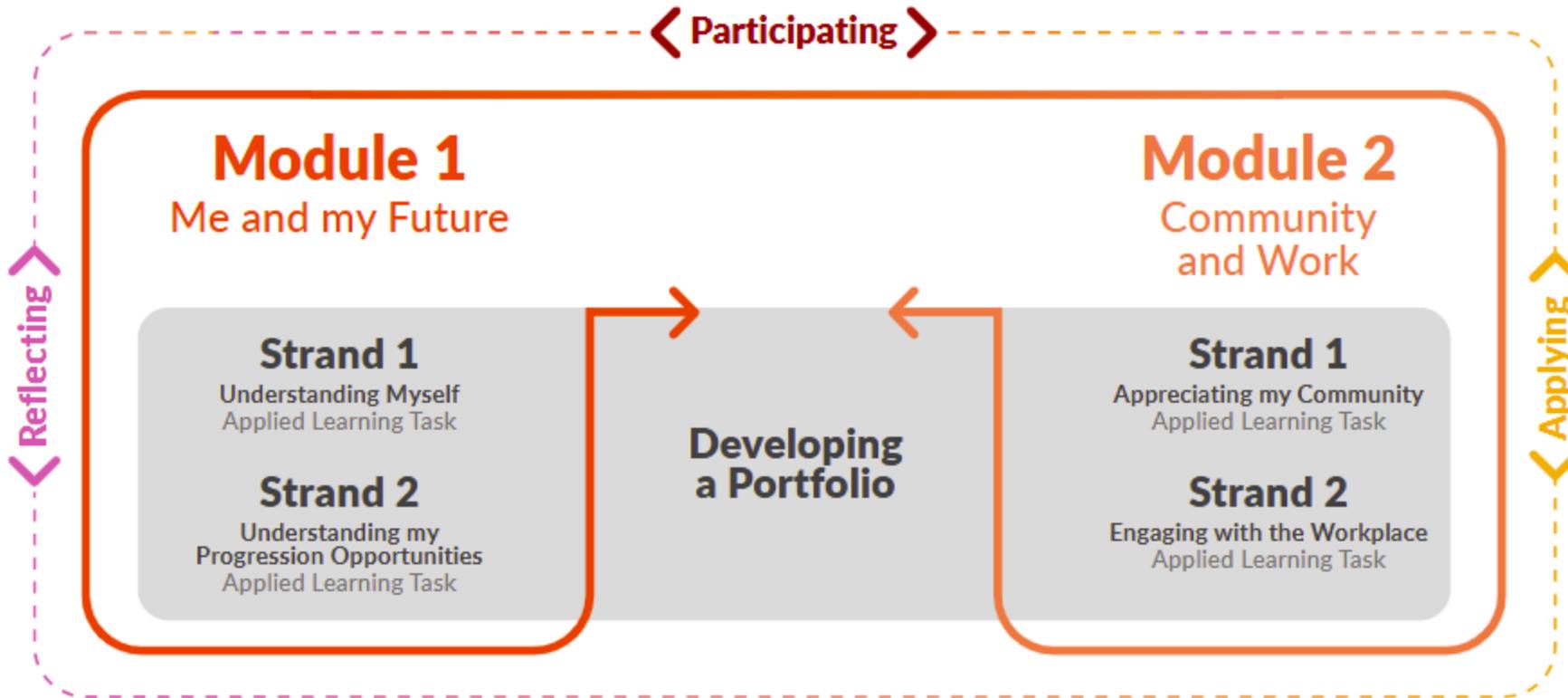# Life Community Work (LCW)

LCW Course Content

60% is awarded through a Portfolio in Action

This Portfolio is based on the learning experiences of 4 Applied Learning Tasks and the Digital Portfolio which is produced over the two years.

The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in 6th year

In 5th year, there are four timetabled classes for Link Modules

In 6th year, there are three timetabled classes for Link Modules

How will you learn ?

- ***Learning is based on an experimental learning cycle***
- *Participating – taking part in activities*
- *Reflecting – thinking about what you learned*
- *Applying – using learning in new situations*

- ***You will :***
- *Take part in discussions, projects and real life activities*
- *Keep a digital portfolio of your work and reflections*
- *Learn inside and outside the classroom*
- *Use digital tools (including AI, responsibly)*

What skills will you develop

You will develop key competencies such as:

- Communicating clearly
- Working with others
- Thinking and problem-solving
- Managing yourself and your learning
- Being creative
- Building wellbeing
- Participating in society

These skills are useful for **college**, **work** and **everyday life**.

What is covered in this subject ?

- Enterprise Education

- Designing an Enterprise plan to allow you to work as a **team** on an enterprise activity.

- We go on **visits out** to local businesses as well as organising **visits in.**

- Report writing

- Work Experience

- Career Investigations

- Interview skills (Recorded interviews)

- Computer based for all portfolio work which is completed in the classroom under teacher supervision

Pictures of Activities

Table Quiz

Pictures of Activities

Visits In/Out

CAO POINTS FOR LCW

LCW AWARD	UNIVERSITIES & INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
Distinction (80 – 100%)	66 points **(equivalent to grade H4 in Higher Level)** grade O1 in Ordinary Level = 56 points.
Merit (65 – 79%)	46 points (equivalent to grade H6 in Higher Level / grade O2 in Ordinary Level).
Pass (50 – 64%)	28 points (equivalent to grade O4 in Ordinary Level).

Advantages of taking LCW

For CAO purposes, the points achieved in **six** subjects can be used. If a student wishes, they can use the points achieved in LCW as one of these six subjects. If a student performs poorly on one of their regular Leaving Certificate subjects on the day of the exam, they can swap this disappointing result for the result achieved in the Links exam.

As mentioned earlier, 60% of the LCW course is awarded for their Portfolio in Action which is based on their learning from the four Applied Tasks completed over the two years. The remaining 40% is examined in a written paper held in 6th year.

Apart from its value in contributing to the overall points achieved by a student, the LCW course develops skills involving IT, report writing, case studies, interview techniques and teamwork, all of which are essential for third level and in employment. The LCW course provides an opportunity for students to be become better informed regarding career choices.

Overall, LCW provides a valuable educational experience – do it!