

How is the Ability Project different?

Regular contact with School Leaver Facilitators

Career guidance opportunities available during final years of school

Team of Facilitators working with the Individuals

Work with Individuals for final two years of school

Working actively with the Individual on creating a
Person Centred Plan

School Leavers Ability Project

The aim of the Pobal Funded School Leavers Ability Project is to support all School Leavers with disabilities in the targeted areas in the transition from school to accessing “Ordinary Lives in Ordinary Places”. A primary objective of the project is to create the expectation amongst the participants of their right to an “Ordinary Life”. The project will support a minimum of 30 School Leavers over the period of the project.

Our aim is to support individuals to making choices and decisions in their final years of school. We also offer an outreach support to individuals. Support is given on an individualised basis.

Information collected about the School Leavers during this process will, with the permission of the individual, be shared with relevant people at the end of the process.

Why is the Ability Project needed?

Cumas has run a limited School Leavers programme for the past three years. This programme has supported individuals and families with the transition from school and children’s services to adult services, further education, or outreach programmes, easing worries and concerns at what can be an extremely stressful time.

This was accomplished by a Learning Facilitator going into the school and working with individuals on a monthly basis to find out their interests and goals and supporting the development of a Person Centred Plan with them. The Learning Facilitator also worked with the family to ease their transition.

The feedback received from individuals, families and teachers that have participated in the School Leavers Programme identified that it was extremely beneficial to all connected with it.

What is the Ability Project NOT?

A recruitment vehicle for Cumas New Ross

A marketing campaign for Cumas New Ross

A method to ensure all School Leavers attend Cumas New Ross

An endeavour to prejudice School Leavers,
their families and their schools against
other services.



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