

## Vocational Training

Carbery Housing Association, West Cork's own sustainable social housing organisation, has launched a new initiative to promote sustainable and social house building in the SouthWest.

Unsustainable design and construction contribute to the region's environmental problems, and lack of affordable housing in the right places for single people and families is probably our main social problems.

Carbery seeks to address both by promoting sustainable social housing aimed at that group that cannot afford to buy, and that incorporates solar design, green building, renewable and rational energy use and waste and waste water recycling.

As one part of this effort, the Association has assembled a team of experienced Green developers and builders to deliver a Certificate Course in Sustainable Building. The Course will be open to the public and is supported by the West Cork VEC under the Back to Education Initiative. It includes a range of Modules on a range of themes, including communications, project development and management, green design, carpentry and sustainable construction, renewable energy, waste water management and Permaculture.

The Course will be initially run on a Part-time basis, two evening and week and every Saturday, over 2 years, beginning this October. The organisers are seeking accreditation of the entire Course by FETAC at NCVA Level II.

The Courses on offer at present are the following:

(Download the Course Modules here)

Woodcraft Module

Work Experience Module

Project Development Module

Sustainable Building Module

Waste and Waste Water Module

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