

# CAREERS WEEK-Loreto, Wexford

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From the 21<sup>st</sup> of April- 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 Transition Year Students received talks from a vast array of people from different backgrounds and professions. This should help them in choosing their own career after school. Personally, I found the Marketing talk to be the most informative as I am considering pursuing a degree in the business area but was not sure what area to go into and this talk really helped me to look at Marketing. I really appreciated all the people coming in to give up their time.

## **Banking Talk**

Transition Year's first talk was from a lady about banking. Here they uncovered how to get a job in banking, what steps to go through, how long the woman worked for, where she worked and other information about the career to help them see if a career in banking would be suited to them.

## **Nursing and Midwifery Talk**

The next talk Transition Years received was on Nursing and Midwifery. Here a lady came in and showed them videos of births both at home and at hospital and a video about different types of nurses saying what they liked about their jobs. Students were encouraged to pursue a career in Nursing and Midwifery.

## **Beauty Therapy Talk**

The third talk Transition Year students received was from another lady named Eve who came in and talked about her journey to opening up her own salon and what that entailed for her. She showed students some of her designs and encouraged a couple of students to do Beauty Therapy.

## **Customs Talk**

In this talk two ladies from Rosslare Port and their dog came in to talk to students about what it's like to work as a customs officer and a dog handler. They demonstrated to students how their dog would find large amounts of money that would be seized on the ports and encouraged students to join Customs.

## **Marketing Talk**

In this talk a gentleman from Benzo came in and talked to students about his journey to becoming a part of the marketing team on Benzo. He demonstrated how clever use of lighting and sound can make an advertisement have a different sentiment and allowed students to choose the voice for his next advert.

## **Prison Service Talk**

In this talk a lady came in to talk to students about her job in the Prison Service and what that looked like on a day-to-day basis including stories of the bad side of being in the Prison Service. She talked about the different prisons in Ireland but particularly Mountjoy Prison.

## **Electrician Talk**

Students had a gentleman come in to talk to them about doing an electrician apprenticeship when they are older and how he got to where he is now. He talked about different wiring and showed students electrical equipment that they would use every day.

## **Amy Hasset Talk**

Students had a talk from Amy Hasset about her journey of being invited to do TV presenting and how to be better when it comes to approaching disabilities with the language and attitude we use. This not only encouraged students. This not only encouraged students to follow in Amy's footsteps career-wise but also to be better humans when dealing with disabilities.

## **Cybersecurity Talk**

Students had a call with two gentlemen who told them about why they chose their careers in cybersecurity and how they got there. They also informed students of what cybersecurity is (protecting against fraudulent attacks online) and encouraged students to do cybersecurity as a career.

## **Adult Educator Talk**

Students had a lady come in to talk to them about their career as an adult educator, how she got there and why she likes it. She informed students of how she teaches adults to use IT applications such as OneNote in her everyday job.

## **FDYS Talk**

Students received a talk from FDYS about what it is and what services it provides. FDYS used this as a time to get some feedback from students about what supports students would like to see available from FDYS and were also informed about how to get a career with the FDYS and how the speakers got their jobs.

## **Teacher Talk**

Students had a presenter come in to talk to them about their career as a primary school teacher and how they got there. Students were encouraged to reflect upon the possibility of becoming a primary school teacher.

## **Aid Worker Talk**

Students had an aid worker come in to talk about her career as an aid worker and what that looks like. She talked about her ongoing projects and why she chose to become an aid worker.

## **Musician Talk**

Students had Jessie Sluds come in to talk to them about how his career started and how his family influenced him to become a musician because they are all musical. He played two of his original songs for the students and encouraged them that anything is possible when you go and get it instead of waiting for it to come to you.

## **Data Protection Talk**

Students had Daragh O'Brien to come in to talk to them about Data Protection and how a single WhatsApp message can provide a lot of information about you including where you are when you read it and when you read it etc. Students were encouraged to be smart about their data online and think critically about AI responses and their data.