

# PLC Compass

## Your Recommendations



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Matched against RIASEC-tagged PLC courses across Ireland.

## Your Top PLC Matches

These PLC courses best match your interest profile, ranked by how closely each course matches your answers.

### 1. Art, Craft & Design

**94%**

Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE · Dublin 17 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5 · Matches your preferences

Why this matches: This course is an excellent match for your Artistic interest profile. Art, Craft & Design at Coláiste Dhúlaigh is a hands-on creative programme that lets you explore drawing, painting, sculpture, and design — all areas where your strong creative drive would shine. It also includes a group exhibition component that draws on your Social interest.

### 2. Creative Media Production

**91%**

Liberties College · Dublin 8 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5

Why this matches: Creative Media Production matches your creative strengths in a modern, technology-focused way. You'd learn video production, audio editing, and digital storytelling — blending artistic expression with practical media skills. This is a great pathway to degrees in film, media, or digital design.

### 3. Applied Social Studies

**87%**

Pearse College · Dublin 12 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5

Why this matches: Your Social interest score (65%) makes Applied Social Studies a strong match. This programme focuses on understanding people, community development, and social care — areas where your desire to work closely with and help others would be directly applied. It's a common pathway to Social Work or Psychology degrees.

### 4. Theatre & Drama Performance

**85%**

Inchicore College of Further Education · Dublin 8 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5

Why this matches: Theatre & Drama taps directly into your top Artistic interest. This course develops performance confidence, creative expression, and collaboration — all skills that transfer well to many careers beyond the stage, including teaching, communications, and media.

### 5. Early Childhood Care & Education

**82%**

Ballsbridge College of Further Education · Dublin 4 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5

Why this matches: Early Childhood Care & Education is a practical pathway that combines your Social interest with creative activities like art, music, and play-based learning. It leads to a recognised professional qualification that's in high demand across Ireland.

### 6. Graphic Design

**80%**

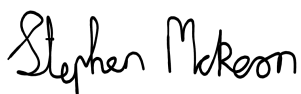
Rathmines College of Further Education · Dublin 6 · QQI Level 5 Certificate · NFQ 5 · Matches your preferences

Why this matches: Graphic Design channels your Artistic interest into a career-focused programme. You'd develop skills in typography, layout, digital illustration, and brand design — all highly employable skills. This course commonly leads to degree programmes in Visual Communication or Design.

## What Next?

PLC courses (Post-Leaving Certificate) are 1–2 year programmes at NFQ Levels 5 and 6, offered at colleges of further education across Ireland. They do not require CAO points, and many provide a recognised pathway to progress into university degrees.

Use the course links above to visit each college, check entry information, and start an application. Share these results with your guidance counsellor or parents to talk through your options.



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