**Admission Policy – Youthreach Ballina**

Following guidelines from the Department of Education and Science are adhered to.

PG 1 (Priority Group 1)

* PG 1 WILL BE AGED 15 – 20 and
* Have left school
* Be unemployed
* Have no qualification or incomplete Junior Cert. (i.e. less than 5 D’s at ordinary Junior Certificate)

In compliance with Guidelines, the Youthreach age and qualification criteria may be extended for the following:-

* PG2 (Priority Group 2)
* Lone Parents
* Referrals from EWO

NRB

JLO

Principals/ HSLO

Social Services

Probation Services

Solas

* Trainees whose personal circumstances are such that a foundation education and training programme is most appropriate for them.

**Application Procedure**

* Application forms are available in the front office and on the web site. It must be fully completed and returned to the centre. Applicants remain on the waiting list until such time as a vacancy arises.
* We have 2 intakes per annum, September and February
* Trainees are interviewed by both the coordinator and resource person.
* Any relevant referral information is provided i.e. documentation from Schools, Education Welfare Officers etc.
* After interview, the candidates are informed by letter whether they have been successful or not. A date is set and depending upon enrolment usually takes place in September and February.
* Youthreach is not an alternative to school
* Consideration is taken for a gender balance
* Youthreach Ballina should reflect our catchment areas demographic and geographic balance