



The who, what and why of it@cork Skillnet

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# We are about

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

it@cork Skillnet is a Government funded scheme to support employers in addressing current and future skills needs in the South-West region.

### UPSKILLING:

Subsidised training for upskilling persons already in employment e.g., IMI [Leadership Programme for ICT](#) as well as training in technical skills like Python, Kubernetes Administration, ITIL 4 Foundation, Certification for software testing, C#, Agile and Scrum, and [much more](#). Virtual instructor-led training now available also.

### RESKILLING:

100% grant funded programmes for the unemployed and those impacted particularly by the pandemic to upskill into ICT areas where high quality jobs and fulfilling career paths are available e.g., [CyberQuest](#) reskilling persons from all sectors impacted by the pandemic into CyberSecurity and the Adaptive Sales Training (AST) programme which is a Skills Connect initiative from it@cork Skillnet that uniquely equips people to be job-ready starters in technology sales by incorporating the latest scientific thinking in terms of future sales roles and skills.

### FUTURE SKILLS & RESEARCH:

Action-based research and development to assess and meet the new skills needs in the region e.g., Cybersecurity Skills Development Strategy [research publication](#).

Whatever your skills needs, come talk to us today!

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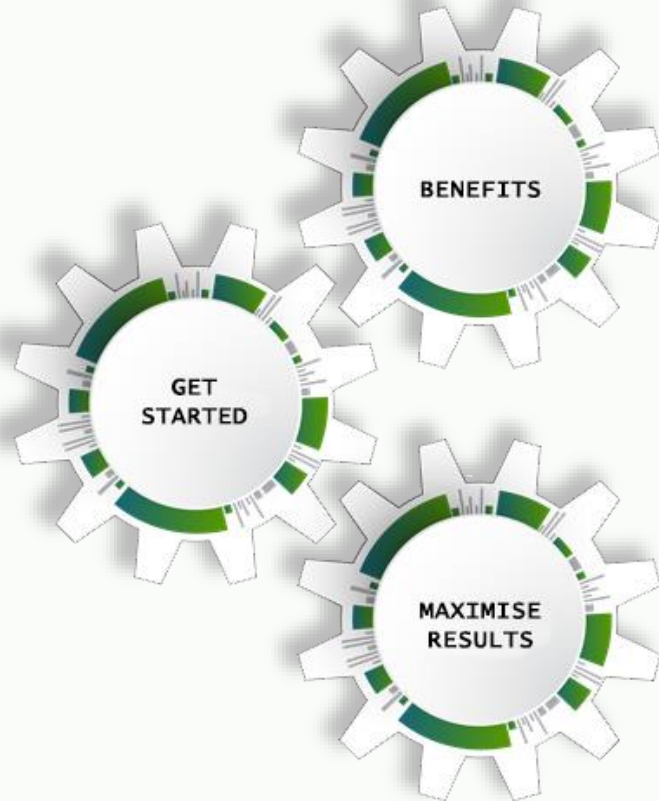
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# Membership



## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- **Upskilling & Reskilling Flexibility** – we work with you to source and part-fund training partners to provide relevant up-skilling and reskilling where and when you need it, virtual or in person.
- **Member-led Collaboration** – Our network is made up of Tech sector companies with similar training needs, so we are uniquely positioned to identify common training needs, trends, and even share the costs.
- **Training Subsidies** – Skillnet Ireland funding enables us to pass cost savings onto our members in the form of substantially reduced training rates. You can reserve single seats on courses as well as entire classes.
- **Networking & Knowledge-Sharing** – Our network helps promote the sharing of information, best practices and business contacts among members. Beyond training, meeting peers from other member companies greatly increases opportunities to learn about the latest developments and broaden your network.
- **Future-proofing Organisational Skills** – we are always looking at future skills - where they are and where they are needed. Our funded-research and publications will help you see around corners so your teams can stay skills-relevant.

## GETTING STARTED:

1. If you have any further queries, just [contact us](#). If you are also interested in **it@cork** membership, learn more [here](#).
2. You can browse [featured training programs](#), or discuss your specific training needs by calling **Annette Coburn** on [+353 \(0\)86 0848704](#), or email [skillnet@itcork.ie](mailto:skillnet@itcork.ie). Remember, if you don't see it here, talk to us about creating it!

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SKILLNET CONNECTION:

- Sign up to our Skillnet newsletter! [Contact us](#) to register.
- You get best results when your listed contact is someone with responsibility for (or at least visibility of) your organisation's training needs and has the ability to share communications with Learning & Development decision-makers within the business. If this is two different people, please help us list both.
- If our currently advertised training does not meet your current needs, talk to us so we can create what you need.
- Remember that we support online virtual as well as in-person training.

# Frequently Asked Questions



## To avail of Skillnet funding, do I need to be an it@cork member? Is it only available to businesses in Cork?

While you do not need to be a member of it@cork to benefit from our Skillnet training subsidies, we do recommend it. Being a member gives you access to events, forums and networks that your business and teams can benefit from. Our scope is supporting the training/upskilling needs of businesses in the South-West region of Ireland.

## What's the relationship between it@cork and Skillnet?

- it@cork is the contracting organisation for it@cork Skillnet. At the heart of the Tech community in the south-west region of Ireland, it@cork is one of Ireland's longest established technology clusters representing over 200 companies. It is a not-for-profit organisation that connects industry, academia and Government to promote the region as a technology excellence hub, and helps members upskill, connect, and grow their business..
- it@cork Skillnet is a learning network (under the Skillnet Ireland Framework) that supports and works with companies of all sizes in the tech sector in the south-west region, to address current and future skills needs through provision of subsidised solutions. The Government funded framework enables us to provide training subsidies for key technical and non-technical skills to help employers adapt and modernize, whether training virtually or in person. We also provide programs to help the unemployed reskill to meet technical demands and promote research to assess and develop the region's technical needs.

## Is it@cork only for tech companies?

We believe all companies today are *tech companies*—either tech-producing or tech-enabled. Our members range from individual tech enthusiasts and entrepreneurs, to tech-producing and enabled businesses of all sizes. Individuals can also become members to plug into the tech network, build contacts and explore new career opportunities.

## What does it cost to become a member of it@cork?

it@cork has 4 membership categories to ensure we meet the needs of start ups as well as established businesses. Please see the [it@cork membership types](#).

## Why choose it@cork Skillnet over other training providers/funders?

Our steering group is supported by volunteers from our [member companies](#), bringing broad knowledge of the needs and challenges for businesses in Ireland. Member testimonials can be found on our [site](#).

## What are the broader benefits of becoming an it@cork member?

Beyond the Skillnet benefits, being a member of it@cork has many advantages in terms networking, industry forums, webinars, technology conferences and much more. Check out <https://www.itcork.ie/> for more details.