## National Culinary Apprenticeships Virtual Open Day

## Questions and Answers from the Q&A answered live during the Event.

| Question  | Answer(s)   |   |  |
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| Hi - what were the 3 groups<br>collaboration he has mentioned, ITs,<br>ETBs and I missed the 3rd one?   | The Restaurants Association of Ireland, Irish<br>Hotels Federation, Irish hospitality Institute,<br>Eurotoques Ireland, Panel of Chefs Ireland<br>all suport the Apprenticeships                                      | Hi- The Etbs deliver the level 6<br>Commis Chef Apprenticeship 2<br>year programme.<br>The remainder<br>apprenticeships are delivered<br>by the Institute Of Technology | Solas is the co ordinating body<br>and The Apprenticship Council<br>of Ireland oversees all<br>apprenticeships. An Industry<br>and Educators group oversees<br>the chefs apprenticeships |
| At 57 years old am I too late in life to<br>start something new like this?  |   | Hi Michael, you are never too<br>old<br>We have had many mature<br>learners over the years who<br>have progressed to great<br>careers                                   |  |
| I have a Degree in Gastonomy, i think<br>here is level 8, which course will be<br>suit for myself?  | If you already hold a level 8 in a related area p   | lease contact TJ O Connor by ema  | ail tj.oconnor@staff.ittralee.ie   |
| I have no formal qualifications in<br>Cheffing, but i have been working in a<br>restaurant for 5 years, which<br>programme would suit me better, the<br>Commis Chef or the Chef De Parti? | The Commis Chef, if you have been away<br>from education for a number of years . As<br>there are a number of assignments , exams<br>etc. If you are confident in this area then the<br>Chef De Partie may be for you. |   |  |

| As part of the course are knife sets,<br>chef whites etc. provided or would<br>you have to source them yourself?   | All the necessary equipment will be provided to you.  |  |  |
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|  | live answered   |  |  |
| i have just graduated college this<br>year, therefore would the chef de<br>parti suit me better?   | Are you speaking about secondary college<br>and if so then the commis chef programme is<br>a good place to start and then progress on to<br>the Chef de Partie level. |  |  |
| Hi, I am really interested in this but<br>unfortunately I am unable to stay for<br>the full call. Would it be possible to<br>view a recording of this when it's<br>over? | All attendees will be sent a recording of the<br>event if they ticked yes to the question<br>asking if they wished to be contacted for<br>future correspondence.      |  |  |
| I have been doing a level 4 catering<br>course and am wondering what's<br>next for on the path to becoming a<br>chef   | On completion of your level 4 you will have<br>the entry requirement for the Commis Chef<br>Apprenticeship Programme  | The Commi Chef Apprenticeship<br>the ETBS, not sure what part of                                       | b Level 6, this will be delivered in the country you are from. |
| When would a commis chef<br>apprenticeship be starting would it<br>be this year or 2021? I dont want to<br>take a step back from education.                              | What part of the country are you from?  | If you contact Mallory Higgins fr<br>address mallory.higgins@kerryc<br>start dates for upcoming progra | college.ie, Mallory will give you                              |
| I have succesfully completed a level 5<br>profesional cookery course. Would<br>the commis apprenticeship be ideal<br>for me?   | Yes, it would be ideal for you.   | yes the commis chef apprentice<br>you given that you have already<br>good grounding to have            |  |
| Would it be advisable to do an<br>apprenticeship in a restaurant<br>kitchen or hotel kitchen or does it<br>matter?   | It does not matter John.  |  |  |
| Great presentation so far thank you<br>from the students of Rockford Manor<br>Blackrock Co. Dublin. Class is finished  | We are recording the event and will send you later date   | the link. You may get the opport   | unity to show your students at a                               |

| for us now but we really enjoyed the     |   |                                 |                                   |
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| show.                                    |   |                                 |                                   |
| Presuming regardless of which            | Yes, the apprenticeship works on this basis.  |                                 |                                   |
| apprencticeship they are paid what-      | It must be at least the National Minimum  |                                 |                                   |
| ever rate they are on for the 2 days in  | Wage rate.  |                                 |                                   |
| college.                                 |   |                                 |                                   |
| Hi, I am interested for program Chef     | It would be preferable that you finish the app  | renticeship with the            |                                   |
| De Partie in my city, but after one or   | establishment that you start with.  |                                 |                                   |
| two years I will move to different       |   |                                 |                                   |
| city. would it be possible to continue   |   |                                 |                                   |
| the course in another city? or I have    |   |                                 |                                   |
| to finish the course in the same         |   |                                 |                                   |
| place                                    |   | 1                               |                                   |
| I am interested in this course.          | Would you like to start with the Commis<br>Chef programme?                              |                                 |                                   |
| Hi yeah no prob                          | Where do you live and I will give you the<br>contact details of who you need to talk to | Contact me for further informat | tion tj.oconnor@staff.ittralee.ie |
| hi, I have to leave the talk early, will | We will send you the link to the recording  |                                 |                                   |
| there be a recording of it that I can    |   |                                 |                                   |
| use to watch the end of the talk at a    |   |                                 |                                   |
| later stage?                             |   |                                 |                                   |
| Tom and Jose are brilliant well done     |   |                                 |                                   |
| Thank you for an excellent               | Thank you.  | Thank you. It was a pleasure to | have you. It is all about the     |
| presentation and thanks in particular    |   | Apprentice experience, successe | es and stories. They are the      |
| to all the great apprentices for having  |   | future                          |                                   |
| the courage to participate in today's    |   |                                 |                                   |
| event and sharing their very varied      |   |                                 |                                   |
| and very interesting career stories. It  |   |                                 |                                   |
| brings the whole apprenticeship          |   |                                 |                                   |
| experience to life. Well done to you     |   |                                 |                                   |
| all and best of luck with your future    |   |                                 |                                   |
| plans!                                   |   |                                 |                                   |

| We are only down the road lads we<br>will be on after school for a sample :  |   |   |
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| )<br>I have never studied or worked in the<br>culinary profession. Can I start at<br>level 6 or is it better to get to level 5   | You will need a QQI level 4 as entry into the<br>Commis Chef Apprenticeship programme-<br>you will finish with a QQI level 6 and can                          | I would advise a level 4 or 5 however your local ETB will advise.<br>You can arrange a meeting with an ETB coordinator. |
| first?   | then progress into the Chef de Partie   |   |
| Which program will be best for me if<br>I'm working two years in kitchen like<br>chef for starters, desserts and<br>afternoon tea and before one year<br>like kitchen porter.  | Hi Katerina, you would probably better<br>starting as a Commis Chef apprentice, where<br>do you live and I will send you the contact<br>details for your area | If you have been away from education for a while, I would recommend the Commis Chef Level 6 Apprenticeship ,            |
| Thank you all so much! The<br>organisation, information and the<br>wonderful display - We in NCGE will<br>share the video with Adult and Post<br>Primary Guidance Counsellors and<br>ETB Adult Guidance Services when it | Thank you   |   |
| is available - the passion is so clear,<br>the food look fab! Thank you all well<br>done!  |   |   |
| Sorry i seemed to have missed the<br>answer about the masters, is it held<br>in Limk/Cork and starting in 2021?  | live answered   |   |
| I would like to set up my own food<br>manufacturing business would you<br>recommend the apprenticeship<br>program?   | live answered   |   |
| I have just gotten an offer to study<br>for Professional cookery level 5<br>which I have accepted. I think I will<br>consider apprenticeship programme<br>for my next progression.                                       |   |   |

| Thank you Control Cont |
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