

Helping Ireland's polymer industry to grow and compete internationally



Polymer Technology
Ireland
Ibec



About Us

- Set up in 1999 by Ibec and key companies
- Technical Training Centre in Athlone
- Knowledge Centre for industry





First Polymer Training Skillnet

1999-2024



MEET OUR TEAM

Our Team



Catherine Collins
Network Manager



Alan Harrington
Technical Training Specialist



Christine Harkin
Centre Co-ordinator



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What we do



- Provide a broad range of technical training programmes for the polymer sector primarily in
 - Injection Moulding
 - Extrusion
 - Materials
 - Design
 - Automation
- Host technical seminars and open days
- Work with ATU Sligo and TUS on 3rd level programmes for industry
- Subsidise all the training we provide with Skillnet Ireland funding
- A key stakeholder for the polymer sector
- Sole QQI validated provider in Polymer FE

➤ Over 70 training programmes available

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What we do

Injection Moulding

Extrusion

Materials

Design

Automation

Electrical

Customising of programmes

Clear progression paths

Available in-house

E-Learning



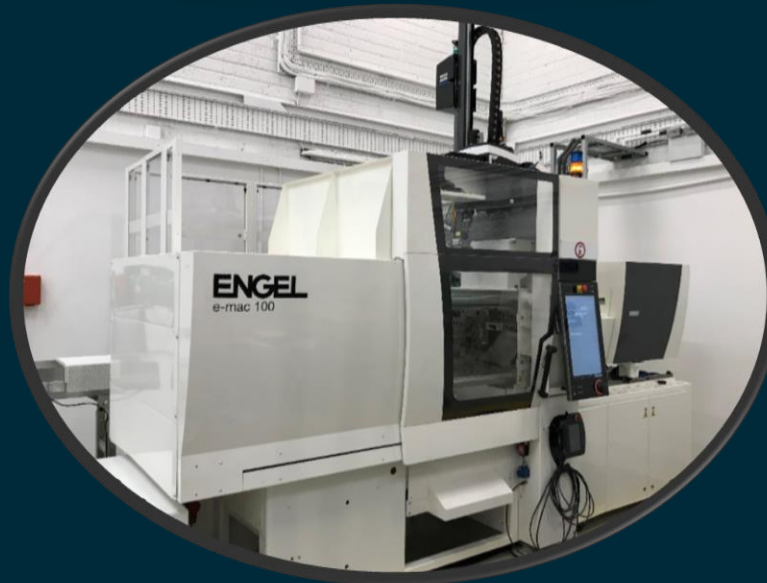
Our Steering Group



1. Sean Nolan (Chairperson) [West Pharmaceutical Services](#)
2. Mark McAuley (Promoter) [Ibec \(Polymer Technology Ireland\)](#)
3. Kenny O'Brien [Applied Polymer Technology Gateway](#)
4. Pat Whyte [Invermed](#)
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7. John Brennan [Spectrum Plastics Group](#)
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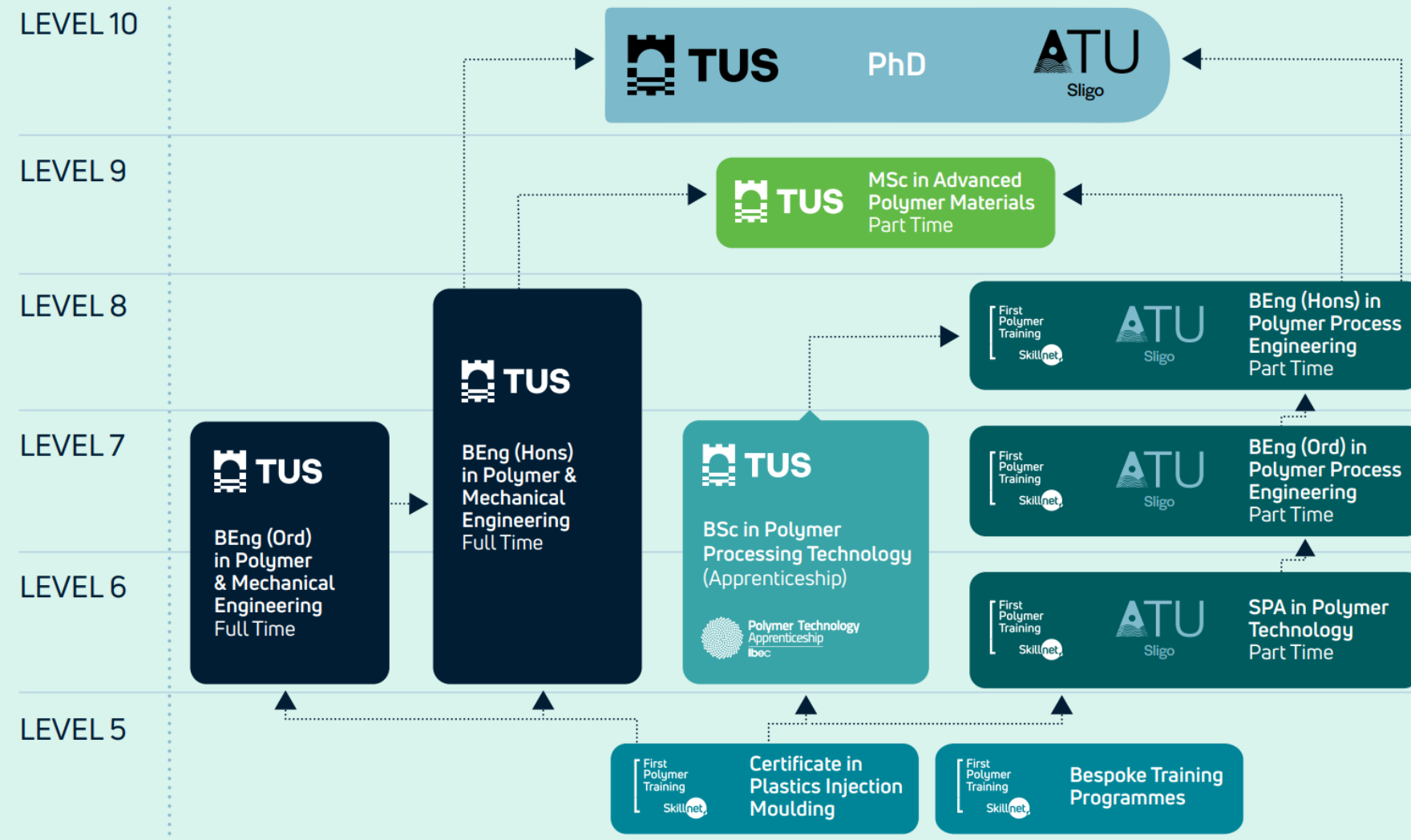


Our Centre



The Education Landscape

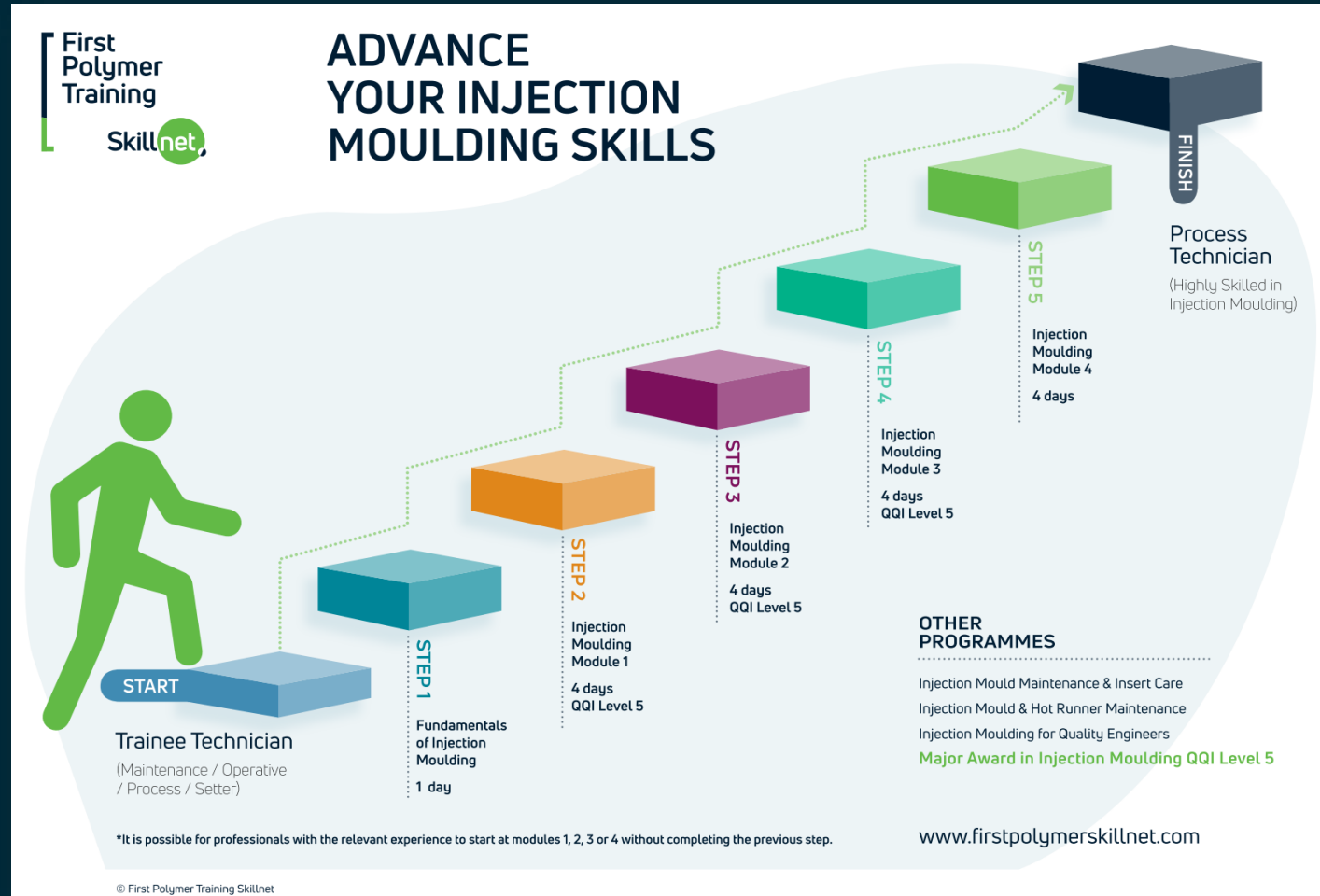
Polymer Career Progression Pathways





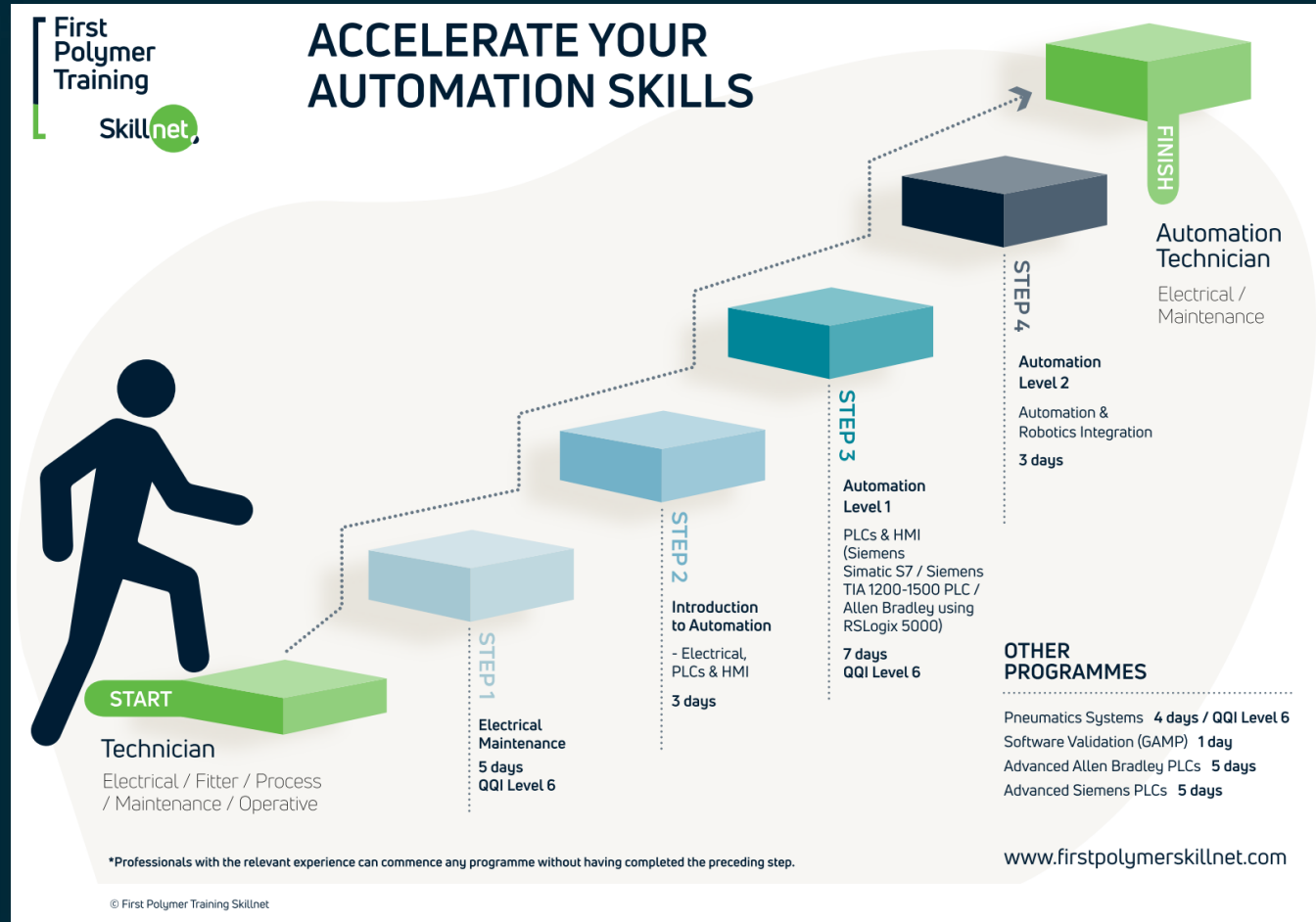
Injection Moulding Pathway

Our Pathways

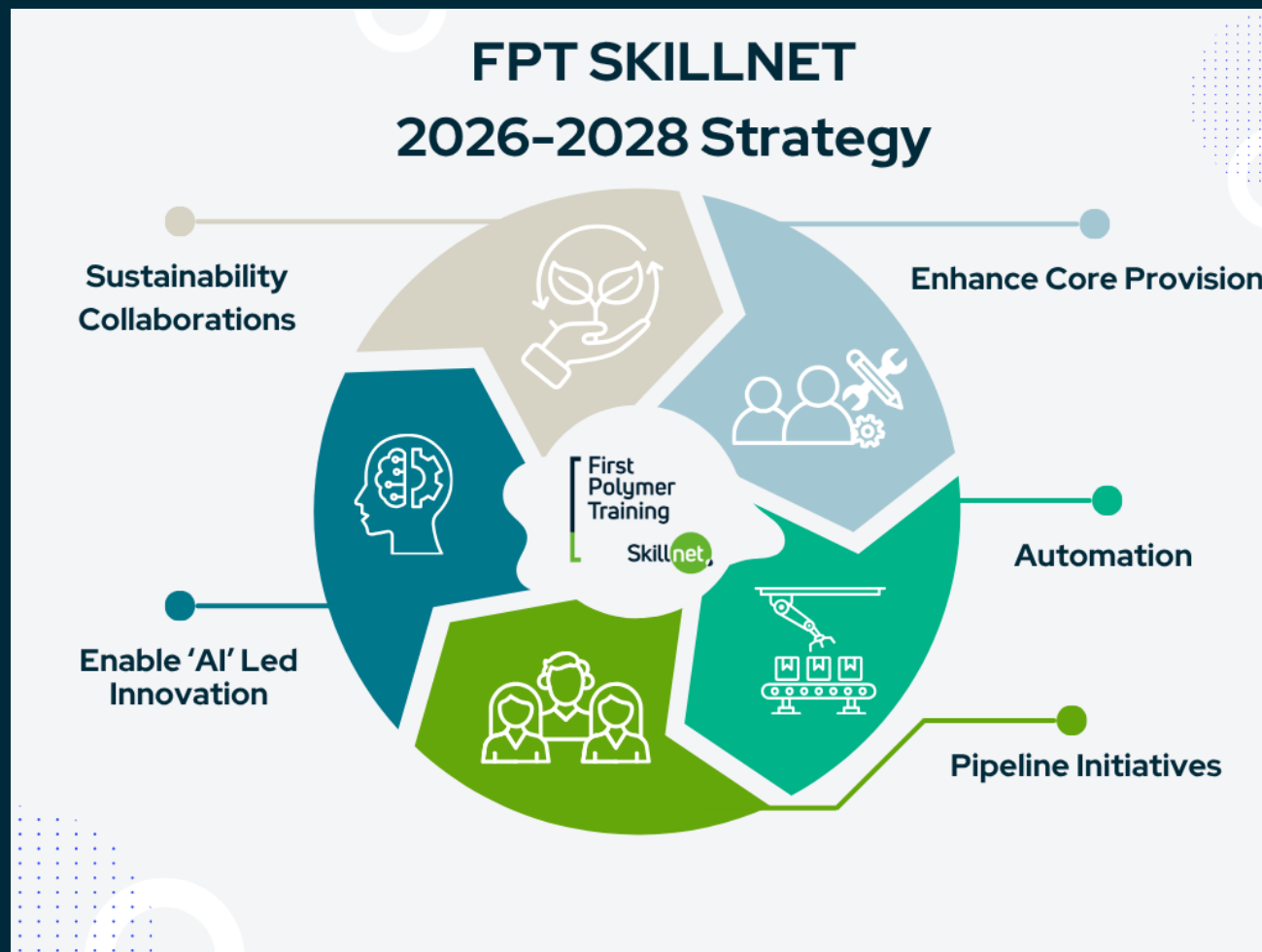


Automation Pathway

Our Pathways



Strategy







September 2025



Skillnet Ireland Roadshow
12th September 2025

Ewikon Open Days 3rd & 4th
September 2025

FIRST POLYMER TRAINING SKILLNET SUPPORTING THE IRISH POLYMER INDUSTRY



Schools Outreach





POLYMER STUDY TOURS



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FREE two-day residential course for Technology and Engineering teachers designed to enhance your knowledge of polymers, provide ideas for practical teaching and give an insight into the vibrant plastics industry in Ireland.

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- FPT Centre, Athlone
- Learn from Industry Experts
- Complimentary Hotel & Meals

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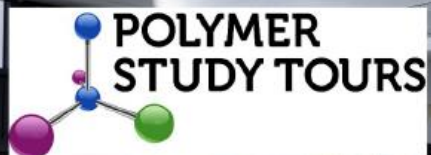








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Funding Secured

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Free 2-day Residential Programme

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Lesson Plans and Resources to
take away

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Factory Visits

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Polymer Classroom Kits

Thank you!

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