



CareersPortal - About Us ... *in others' words*

The CareersPortal.ie Website ...

"Fantastic resource, particularly useful for the interest profiler and CAO search and course information, also course videos are very popular with students".

A. R. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"A great site - keep up the good work".

F.F. - Guidance Counsellor

"The big advantage of Careers Portal is that it provides a 'one stop shop' for adults in Ireland looking for information, advice and online employment and educational guidance. It's the ultimate tool to facilitate adults manage their careers".

J.D. ~ Co-ordinator/Guidance Counsellor

"CareersPortal is an excellent site - I wish you every success".

G. Mc N. ~ Adult Guidance Counsellor

"Go raibh míle maith agat as ucht do chuid ama agus cabhrach. Is mór agam an t-eolas - nár laga Dia tú".

B. Ó' M. ~ Príomhoide

"I am a great admirer of your website and find the information on the site invaluable".

Í. O'N. Guidance Counsellor

"I'm using the 'I can do that' career investigation as my TY's end of year assessment."

N. M. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"When the students come to me for individual guidance, we can use the information stored on their career profile as a basis for discussion and exploration".

J. D. ~ Co-ordinator/Guidance Counsellor

"I have moved to the UK and ...started working in Further Education in England. I simply cannot find any online careers assessments that are student friendly and age appropriate for 16+ years There does not appear to be any site comparable to Careers Portal in the UK..."

B. V. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"Thanks very much and thanks for the development of Careers Portal which is a superb 'virtual one stop shop' for career management for people of all ages".

Guidance Counsellor/Co-ordinator

"Thanks a million for all the exciting updates on the site this year".

CO'B ~ Guidance Counsellor

"Just a quick email to let you know that I think your website is completely BRILLIANT! It is by far the most comprehensive, informative and easy to use website I have come across. Particularly useful for someone like myself who, as a carpenter went back into training and now have a Master's Degree in business and wondering what to do with it. Thank you for providing such valuable information about all aspects of finding a job in this incredibly strained job market, information that I have found quite hard to come by and hadn't known who to ask or where to find until I found your site. Well done and keep up the good work!!!"

C.M ~ CareersPortal User

"I found the CareersPortal Interest Profiler was very user friendly for the students. It visually displayed their areas of interest and it re-enforced what work they have done in their work experience module."

G. C. ~ 2nd Level Guidance Counsellor

"I love your website and use it as often as I can get into the computer lab with all my students".

2nd Level Guidance Counsellor



The Reach+ Career & College Preparation Programme ...

"We have been using Reach+ for senior cycle students since September 2011. It has proved to be a powerful resource to students combining, on one website, a vast range of career related topics, including, CAO choices, interest profiling, setting exam targets, study skills, career sectors and skills, interview skills, student CV's and much more. Students have also benefited greatly from the ability to access the information relating to their individual profile both inside and outside of school time".

Sheila Drumm ~ School Principal

"I find CareersPortal excellent, delighted with the new REACH programme, keep it up"

T. K. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"We are really enjoying the Reach+ book, so well done to all those concerned".

A. D. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"I want to thank you for the presentation given in Tralee yesterday. The [Reach+] programme is very well structured and one I would be happy to use".

N.B ~ Guidance Counsellor

"Thanks again for everything it's been such a positive experience with CareersPortal and the [Reach+] workbook looks great. I am hoping your clip on the origins of interviews is in online!"

R. Mc D. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"This is like a dream come true (especially for those who are new to Guidance). Congratulations!"

A. D. ~ Guidance Counsellor

"What would we do without Reach+ - it's a Godsend !"

2nd Level Guidance Counsellor

CareersPortal.ie Training Sessions ...

"Bernadette Walsh introduced me to the CareersPortal website this week and gave me a great overview of the services available. I just wanted to email your team to say what a great resource it is".

Eimear Murphy Adult Guidance Co-ordinator Threshold Training Network

"We were 'floored' this am with Bernadette's training, and unfortunately all our Guidance Counsellors couldn't be there ...".

Rose Duffy ~ Information Officer Donegal Adult Learner Guidance Service

"Thanks to John and yourself for a great training session. The team have been singing the praises and utility of the careers portal site and indeed the training too. Best wishes to all at careers portal keep up the great work, the site look brilliant and is a great support to the work we do".

Stephen Byrne ~ CE Supervisor Northside Partnership Employment Services Centre

"Thank you for organising the Careers Portal training yesterday. It was fantastic. The Portal will be a massive resource for my students and me. It's an excellent system and it was very well presented by Bernadette. Many, many thanks to her too. This was the best training I've had for a long long time. I am astounded by the breadth of information Careers Portal provides".

Laura Kenny ~ Training & Employment Officer, The Linkage Service

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for the great training. I found it so useful and I'm delighted to know all the new features of CareersPortal that I will be able to share with the clients of our service".

Edel Geraghty ~Information Officer, Kilkenny & Carlow ETB: Carlow Adult Ed Guidance & Info. Service

"We find that Careers Portal is a one stop shop to explore who you are, where your interests lie, identify your skills, look up courses of interest, occupation outlines and search job websites and would highly recommend it as a guidance and information tool. We are looking forward to upcoming developments including the REACH programme for adults and the section for people with disabilities."

Feedback from CareersPortal Training Participant

.... In Others' Words



CareersPortal in Adult Education ...

"The 'Self Assessment' section is a good starting point to give an adult more insight into their personality, what skills they have already and where their career interest may lie. The personality test particularly brings out interesting responses from client's including 'that test gets me' or 'that's who I am'".

Feedback from CareersPortal Training

"Adults with a work history have enjoyed completing the values-self assessment questionnaire to clarify their values. The Community Project exercise worksheet is a very quick assessment, it can be a useful starting point in developing a client's self-awareness about which career interests groups they identify most with."

Feedback from CareersPortal Training

"Clients particularly like being able to watch the online videos of individuals currently in roles that they are interested in".

Feedback from CareersPortal Training

"More and more the service is asked by clients 'where are the jobs?' The occupation explorer is most useful to highlight immediately to practitioners and clients where there is an occupation skills shortage. This tool gives clients hope for their future in these recessionary times".

Feedback from CareersPortal Training

"The 'Sectors' are helpful in getting a client to think about their future career area – each sector is divided into sub sector allowing the client to drill down and find out more about a specific career area. 'Ask the Experts' allows the client to hear from qualified individuals about what the day to day job is like".

Feedback from CareersPortal Training

"Frequently we get queries from individuals who are employed and are looking for help with changing direction. While they are ineligible for a guidance session we can direct them to the 'Changing Career Direction' or 'Changing Jobs' sections of the site which guides them through the process of making informed decisions about the anticipated change".

Adult Education Guidance Counsellor/Co-ordinator

"I just wanted to thank you for this edition of CareersPortal. I am thrilled with the new Career Report and with the identified Job Zones which will be absolutely invaluable for my particular client group – offenders. Very well done".

Adrienne Higgins ~ Assistant Manager The Linkage Service

"Just to ask if you have any spare promotional posters for CareersPortal ... We use CareersPortal a lot with our clients and find it a really excellent guidance resource".

Rory Quinn ~ Information Officer

"We log onto the 'Careers News' section of the Careers Portal website daily to get updates on what's happening in the world of work and careers and forward useful articles to the GCs to keep them abreast with new developments ..."

J.D. ~ Guidance Counsellor/Co-ordinator

"I find your site very useful when meeting with clients who are looking for educational information – I also visit groups and when I give info on useful educational websites, CareersPortal is always mentioned too".

Nora Gubbins ~ Information Officer

"I regularly use your website and find it very beneficial. I came across a poster displaying your website in a further education college and I was wondering if you have similar posters that you could send me for me to display in the corridors here. I would very much appreciate this".

Geraldine Kinane ~ Thurles CTC

"I use the CareersPortal website on a regular basis and find it of great use".

Una Mulqueen ~ Advocate, Youthreach



CareersPortal Newsletter, News, Support ...

"Many thanks for including me on the distribution list of this newsletter. It is very informative".

Conor ~ Open Training College

"Oh my God, I cannot believe how quick you got back to me! Thank you John. I've just logged on and it's worked perfectly. I'm an Adult Guidance Counsellor and I find Careers Portal a great resource for my clients".

Laura ~ Adult Guidance Counsellor

"I use the site almost daily and recommend it to both my Downtown Centre clients and to my life coaching clients see www.more2life.ie regularly . News section very useful".

Patricia-Anne Moore M.A.,Dip.CG ~ Educational Guidance Coordinator