

RETAIL CLUSTER EVENTS GUIDE 2026

JANUARY

Event type: Training programme 2 days

Event: Accredited leadership development programme.

Date: Monday 12th and 26th January

Time: 9-4pm

Location: Merits Naas

Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) in partnership with LEO Kildare are delighted to launch a bespoke leadership and management programme for retail and hospitality businesses owners or staff in leadership roles.

FEBRUARY

Event type: Workshop for cluster members

Event: Inventory Management

Date: Monday 9th February

Time: 10-12.30pm

Location: Merits Naas

Join our highly practical workshop designed to help small retailers take control of their stock, reduce waste, prevent losses, and protect profit using simple lean thinking and smart digital tools.

MARCH

Event type: Training programme 2 days

Event: Understanding performance management and staff recruitment.

Date: Tuesday 3rd and 24th March

Time: 9-4pm

Location: Merits Naas

An upskilling course for SMEs with new and aspiring managers in the tourism, retail, and hospitality sectors. Delivered by KWETB in partnership with LEO Kildare, the programme focuses on performance management and effective recruitment through practical, classroom-based workshops.

APRIL

Event type: Workshop for cluster members

Event: Boost sales and visual merchandising

Date: Monday 20th April

Time: 10-1pm

Location: Merits Naas

The objective of this workshop is to empower businesses with the tools and techniques to display their products and services with flair. With these skills they can grow sales, sustain employment, and create digital content for their online platforms.

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MAY

Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: Sustainable & Profitable: How Small Retailers Win on Both
Date: Monday 11th May
Time: 10-12.30pm
Location: Merits Naas

This practical, no-jargon workshop shows retail, hospitality and tourism businesses how sustainability can directly reduce costs, protect margins, increase customer loyalty, and strengthen long-term profitability.

SEPTEMBER

Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: Inclusive customer service
Date: Monday 28th September
Time: 10-12.30pm
Location: Merits Naas

This workshop is designed to support retail, hospitality and tourism businesses in delivering more inclusive and accessible customer service.

OCTOBER

Event type: Workshop for cluster members
Event: Data driven store layout management.
Date: Monday 12th October
Time: 10-1pm
Location: Merits Naas

Store layout management is a key component in Customer Experience in retail and hospitality. Join this informative workshop to learn how to use your space effectively.



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