

## Open up to new opportunities

We all have great intentions at the start of a new year to try new things. If you are looking for something different and exciting to do this year then why not enrol in an evening course? January is a dark, gloomy month and there is no better time to reflect on the year gone by and plan your goals for the year ahead. Whether you want to pursue a hobby or get back into the employment industry, completing a night course is the way to start. In Waterford, we have many back to education programmes which suit every age, level and interest. If you are thinking of entering into full-time education, then a night course can help in your decision making process. With more and more adults joining the unemployment line or emigrating, it is time to look at what is on offer here in the South East. There is an array of courses to choose from, for example I.T, beauty, business, psychology or childcare.

Attending night courses has numerous benefits. One advantage is that you do not have to give up employment to attend classes. While you are working you can be upgrading your skills and the positive outcome is that it looks great on your CV. Employers nowadays are seeking employees who show initiative and are willing to learn. If you are unemployed, it is a great way to go out and socialise while obtaining a new set of skills that will boost your employability.

People who complete night courses say how beneficial it has been for their personal development, especially their confidence and social skills. If you are attending a class just to pursue a hobby or interest, it is great for meeting people who have a similar passion to you. There are numerous night courses on offer like flower arranging, photography or creative writing. You may even discover a hidden talent that you never knew you had.

If you always wanted to live in another country or travel, why not learn a new language? There are many language classes on offer such as Italian, French, Irish or Spanish, and classes accommodate beginners to advanced students.

The feeling of personal achievement after completing the course will give you the confidence to pursue the career you always wanted, join the employment sector or simply enjoy a couple of hours doing something different. Night time courses do not just give you a new skill set but benefits your life as a whole. So, to avoid the January blues, why not set yourself a new goal and learn a new skill?