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You are welcome to the seventh edition of our

college newsletter, the DCFE Tribune, which

brings you highlights of the college year,

2019-2020, so far. Special thanks to everyone

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WELCOME

that 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.dunboynecollege. ie, and our Instagram, Facebook and Twitter pages, which will 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 on, 01-8026577 or email dunboynecollege@ Imetb.ie; we are delighted to hear from you.

ERASMUS OPPORTUNITIES



DCFE were delighted to welcome German tutors who were on an Erasmus mobility project to Ireland this semester. As part of their visit, tutors were brought on a tour of the college, learned the specifics about the Irish educational system, the use of technology in the classroom and students work experience.

This visit has us very excited and helped us to prepare for our own mobility project, where 15 students will travel to Tenerife for two weeks in February 2020, to carry out work experience in various industries from; Business, Office/IT, Tourism, Professional Cookery, and Healthcare. We also have 70 students travelling to Barcelona in 2020, as part of our IEP programme, where they will gain invaluable experience in the world of Business. *By Siobhán Leavy, Patrice Byrne, Eilish Lavin and Jacquelyn Kerley*

HEALTHCARE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ACTION WITH AGE ACTION



Our Healthcare Support students were delighted to collaborate with Age Action this semester through the, 'Care of the Older Person,' module. As part of the fight against digital exclusion, students provided training to older people completing the, 'Getting Started Computer Training Programme,' and facilitated one to one workshops on computers, tablets and smartphones. This is a fantastic initiative which allows older people to learn new skills while socialising with others. It also provided an opportunity for our students, many of whom, hope to pursue a career working with older people, to gain invaluable practical experience. A huge well done to all involved! *By Kathleen Murphy*

CONNOLLY HOSPITAL



Seven lucky students the from Nursing Studies course secured much sought after work experience placements in Connolly Hospital The this semester. students set out in to their placements in mid-December and were placed on various wards throughout the busy hospital. One nursing student describes her experience saying, "I

thoroughly enjoyed my placement. I knew, from the first day, this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I was on an orthopaedic post and pre-surgery ward and it was very busy. I met so many people with multitudes of issues I have never heard of or seen before. I learned so much at Connolly Hospital!"

All seven students were very excited to receive such a fabulous opportunity, where they could gain hands on experience and become familiar with the nursing routine they hope to one day be part of. Declan Power of Nursing 3 describes his experience saying, "My placement at Connolly has tested me in a number of ways, but mainly, my mental and emotional strength. At times I found it quite daunting, but always tried my best to think of how much scarier it was for the patient who depends on us to care for their needs, particularly those that are extremely personal."

HEALTH PROMOTION



The Level 6 Health Supervision students held a Health Promotion Event in the college this semester, which formed part of their research project for Health Promotion. The students contacted local suppliers asking them to support the event and we are very grateful to Avonmore, FruitBox, Fyffes and many others who sponsored the event. Our Professional Cookery teacher, Gillian Duffy, gave a cookery demonstration using the sponsored produce. Gillian showed students how to make quick and healthy meals. Students got to take away the produce at the end of the event to start putting into practice what they had learned.

By Patrice Byrne

NEW CLINICAL WARD

A fabulous new clinical ward has been set up in the Navan campus of Dunboyne College of Further Education. Nursing studies students can now carry out all of their practical skills demonstrations in an environment, not too far removed from that of a real hospital setting. Using hospital grade equipment, students can practice their clinical skills on our two new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who are well monitored and cared for by our up and coming future nurses.

By Eilish Lavin

PRE-UNIVERSITY, BUSINESS AND IT DEPARTMENT NEWS

JOKER MOVIE SCREENING



Dunboyne students from Arts, Pre-Teaching, Psychology and Nutrition, Health and Well-being attended a private screening of the new Joker movie at Blanchardstown cinema. The movie was an attempt to help students understand the application of theory to practice with regards psychological and marxist theory through the medium of film. A great day had by all!

By Johanna Dawe

IMMA VISIT



Graphic Design students enjoyed a great day out to IMMA in Kilmainham and the Design Agency 'Each and Other' where they got to take part in real world Design challenges and see how Design agencies cater to the user experience. By Geraldine Lane

BATTLE OF THE BOYNE



DCFE Tourism with Business and Airline students enjoyed a trip to the Battle of the Boyne visitor centre with teachers Siobhán and Aoife in early October. Students learned about the causes and consequences of the battle through a guided tour of the visitor centre, a laser display and a video about the battle, which will help students complete their first assignment. Thanks to all the staff at the visitor centre. By Siobhán Leavy

GUEST SPEAKERS



Our Pre-University Arts students enjoyed a real treat, this semester, when we were visited by much acclaimed musician Antoin Mac Gabhann. Antoin not only spoke about the history of traditional Irish music and the formation of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann but also played a selection of reels and jigs on the fiddle. Antoin really brought our class content to life and will help our students to apply what they are learning to their upcoming assignments in both Folklore and Literary, Visual and Performing Arts.



Our Law groups enjoyed a very informative talk this semester, by Dr Rónán Condon, BCL Programme Chair in the School of Law and Government in DCU. Dr. Rónán Condon spoke to the students about the issue of high pay-outs in the courts and he also spoke about what it is like to study Law in DCU.

By Irene Togher

SHORT STORY COMPETITION RUNNER UP: Evening. Silence. Bombs. Pain. Tears. Darkness, by Ludmila Danilescu, Level 6, Child Care student

and Literary, Visual a By Siobhán Leavy

CRIMINAL COURTS VISIT



Students from Law 1 and Legal Office got to experience first-hand many of the trials we are seeing in the news right now when they visited the Criminal Courts this semester with their tutors, Shane Woods. They attended some interesting criminal cases to inform their studies. A great opportunity for budding solicitors and barristers of the future.

By Shane Woods

A TRIP TO BELFAST MURALS

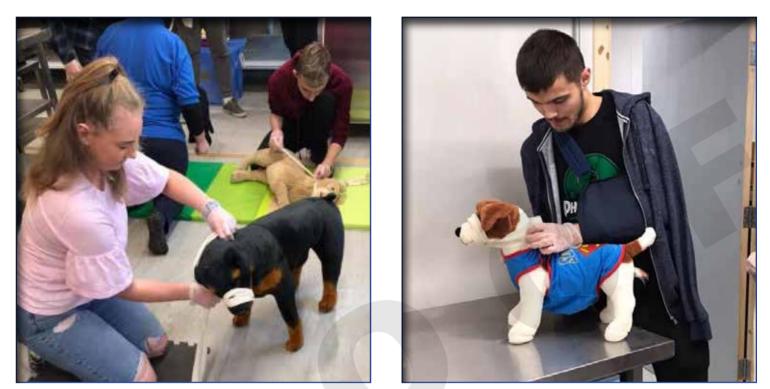


Dunboyne Pre-University Arts students enjoyed a trip to Belfast with tutors, Johanna and Eilish last week. Student met with Dr Stephan Nolan and Dr Mel Corey who are both authors and Research Fellows at Queen's University Belfast. The trip included a talk and tour of Belfast's fascinating murals followed by an academic research workshop delivered by Dr Nolan and Adrian Dunne who is a current PhD student. A most memorable visit. *By Johanna Dawe*

SHORT STORY COMPETITION RUNNER UP: Traffic late, flight delayed, landed, grand. by Claire Rooney, Airline

PRE-EMPLOYMENT/FURTHER STUDY DEPARTMENT NEWS

CANINE FIRST AID



Animal Care students hit the ground running, this semester, by completing their Canine First Aid Course in their first week of college here in Dunboyne College of Further Education. This course not only served as a great introduction to their Animal Care course, but also helps students gain the skills they need if faced with an emergency when working with our four legged friends. *By Annaliese Durant*



TEAM BUILDING



There was no hanging about for our Sports students who revealed their competitive sides from the get-go while attending a team building day in Navan Adventure Centre in September. Not only was it a thoroughly enjoyable day for these students, they also began learning the importance of team building, motivation, problem solving and team tactics. Well done to all our sports students, who took part!

By Kirsty Gough/Cliona Murphy

WINNING START FOR DCFE



DCFE men's football team were successful in their first game, this semester, a friendly against DIFE. DCFE came out on top winning 3-2. Captain Michael Afuye scored after 10 mins, with 2 more goals coming in the second half from Mo Saeed and Adam Whelan, both set up by Craig Bourke. A great first result for DCFE!

By Kirsty Gough/Cliona Murphy

SHORT STORY COMPETITION RUNNER UP: In the beginning lies the end. by Raymond Sagay, Pharmacy Assistant Student

ZEMINAR 2019



Sports Management and Coaching, Nutrition Health and Wellbeing and Sports Injury Prevention students attended Zeminar with tutors Cliona and Patrick today. Students attended workshops and enjoyed influential speakers as part of the event. A great day was had by all! #Zeminar2019

By Cliona Murphy

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY



Professional Cookery students have enjoyed several trips this semester. A trip to Spring Cottage Organic Farm in Kinnegad, with tutor Gillian, allowed students to experience a small, family run farm who take pride in producing organic and healthy foods. Students also visited Boyne Valley Cheese Farm to experience locally produced goats cheese.

DCFE ART DEPARTMENT



Our Art portfolio students have had a very busy first semester! They attended the Textile Art Exhibition in the RDS with tutors Bernie and Clare, where they had artist talks and students completed textile research for their art portfolios. They also visited the National Gallery of Ireland to see the Portrait Exhibition, and then went to a Life Drawing Workshop in Market Studios.

On campus, our art students have gotten hands on, putting their new found knowledge in to practice. They tried out batik dyeing as part of their Combined Materials module and produced lino- cuts for their printmaking project, these designs will be turned into textile pieces later. Finally, in the lead up to the festive season, our students tried their hands at screen-printing custom Christmas t-shirts.

By Bernie Leahy/Clare Blackwell





BEAUTY STUDENTS GET HANDS ON



"Great products are essential but impeccable service is paramount." Our beauty students got stuck in from the outset this semester. They completed a gel polish course with the Manicure Company setting the standard for more to come. The students also went to the Professional Beauty Trade Show in the RDS this semester where they got to experience new products and treatments available in the Beauty Industry. *By Deborah Ryan*

HAIRDRESSING STUDENTS



As part of their QQI Level 6 Senior Trade course, students got very hands on and learned many new methods of styling hair during this semester. All of this practice and preparation will have our students ready to take on the challenges of working in the hairdressing industry. By Zara Sheridan/Shauna O'Brien

GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGE FAIR



Our Career Guidance department organised a College Fair this semester for students of Dunboyne College. The event took place on Tuesday, 10th of December and there were representatives from many colleges available to meet with students and answer any queries they had, regarding course progression.

By Meabh Nimmo/Derek Ball

TAKEDA VISIT



Takeda, formerly known as Shire, visited Dunboyne College of Further Education on Friday,18th Oct to deliver a Day of Service. Students from Science, Food and Sports Science, Business, Psychology and Office Administration met with Takeda staff to discuss Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers in the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, Takeda employees were on hand to view students Curriculum Vitae's and provide NIGHT CLASSES

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?!

Why not kick start some of your new years resolutions by studying one of our many night class options.

You could take up a new hobby and learn about interior design, art appreciation, barbering or horticulture, or you could improve your IT skills and learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel in our Microsoft Office or ECDL courses.

If your new year plans include some self-care, take a look at our very popular yoga and cookery class.

Check out our website for our latest night class brochure and see what options we have to interest you. www.dunboynecollege.ie

By Kathleen Murphy/Eilish Lavin

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

2019 saw the introduction of the first scholarship programme in Dunboyne College of Further Education.

What an exciting opportunity for students of this year and years to come!

Five scholarships have been offered to worthy students across various disciplines in the college this year, including Business, Nursing, Science, Law and Arts. Students who are successful in winning a scholarship will not only have their fees paid but can proudly add their achievement to their CV which will no doubt impress future employers.

By Irene Togher/Eilish Lavin

COLLEGE FUNDRAISERS

Every year, Dunboyne College of Further Education continuously supports charity work. From Jersey day in aid of Goal, a Hospice coffee morning, raising €50, Trick or Treat for Temple Street and the Shoe Box appeal, students and staff have made huge efforts to help organisations who do such fantastic work.





Jersey Day

Music Trick or Treat for Temple Street



Trick or Treat for Temple Street

SHORT STORY COMPETITION RUNNER UP: The curtains were blue, like you. *by Kuan Hou Ronald Choo, Business 1 student*





Christmas Jumper Week

JUMPER WEEK



What an incredible Christmas campaign students of DCFE ran this year! Over the last number of weeks members of the Student Union in both our Dunboyne and Navan campuses, along with students and staff of the college, organised and promoted a Christmas Jumper week, the Animal Care groups hosted a fun-filled day of awareness and fundraising for the fantastic work of the DSPCA and Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, while a gift-giving campaign in aid of Inner City Helping Homelessness helped to raise over 80 gift packages for those men, women and children who are less fortunate this holiday season.

Animal Care ran a raffle and cake sale outside of the canteen all day on the 11th with fantastic prizes to be won. This together with grooming donations, raised \in 660.00! A big thank you to everyone who contributed!

By Susan Clarke/Annaliese Durant

Instagram



'INSTA' READY!

As of the 1st of September this year you can now follow Dunboyne College on their brand new Instagram page.! Sharing a whole host of exciting news from the college including new courses, dates for your diary and upcoming events, make sure to follow #dunboynecollegefe so as not to miss out!

#dunboynecollegefe

#studyatdcfe

#beginheregoanywhere



SHORT STORY COMPETITION RUNNER UP: They ran, it began to follow. *by Matthew Healey, Creative Digital Media 2*

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



The last time I viewed the MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland), at Newman House, St. Stephens Green, was from a maze of scaffolding, in the pouring rain. In one of my previous 'incarnations', I worked as a stone repair specialist on the austere façade of this otherwise beautiful edifice. Our daytrip to the museum on October 24th, 2019, was as much a diversion, for me, as it was an opportunity to see the results of that refurbishment. I was impressed. It has to be said that the buildings, its adjoining gardens and chapel are an oasis of calm amidst the bustle of the city centre. Built in 1738, the house was named in honour of, the newly canonised, John Henry Newman, who founded the Catholic University of Ireland there in 1854. The venerable saint is celebrated within its hallowed halls, but the greater part, is dedicated to the literary legacy of former alumni, including James Joyce and Kate O'Brien. It is somewhat ironic that, a building that was once a bastion of Irish Catholicism, now celebrates the literary efforts of those it tried so hard to suppress and subjugate, through censorship. Whatever the literary merit of those once notorious tracts, their omission ensured that prevailing modes of thought went unchecked, and that

HOLY MOLI!

the cultural landscape of Ireland remained mired in mediocrity for many decades. This museum bears mute testimony to a time when, to be a novelist, had a certain cachet - a time before the written word had yet to yield to the all-pervasive power of television or the sensory overload came with information technology. Back then, Dublin was no more than a big town, shrouded deep in literary myths. This museum goes some way in reinforcing many of those myths, whilst merely referencing others across a host of interactive displays. This may be enough to engage the bewildered tourist, but I doubt if it will be enough to prompt a revisit by the more discerning reader.

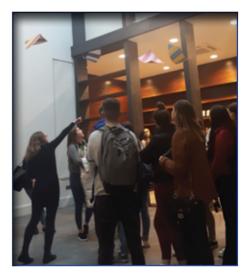
Our next port of call was the old Parliament Buildings on Dame Street, to see an exhibition outlining the progress of Seamus Heaney, from Bellaghy boy to Nobel Laureate in-residence at Sandymount. Here we were treated to an informative tour, as relayed by a guide through headsets. There were references to Heaney's better-known works, not least, Mid-Term Break, a poem that has some resonance still – "A four-foot box, a foot for every year" - an example of the perfect symmetry than can occur when emotional intelligence and a writer's intuition come





into sharp relief, as poetry. In 2015, Seamus Heaney died as he was being wheeled towards an operating theatre for emergency surgery. The last words he ever wrote were in a brief text message to his wife, offering her some reassurance. He simply wrote, Noli timere, a phrase in Latin, that translates as 'Do not be afraid'. Unwittingly, perhaps, he had just composed an epitaph, as apt as any, for a master poet.

By Noel Shine, Media Production and Film Student



SHORT STORY COMPETITION WINNERS:

We loved. We laughed. We split. by Basirat Adeosun, Nursing 1 Student File. Save. Onto Cloud. Lost. Inconsolable. by Miriam O'brien, Animal Care 1 Student

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR GRADUATES

At Dunboyne College, we are very proud of each of our students who achieve so much with us here and go on to amazing things, armed with new skills and knowledge. We love when these students get in touch with us to let us know what they are doing now. Here are just a few of our previous students who have contacted us this year:



FIA FLOOD - APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY QQI LEVEL 5, MAY 2019

Absolutely phenomenal. Everything about the college was exceptional from the staff to the facilities to the supports available. Dunboyne College has provided me with a steady foundation of knowledge on the area I want to study before even having gone into an undergraduate course. The atmosphere at the college was always so welcoming and familiar that it didn't even feel like I was coming to college most days, more like to a social gathering where I would learn new things everyday about the world and the people around us. Dunboyne College strives for the best in every student and is very accommodating as they recognise everyone as successful students, no matter where we come from. One of the few places that I will hold and cherish precious memories of for life



AMY FARRELL - NURSING STUDIES QQI LEVEL 5, MAY 2019

I started in Dunboyne College in 2018 where I studied pre-nursing and I really enjoyed it, it reached more than my expectations. I really enjoyed the opportunities Dunboyne college created which led me to employment in a healthcare setting and I received a place on the General Nursing course in Tralee Institute of Technology. I found Dunboyne set me up for third level and covered a lot of the first year General Nursing programme which was so beneficial for me



MARIANNE AYOUBI - CHILDCARE QQI LEVEL 5, MAY 2019

I enjoyed studying at Dunboyne College immensely. During my time there I grew in confidence, gained the knowledge and skills I needed to pursue a career in childcare, and made some wonderful friends. I secured a job immediately after completing the course and plan to continue my studies next year.



CAROL DEMPSEY - APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES QQI LEVEL 5, MAY 2019

After leaving school at 16, I never thought that I would get the opportunity to go to college, but after doing a PLC in Dunboyne college and applying and getting a place in TU Blanchardstown, I am finally living my dream of getting my degree in social care. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help I received from the tutors in Dunboyne college. They made it so much easier for me and helped in everyway.



APRYL CULLEN – MUSIC PERFORMANCE QQI LEVEL 5, MAY 2019

After completing my course in DCFE in Music Performance I have a greater knowledge of how to further my career in performing my music as well as somebody else's. I have gained a greater knowledge of the music industry and how to set up a music studio with highly technical equipment. I am now ahead of most of my classmates in BIMM Dublin, in music theory, after studying it in my course in DCFE. I am grateful for the facts and information I acquired from the tutors that taught me. I cannot thank them and the whole college enough for the amazing experience.





Dunboyne College of Further Education

Academic year Sept 2020 - May 2021

Post Leaving Cert Courses at QQI Level 5 & 6

Healthcare and Community Care Courses

- Applied Social Studies
- Youth and Community Work *New
- Applied Psychology
- Criminology and Psychology *New
- Childcare/Special Needs Assistant *
- Nursing Studies
- Health Service Skills *
- Pre-Paramedic Fire and Ambulance *New
- Nutrition, Health and Well Being
- Pharmacy Assistant

Pre-University Arts, Law and Applied Science Courses

- Pre-University Arts
- Pre-University Liberal Arts
- Pre-University Teaching
- Pre-University Journalism, Digital Media and Public Relations *New
- Pre-University Law
- Pre-University Business Law
- Pre-University Science/Agricultural Science
- Pre-University Forensic Science *New
- Pre-University Environmental Science *New
- Pre-University Sports and Food Science

Business and IT Courses

- Pre-University Business
- Pre-University Business and Accounting *New
- Office Accounts, Administration and Information
- Processing (Family Friendly Timetable) *New
- Online Marketing
- Legal and Medical Secretary/Office Administration
- Creative Digital Media
- Computer Systems and Networks
 Architectural Technology and Design *New
- Graphic Design
- Media and Film Production

- Pre-Employment/Further Study Courses
- Tourism and Travel *
- Airline Studies
- Beauty Therapy *
- Hairdressing
- Animal Care *
- Horsemanship and Equine Business/Science *
- Professional Cookery *
- Sports Management & Coaching *
- Sports Injury Prevention
- Physiotherapy Studies *New
- Music Performance
- Sound Production
- Art Portfolio (Fine Art & Design 2D Options) *New
- Animation

* Level 6 Option Offered

NEW COURSES

- Pre-University Journalism, Digital Media and Public Relations
- Pre-University Forensic Science
- Pre-University Environmental Science
- Pre-University Business and Accounting
- Criminology and Psychology
- Community and Youth Work
- Office Accounts, Administration and Information
 Processing
- Architectural Technology and Design
- Physiotherapy Studies
- Art Portfolio with Fine Art and Design 2D Options
- Pre-Paramedic Fire and Ambulance

OPEN EVENING / AFTERNOON

•THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY FROM 6PM - 8:30PM (OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF NEW COURSES @5PM

•WEDNESDAY 01ST APRIL 2020 2PM – 4PM

INTERVIEW DATES – 27TH JANUARY, 13TH MARCH, 29TH APRIL, 27TH MAY 2020

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