



KERRY COLLEGE ANNOUNCE 2 NEW TECH APPRENTICESHIPS FOR COUNTY KERRY



KERRY COLLEGE have announced that 2 new Tech Apprenticeships will start this September in County Kerry - one in **Software Development**, another in **Cybersecurity**.

These QQI Level 6 Apprenticeships are 2 years in duration are delivered in partnership with FIT (FastTrack Into IT) who have a track record of running a range of apprenticeships for the tech and IT sectors.

FIT work with over 100 employers across Ireland and is currently collaborating with partner organisations and employers in County Kerry including Kerry SciTech to provide opportunities for tech apprentices from the county and the wider region.

Apprenticeships use an earn while you learn model where a participating employer hires a tech apprentice who undertakes phases of on-the-job and off-the-job training before fully qualifying.

The first 6 months of the programme will be run online from the Kerry College Tech Apprenticeship Hub in Tralee, with the last 18 months split between Kerry College and the host employer. There are only 14 places on each apprenticeship.

Assistant Manager at Kerry College John Herlihy:

"We are delighted to partner with FIT to bring these 2 superb tech apprenticeships to County Kerry. This provides a fantastic option for school leavers and career changers to move into this growth sector and to earn as they learn. County Kerry is home to over 70 companies in the tech sector at various levels – and as we come out of the pandemic we think this is the right time to offer these programmes to support and bring these important skillsets to the County and wider region."

KerrySciTech Cluster Manager Aoife O'Brien:

"KerrySciTech members recognise how transformative apprenticeship programmes are for learners and business. Now, with the continuous growth of our STEM and associated digital sectors within the Kerry region, there has never been a better time to choose a career in our sector. These two innovative tech apprenticeship programmes not only offer a new pathway into STEM but the combination of classroom learning with practical workplace training ensures that, when qualified, the apprentices will be equipped with all the necessary skills to progress as far as they want. We look forward to working with Kerry College and FIT as these programmes are rolled out"

You can apply to become a tech apprentice here: <https://fit.ie/tech-apprenticeships/become-an-apprentice/>

Employers who are interested in participating in these tech apprenticeships should contact FIT directly here: <https://fit.ie/tech-apprenticeships/hire-an-apprentice/>

You can browse and sign up for all Kerry College courses online: <https://kerrycollege.ie/full-time-courses/>

For queries, contact the Admissions Office on 066-714 96 96 or info@kerrycollege.ie

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About Kerry College

Kerry College is an integrated college of further education and training with campus locations at Clash Road, Tralee, Denny Street, Tralee, Monavalley, Tralee, Cappanalea, Killorglin and Church Street, Listowel. It is part of Kerry Education and Training Board (ETB) – who operate a range of Primary, Post Primary and Further Education and Training (FET) provision across County Kerry.

About KerrySciTech

KerrySciTech is a not-for-profit member organisation showcasing the County Kerry Region as a science, technology & engineering hotspot for talent, jobs & investment.