What Job Opportunities are there after Education & Training?  
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Outline of Presentation

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► Employment & Unemployment in Co Roscommon  
► Employment Profiles of 16 towns & villages  
► National Skills Shortages  
► Western Region Growth Sectors
western development commission

► 7-county Western Region
► State body under the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government
► WDC Act 1998

‘... foster and promote the economic and social development of the Western Region’

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Employment & Unemployment in Co Roscommon 2011

Employment (Census 2011)
- 24,390 people at work
- 5,232 are self-employed (21.5% of total v 16.9% in State) – High share self-employed
- 4,866 students (15 years or over)

Unemployment (Census 2011)
- 5,856 people unemployed
- 19.4% Unemployment Rate (19% in State)

Employment by Sector in Co Roscommon, 2011
% Change in Employment in Co Roscommon, 2006-2011

Employment in Exporting Companies in Co Roscommon

► 1,788 employed in exporting companies in Co Roscommon (2010)

1. Modern Manufacturing – 889
2. Food – 497
3. Traditional Manufacturing – 348
4. Services – 54

► Large job losses in traditional manufacturing & food, but modern manufacturing performed better
### Profile of 16 Towns & Villages in Co Roscommon

- Each profile has data on:
  - Age Profile
  - Economic Status
  - Employment by Sector
  - Highest Level of Education
  - Occupational Group

#### % of total employment in each sector in 16 towns and villages in Roscommon, 2011

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National Skill Shortages 2012

► **Information Technology**: software engineers & developers, network & security experts, web developers, technical support

► **Engineering**: electrical (e.g. energy generation), chemical, design (e.g. medical devices), QC, mechanical

► **Science**: manufacturing technicians, laboratory analysts, chemists, biologists, nutritionists, R&D project managers

National Skill Shortages 2012

► **Health & social care**: care assistants, specialist nurses, medical practitioners

► **Craft**: meat cutters/de-boners **Clerical**: multilingual accounts

► **Sales & Marketing**: technical sales reps, contact centre roles with European languages (German, Nordic), customer care & support, online marketing & sales
National Skill Shortages 2012

► **Transport & Logistics**: supply chain managers with foreign languages
► **Financial**: credit & risk management, compliance, solvency/restructuring, insurance, regulatory standards, financial software
► **Green economy**: energy generation, waste management, water supply

New FDI Jobs

► **New FDI jobs mainly** in: ICT, life sciences, financial services, business services & digital media

► **Skills** needed for new FDI jobs in 2011
  ► ICT, science & engineering skills (47%)
  ► Business, financial & accounting skills (19%)
  ► Manufacturing, distribution & logistics skills (14%)
  ► Sales & marketing skills including languages (12%)
WESTERN REGION GROWTH SECTORS

► Green economy
► Food
► Tourism
► Caring
► Life Sciences
► Software, Financial & International services
► Creative sector

Western Region Growth Sectors
(Companies in Co Roscommon)

► Green economy – wood energy, wind & ocean energy, retrofitting, energy efficiency
  ► Green Grove Wood Energy, Eco Smart Designs
► Food – higher value-added, organic, artisan, functional, marine, R&D
  ► Connacht Gold, Oliver Carty, Roscommon Chocolate, Hooker Brewery, Hillcrest bakery
► Tourism – outdoor & adventure, cultural, festivals, events (e.g. triathlons), water-based
  ► Lough Key Forest Park, Cruachan Ai, Hodson Bay Water Sports, Abbey Hotel, Shannon River Boat Hire
► Caring – elder care, residential & home care
  ► Roscommon Home Services

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(Companies in Co Roscommon)

► Life Sciences (medical devices & pharmaceuticals) – R&D, product development, ‘super-operatives’
  ► Ansamed, Harmac Medical, Athlone Pharmaceuticals, Alkermes, Innocoll Technologies

► Software, Financial & International services – call centres, back office, software development, computer programming
  ► Flexible Contact Solutions, Trojan IT, myITDepartment, TMG Translation, Penta Networks

► Creative sector – gaming, digital media, film & TV, arts, crafts, increasing exports

FURTHER INFORMATION

► Expert Group on Future Skills Needs www.skillsireland.ie
► Enterprise Ireland www.enterprise-ireland.com
► IDA Ireland www.idaireland.com
► Roscommon County Enterprise Board www.roscommon.ie
► Roscommon Business Network www.roscommonbusinessnetwork.ie
► LookWest www.lookwest.ie
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