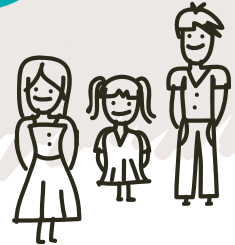




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# of Family Learning in County Clare



## Growth of Provision

Work in Family Learning in County Clare began in 1994 with a few courses initially delivered per year. An initial community-based family learning model evolved and then developed with a portable pack called *Family Learning Resource Guide*, which was published in 2000. Over the years, new courses developed and in 2010 *Family Learning in Action* was published, providing 20 course outlines and a sample class for each. Provision today exceeds 50 courses annually, using a wide variety of themes to parents across the county. This is delivered by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board under its Core Skills literacy provision.

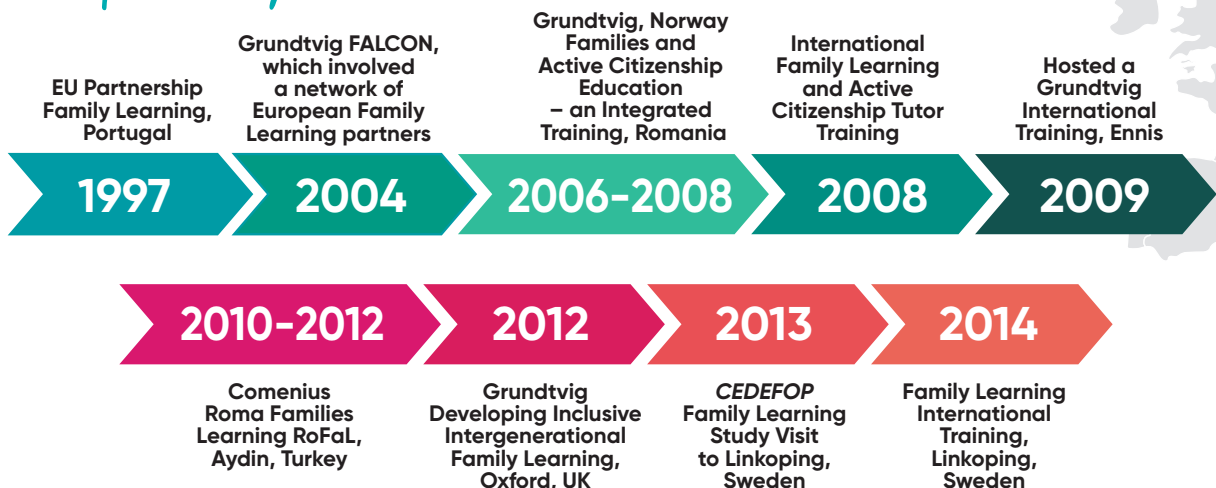
## National Training

57 Family Learning training events have been held across Ireland and internationally since 1998, reaching over 890 staff in that period.

Staff from Family Learning provision in County Clare have been invited to contribute to:

- Many NALA (National Adult Literacy Agency) Family Learning Conferences, Dublin
- 2018 Early Learning Initiative Conference, National College of Ireland, Dublin
- 2016 UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning, Hamburg, Germany
- 2016 Library Services, Local Government House, Dublin
- 2015 Family Learning Best Practices Across Europe, Ministry for National Education, Luxembourg
- 2015 National Centre for Families Learning Summit, Houston, Texas, USA

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## Other Work

- 1 2019 Family Learning County Clare used as a Case Study for SOLAS/NALA/ETBI Family Learning Research Study
- 2 2019 Hosted International Family Learning Conference 28th & 29th March, Ennis, County Clare, Ireland
- 3 2009 DVD was created focused specifically on Family Learning in County Clare

