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Ability Programme

Following the PMC's decision in May to increase the allocation to the Disability Project **Ability** to €16m, the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty, T.D., and the Minister of State with special responsibility for Disabilities, Finian McGrath, T.D., announced the funding on 1st June 2018. The Ability Programme will provide supports to over 2,600 young people with disabilities aged between 15 and 29 years old.

The list of organisations being funded are:

Ak Inspired Ability Company.	Kerry
Blossom Ireland Community Inclusion.	Dublin
Central Remedial Clinic.	Dublin
Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta	Kildare
Co Wexford Community Workshop (New Ross)	Wexford
Cope Foundation.	Cork
Down Syndrome Ireland.	Dublin
Dublin City University.	Dublin
Dublin South City Partnership.	Dublin
Fingal Leader Partnership.	Dublin
Forum Connemara.	Galway
I.W.A.	Dublin
Ird Duhallow.	Cork
Knockanrawley Resource Centre.	Tipperary
Limerick Youth Service.	Limerick
Northside Partnership Company.	Dublin
Offaly Integrated Local Development Company.	Offaly
Peter Bradley Foundation.	Dublin
Roscommon Integrated Development Company.	Roscommon
Specialisterne Ireland.	Dublin
St. Cronans Association Company.	Tipperary
The Blanchardstown Area Partnership Company.	Dublin
Tipperary Regional Youth Service.	Tipperary
Walkinstown Association for People with an Intellectual Disability.	Dublin
Walkinstown Green Social Enterprises.	Dublin
West Cork Development Partnership Company.	Cork
Wexford Local Development Company.	Wexford

Youth Employment Support Scheme

YESS commenced on 1st October 2018, having been launched by Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty T.D., on Monday, 24 September 2018.

As previously advised, this new work experience programme, targets young jobseekers, aged 18- 24, who are long-term unemployed or who face significant barriers to employment, and aims to provide participants with the opportunity to learn basic work and social skills in a supportive environment while on a work placement.

Work placements will be of 3 months duration with participants engaging in 24 hours¹ work experience per week. Participation on the scheme is wholly voluntary and participants will receive an allowance of €229.20 per week for the duration of their placement. A Learning and Development Plan will be agreed between all parties at the outset of the placement. At the end of the placement, host organisations will be encouraged to hire satisfactory participants (i.e. offer them paid employment) and will qualify for a subsidy under the DEASP *JobsPlus* Scheme.

To date, a total of 100 YESS vacancies have been advertised on jobsireland.ie. The placements being offered are across a number of different sectors including; retail, wholesale, manufacturing, IT, pharmaceutical, general services and office administration. A total of 24 jobseekers have accepted placements so far, and 22 of these commenced on Monday, 12th November. Departmental staff are actively following up on the other outstanding vacancies, and expect to fill these in the coming weeks.

Proposed AIP Changes

AIP Ref:	Activity	Proposed Amendments
1.1/4.8	ETB Training for the unemployed/ Community Training Centres	SCO approved in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1127
1.2/1.3	Springboard/ ICT Skills Conversion Course	Changes to the text to reflect inclusion of Returners in the programmes.

The AIPs are also being updated for Personnel changes.

¹ Paper to PMC in December 2017 envisaged 30 hours work experience per week.