

12pm to 6pm, Wednesday, 30th January 2019

**Kerry Children & Young People's Services Committee in Partnership with  
EmployAbility Service Kerry and The Department of Employment Affairs and  
Social Protection Announces Progressive Pathways Fair**

***Progressive Pathways Fair***

***Rose Hotel Tralee— 12pm to 6pm, Wednesday, 30th  
January 2019***

The Progressive Pathways Fair is set to take place on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 from 12-6 pm at the Rose Hotel Tralee. The event caters for those aged of 16 to 24 with additional support needs who are looking to progress into further education, training, or employment. There will be over 30 information stands at the event including: DEASP, EmployAbility Kerry, IT Tralee, Kerry ETB, National Learning Network, Studio 3, Local Disability Support Services, Kerry Down Syndrome and lots more which will all have representatives at the fair available to provide support, advice, and guidance. Additionally, workshops regarding Assistive Technology, Progression To Further & Higher Education, and Employment Supports will take place throughout the day. Free transport will be provided to the event by Local Link Kerry (though pre-booking is essential before the 25<sup>th</sup> of January).

The Progressive Pathways Fair 2019 will build on the very successful Disability Fair organised in 2018 and is set to become an annual event. Feedback from participants who attended the event last year said *“The one stop shop element of the day was excellent”* and *“speaking with parents there querying for their dependents on services, I felt it was a relief for them to see the various services available for each stage in their child's journey. They might not have been at our stage yet but for them to know we were there when the time came provided them with peace of mind.”*

The Progressive Pathways Fair has been organised by the Progression Pathways Working Group, an interagency sub-group of Kerry Children and Young people's Services Committee (CYPSC). The group identified the need for clear information for parents and young people (primarily but not exclusively aged 16-25 year old), with additional support needs including disability and learning difference in order to assist them to progress to the most appropriate training and education opportunities for them. Membership of the group includes representation from: Kerry ETB; HSE Disability Services; Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection; National Learning Network; EmployAbility Kerry; IT Tralee, North, East & West Kerry Development; South Kerry Development Partnership; Kerry Diocesan Youth Service; and Kerry CYPSC.

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