

PACCS CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REPORT

PROGRESSION FROM SECOND LEVEL TO THIRD LEVEL

GUIDANCE FOR THIRD LEVEL

JOHN HANNON

John Hannon from NUIG gave an excellent workshop on progression from second level to third level. Workshop was a bit late starting waiting for people to make their way down to room and it was a pity as could have done with the full hour. Next year maybe give ten minutes for people to move.

Averages 50 14 3

Average amount of years we work – 50

Average job changes of job - 14

Average changes of career – 3

For some career choice is very straightforward, black and white, for more very confusing too many choices, too much information, too confusing.

Whether you have a rigid plan or go with the flow depends on what type of person you are.

Look for help on www.gradireland.com/careers-report

Employers say that key skills shortfalls of new graduates are: writing, communication, independent working, problem-solving, confidence.

There is growth in the following careers : IT, Healthcare, e-learning, social networking, telecoms, food, energy/environment, elder care, medical devices.

Key career influences : personality skills, interests, values (also parents, peers, news, reports, “chance”)

Check out www.qualifax.ie a great resource for course and career information for both students and parents.

7 C's for CAO choices = Course, Career implications, College (class size, subjects etc), Consequences, Contacts, Cert v Degree, Cost.

Learning is lifelong - If you really want something it does not necessarily mean you should not go for it because of lack of jobs.

A parting point to ponder on...

“The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating, the paths are not to be found but made and the activity of making them changes the maker and destination for ever”. John Schaar

