

Press Release



This is another training, development
and networking initiative of the
Taste 4 Success Skillnet

Taste 4 Success – cutting edge Food Management Certificate announced

The North West sets the Trend for Food Management in Ireland!

Today more than ever those in the food industry in the North West of Ireland must remain competitive. Reach your true business potential and enroll in the newest and most innovative food Industry training available in Ireland.

Taste 4 Success Skillnet is now providing a fully accredited Management Development programme entitled 'Certificate in Food Management' in association with Letterkenny Institute of Technology – funded by the Taste 4 Success Skillnet, and based in counties, Donegal, Sligo, Roscommon, Cavan and Leitrim this course is open to all in private business who wish to build skills to safeguard their sustainability and competitiveness.

Since 1999 the Taste 4 Success Skillnet formally known as the '315 Food' Network has led the way in provided enterprise-led training for those in the Food Industry in the Northwest of Ireland - With over twenty active and progressive members, The Taste 4 Success Skillnet is Chaired by Stephen Hennessy, Country Cooking, other steering group member companies include; Cannaboe Confectionary, The Oarsman Pub & Restaurant, Gleasons Town House & Deli, Carlton Cakes, The Clarion Hotel Sligo.

The Certificate course designed by Taste 4 Success Skillnet will be provided in workshops and locations throughout the Northwest and Midlands Border Region will run over 30 weeks it is aimed at suiting those in employment.

The course will ensure all delegates have an understanding of the key facets of running a food business in the North West, focusing also on how to improve competitiveness and profitability, as well as developing the learners' knowledge and skills in business areas.

The Taste 4 Success Skillnet is funded by Skillnets Ltd, who is mandated by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Skillnets is an enterprise-led support body whose mission is

to enhance the skills of people in employment in Irish industry to support competitiveness and employability.

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Background to Skillnets Ltd.

Skillnets is an enterprise-led body that was set up in April 1999 to provide companies with new opportunities to develop relevant, effective answers to their training and development needs.

The Skillnets Board includes representatives of the employer bodies IBEC, Chambers Ireland, Construction Industry Federation, Small Firms Association as well as representatives of employee bodies through the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and also representatives of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Skillnets is responsible for the operation of The Training Networks Programme. The Skillnets approach has stimulated a new leadership of enterprise training by key industry bodies, leading companies, trade unions and HR managers. Through their member networks, industry federations, chambers of commerce and trade unions have promoted, championed and led training awareness and activities. In each network champions of workplace training have joined steering groups and supported and encouraged other enterprises to participate in the process.

This leadership by industry has been one of the most important and effective key success factors of the Training Networks Programme and has been key to the uptake of training within over 15, 000 companies. To date over 100,000 employees have benefited from training funded by Skillnets.

The Skillnets approach is cross regional, and cross-sectoral. It is firmly grounded in the strength and synergies of networking. Networks are self-selecting and guided by a commonality of need. Decision-making is devolved to the level of the industry group or other network grouping so as to maximize enterprise involvement in all aspects of delivery.

Funding for training is based on co-investment by enterprises and Skillnets. A high level of dialogue, linkages and partnerships between and across organisations has taken place with Skillnets as a facilitator and enabler of the processes.

For further information please visit: www.skillnets.ie