

WELCOME



You are welcome to the sixth edition of our college newsletter, the DCFE Tribune, which brings you highlights of the college year, 2018-2019. Special thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition.

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.dunboyncollege.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 dunboyncollege@lmetb.ie; we are delighted to hear from you.

1000 STUDENTS

In December 2018 Dunboyne College received the ideal Christmas present with confirmation from LMETB, Solas, and the Department of Education that the college will have the teaching resources to reach 1000 students from next year.

This, coupled with the fact that work on identifying a new site for the development of the new campus is well advanced, means that the only college of further education in County Meath can develop

even more new programmes to add to its existing 44 courses, as well as developing new traineeships, apprenticeships and HND qualifications into the future.

The college serves Meath, west Dublin and north Kildare but students are currently coming from other parts of Leinster as well. Last year we had over 2,100 applicants for 800 places so the new allocation for additional students is most welcome.



STUDENT WINNER



Congratulations to DCFE Art student, Roisin Conlon, and her team, who won the overall prize, with their 'Give A Gaff' business development plan at the Corkscrew Erasmus Programme in Exeter. The programme is part of the Erasmus work experience opportunity open to DCFE students. Each year a number of students travel to Barcelona or Exeter for two weeks' work experience. Students all report that it is one of the best experiences they could imagine.

HOMELESS APPEAL



Students and staff members gave generously over the Christmas season to Inner City Helping Homeless (ICHH).

A whopping 64 shoeboxes were donated, filled to the brim with thoughtful and practical gifts that were distributed to those who found themselves without a home over the Christmas and New Year period. By filling shoeboxes for young girls and boys, and adult men and women, DCFE students and staff showed their support.

The event was organised primarily by the Student Union, in particular Enda Lynch from our Office Administration and Eimear O'Neill from our Childcare QQI Level 5 courses.

By Susan Clarke

CRUFTS



Animal Care students visited Crufts 2019 in the NEC, Birmingham on Thursday the 7th of March along with students from DIFE. It was the Gundog Day, so the students got to see many of the breeds within this group compete, including Irish Setters, Irish Water Spaniels and Pointers to name a few! They also observed agility classes and heel work to music. A great, educational day was had by all. It is always a popular annual event.

By Annaliese Durant

GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

The Graduate Association event was a huge success at the end of January. The night combined the Graduate Association event with the culmination of the Mental Health Awareness week in the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan.

The night was opened by Denis Leonard, Principal, and recent graduate, Niamh Hartnett, spoke about her time in Dunboyne College and how it prepared her for DIT where she is currently studying a 4-year Culinary Arts degree, GAA star, Alan O'Mara, spoke in an inspirational way about his battle with depression, drawing from his memoir called, *The Best is Yet to Come: A Memoir about Football and Finding a Way Through the Dark*.

The highlight of the night was a wonderful, thought-provoking and inspiring play from Belfast comic actress, Nuala McKeever, called *In the Window*. This one-woman monologue tells the story of Margaret, a lonely woman grappling with her loneliness and her plan to leave this world but one night everything changes, but in a funny way!

Before and after the event we were all treated to wonderful music performed by our very own Music Performance students under the guidance of their music and sound tutors, Susan Clarke and Rob Kelly.



Irene Togher (Chair, Graduate Association), Johanna Dawe (English Tutor) Nuala McKeever (Actress), Denis Leonard (Principal), Kathleen Murphy (Nursing Tutor) at the Graduate Association Event, Solstice Arts Centre

ART TRIPS



Arts 1 and 2 students spent an inspiring day with the world's greatest artists as they viewed works from Caravaggio, Rembrandt, Picasso among others at the National Art Gallery Dublin and IMMA. They went as part of their Liberal Arts course which offers a range of modules for entry to an Arts degree. A wonderful day in our city of culture.

By Johanna Dawe

ART COMPETITION



Congratulations to Erika Pupiuvienė and Cillian Quearney who both received awards at the LMETB Robert Ballagh art competition held in the Droichead Arts Centre in March.

By Geraldine Lane

NATIONAL FLAG DAY



Congratulations to our Pre-University Arts students, who raised €150 as part of National Flag Day. National Flag day is designed to promote respect for the Irish flag and detail an understanding of its meaning and symbolism. It also provided a good opportunity to raise money for charity.

Well done to everyone involved especially our wonderful students who helped promote and sell the pins. All proceeds went to Sean Cox.

By Siobhan Leavy

GUEST SPEAKER



Dr Dorothy Ramsbottom, a top DNA analyst from Forensic Science Ireland, visited Dunboync College in April and gave a very interesting and informative talk to the science and psychology groups about crime scene investigation and DNA analysis.

The talk included information about how evidence is processed, what tests are done on items and what they do with their findings.

Dr Ramsbottom also talked about the importance of the chain of custody and that the sooner they get evidence the more likely they are to be able to get good samples from them.

By Patrice Byrne

SPORTS INJURY CLINIC



DCFE Sports Injury and Prevention students completed a taping and strapping course with Cathal Brady from Dunboyne Injury Clinic. Students complete many short courses throughout their year to augment their qualification.

ART PORTFOLIO

Big congratulations to our Art Portfolio students Sophie, Roisin Conlon, Roisin McDowell, Laura and Cillian, who have all received places on Art and Design courses for the coming year.

Five students received offers from NCAD, two students received offers from TU Dublin and one student is going to Limerick School of Art and Design.

A well-deserved reward from a year of hard work from both the students and their tutor.

By Geraldine Lane

WOODPARK STUD



The Equine students went on an educational trip to Woodpark Stud (Godolphin) with their tutor, Catherine Joyce, on the 2nd of March. It was an informative and enjoyable day. It confirmed for many students that they have chosen the right course for them.

By Catherine Joyce

APPEAL COURT



As part of their Business Law module, all the business groups went on trips to the Criminal Courts of Justice to see, first hand, a courtroom in action. It provides a great opportunity to bring class material to life and students have the chance to sit in on criminal cases. Earlier in the year the law and office classes also visited the courts.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

The success of Dunboyrne College's mental health awareness week resulted in students raising €465 for the So-Sad Charity in Co. Meath. Well done to everyone involved, especially our wonderful students who helped design, promote, and sell the t-shirts.

The week was a busy one with lectures, guest speakers and inspirational talks through the week. The week culminated in an event in conjunction with the Graduate Association in the Solstice Arts Centre in Navan.

By Johanna Dawe



CROKE PARK



The Sports students went on a trip to Croke Park where they got a tour and saw the Croke Park Museum. Trips are an integral part of every course in the college.

By Kirsty Gough and Cliona Murphy



TRIP TO EXETER



Our very own business, art and nursing students had an exciting and memorable time on a recent trip to Exeter. While there, they completed 60hrs of work experience with Neil Finnie from the innovative and creative Corkscrew company. Neil's team of dynamic entrepreneurs shared their experiences and skills with our students in what was an unforgettable fortnight.

Well done to all those involved and we look forward to many more trips.

By Patrice Byrne

GUEST SPEAKER



Our Level 5 Beauty students were given a talk by Paula from Dermalogica yesterday. Paula gave a talk on careers, progression and employment in the Beauty Industry as well as interview and CV techniques.

By Deborah Ryan

ART WORKSHOP



Art students enjoyed a sculpture workshop and lecture by well-known artist and sculptor Eoin Byrne earlier in the year. He gave individual tutorials to the students about the work they're doing for their Sculpture and Combined Materials project in preparation for the exhibition held on March 14th.

Eoin is a well-established artist and has exhibited both nationally and internationally in diverse locations such as Paraguay and Berlin. His work can also be seen in the Morrison Hotel in Dublin.

By Geraldine Lane

GUEST SPEAKER



Nell McDonagh came to talk to the Applied Social Studies and Psychology students about Travellers' experiences and culture. Ellen (Nell) McDonagh is the Community Development Worker/Heritage Officer of Meath Travellers Workshops. She is from a very traditional Traveller family and is the longest serving member of Meath Travellers Workshops Ltd.

CARTON HOUSE



The Art Portfolio students went on a trip to Carton House, Maynooth, to see the Kildare Gallery and for walks around the sculpture in the gardens as part of their Art Appreciation and Sculpture Module.

By Geraldine Lane

DCFE OPEN DAY



On Wednesday the 10th of April, DCFE held an open day for prospective students. LMFm road caster reported live on the day. Several students and staff were interviewed about the benefits of further education. A representative from each department in the college, some current students and graduate Joe Sullivan, who completed the Level 6 Community Development course a few years ago, promoted the college on the day. Joe is part of the Graduate Association and a loyal friend of the college. All were very excited to be on the radio!

By Siobhan Leavy

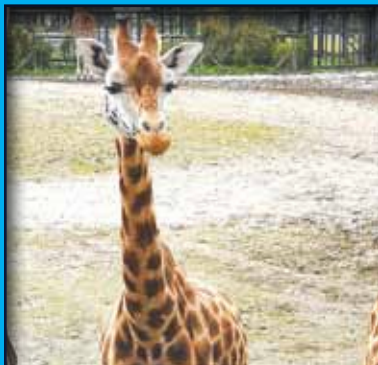


IRISH BEAUTY TRADE SHOW

The Beauty and Hairdressing students recently went on a trip to the Irish Beauty Trade Show in the RDS. It was a great opportunity to get an insight into the beauty trade. Their tutor, Deborah Ryan, was the recipient of the Best Training Academy award recently at the Irish Beauty Industry Awards last December.



TRIP TO DUBLIN ZOO



Animal care students visited Dublin Zoo earlier this year to collect data on Grey Wolves, Zebra and Amur Tigers for an animal behaviour project they are completing as part of their course. The new Amur Tiger cubs made it even better. A great day was had by all.



OPEN NIGHT

There was a huge turnout for Open Night where prospective students got a talk from Principal, Denis Leonard and Career and Guidance Counsellor, Meabh Nimmo, as well as tours of the facilities and an opportunity to meet staff and students. Open Night gives the college the chance to showcase its many courses and to reach out to perspective students. Both staff and current students promoted the college to hundreds of visitors on the night.



BANGOR UNIVERSITY

Psychology and Law students went on a visit to Bangor University in Wales recently with their tutors Patrice Byrne, Johanna Dawe and Meabh Nimmo. The Law Department has a long-standing link with Bangor University where many of our students have excelled in degrees there. Next year this link will be expanded out into the Social Studies area, with a view to opening up links across the college.



NIGHT CLASSES

Congratulations to all our night class students who recently completed their courses. Our night class programme will commence again in September 2019 and offers a range of accredited and hobby courses, from SNA and Medical Terminology to Interior Design. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more details.

By Siobhan Leavy



DCFE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Sports students ran a Soccer Tournament in St. Mary Mother of Hope's Junior Senior Primary School for their 3rd class pupils on Friday. A big thank you to Nally's SuperValu Dunboyne who kindly donated refreshments for the Tournament.

By Cliona Murphy



Academic Year Sept. 2019 – May 2020

Post Leaving Cert Courses at QQI Level 5 & 6

Healthcare and Community Care Courses

- Applied Social Studies
- Applied Psychology
- Childcare/Special Needs Assistant
- Nursing Studies
- Health Service Skills
- Nutrition, Health and Well Being * New
- Pharmacy Assistant



Pre-University Arts, Law and Applied Science Courses

- Pre-University Arts
- Pre University Liberal Arts
- Pre-University Arts: Pre-Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Pre-University Law
- Pre University Business Law * New
- Pre-University Science/Agricultural Science
- Pre University Sports and Food Science * New



Business and IT Courses

- Pre University Business
- Legal and Medical Secretary/Office Administration
- Business and Accounts Administration * New
- Creative Digital Media
- Online Marketing * New
- Computer Systems and Networks
- Graphic Design * New
- Media and Film Production * New



Pre-Employment/Further Study Courses

- Tourism and Travel
- Airline Studies
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Animal Care
- Horsemanship and Equine Business
- Professional Cookery
- Sports Management & Coaching
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Music Performance
- Sound Production
- Art Portfolio

Advanced Certificates (QQI level 6 Courses)

- Early Childhood Care & Education
- Healthcare Supervision
- Beauty Therapy * New
- Hairdressing Senior Trade * New
- Tourism and Travel with Business * New
- Business * New
- Advanced Certificate in Equine Business * New
- Advanced Certificate in Multimedia & Web Development
- Advanced Certificate in Sports Industry Practice
- Advanced Certificate in Professional Cookery

OPEN NIGHT – 17th of Jan. 2019 @ 6:00pm – 8:30pm

INTERVIEW DATES - 28th of Jan., 15th of March, 1st and 29th of May

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