



## WELCOME



You are welcome to the fourth edition of our college newsletter the DCFE Tribune as we come to the end of the 2017-2018 college year. Special thanks to our editor Eilish Lavin, our photographer Cianán Courtney Earley and all the staff and students who have contributed to this edition. Special thanks to our graduation class of 2018 who have

contributed so much to the college during their time year. We want to wish each of them every success in their results, and in their third level college course or in the career they are pursuing after their time here.

Dunboyne College is a college with a family atmosphere which gives students a wealth of learning, enabling, communicating, collaborating, and inspiring each day. We are proud of our staff, our students and their achievements. Dunboyne College, since 2003, has seen thousands of students pass through, gaining qualifications in a diverse range of areas, and progressing either

to further studies at higher level, or going directly into the world of work.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and share in the many activities and events of recent weeks. Please keep an eye on our website [www.dunboynecollege.ie](http://www.dunboynecollege.ie) and our Facebook and Twitter pages which keep you informed of events as they happen. Feel free to call in to us at any stage for more information on our courses and activities. You can always phone us 01-8026577 or email [dunboynecollege@lmetb.ie](mailto:dunboynecollege@lmetb.ie); we are delighted to hear from you.

*Denis Leonard and Emer Cloak*

## LOCAL SCHOOLS VISIT

*By Cliona Murphy*

Sports management and Sports Science students from Dunboyne College of Further Education held a soccer tournament in local schools as part of their assessment for Soccer Coaching. Students held these tournaments in Mary Mother of Hope, Senior National School which is located in Littlepace, Clonee. Pupils of the school enjoyed fresh fruit, water and refreshments following the event, which were kindly donated from EuroSpar in Dunboyne.



# CANADIAN SOCCER CAMPS



*By Cliona Murphy*

Sports management and Sports Science students attended a talk by guest speaker, Niamh Quilligan, from British soccer camps, who informed them of exciting recruitment opportunities for Summer camps in Canada.



# COURTS VISIT

*By Irene Togher*

Law and Office Administration students experienced proceedings in the Criminal Courts of Justice in January. They got to observe the skills solicitors have to display in the court room and got a taster of the career they hope to pursue in the future.



# SPORTS MANAGEMENT

*By Cliona Murphy*

The Sports Management and Sports Science students had the pleasure of meeting Joe Turley from Performa Sports in January of this year.

Joe Turley is the co-founder of an Irish sports analysis company, Performa Sports, who cater for coaches and athletes worldwide.

The sports students in Dunboyne College of further Education enjoyed a two hour workshop with Joe, covering how Sports Performa works, its abilities to improving player's performance on the field and an introduction into sports analysis.

Joe's workshop was very beneficial to the Sports Management and Sports Science students who are currently studying exercise instruction and field testing in their Exercise and Fitness module.



# HISTORIC ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

*By Gordon Weldon*

DCFE became the first team from Meath to compete in the Higher Education Colleges GAA competitions in February of this year.

DCFE progressed through the competition to reach the last four facing the National College of Ireland from Mayor Street. The game didn't quite go to plan as DCFE failed to take their goal chances and lost out, 1-5 to 3-10.

Well done to all the team and manager Gordon Weldon on a great performance.



# ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

*By Bernie Leahy*

Dunbooyne College Art department held their annual exhibition at the beginning of May.

The exhibition contained many wonderful pieces of work by this year's art portfolio students. There was an incredible amount of talent on show.

A big thank you to our art tutor, Bernie Leahy, for all the work she was put in and to the students for allowing us see their amazing art work.



# GLASNEVIN CEMETERY AND KILMAINHAM GAOL

*By Siobhán Leavy*

Pre-university Arts students enjoyed a trip to Glasnevin Cemetery and Kilmainham Gaol with teachers Siobhán and Gordon.

Students got a guided tour of both sites and learned about historical figures such as Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins and Charles Stewart Parnell.



## TRIP TO TULLAMORE HOSPITAL

*By Helene Cannard*

On a very cold but bright morning in January, 16 students from the Health Service Skills group set off to Tullamore Hospital for an educational tour of the service.

The group were guided by Liam Birmingham who gave them a tour of the healthcare risk and non-risk waste department. Liam explained the different disposal and segregation of risk waste material.

Michelle then took over and spoke to the group about routine and scheduled cleaning. She also discussed isolation, PPE, cleaning various different types of equipment such as beds, mattresses, commodes, patient basins, bedpans, showers, trays, delph, cutlery and glucometers.

Michelle also gave an interesting discussion on examples of two recent, genuine and

fatal case studies of patients who experienced a hospital acquired infection and Hepatitis B, due to unclean equipment and hands. To

demonstrate how this occurred she used the chain of infection, linking theory from the classroom to clinical practice.



# BELFAST VISIT

*By Eilish Lavin*

Pre-university Arts students braved the adverse weather conditions, following heavy snow, to travel to Queen's University in Belfast.

Here they attended a lecture based on themes that can be found in, 'The Good Friday agreement,' which link with sculpture, film, novels and plays based on the troubles in the North. They then toured many of the murals and the peace walls to get a visual insight into everything they learned.

Students took plenty of notes and photos to be used in their portfolios for their, 'Literary, visual and performing arts,' module.



# LAW FUNDRAISER

*By Irene Togher*

A big thank you, and congratulations to all, for the success of the cake sale held by Law students in Dunboyne College of Further Education. They raised a fantastic €373.50!

Law students presented a cheque for €373.50, to ex-law student, Yazmeen MacDonnell. Yazmeen, who is currently studying in DCU, was delighted with the support received from Dunboyne College of Further Education.

Yazmeen will spend the summer volunteering in Africa on projects relating to human rights and prison reform.



# PRISON OFFICER VISIT

*By Irene Togher*

Law students enjoyed a very interesting talk by guest speaker, John Cuffe. John is an ex-prison officer and is the author of, 'Inside the Monkey House,' which is an account of his time working in Irish prisons.

He spoke about the effectiveness of prisons as a punishment system, which is a topic the Law students will discuss in their upcoming debate.



# HEALTH EVENT

*By Patrice Byrne*

On Thursday 8th March 2018, Level 6 Health Care Supervision students, along with their Health Promotion Tutors, Patrice Byrne and Rob Spencer, organised a Health Promotion Event in the college.

The aim of the health promotion event was to encourage students to incorporate healthy eating options into their diet and boost their physical activity levels in an effort to improve overall health and wellbeing.

Hannah McKeown, nutritionist, and Patrick Joyce, personal trainer, kindly agreed to come and speak with the students. They each gave very entertaining presentations on nutrition and the importance and value of physical exercise.

We would like to thank both Hannah and Patrick for giving their time, and taking part in this worthwhile endeavour.

A number of companies also very kindly supported the Health Promotion event, and we would like to thank them for their generosity; Glanbia, Brennan's Bread, Fyffes, Glenisk Yogurts, Blenders, The Apple Farm, Tipperary, Walsh's Fresh Food, Epicom, Meade Potatoes, Sidwalk Café, Avoca, Dunnes Stores, and many more.



# ROCK FARM ECOTOURISM



*By Siobhán Leavy*

Carina Mount Charles, owner of Rock Farm in Slane, County Meath, was a guest speaker for the tourism students.

Carina spoke about the principles of ecotourism and ecotourism activities at Rock Farm, a topic students will discuss in their upcoming exams.

# ANIMAL CARE STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR DSPCA



*By Anneliese Durant*

Gillian Bird from the DSPCA was presented with a cheque for €430.00 by Anneliese Durant, during a visit to Drogheda Institute of Further Education earlier this year.

The money was raised by Dunboyne Animal Care students from grooming donations given to them by the public throughout the year.

The money will go towards much needed equipment for the animals housed in the DSPCA centre in Rathfarnham.

## AUDI DUBLIN FILM FESTIVAL



*By Eilish Lavin*

After several attempts and undeterred by weather warnings and snow fall, Pre-university Arts and Creative Media students finally attended the Dublin Film Festival on 12th March, with tutors Eilish and Tess.

Students enjoyed a screening by Irish writer and director, Aoife McArdle, called, 'Kissing Candice.' The film contained a plethora of themes, symbolism and issues which created a great source of analysis for students to use in their upcoming visual arts portfolio.

## NATIONAL REPTILE ZOO

*By Anneliese Durant*

Animal Care and Equine students were introduced to reptiles, arachnids and snakes when, The National Reptile Zoo visited Dunboyne College earlier this year.



# COOKERY EVENT



*By Denis Leonard*

Professional Cookery levels 5 and 6, along with their tutor, Emily McKeown, arranged a wonderful evening for the college's board of management, as part of their end of year assessment.

Staff in attendance enjoyed a 5 star catering event with excellent food, superb desserts, incredible service and a unique atmosphere.

# DUBLIN ZOO TRIP

*By Anneliese Durant*

Our animal care students enjoyed a trip to Dublin Zoo as part of their animal behaviour module.

They received a talk about animal behaviour and conservation biology.

They also had a guided tour of the elephant enclosure where the elephant keeper spoke about behaviour, husbandry and training.



# NIGHT CLASSES



*By Cianán Courtney-Earley*

A big well done to our night class students who recently completed their Microsoft Office course with tutor Cianán earlier this year.



# DUNBOYNE GRADUATE ASSOCIATION EVENT

Dunboyne College of Further Education (DCFE) celebrated its most successful graduates at a Graduate Association event in Dunboyne Castle Hotel on April 26. Special guest speaker was 2015 Rose of Tralee Elysha Brennan, that year's Meath Rose, who presented the college's graduate association publication to the graduates. As part of the celebrations DCFE has published a book profiling 26 successful graduates. The book tells the story of their experiences of DCFE and their progress after graduation. Graduates featured demonstrate the range of QQI accredited courses offered in the college and all graduates recognise the important role Dunboyne College played in their lives and career paths. Graduates featured demonstrated the broad range of QQI accredited courses offered in Dunboyne college.

Graduate Anita Brady, Applied Social Studies, assures readers that "with hard work and determination and with the quality education that DCFE provides, you can accomplish the same goals and achievements that I have had the privilege to experience." Other graduates mention lasting friendships developed at DCFE, exemplary teaching, and a friendly and inclusive atmosphere, as their highlights. Some are still living the legacy of DCFE. Andrew Maher, Multimedia says, "Even now, in my second year of ITB, I find my education from DCFE is still bearing fruit."

Other comments that filled the pages of the publication launched on the night include Ashlee Byrne now studying Business in Maynooth University who wrote: "The general sense that all your tutors were there to support and help you with your goals that they push you to strive to do your best 100% if the time." Jeannie Flynn currently studying social work in Trinity College in her piece said: "Everybody has the capacity to reach their full potential once they are surrounded by people who care for and believe in them" Jessica Moriarty currently studying PE in UCC spoke on the night and was able to say "without Dunboyne College I would not be where I am today" Graduates featured in the book were

presented with a copy at the event, and the evening also featured guest speakers from the Graduate Association, along with music from the current music students, and the launch of new courses for next September. The new courses launched include Applied Psychology, Liberal Arts, Sports Injury and Massage Therapy, Equine Studies, Human Resource Management as well as second year level 6 course in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy. The night was organised by law lecturer and academic manager Irene Togher working with a committee of Susan Clarke, Anna Handibode and Patrice Byrne. This is an annual event in the college's calendar and one that many of the staff, past students and the wider community look forward to.



## CAVAN COUNTY MUSEUM



*By Siobhán Leavy*

Pre-university Arts students learned about the tools used to build traditional thatched cottages, during a talk by Dr. Michael Finnegan from Cavan County Museum. Dr. Finnegan spoke about implements such as straw, scallops and scraw.

Michael also discussed traditional calendar customs including the Wren Boys, Mumming and the Straw Boys, which are topics students will discuss in their Folklore projects.

# READY FOR TAKE-OFF AT WATERFORD AIRPORT

By Siobhán Leavy

Tourism and Airline students got to test out their skills in Waterford airport with their tutors Eileen and Siobhán. As part of their module, Cabin Crew Operations, students carried out safety demonstrations and pre-departure inspection checks on a mock aircraft.

Thank you to the International Academy of Travel for a great day out.



# ANIMAL CARE GROOMING DEMONSTRATION

*By Anneliese Durant*

The Animal Care students attended a dog grooming seminar with Suzanne Garrett, in Drogheda Institute of Further Education. They watched a demonstration by Suzanne of grooming a Cockapoo and Tibetan Terrier. It was a very educational day and enjoyed by all.



## 'LET'S BRING THE ELEPHANT INTO THE ROOM'



*By Siobhán Leavy*

Staff from DCFE were delighted to attend the Annual AHEAD Conference entitled, 'Let's bring the Elephant into the Room', which explored issues arising as we move towards a cross campus approach to inclusion in further and higher education. #elephantAHEAD

# Academic year Sept 2018 – May 2019

## Post Leaving Cert Courses at QQI Level 5 & 6

### Healthcare and Community Care

Applied Social Studies

*Applied Psychology\* New*

Childcare/Special Needs Assistant

Nursing Studies

Health Service Skills

*Pharmacy Assistant\* New*

### Pre-University General Courses

Pre-University Arts (History)

*Pre University Liberal Arts (English)\* New*

Language & European Studies

Pre-University Law

Pre-University Business

*Human Resource Management\* New*

### Pre-University Science Courses

Pre-University Science/ Agricultural Science

Animal Care

*Equine Business & Horsemanship\* New*

### General Business

Tourism

*Airline Studies\* New*

Legal and Medical Secretary/Office Administration

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

### Food

Professional Cookery

Food Science

### Sport

Sports Management & Coaching

Sports Injury Prevention and Massage *Therapy\* New*

Sports Coaching / Sports Science

### Multimedia and Computers

Computer Systems and Networks

Multimedia and Computers

Creative Media

Sound Production

### The Arts

Music Performance

Art Portfolio

### Advanced Certificates (QQI level 6)

*Beauty Therapy \* New*

*Hairdressing (Senior Trade)\* New*

*Healthcare Supervision (2yr program)\* New*

Multimedia & Web Development

Advanced Certificate in Art

*Special Needs Awareness & Assisting\* New*

Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education

# CAUSEY FARM

By Siobhán Leavy

Our Pre-University Arts students enjoyed a fun filled and educational trip to Causey Farm with their tutors Eilish and Siobhán. Students made traditional Irish bread and took part in a Céili in the, 'Session shed.' They also had bodhran lessons and learned the, 'Siege of venice,'... with a modern twist. Some students even braved the acclaimed, 'Bog jump,' despite the cold weather. Students learned about traditional life in Ireland as part of their Folklore module and traditional Irish music and dance for their Literary, visual and performing arts module. Thanks to our guide Dermot for a great day out!

