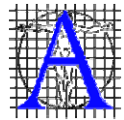


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My name is Paul Taylor. I am a Guidance Counsellor with Limerick Adult Guidance & Local Employment Service, which acts as the second strand of Employment Services under FAS.

My role within the Service is to provide career and educational guidance to the long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged groups in Limerick and surrounding areas. This includes conducting interest profiles, psychometric testing, other skills testing, cv preparation, CAO and other course applications and helping develop confidence, career and job-seeking skills among clients of the Service.

I completed the Diploma in Guidance and Counselling at NUI Maynooth in 2001. I have been an Adult Guidance Counsellor for over six years and for the previous five years worked as an Employment Mediator. I also wear other 'hats' within the Service: I am the internal Quality (ETP) Auditor and provide Counselling Supervision to staff.

My interests are varied and many and include, travel, reading, sports and fitness, music and theatre.

I believe one of the main factors in helping people effectively in the guidance and mediation process is through establishing, accessing and maintaining networks with related agencies and educational institutes at local, national and European levels. To this effect, I am looking forward to my visit to Slovenia to meet my peers in Europe.