

Unlocking **ambition**
community by **community**



Citywise Education empowers young people in underserved communities to stay in school, access third-level education, and realise their potential. Since beginning in West Tallaght thirty years ago, we have evolved from supporting school completion to driving progression into higher education and vocational training.



**Now,
we are
expanding
again,**

developing a new centre to equip students to succeed in a science-driven, AI-shaped world, extend our work into elements of third-level provision, and bring our model to additional underserved communities. At the same time, we are equipping young people with the resilience and ambition needed to thrive in a science and AI-driven world.



Before Citywise, I never thought university was for someone like me. Now I'm studying engineering."

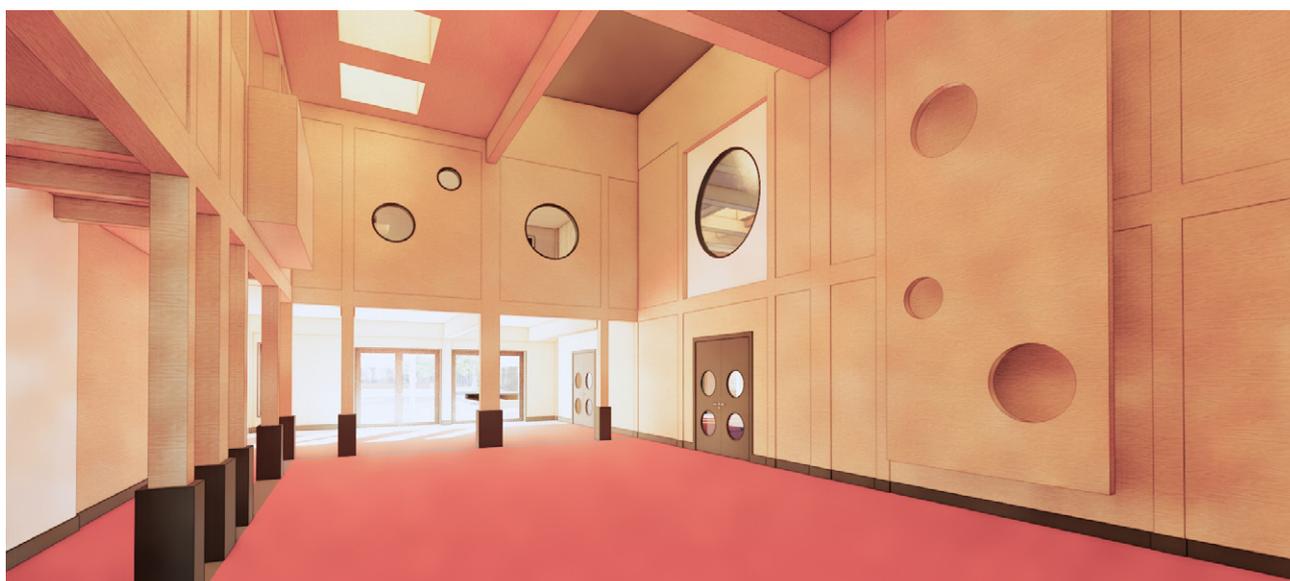
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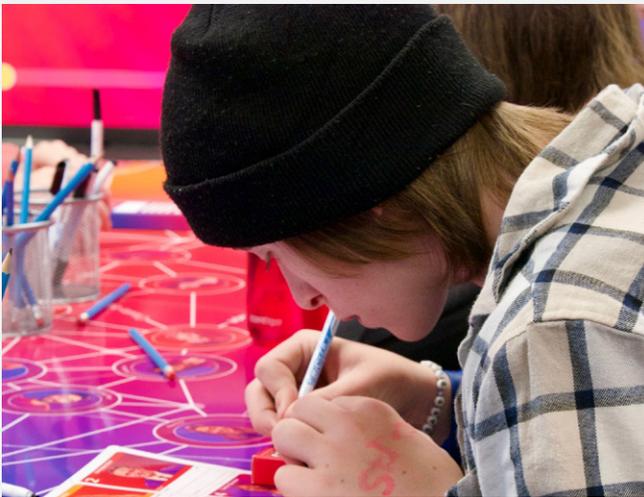
Citywise Education's impact is built on a distinctive, community-based model that blends personal growth, academic progression, and practical skills, grounded in a strong ethic of service. Through three integrated strands – STEAM, Afterschool and Leadership, and the Fast Track Academy – each week we currently support over 500 young people aged 8–23 years across Jobstown. We are now developing satellite communities in Clondalkin, Ballymun, and Crumlin. Fast Track has a proven effectiveness delivering an 85%+ progression rate to further and higher education, generating €12.60 in social value for every €1 invested.

NEXT

Citywise Education is developing a state-of-the-art centre to power the next phase of its growth. The Centre will deepen our focus on science and technology, prepare young people to work confidently and ethically with AI, strengthen career guidance, and increase progression and retention in further and higher education. It will expand our membership participation from 500 to 800 young people locally and serve as a national hub for five satellite communities serving similar numbers, while addressing key capacity gaps. The estimated reach will be 4,000 students across twenty schools.



Working with four university partners, the new centre will strengthen third-level pathways through mentoring and peer networks, and deliver specialised third-level inputs. As Ireland's first purpose-built, environmentally conscious education hub, it will model sustainable, net-zero design, capable of national replication.



SERVING NEED

The communities Citywise Education directly serves face some of Ireland's highest levels of deprivation and intergenerational unemployment. Educational attainment lags sharply: just 7% of adults hold a third-level qualification, compared to 52% nationally. Even those who enter higher education face elevated withdrawal rates, especially in computer sciences.

This is mirrored in other underserved communities. Meanwhile, Ireland meets only 60% of labour demand in STEAM and related sectors. Yet structural barriers, limited specialist facilities; weak personal development, academic and career supports; and a deepening digital divide accelerated by AI, continue to block access for young people from underserved communities.

NEW SPACE

The new Citywise Education Centre is a flexible, welcoming, future-focused space for learning, personal development and community life. A Multi-Use Games Area will serve the wider community, acting as an accessible gateway that draws young people into education, leadership and personal development programmes.

At the heart of the new space is The Exchange, a light-filled atrium where students, educators and professionals connect. Designed for careers events, exhibitions and leadership training, it will foster aspiration and real-world insight. A 100-seat theatre and dedicated careers room will further support talks, mentoring and AI-ready learning. A welcoming café will anchor the Centre's community life.

The Observatory will house advanced science and biologics labs, alongside a rooftop garden and classroom, promoting hands-on learning in bioscience, sustainability and environmental studies. These facilities anticipate evolving science curricula and emphasise practical, project-based learning.



The Academy will provide five flexible classrooms, a 40-seat study hall and informal study areas, fully equipped for blended and hybrid learning. Running throughout is The Green Thread, a commitment to sustainability embedded in design, education and daily practice. Built as a pathfinder project using low-carbon construction, the Centre, surrounding grounds and environmental spaces will showcase best-in-class sustainable, low carbon construction. All learning areas will be fully equipped with digital infrastructure to enable programmes to be delivered and shared nationally, extending the Centre's reach and impact well beyond its physical footprint.

INVEST

Construction of the Citywise Education Centre is underway, with completion set for summer 2027. The project is backed by local sponsors and approved as a philanthropic investment under the Immigrant Investor Programme.

To complete the Centre and unlock its full impact, Citywise must raise a further €1.5 million in 2026.

With your support, we can deliver a bold, lasting investment in young people from underserved communities, proving that local talent deserves world-class opportunity, and that with the right backing, ambition can thrive anywhere.



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