

**THE RIGHT TO READ,
WRITE & SPELL**

**SIPTU
Services Industrial
Professional and Technical
Union**

**Working together to
secure your future**

The SIPTU Basic English Scheme
has agreed its quality assurance
procedures with FETAC.

**The service is totally
confidential and free
for SIPTU members**

Tutoring 1 - 2 hours.

The Basic English Scheme is
managed by SIPTU College.



**Basic English Scheme
FOR SIPTU MEMBERS**

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For help with:
Reading • Writing • Spelling
Form filling • Letter writing
English for foreign members

For more information call:

Tom O'Brien, Liberty Hall

Tel: (01) 858 6311

or

Jean Kennedy, SIPTU College

Tel: (01) 858 6498



Do you know?

At least 1 out of every 4 adults in Ireland has significant problems with reading and writing.

How do we help?

We arrange individual and group tuition for adults who need help with reading, writing and spelling.

What's it like?

- Friendly & informal
- Work at your own pace
- No pressure
- Work on the area of your choice
- Confidential & private
- Free
- Make new friends
- Flexible times
- Shiftworkers catered for

Individual Tuition

A trained volunteer tutor works with a student once a week for 1 - 1½ hours.

Group Tuition

A trained group tutor works with a small group of students once a week for 1½ - 2 hours.

Classes in:

- Basic English, reading, writing and spelling
- FETAC Communications Level 3
- FETAC Communications Level 4
- Classes for foreign members at different levels
- Beginners' English
- Intermediate English
- Advanced English
- FETAC Level 3 in English as a Second Language
- FETAC Level 4 in English as a Second Language

Most classes are in Liberty Hall. Classes can be held in workplaces by arrangement.

How do you start?

Just phone or call into Tom O'Brien in Liberty Hall. Telephone 858 6311 or Jean Kennedy in SIPTU College at 858 6498.

We have an informal chat to find out about your needs and interests. Then we decide what kind of tuition suits you best.

Who are the tutors?

They are ordinary people from everyday life. They attend a training course for two hours, one night a week for ten weeks. Once trained we ask tutors to work for 1½ hours per week for at least a year.

How do you become a tutor?

Phone Tom O'Brien for information.

No formal qualifications are needed, just a willingness to work with adults on an equal basis.

What some SIPTU members have to say about getting help...

"When I started here I could not read or write. I have just had my first letter published. I needed help with the spelling but I wrote the letter and addressed the envelope myself."

"I don't feel embarrassed anymore."

"After years of hiding I told a friend I could not read. I have now written my first letter... I will never forget the feeling – I cried with joy!"

"It has helped me to cope with my job much better."

"I came to SIPTU to learn to read and write. Some day I would like to pick up the paper and read it from cover to cover without any help."

"I thought I was stupid – now I know I'm not."

"Whether you're 20 or 60, it's never too late to learn. It's not like going to school years ago."

"It has opened up a whole new world for me, I have more confidence in myself."