

MY OPTIONS

NAVIGATING MY PATH AFTER
POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL



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In this lesson you will:

- Explore what options are available when you finish post-primary school.

OUTCOMES



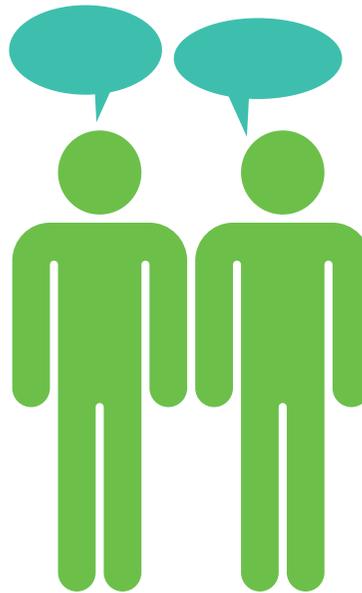
At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- List and explain a variety of pathways you could follow when you finish post-primary school.

THINK



PAIR



SHARE



AT A GLANCE

Many paths can lead to a happy life.
Some of your options include:

Third Level
Education



Post Leaving Cert
Courses (PLCs)



Apprenticeships



Graduate
Programmes



Employer
Sponsored
Programmes



Study
Abroad



Work



Work
Experience



Volunteering



Gap Year



Repeat Leaving
Certificate

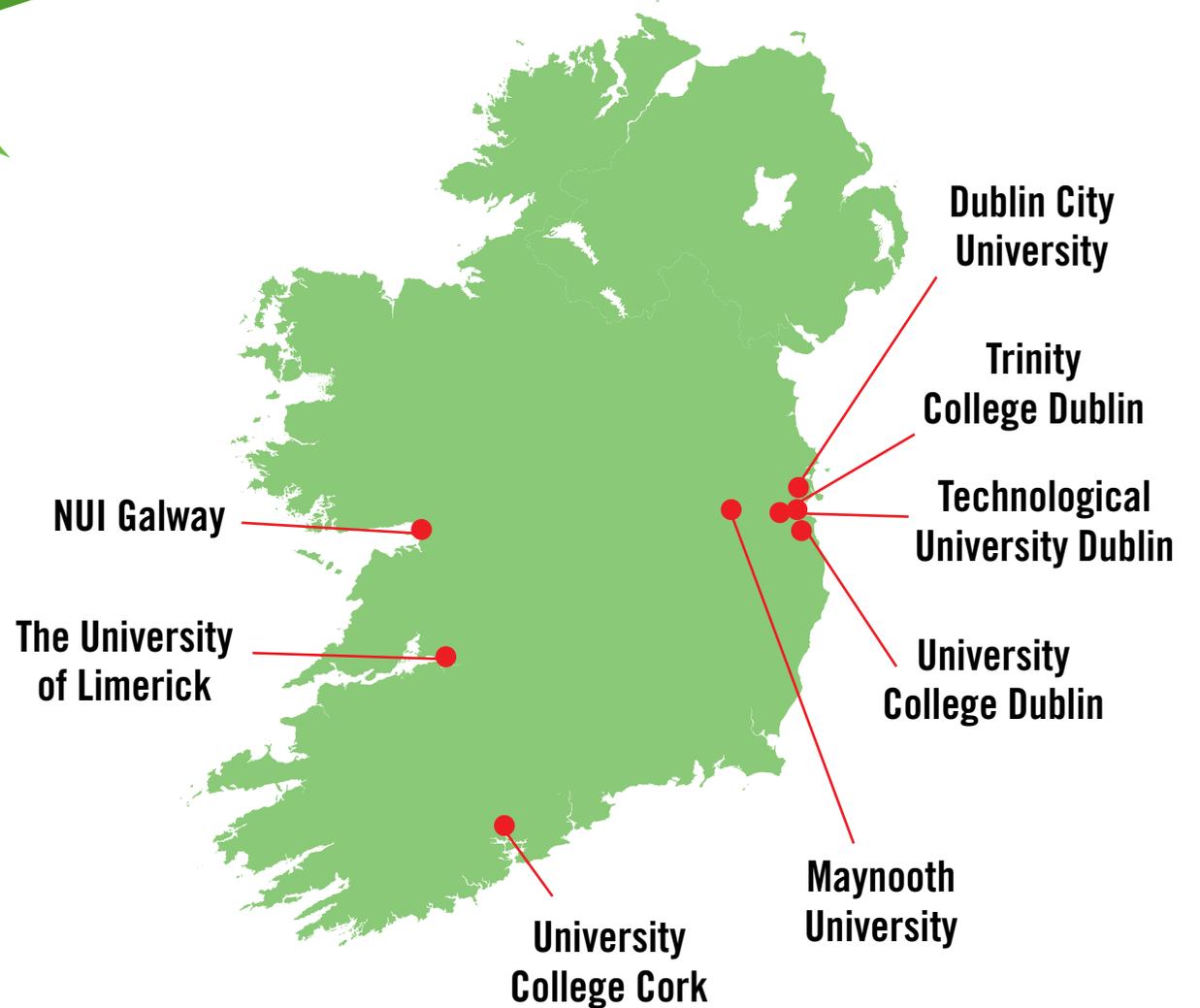
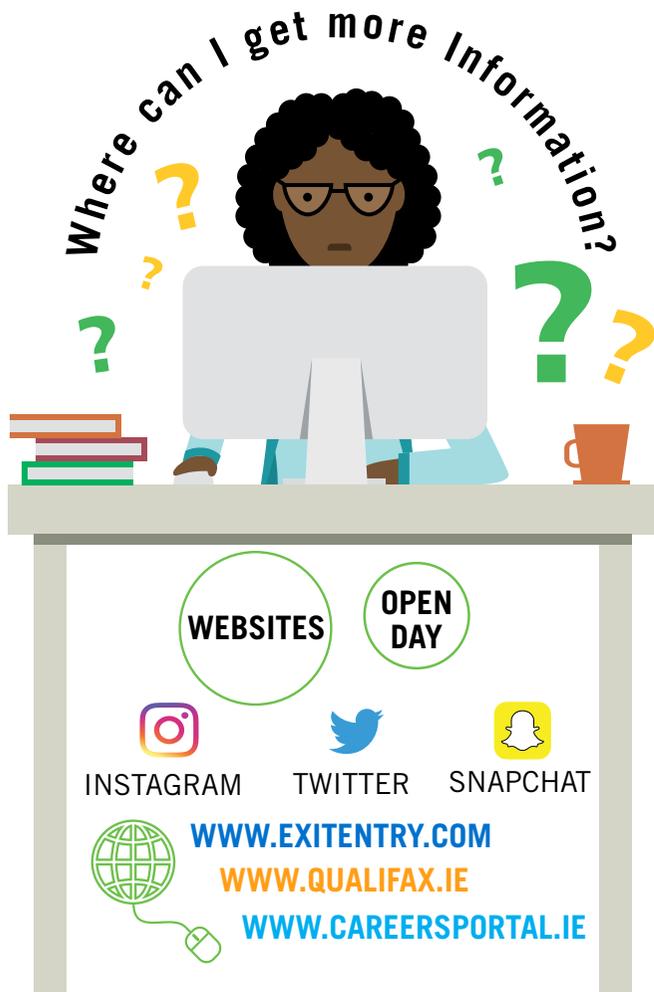


THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION



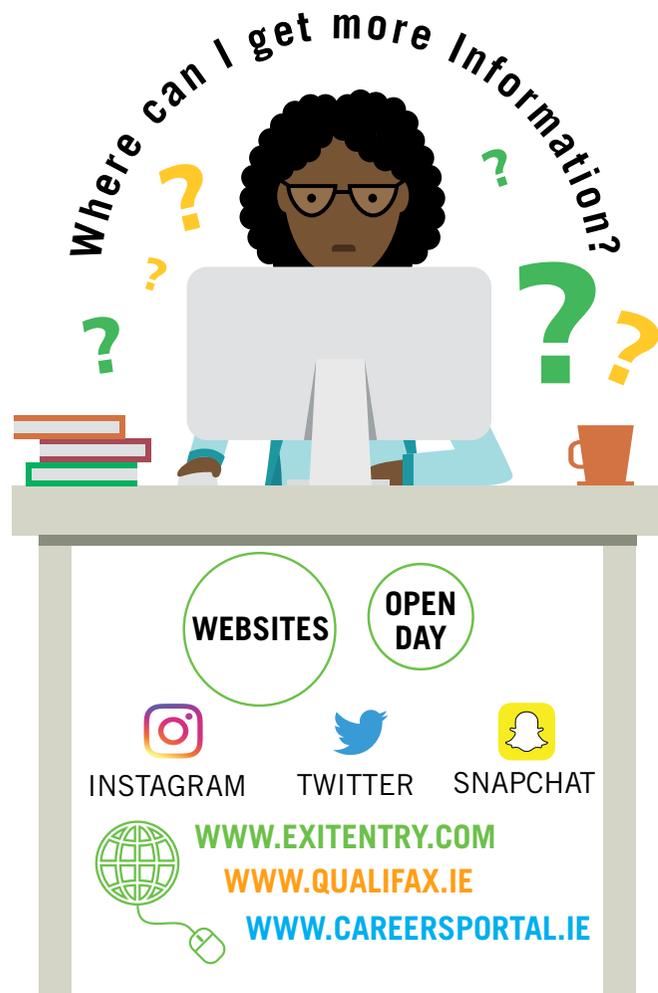
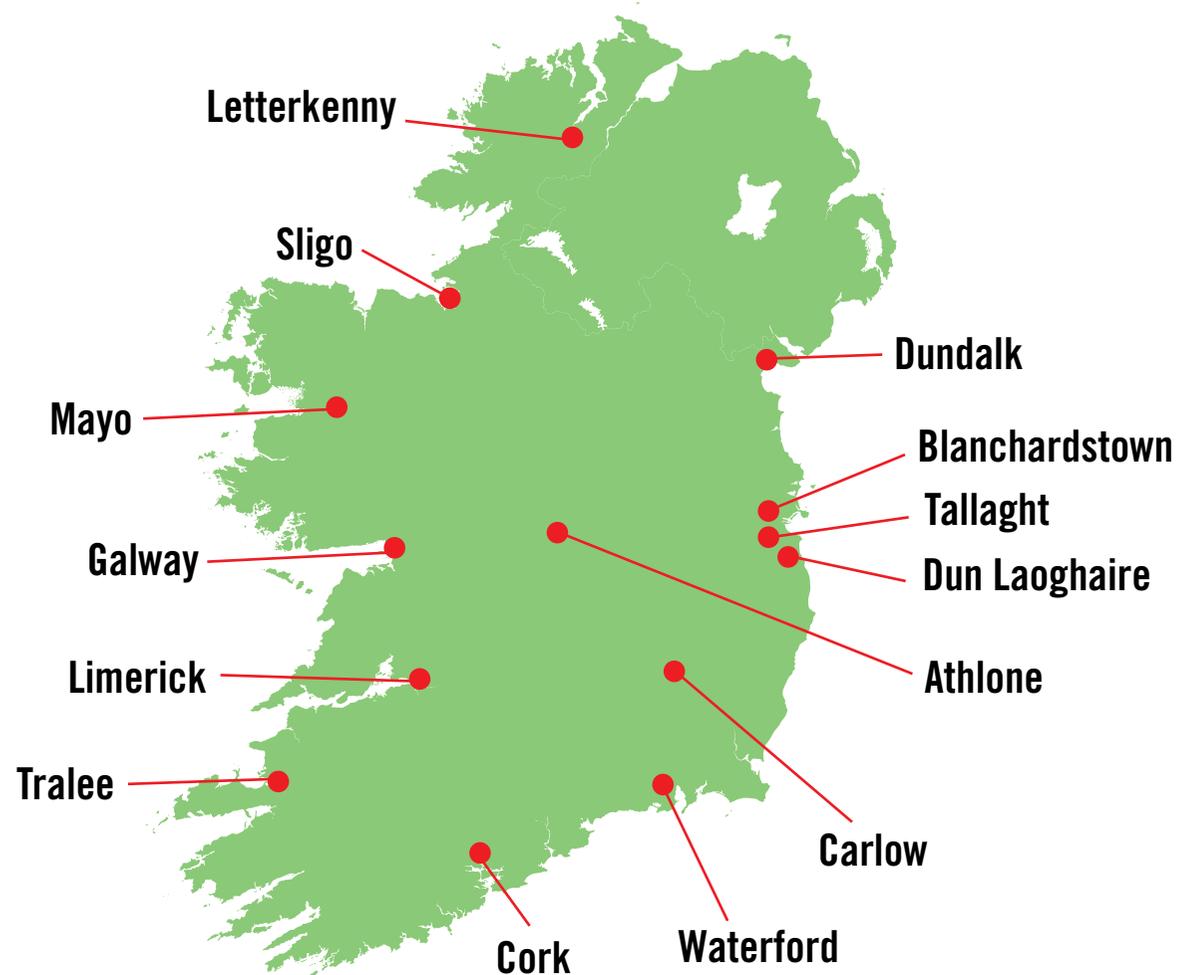
The third-level education sector in Ireland consists of universities, institutes of technology, and colleges of education - collectively known as higher education institutions or HEIs.

UNIVERSITY



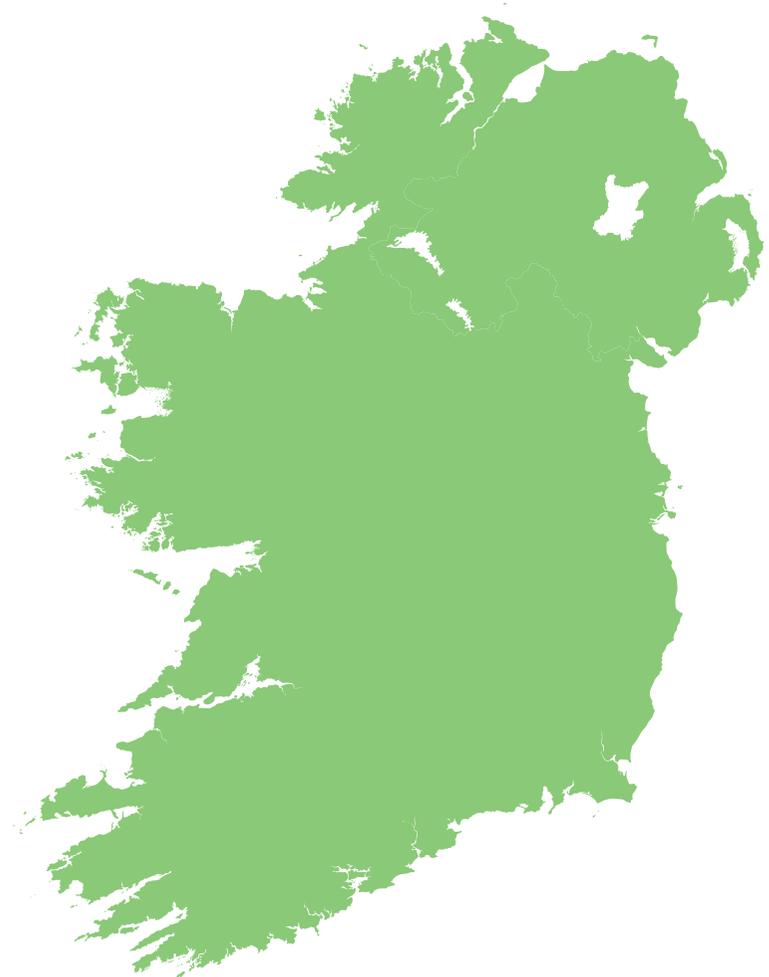
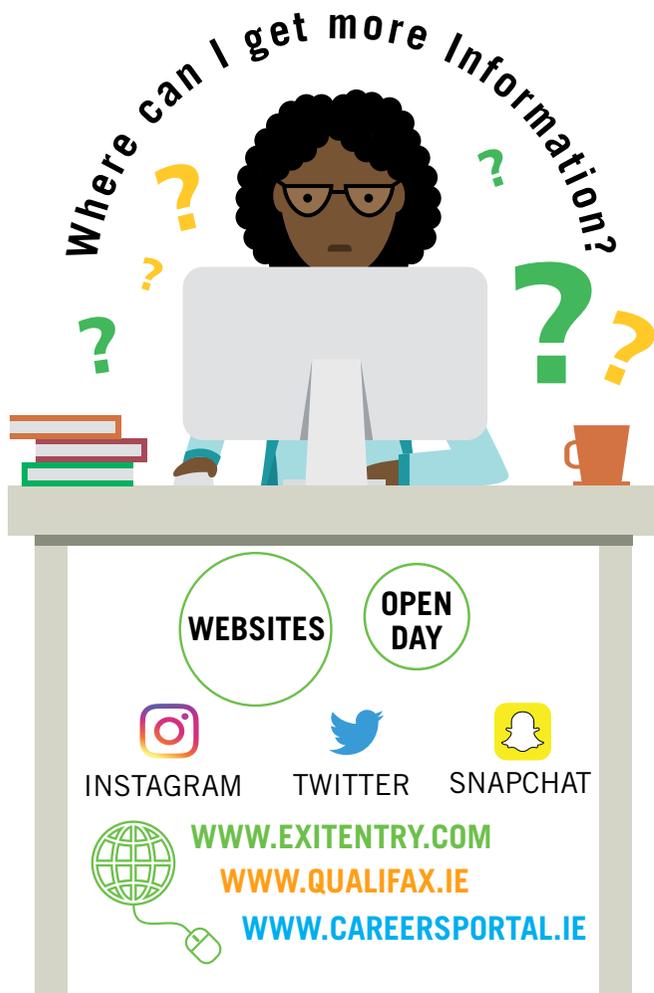
INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY

There are a number of Institutes of Technology located around the country



MANY OTHER OPTIONS

There are a number of other places in Ireland where you can further your education. For example, Mary Immaculate College is based in Limerick. Please discuss other options with your teacher.



POST LEAVING CERT COURSES (PLCS)



- Post Leaving Certificate courses are a popular option for many students.
- Many of these courses offer the option of progression to University or Institutes of Technology.
- PLCs are fantastic gateways into third level institutions and also provide qualifications of their own that will stand to you in later life.
- PLCs can help you prepare for the world of work.



APPRENTICESHIPS



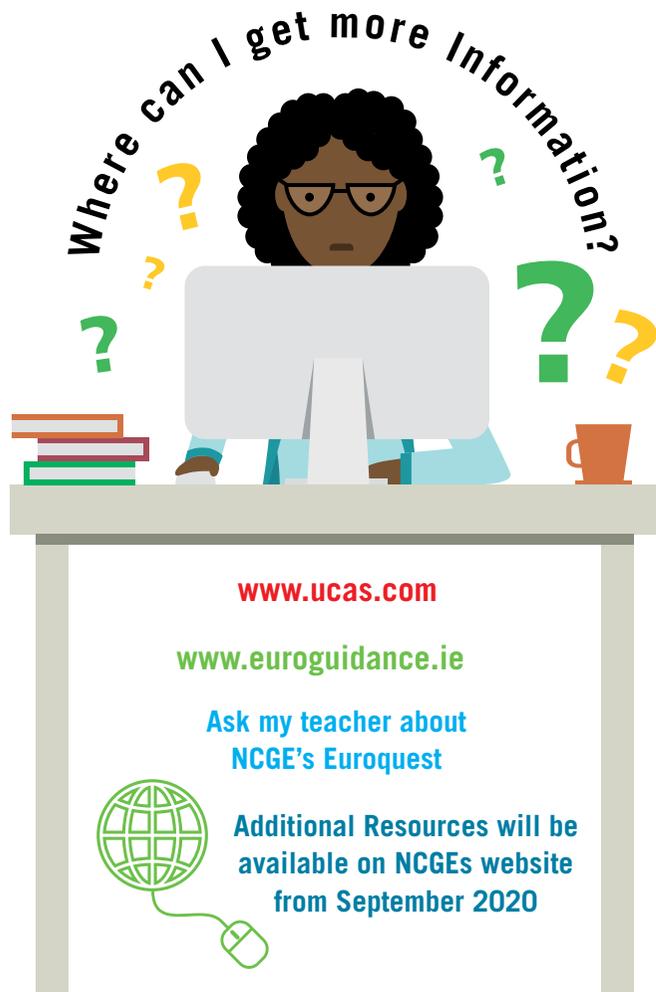
- Apprenticeships combine paid work with training.
- Apprenticeships offer a way into craftsmanship professions like carpentry, plumbing, metalworking, electrical works etc.
- There are also many new and evolving apprenticeships in the areas of accounting, banking, insurance etc.



STUDY ABROAD

Many Irish students decide to study abroad!

- There are many options available in Europe... you can study a course, through English, in lots of European Countries including Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway... and many others.



EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PROGRAMMES



- In Sponsored Programmes the candidate works for the company, while also getting trained (i.e in University).
- For example www.centralbank.ie

WORK



- While a course, an apprenticeship or a PLC will lead you to a job, you might want to go straight into the workforce.



The following websites are good for looking for a job in Ireland:

WWW.JOBS.IE

WWW.JOBSIRELAND.IE

WWW.SIMPLYHIRED.IE

WWW.IRISHJOBS.IE

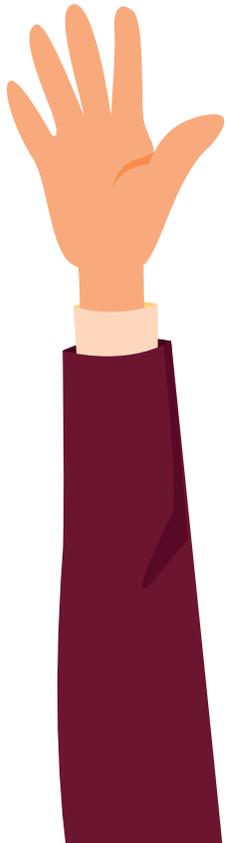


WORK EXPERIENCE

- It can sometimes be tough to get a job after post-primary school so gaining some work experience can help.
- As well as giving you an insight to working life, it also helps you to build connections.



VOLUNTEERING



- You can volunteer locally, nationally or internationally.
- Volunteering can help you learn new skills and make contacts.



GAP YEAR

- Some students don't feel ready for the next step in their education directly after post-primary school.
- One option for them is a "gap year" - taking a year between school and the next step.
- During this year you could explore your interests through volunteer experiences, get a job or travel.
- During this year you may learn a lot of different skills and a lot about yourself.



REPEAT LEAVING CERT



If you didn't get the Leaving Cert results you wanted or needed, you have the option of repeating the Leaving Cert. You may be able to repeat your Leaving Cert in your own school or in other specialised colleges or schools.



WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.COM

WWW.SPUNOUT.COM



OVER TO YOU...

- Please think about some of the options you would like to explore when you finish school (see worksheet).



CONSOLIDATION OF LEARNING

Can you...

- List and explain some of pathways you could follow when you finish post-primary school.