

Brabazon House

The Sisters opened a Rural Domestic Economy School, which provided education to young women interested in farming and catering. Prior to this, such a school was already in the convent grounds since 1906 but was moved to Brabazon in 1916. The Department of Agriculture had taken on the task of putting in place a programme for the education of rural women in 1899, and the Sisters of Mercy in Westport, Claremorris and Swinford took on a leading role in establishing these schools. Sometime after 1974, the Sisters of Mercy sold Brabazon House and the adjoining land to the Western Health Board. The Sisters moved back to the convent. Today, *Áras Attracta* stands on this site. It is a residential centre for adults with intellectual disabilities.