



## Learner Fund 2014/2015

DFEi learners are entitled to apply for funding through the Learner Fund 2014 for participation in its Night School Childcare Courses.

DFEi offers these childcare courses at night and full details are listed on our evening course page <http://dfei.ie/evenings/a-z-of-autumn-courses-2013>

The Learner Fund is an initiative of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA). This initiative has been introduced as part of a larger drive to raise quality standards in early year's services nationally. This fund support existing staff in early year's services to gain accredited qualifications (FETAC Level 5 & 6), which are to become mandatory.

The Learner Fund will provide funding in the form of a subsidy towards the cost of training which will facilitate existing staff working directly with children in registered early year's services to attain the mandatory minimum qualification requirements for September 2015. From September 2015 all staff in Early Year's services will need to have full Level 5 qualifications, and all Pre-School (ECCE) Room Leaders will need full Level 6 qualifications.

**If you are eligible for the fund you only pay €50 per component to DFEi.**

### **How to apply?**

Each learner applies to the County Childcare Committee (CCC) who are responsible for appraising the Learner application and will confirm by email to the learner their eligibility for either a Level 5 or Level 6 subsidy.

### **County Childcare Committees are listed below**

**Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Childcare Committee**

**Deirdre Tobin (Development Officer)**

**Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Childcare Committee**

**5A Woodpark**

**Sallynoggin**

**Co Dublin**

**Tel: (01) 2368030 or refer to [www.dlrcc.ie](http://www.dlrcc.ie)**

### **Proof of eligibility**

Each learner must bring the email they received from the County Childcare Committee to DFEi on enrolment night. The learner only pays €50 per component being completed in DFEi. DFEi will claim the rest from the CCC.