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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S WELCOME

As we come towards the end of another academic year, I would like to wish all second level students the best of luck in the upcoming state examinations and wish our FET learners and trainees all the best in their future careers, be it in the world of work or further studies. The 2016/2017 academic year has been a trying time for many of our colleges due to the uncertainty with Junior Cycle reform and with Industrial Relations issues in our dual union colleges. Despite these national issues, a dedicated local workforce has ensured that our myriad services continued to deliver a quality experience for those we serve.

May I take this opportunity to thank all staff for their efforts during the year. Bainí gá taitneamh as an Samhradh agus bhur saoire atá le teacht. Mise le meas



PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SCOIL AONGHUSA C.N.S. GROUND BREAKING

The new permanent home for Scoil Aonghusa students is expected to open its doors by September 2017. After successfully securing a site in Castlepark, Mallow teachers and students of Scoil Aonghusa are excited to see building commence on their brand new permanent school building. Since its establishment in September 2014, Cork Education and Training Boards' newest Community National School, Scoil Aonghusa, Mallow has been operating from a temporary base in the Mallow GAA grounds in Carrigoon, with a student body of 73 and 12 strong staff.

This state-of-the-art school building will span across two storeys and offer its existing pupils, and incoming group of young people eager to learn, eight bright and modern classrooms, a suite of all-important resource rooms, as well as a school hall, administration offices, staff room and outdoor play areas.

Community National schools like Scoil Aonghusa are relatively new to the Irish Primary School Education system. Cork ETB and Scoil Aonghusa are proud to be the first Community National School to be built outside of the greater Dublin area, and have seen an immense uptake and welcome from Mallow families. Scoil Aonghusa's mission is to provide a model of primary education that reflects Ireland in the 21st Century. This new permanent home in Castlepark, Mallow gives them the foundations to ensure this mission becomes a reality.



Building of this new home for Scoil Aonghusa, by Steward Building Contractors of Galway, who have a wealth of experience in this area after recently completing work on a new Gaelscoil in Midleton, comes under the Rapid Build section of the DES which has resulted in the accelerated build of the school.

'From Small Acorns Mighty Oak Trees Grow'



How things have changed in just one year for Scoil Chlíodhna Community National School! The past twelve months have brought some very exciting changes for us. We moved into our new temporary accommodation in the GAA grounds last April, we were presented with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) award in June and, most importantly, we have welcomed 40 fantastic new pupils to our school in August giving us a total of 43 students this year. It's been eventful and we've enjoyed every minute!

Scoil Chlíodhna Community National School is a new, multi-denominational primary school which serves the community of Carrigtwohill and the wider communities

of the area. The school is committed to providing high standards of teaching and learning for children of all faiths and none in an inclusive, multidenominational, co-educational setting. Scoil Chlíodhna CNS caters for the physical, academic, social, emotional and spiritual development of its pupils in a supportive and caring environment. The school aims to be at the forefront of pedagogical methods, infusing active learning and ICT as key components of what is done. Every decision made is focused on ensuring our students achieve the best outcomes they possibly can.

Scoil Chlíodhna CNS opened in September 2015 with 3 Junior Infants. In September 2017, the school will welcome over 100 Junior Infant, Senior Infant and 1st Class pupils and it will gradually grow to a full eight-year primary school.

We are a very lucky school community- Jenny from Cork County School of Music is with us every Monday and Wednesday to further our pupils' musical education, Noel from the GAA trains our children every Friday and Carol from Springboard gave us a wonderful course in Mindfulness so that the children and teachers can deal with the stresses of everyday life! We are offering Drama club and Tae Kwon Do as after school activities, and we hope to offer even more options in September.

Another cornerstone of our ethos is parental involvement. We set up our first PTA in November and it has been doing great work, the highlight of which was winning 'Best Overall Float' in the local St Patrick's Day parade. Our parents have worked with teachers in a number of ways, including helping out with Maths week, Literacy Lift off and the school garden. We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic, passionate parent body who are always eager to get involved.

We have begun the tradition of planting a tree each year for the incoming Junior Infants. The acorns the students planted in 2015 are now growing into great oak trees which will be planted on the school's permanent site in the future to symbolise the school's small beginnings as "From Small Acorns Might Oak Trees Grow".

Scoil Chlíodhna CNS is going from strength to strength and it looks like it has a bright future ahead.



POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

DCMUN 2017 – THE DAVIS COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

DCMUN 2017 (The Davis College Model United Nations) took place in Cork City Hall earlier in the year – 24th to 27th January.

The Model United Nations (MUN) is one of the most popular extra-curricular academic activities worldwide. It is a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, in which students represent delegations (countries or NGOs). In a MUN conference, such as DCMUN, students write clauses and ultimately resolutions that will tackle, resolve or at least minimise problems connected to pressing world issues in the areas of human rights, scientific advancement, ethics, aid, disarmament, politics, etc.

DCMUN started in 2014 in the PE Hall of Davis College. In three years the conference grew from strength to strength and it is now held in Cork City Hall, counting with crucial partnerships between Davis College, WorldWide Global Schools, Cork County Council, Irish Aid and the Cork ETB. It welcomes schools from all over Ireland and overseas, from countries such as Portugal, Spain, Germany, Austria and Angola. This year DCMUN hosted 450 students of 27 different nationalities who wrote, debated and voted on complex resolutions that attempt to tackle global pressing issues.

This conference focuses on Development Education and the issues that were debated varied from Human Trafficking to Climate Change, Alternative Energies, Animal Rights, Universal Access to Education, Disputes in the South China Sea, Media Censorship, Youth Mental Health, Internet Safety, etc. The debate was intense and passionate but diplomatic and, most importantly, committed to solve the problems that arise from these issues. Like the students from the Kinsale Community School said last year: "DCMUN was the best thing we've ever done in school".

DCMUN will be back again in 2018. In order to enrol email dcmun@daviscollege.ie before 31st May 2017.



From Left: Pat McKelvey, Director of Schools, Colm O'Gorman, President of Amnesty International Ireland, Cllr. Des Cahill, Lord Mayor and José Horta, Teacher, Davis College.



CORK ETB AWARDS NIGHT



CORK ETB STUDENTS ARE ON POINT!

High achieving Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) students from 24 schools across Cork City and County were honoured for their hard work and outstanding 2016 results by Head Office at a recent awards ceremony held in January at the Rochestown Park Hotel.

Students excelled in last year's Leaving Certificate examination with 44 students receiving medals for achieving between 570 and 625 points, 35 students received Special Commendation Certificates for results ranging between 550 and 565 points. LCA students' achievements were also recognised on the night with 18 students awarded with Special Commendation Certificates for succeeding in getting between 85% and 95% in their examinations, and one student acing it, receiving a medal for achieving an astonishing 97% in her

examinations. Student of the Year was awarded to 24 students for maximizing their potential and for overall positive contribution during their time as a Cork ETB student.

Top achievers Conor Healy from Coláiste an Chraoibhín Fermoy, Cathriona Anne Murphy from Maria Immaculata Community College, Dunmanway and Sinéad Buckley from Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig received the highest award on the night, the coveted 'Board Medal', for achieving an impressive 625 points in the Leaving Certificate. This equates to 6 Higher (honours) Level A1's.

Mr. Ted Owens, CE, praised the students for their dedication to study in the months and years leading up to their all-important final second level exams, and acknowledged the support of peers and guardians in assisting the students to achieve their goals. 2016 was a very strong year for academic achievement throughout CETB schools.

GLANMIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Glanmire Community College among first ever Irish students to make direct contact with the International Space Station while in orbit via Amateur Radio-

November Alfa One Sierra Sierra (NA1SS) - do you copy? Students from Glanmire Community College, will make history this year, as they have been announced as one of two schools who will make direct radio contact with the International Space Station (ISS) while in orbit. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station programme (ARISS), which will see Glanmire Community College and Tallaght Community School students speaking with Italian astronaut Paulo Nespoli while he orbits the Earth on the ISS.

For a brief timeframe during Expedition 52 and 53, Nespoli and the rest of the crew on the ISS will be traveling at 27,600 km/h South West from the New York horizon towards Italy and Poland, and for 6 to 12 minutes will be passing directly over Glanmire Community College. In order to carry out this real-time Earth-to-space radio contact, which uses amateur radio equipment to beam a line-of-sight signal to the ISS, the school will set up a temporary radio station on the grounds which will include an antenna, two radio systems and a back-up line diverted via Belgium or Italy, in case of interference locally, which will allow students to speak directly with Nespoli while he takes a break from his duties and experiments on board the ISS. The closer the space station flies to Glanmire Community College the stronger and clearer the audio feed will get. At one point during this fantastic feat of broadcast engineering, the ISS will be 400km in the sky directly above the school.

After applying for the second time to this amazing science programme, Glanmire Community College was thrilled to be successfully chosen this year due to the quality of their education application proposal, which showcased their innovation in the area of science and in particular space science, putting them light years ahead of competing schools. The jam-packed education plan, which will be integrated into students' curriculum in preparation for event take off, also set them apart from the competition.

This 'out of this world encounter' will be an extra special experience for all students involved and will awaken in them an interest in a variety of 'new frontiers' including space, astronomy, engineering, broadcasting and amateur. This is an opportunity and experience which our students will never forget."



ST. FANAHAN'S COLLEGE



Striking the balance between academia and sporting interests

Tara is currently facing into her Pre exams taking 6 Higher Level subjects for her Leaving Certificate. She has been balancing her studies and her soccer career over the last three years which have seen her amass 13 caps for Ireland U15/16/17 level in this time.

Tara has played in Dublin, Scotland, Turkey, Poland and France over the last three years for Ireland, being part of a very successful European Championship campaign that saw them defeat Austria and the mighty France! Her usual position is at centre back for Ireland, but she is also currently in pre-season training for Cork City where, she plays in numerous positions demonstrating her intelligence, discipline and versatility. She was

named Cork City's Young Player of the Year for the 2014/2015 season.

We at St. Fanahan's College are very proud of Tara's achievements and she is a shining example for the younger students in the school where she has led our senior team to two Munster finals in the last two years under the stewardship of Ms. Sarah Cronin.

Tara has remained very humble and dedicated to all aspects of school life despite her wonderful achievements thus far. As Tara and her classmates head into a vital period in their lives, we would like to wish them all every success in their Pre and their state exams next June. Tara epitomises the importance of balancing sport with studies, an example to be followed for all our current and future students alike.

BISHOP MCEGAN STUDENTS AWARDED BY STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE



Two students from Bishop McEgan College Macroom, are receiving National Awards credited from the State Examinations Commission for the outstanding results in their Junior Certificate 2016. The two are in the unique position of coming in 1st and 2nd place with their results in Material Technology Wood. Jerry Lehane and Ellen O Sullivan, finished 1st and 2nd respectively in front of the thousands of students that sat their M.T.W. Exam in 2016. Both students are being presented with their awards at an official ceremony to be held in Galway on March 11th.



Jerry submitted a beautiful artefact that was to be presented to an International sporting individual for the Olympic Games in Rio for 2016. Ellen designed a fabulous decorative mirror unit for a child's bedroom and it had a theme of an animated film. The results from the theory papers were released just last month and the school finds itself in a very unique, but rewarding position of having Ireland's top 2 students in attendance for M.T.W. The students, their parents, Principal, and teacher have been invited to attend the awards to be presided over by the National Awards Body and other attendees from the State Exam's Commission and other bodies in conjunction with these ceremonies. The school is proud of their results and are delighted that the hard work and endeavour shown by the students and demonstrates the collaborative work ethic that the school has at its core to ensure that the students will always be competing at the serious end of business in the State Examination Commission Junior and Leaving Certificates in the years ahead- well done and congratulations to all involved.

CARRIGNAFOY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LINKS WITH WORLDWIDE GLOBAL SCHOOLS PROJECT

Ms. Mairead Geary and Mrs. Mary Geary travelled to Kenya during the mid-term break as part of the Worldwide Global Project. Mary and Mairead spent the week teaching and indeed learning at the Londiani Township Secondary School. This trip is seen as the start of greater links between the schools, teachers and students in Londiani and Cobh. The teachers will now focus on joint project work between our TY students and our new friends in Kenya.



SCIENCE WEEK IN MARIA IMMACULATA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MICC celebrated Science Week from November 14th-18th with a number of exciting and fun activities. Some of these activities ranged from a 'Cream Cracker Eating' challenge, to building a 'Marshmallow Tower' challenge, to an 'Egg Drop' challenge, which kept students and staff alike entertained and challenged over lunch breaks.

The highlight of the week was 'SciFest' which is part of a national competition in science. SciFest is a series of one day science fairs for second-level students hosted locally in schools and regionally in the Institute of Technology. SciFest aims to encourage a love of science through active, collaborative, enquiry based learning. This is the first year MICC students are taking part in SciFest.



Building a 'Marshmallow Tower' in MICC as part of Science week were Aisling Tanner, Heather Broderick, Leah O'Sullivan, Kerry Cotter, Maeve O'Donnell and Eabha O'Donovan.

The students worked hard to prepare for the competition over 6 weeks, conducting scientific research, gathering and analysing data and displaying their findings in a report book and on posters. The competition took place in the college library, where four external judges came in to speak with the students and to make the overall decision on the best project.

Huge congratulations to all the students who won prizes in their categories. The projects competing were on testing for shock reactions, the composition of soil testing and the saltiness of crisps. However the winning project was on the solubility of painkillers. These Transition Year students will go on to represent MICC at the regional SciFair in Cork Institute of Technology.

CLONAKILTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BROTHERS OF THE RISING

In early September, Transition Year students were divided into three groups Cast, Set Design and Marketing for the upcoming TY production. The drama group started practising every Wednesday from 11:10am to 1pm. The theme was based on the 1916 rising and the story of Michael Collins. The characters were assigned amongst the students and the script was written by Kieran Doyle. For about 4-5 months the College worked hard on putting the play together. The cast were then taken out to Rossmore theatre, where they preformed the play in full costume as a rehearsal. A matinee performance was run for the first and second year students. They seemed to have a great kick out of some of scenes. Later that evening the cast returned to Rossmore with the seats filling up fast with parents, friends and teachers. The performance was outstanding and all three groups pulled together in order for the production to succeed. Congratulations to all involved.



COLÁISTE TREASA EXTENSION

The ground breaks on the new extension for Coláiste Treasa. The staff and Board of Management of Coláiste Treasa raise the roof with excitement as construction begins on a brand-new extension to their school in Kanturk. This new addition, valued at almost €1 million includes two state of the art Science laboratories and a Home Economics room.

The school has grown significantly from its humble beginnings of four classrooms with approximately 60 students enrolled in 1938. Today there is a much stronger demand on the schools' services with well over 500 students enrolled. This new extension, which is due to be completed in time for the new school year in September 2017, will comfortably accommodate the growth in the student population at Coláiste Treasa.

Science is one of the core subjects at Coláiste Treasa, with the suite of Science subjects; Chemistry, Biology and Physics among the most popular and chosen subjects by students.

The current Home Economics room was part of the schools original four classrooms, dating back to 1938, so the school is delighted to offer existing and upcoming students a new upgraded facility.

Work is being carried out by well-known and respected Naas architects and engineers Clarke & Co., with local Cork building contractor Joe Buckley Construction of Mallow leading on the build. The staff and Board of Management at Coláiste Treasa would like to thank Cork Education and Training Board for all their help and support in securing planning and funding for this fantastic project.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW BUILDING FOR COLÁISTE MUIRE

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Michael Creed, T.D officially opens the state of the art secondary school – Coláiste Mhuire, Buttevant. Minister Creed said it was a great honour to be present on the historic day for Buttevant and North Cork. It is a testament to the sense of community locally and the value placed on education and young people and he wished all the staff, students and parents a bright future.

The new 4,384 square metre campus is one of the most modern in the country and includes specialist lecture rooms, music/dance workshops, science laboratories, engineering workshops, a multimedia learning laboratory, library, prayer/meditation room, multi-sensory room, PE hall, fitness suite and extensive external hard court areas.

The project received huge support from the wider community who were earnest in their pursuit of a state of the art upgraded modern facility for second North Cork. The delivery of the new school campus will provide Coláiste Mhuire with an amazing facility and will provide the physical and technological environment that the community richly deserves. The new school will further enhance the educational experience of the 300 plus students attending Coláiste Mhuire.



NAGLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS A POSITIVE VIBE!

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn”

B. Franklin

Since September 2016 Nagle Community College has had a positive behaviour liaison teacher and a positive behaviour strategy team in place. Great work has been done so far in the areas of inclusion, friendship, wellbeing & love of our lives and ourselves. The full support of management, staff and all students has made the positive behaviour programme a great success. Students have been actively involved in all the initiatives and much learning and fun has been had by all.



AN tSÍNIS I GCOLÁISTE DAIBHÉID – TIONSCNAMH CETB AG FÁS AR BUILE

Tosnaíodh an tSínis sa scoil roinnt blianta ó shin nuair a bhí Ted Owens ag iarraidh nascanna a dheineamh leis na Institiúidí Oideachais i Beijing. Bhí Comhairle na Catrach ag forbairt a leithéid leis an gcathair agus an pobal gnó. Thriail Coláiste Daibhéid an tSínis ar son an Bhord Oideachais agus Oiliúna. Thosaigh sé le rang amháin sa tseachtain san Idirbhliain, agus toisc go raibh na daltaí agus tuismitheoirí sásta leis an deis, d'fhás sé thar cúig nó sé bliana anuas. Fé láthair, bíonn dhá rang sa tseachtain ag an Idirbhliain. Tá sé mar ábhar ag an Chéad Bhliain sa scoil i mbliana don chéad uair. Rang amháin in aghaidh na seachtaine atá acu 's sinn ag súil le dul chun cinn bhreá uathu go dtí an Teastas Sóisearach.

Faighimid an-chabhair ó CETB agus ón Institiúid Confucius, UCC chun clár na Síneise a chur ar fáil. Don chéad uair i mbliana tá beirt mhúinteoir curtha chugainn ag an Institiúid. Níl ach dornán beag de scoileanna tar éis an deis a thapú chun é a mhúineadh do dhaltaí sa chéad bhliain mar chuid den TS Nua. Táimid nascaithe le Scoil na Staidéar Áiseach i UCC 's cuireann siad mic léinn chugainn ag breathnú ar ranganna Síneise. Is mar chuid den Mháistreacht i Staidéir Oir-Áiseacha a tharlaíonn an obair seo. Baineann tabhacht fé leith le cur chuige na scoile seo le cultúir a thuiscint agus leis an ilteangachas 's cuireann sé gliondar orainn rogha fairsing teangacha a bheith ar fáil sa scoil againn anois – An Fhraincis, An Spáinnis, An tSeapáinis agus An tSínis chomh maith le Gaeilge agus Béarla.

Bhí ranganna Tai Chi sa scoil ag deireadh mí Eanáir mar chuid de chéiliúradh ar Athbhliain na Síneise ag an deireadh seachtaine. Tháinig an Máistir Shouhui Sang chugainn chun an Tai Chi a mhúineadh. Is tríd ár múinteoirí, Zhang Peng agus Zhang Wei ón Institiúid Confucius i UCC a cuireadh na ranganna sin ar fáil 's táimid thar a bheith buíoch den bheirt as ucht an eagúcháin. Bhí beirt dhalta fé agallamh ar an gclár 'An Saol Ó Dheas' ar RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta faoin Tai Chi agus an tSínis ar an lá. Beidh an bheirt sin, Amaya Nic Giolla Easpaig agus Niamh Nic Ruairí, ag taisteal go Shanghai um Cháisc ag glacadh páirte i gcúrsa urraithe ag an Institiúid Confucius. Is mór an ónóir don bheirt san agus don scoil go bhfuilid roghnaithe chun dul ann. Guímid gach rath orthu.



COLÁISTE / GAELCHOLÁISTE CHOILM ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Well done to our 3 Teams from Coláiste Choilm/Gaelcholáiste Choilm Robotics club who participated at the DELLEM National Robotics Finals at the Nexus in CIT on Friday January 20th. Teams 9942V, 9942E and 9942X designed, built and programmed their robots over a number of weeks since September.

Two teams reached the knockout stages with professional performances by the pit teams of Captain, Driver & Mechanic from Nuts & Bolts and VMBears.

For the final matches the VMBears formed an alliance with the G-Raf team from Coláiste Spioraid Naoimh and won the final game in spectacular fashion to become joint Ireland National Tournament Champions. Congratulations to Mr. O'Connell who mentored the winning team 9942 VMBears, which was kindly sponsored by VMWare, Ballincollig.

Special congratulations to the VMBears Pit Team of, Greg Barrett (Captain), Craig Murphy (Mechanic) and Ryan Power (Driver). This was a fantastic achievement for a first year group competing against many TY & senior teams. Tanks to DELL EMC for organising and running the competition , to Mr. Anthony O'Leary & Mr. Gerry Murphy from VMWare, our sponsors again this year, and to our mentors Mr. Les Gosnell (Dell), Mr. Declan Cahill (Parent) , Mr. Dave O Connell (Teacher) and Mr. Robert Nolan (Teacher) - well done everybody !!

Congratulations to Liam Ó Callanáin who received the Teacher Award at the recent National Robotics Championship. Well deserved!



SCHULL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUCCESS AT BTYSE

2017 was another successful BT Young Scientists exhibition for the students of Schull Community College. The hard work of the Schull CC Science students, their mentors and teachers paid off, as two of the five Schull CC projects that qualified for this year's exhibition emerged victorious. Transition Year student Fionn Ferreira scooped the Chemical Physical and Mathematical Individual 1st place award. Fionn's project, which investigated the antioxidant levels of different types of berries, was titled 'Comparing antioxidant levels of berries grown under different conditions using the Briggs Rauscher reaction in conjunction with the photometer'.



Highly Commended at the exhibition were second years Asa Curran, Tiarnan Collins and Jack Ryan-Purcell who carried out an investigation into carbon sequestration and agroforestry. They looked at how farmers could reduce their carbon footprint by planting trees in a system where they can still carry out agricultural activity under the trees. They were also presented with the Teagasc Award for Agroforestry.



CSN COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION - SUCCESS STARTS HERE!

CSN College of Further Education Open Day 2017

On Tuesday 7th March 2017 hundreds of Cork secondary school students visited CSN College.

Thirty CSN student ambassadors led school groups through the college campus. They met with staff, interacted with students and enjoyed the state-of-the-art facilities offered at CSN.

The student led tours highlighted a diverse selection of over 35 full-time courses at CSN; Art, Furniture & Construction Technology, Information Technology, Sport, Business, Humanities, Performing Arts, and Science & Horticulture. Parents, students and teachers found the open day to be engaging, interactive and informative. Insights were enhanced by visits to the industry designed Digital Radio Station, (Juice fm), state-of-the-art gym, purpose built workshops, science labs, stage, rehearsal rooms and art studios. CSN proudly showcased demonstrations, talks, sports challenges, live gigs and much more to promote the benefits of Further Education as *A path to Higher Education or Employment*.

On average over 75% of CSN students will progress to Third Level Education every year.

It was great to see you there! Applications are open www.csn.ie. Visit our web site for course details.



STUDENTS OF KINSALE COLLEGE VISIT RTÉ STUDIOS, CORK

On the 20th January, 2017 the students of Kinsale College from the Business Level 6, TV and Film Level 5 & 6 and Multimedia Level 5 visited RTÉ Studios in Cork where they were given a tour by John Lynch, Chief Engineer.

The Film & TV students visited the editing suite for Nationwide and the Green screen room was a hit for the Multimedia students. The students from Business had a wonderful time in the marketing room and had an opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes.

Thanks to FIT for organising the visit.



YOUTHREACH

BALLINCOLLIG YOUTHREACH AND 'SONG FOR 16 LIVE FINAL'

Youthreach students, Urla Coomey, Niamh McEvoy, Aoife Walsh, Aaron Bohane and David Wrenne performed excellently in this very competitive all island competition. This group exuded confidence and musical ability as they made the National Concert Hall stage their own. Even though they didn't win first prize they were the only Youthreach in the final and were amongst six Post-Primary schools chosen out of 150 schools in Ireland.

Nigel Flegg, Head of Education, Community and Outreach spoke of being 'tremendously impressed with the quality and variety of the songs' that were submitted for this competition held at the National Concert Hall, Dublin. All performances were a celebration of what Ireland has become over the last hundred years and entrants had to compose and perform a song celebrating the modern, multi-cultural Ireland of 2016. The competition was presented by the National Concert Hall with Disney Music Group and the Department of Education and Skills. Judges included the Irish songwriter, musician and record producer Jack Lukeman and Josh McClorey, lead guitarist with The Strypes.

Why Ballincollig Youthreach decided to write a rap song for 'Song for '16'

We decided to write and perform a song for this competition as we wanted to participate fully in the 1916 Commemoration programme. We believe music is a huge part of our life today as it was a hundred years ago so we were delighted when Gary, GMC was available to guide and support us while doing this project. *Song for '16* celebrates the cultural and musical diversity of modern Ireland and we wanted to engage with contemporary culture from a historical point of view. By composing this song we also learned important communication and musical skills. Our rap song 'Come This Far' is a significant narrative for us students, staff and all who listen to our learned lyrics. We also believe rap is an excellent way of expressing ourselves and we recognize

– similar to the 1916 leaders - the importance of freedom of speech. Urla Coomey came up with the title 'Come This Far' as it is part of the chorus - which she sings. This title also embodies the theme of Ireland's achievements and being proud to be Irish!



Far left: L-R: David Wrenne, Urla Coomey, Niamh McEvoy, Aoife Walsh and Aaron Bohane at Song for 16 Live Final at the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

Left: Proud Ballincollig Youthreach students and staff at the National Concert Hall, Dublin.

BANDON YOUTHREACH TEAM UP WITH AGE ACTION

During last summer Age Action's Getting Started programme teamed up with Youthreach Bandon and classes were held at the Youthreach centre on Station Road in Bandon on Monday mornings. For four weeks, two hours a week the students would impart their knowledge about computers, tablets, iPhones etc. on to our learners who were very keen to learn. It's not only an opportunity to find out about technology but also for these two generations to interact and learn from one another. Youthreach is a second chance or alternative education and training programme run by the Department of Education and Skills for early school leavers. It is one of many community groups that Age Action is involved with to try and bridge the digital divide for older people. Classes are run throughout Cork City and county. These courses are also a great social outlet and a chance to meet new people. We are always looking for new and creative ways to connect with the wider community.



MACROOM YOUTHREACH FUN RUN IN THE PARK!



Macroom Youthreach Students hosted a 5K Fun Run in Macroom Park, last year in aid of the Ray Murnane Rehabilitation Fund. Students and staff from Macroom Youthreach, as well as Ballincollig and The Glen Youthreach Centres took part in the challenge and helped raise funds for a great cause in the process.

The morning began with registration and plenty of hydration before the race commenced! There was a great atmosphere and the adrenaline and excitement was palpable. Although some participants were feeling the pressure to perform against the clock, others were happy to take it at their leisure and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery. Macroom Youthreach students took their marshalling duties very seriously and resided at their

posts along the route, armed with plenty of water bottles and some much needed words of encouragement for the participants!

After the race was completed, staff and students were treated to nutritious refreshments inside the sports complex and plenty of lively banter and performance comparisons were exchanged. Macroom Youthreach QQI 4 student Ellen Murphy then announced the overall winner, Ballincollig Youthreach student Jordan McCarthy, with a time of 27mins 25 sec. All the staff and students who took part did themselves proud and a fantastic day was experienced by everybody who was involved in organising and participating in the run. Congratulations to all who took part.

CETB ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

IT'S 'SAFETY FIRST' FOR CORK MEN'S SHEDS & CETB



A group of Men's Shed in Cork have successfully teamed up Cork Education and Training Board to pilot a QQI Level 4 Workplace Safety Course. Members from five Men's Sheds, Ballincollig, Blarney, Carrigaline, Mayfield and Passage West with a total of fourteen participants have taken part in the pilot. All five sheds have similar safety challenges and the pilot has clearly demonstrated that there are synergies as well as social benefits in running this course as one consolidated workshop.

This course was driven by the need to update the safety of the Shed Workshops to accommodate the growing numbers attending and insurance company's requirements regarding Workshop Safety. Great credit is due to the five Men's Shed involved in putting together this very successful learning partnership with the Cork ETB. Tribute should also be given to Mike Healy and the team at the Ballincollig Family Resource Centre who supported the course through the use of their premises.

A follow to the pilot programme is now being discussed. This will enable the participants to continue to progress their learning partnership with Cork ETB and advance their skills through the running of an Abrasive Wheels course. This course would cover the practical side of safety in a typical Men's Shed.

It has been of huge benefit to Cork Men's Shed's to have a partner and support structure like Cork ETB who taken the time to understand the training needs and provide courses accordingly. The future looks bright!"

ALTRUSA FIELD TRIP

A group of 12 students from 4 different literacy classes within Altrusa went on a Field Trip, accompanied by 2 tutors, Monica McNamara and Anne Donnelly.

Most of the information was researched online and written up by the students, prior to the trip taking place. The itinerary for the day included:

- Discussing the history of the Opera House,
- Exploring the art and sculpture of the Crawford Art Gallery,
- Walking across to Shandon Bells with most participants climbing to the top to enjoy the view on a bright clear day.
- This was followed by a trip to the Butter Museum for a talk and a demonstration on how butter was made in Cork

A great day was had by all out exploring the benefits of literacy as a social practice.



CETB POST RELEASE PROJECT

On 18th October 2016, the Health Service Executive's Clinical Strategy and Programmes Division (CSPD) second Integrated Care event took place in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin. The title of the event was the 'Journey to Person-Centred Integrated Care: New Ways of Working'.

Frances Russell and The Post Release Project, Cork Prison were selected as winners of a National Award at this event. The title of the award is the 'Successful application of a cross-sectoral integrated care approach to addiction and homeless services'. The sectors involved included 1. HSE Drug and Alcohol Services South, 2. Cork Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force, 3. Southern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, 4. Department of Public Health HSE South, 5. Cork City Council (lead Local Authority homeless services Cork and Kerry), 6. Post Release Project, Education Unit, Cork Prison under Cork ETB, 7. HSE Social Inclusion.

The Cork/Kerry region is the first and only region nationally to have integrated both addiction and homeless services. This project crosses professional, organisational and sectoral boundaries with a core focus on person-centred care which results in a better-quality service for clients.

It was noted that Frances' work, in conjunction with the other agencies 'embraced the whole idea of supporting the individual as a citizen with both health and social care needs.'

The sectors involved have now been invited to present at the 17th International Conference on Integrated Care taking place in Dublin from 8-10 May 2017.



BTEI BARBERING COURSE CLASS TRIP TO PENNY DINNERS



The Q Centre Barbering class, with Tutor Samantha Walsh linked up with Cork Penny Dinners to offer free haircuts and beard trims to all male clients of their service. Up to 40 men availed of the service and a similar event is already being organised for this marvellous charity. The Garda Transport Minibus will be availed of for transporting our learners on our next trip. Cork Penny Dinners is a long established independent caring organisation offering a nourishing midday meal to all those in need. Penny Dinners will operate for as long as there is a need.

KOREAN CITY SIHEUNG VISIT TO CORK

Cork Education and Training Board, Cork City Council, University College Cork and Cork Institute of Technology were all visited by Education Officials from the South Korean city of Siheung on a Learning City Study Visit recently. As well as being hosted by Lord Mayor Cllr. Des Cahill in City Hall, the main reason for the visit by this distinguished group to Cork was to hear from each organisation, and take away key lessons in Cork's success as a Learning City, recognised with an International Award by UNESCO in 2015.

The four organisations visited have joined with a number of others to form a Steering Group to advance the following aspirations;

- Learning For All
- Promoting Inclusion
- Prosperity
- Sustainability

A formal Memorandum of Understanding, the first of its kind, was signed between these partners in 2015 to further develop Cork as a Learning City.

Siheung City in South Korea, a coastal city of similar size to Cork, has also been working as a Learning City, and chose to visit Cork following a presentation given by Mr. Ted Owens, CE at a UNESCO conference in Hangzhou, China recently. At this conference Mr. Owens received the immense honour of being elected Conference Vice Chairperson.

During the visit, the group received a presentation on Cork ETB, its mission, services and involvement in the Learning City, given by Ms. Ger Canning, Adult Education Officer, who was presented with a gorgeous thank you gift of a brooch, handcrafted by students in Siheung.



THE HORTICULTURAL LOCAL TRAINING INITIATIVE



The Horticulture LTI won an AONTAS STAR Award in the category of Adult Learning Initiatives that Promote Learner Wellbeing. The mission of AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation, is to advocate for the right of all adults in Ireland to quality learning throughout their lives, and to promote the value and benefits of lifelong learning. The STAR Awards are presented by AONTAS to outstanding, learner-centred adult education initiatives that demonstrate high levels of collaboration amongst participant groups.

The Horticulture LTI is a community based horticulture-training programme, which is funded and supported by the Cork Training Centre. This programme is run in partnership with The Bessborough Centre and it aims to promote social inclusion, personal fulfilment, improved wellbeing and progression.

How does the Horticulture LTI promote learner wellbeing? The LTI strives to maintain a learning environment that is positive, nurturing, inclusive, fun and meaningful for all learners. The social and therapeutic benefits of learning horticulture are fully integrated into the curriculum design to promote learner wellbeing. The curriculum supports the learners to build positive peer-learning relationships, to connect to place through landscape photography, to develop a love of learning by understanding how adults learn, to enjoy the physical benefits of project-based horticulture training and to give back through various community fundraising events.

HEAD OFFICE - NEW APPOINTMENTS

Director of Schools	Pat McKelvey
Director of Further Education and Training	John Fitzgibbons
Directors of Organisation Support and Development	Suzanne Mullins and Sheila Quill
Príomhoide Tánaisteach - Scoil Mhuire Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh	Damnait Uí Argain
Principal - Nagle Community College	Fiona McDonnell
Principal - Glanmire Community College	Ronan McCarthy
Principal – Mallow College of Further Education	Denis Healy
Principal –St. Fanahan's College	Edward Cronin
Deputy Principal – St. Colman's College	Karen Casey
Assistant Principal Officer - Finance Department	Henry Creedon

CETB Adult Education Centre, Clonakilty's Winter Graduation Ceremony



Members of the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) Institute of Life Long Learning and Cork ETB Staff at the announcement that the Irish city of Cork has been selected to host the 3rd International Conference on Learning Cities, which will take place in September 2017.



Dannielle Brophy Murphy and Taylor O'Donnell pictured with Cllr. Terry Shannon after making it through to the final of the Matheson Junior Debating Competition



The talents of the music and art students from Schull Community College being displayed at the College musical, The Circle of Life



Minister Richard Bruton visiting St. Brogan's College, where he held the Regional Forum on Wellbeing in Education in January



Cork ETB School of Music Orchestra and music students perform in the Cork Opera House with Special Guests, The Irish Sopranos.



Greg Barrett, 5th Year Student, Davis College who successfully made the U-18 Irish Homebase International Squad