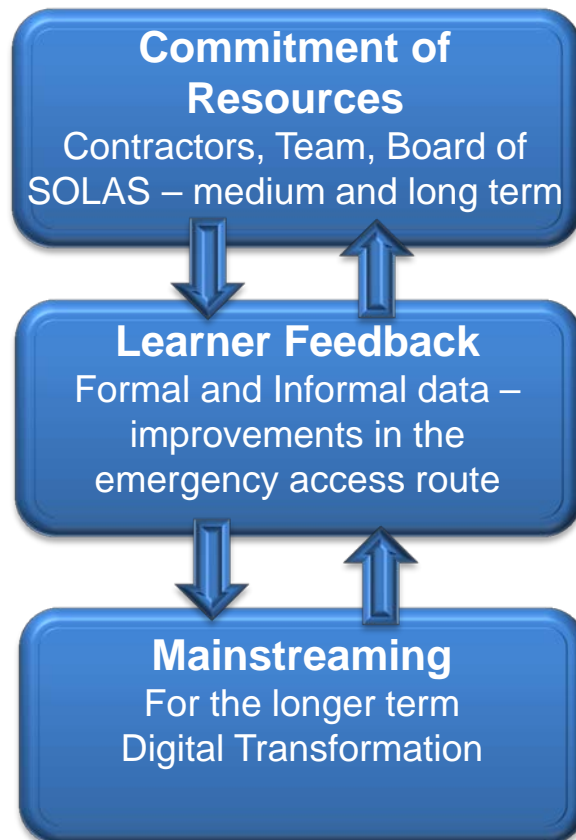
ECDL	-	22%
Project Management (Prince2 & PMBOK)	-	19%
Microsoft Excel (Specialist/Expert)	-	15%

Success Factors

What?



How?



Digital Transformation



Technology will be a key enabler to ensure that #FutureFET meets our current and future learners needs and expectations

By leveraging technology we envisage a FET system that is:



Accessible (ease of use) at a time and pace that suits learners

Proactive re. learner needs

Strategically funded to meet the learners needs

Efficiently leveraging technology to support delivery