



WELCOME TO MI TIMES

The Staff of Monaghan Institute would like to welcome all new and returning students to the college for the 2016/2017 academic year.

The newsletter displays some of the activities and events that happen in MI.

MI CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

The annual Monaghan Institute fancy dress spectacle took place on Friday 28th October. Students were seen running scared as their tutors were dressed to kill in the corridors. Congratulations to Orla O'Connor from Level 5 Animal Care who won best dressed student, she terrorised her classmates with her grim reaper skeleton costume. The Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education students snapped up the best dressed class award. They showed their true colours as the coven of witches cast spells on everyone in the college, forcing us to take the next week off for mid-term. Congratulations to Nursing Studies Tutor Roisin Lavelle who won the apple bobbing competition in the canteen, conquering Kevin Brannigan from Level 6 Health Fitness and Sports Performance and Miriam McEnroe from Level 6 IT and Business Management. The Level 5 Animal Care students joined in the fun with their Fancy dress animals. Well done to everyone involved on a frightfully good day of fun.



L5 Animal Care student Orla O'Connor receiving her award from Martin Smyth



L6 Health, Fitness & Sports Performance student Kevin Brannigan competing in apple bobbing



L5 Animal Care students pictured with dogs dressed up for the occasion



L6 Advanced Early Childhood Care & Education class and their Tutor, Lynda Smyth who won best dressed class

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MI HOLDS FIRST EVER FRESHERS WEEK

The MI Students Union Fresher's week took place from the 17th to the 21st October. Events included competitions in the canteen, for example bottle flipping, Fifa tournament and a music quiz. The nights out gave students a break from study, and the opportunity to meet outside college to experience Monaghan town. Congratulations to our newly elected Students Union and MI tutor Dr Sinead Corrigan on the delivery of an action packed week of college events and socialising in Monaghan.



Students attend table quiz



Students take part in FIFA tournament



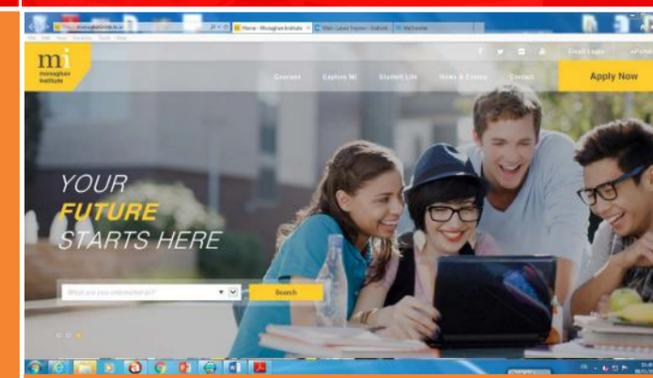
Students take part in Ping Pong tournament



L6 Advanced Business Administration & IT students attend table quiz

MI WEBSITE NOMINATED FOR AWARD

Monaghan Institute's new website has been shortlisted for the Eir Spider awards. The Eir Spiders are Ireland's premier digital technology award, and the MI College website has been nominated under the 'Best in ELearning & Education' category. The website was designed by the MI Website Committee and CDG Design. A big thank you to Martina Rooney, Suzannah O'Neill, Shane Williams, Paul McCann (CDG Design) and Rynagh McNally the Website Committee members. Their concepts, design and hard work on this project have produced an excellent result. The objective of the committee was to produce a web site that was dynamic, easy to navigate and user friendly. Important features of the website are that it is mobile phone, iPad and laptop compatible, with courses and college information clearly organised. This year's awards will take place on Wednesday November 30th in Dublin. Fingers crossed that we win!



Screenshot of the Monaghan Institute home page
To see more of the website visit:
www.monaghaninstitute.ie

TOURISM STUDENTS VISIT TASTE OF MONAGHAN 2016

On Friday 7th October the Tourism students, along with their tutor Melanie Keith, attended the Taste of Monaghan festival. The Tourism students are currently studying about the economic benefit that festivals can bring to a local area. Failte Ireland have invested €3.5m to support Irish festivals in 2016.



Some of the Level 5 Tourism & Travel Students at Taste of Monaghan 2016

MI BIG TABLE QUIZ 2016

The annual MI Big Table Quiz took place on 14th September 2016 in the canteen. This was the first student event of the year and proved to be popular with a large turnout on the day. Congratulations to Level 5 Computer Games students Martin Mullen, Nathan McGonnell, Blake Shelvin, Richie Haughian and Aleksandrs Laivins on winning first prize.



Level 5 Health Service Skills students taking part in the Quiz

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS VISIT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

BY CAILIN MC GURIK
LEVEL 5 LIBERAL ARTS



Level 5 Liberal Arts Students receiving introductory talk by Archaeologist Felim McGabhann

The Liberal Arts class are on their way to becoming the best professional archaeologists of all time.

That statement may not be entirely true and it would probably give our local archaeologist, Felim MacGabhann, a good laugh, but we can all say that we tried our best to fulfil his wishes and clean the archaeology site until we could 'eat our dinner off it'. On Wednesday the 12th of October, the students of the Liberal Arts class were dropped off in our coats, hats and wellies at an archelogy site beside Felim's house. We gathered together in a small room which held animal skulls and bones on the walls. The room itself was rather small in height and many of the taller Liberal Arts students had to duck occasionally to prevent themselves from hitting their heads.

Felim brought us outside into the cold and provided us with designated spots to start digging- or more accurately scraping at the dirt until it looks cleaner than regular dirt. While he was speaking many of us got continuously distracted by the entertaining cat who was showing off, jumping across the poles around the site. Many of the students who were fond of cats subtly told Felim that they were planning on taking it home, but Felim disappointed them by stating the rule that no animals were to leave the premises, which was perfectly okay for those of us who disliked felines.

Once we collected our equipment, we were left shivering and sitting on the dirt, some of us asking the same question "Wait, are we supposed to have a bucket?" As soon as we started to dig up our sites, a lot of the students found that throwing dirt at each other was amusing and a mini mud fight began among the class. Felim put an end to it rather quickly with a sharp gaze that could frighten even Conor McGregor. Muddy and cold, everyone soon began to discover artefacts. Some of these objects were quite interesting, such as swords, axes and coins- of course these objects were only replicas of the artefacts that Felim found because; who would trust a group of college students with objects over hundreds of years old? One of the students, David, was disappointed with his discovery as he spent an hour digging for an object and continuously complained about two large rocks being in his way, not realising that the rocks were engraved with symbols and that they were what he was supposed to find in the first place. When everyone had eventually discovered and dusted of their



Level 5 Liberal Arts Students begin to dig

treasures, we went to have lunch. We returned to the same room with the skulls and bones to eat the packed lunch that we made (or in some cases our mummies made) and to get ourselves a hot drink. The room had a light atmosphere despite the fact that we were freezing cold, hungry and covered in mud. Our lunch break involved many spilled drinks, a high school musical sing along, Martin continuously harassing the cats and discussions of our plans for the student night out that evening. Felim also showed us some weapons and armoury that the Irish people used to handle when fighting battles. Once we were finished eating and warming up, we returned to the cold once again to find our archaeology sites cleaner than we left them, knowing that Felim gave up on our cleaning skills and decided to perfect our sites himself. We were left with the task of measuring our sites, which was oddly difficult in my opinion. We drew our findings on graph paper- some drawings much better than others- and ended our attempt at archaeology.

So no, we weren't the best archaeologists and our attempts to cleans our sites may have been terrible but our findings weren't the most important aspect of the trip. I found that our trip was a great bonding experience for the class. Even though we were all freezing, occasionally hungry and covered in mud; we were able to make the trip entertaining and memorable. It was our first trip out as a class and it brought us together through our love of archaeology- or mud throwing.



Level 5 Liberal Arts Students

MULTIMEDIA STUDENTS SPECIAL EFFECTS MASTERCLASS & VOX POPS

STARTING A COURSE IN MI - MY EXPERIENCE BY MILDA BERZELIONYTE LEVEL 5 LIBERAL ARTS

Since the moment that I had to start deciding where I wanted to go after the Leaving Cert, I looked at a lot of different places. In all that time Monaghan Institute was never a part of my choices, just a mere backup plan. However, it has turned out to be so much more... I still remember my first day in Liberal Arts, at Monaghan Institute. Everyone was so quiet and shy, but first impressions do tend to be wrong! Looking back it seems as those people on the first day are not the ones I go to class with each day now. I never thought that I would be surrounded with such colourful personalities. I think all of us in Liberal Arts got lucky with getting such an amazing coordinator, before I even met her I had already heard so many wonderful things about her, which makes the whole experience even more enjoyable. College is meant to be a place where you find yourself, and doing a course that I enjoy plays a big part in that. I know that I definitely picked the right course as it has exposed me to like-minded people, this is something new to me and the people surrounding me now are helping me learn a lot about myself. There's also the huge benefit, if you're going on to university later, in that Monaghan Institute fully prepares you for progression and relieves you of any kind of pressure or doubts that you may feel. I think everyone agrees that university can be intimidating for a lot of people when you get thrown into this big unknown place where you suddenly must be an adult. That can be scary. Monaghan Institute provides a good, gradual transition that is stress-free. It has only been over a month since the college year started but in that space of time I have learnt not to jump to conclusions. Just because something isn't what you wanted, doesn't mean it can't turn out to be something even better, and maybe even make you realise that what you had hoped for has changed along the way.



L6 Multimedia students Paddy Corbett & Daniel Gavaghan create a black eye



L6 Multimedia student Kyle Traynor creating a hole in a hand



L5 Multimedia student Amanda Rodgers models makeup created by Ann

BIRDS OF PREY NAVAN VISITS MI

On Tuesday 18th October Sam and his wife Anne visited the Level 5 Animal Care group together with their birds of prey. This included a raven, a buzzard, 6 owls, Harris hawk, a raven and 3 ferrets. This encounter was part of the Animal Welfare module. Students were given the opportunity to handle the birds and learn about the safety procedures when doing so. Sam has a wealth of knowledge when it came to each of his birds, in particular the owls. He spoke of their diet, husbandry, where they originated and many more interesting facts and stories about each bird. The group thoroughly enjoyed this visit and would like to thank Sam and Anne for a wonderful experience.



Level 5 Animal Care students at birds of prey demonstration outside the college



STUDENTS ATTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION TALK

Thank you to Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Cavan and Monaghan Mental Health Service who visited Monaghan Institute on 25th October 2016. Emer spoke to the Level 5 Nursing Studies, Applied Social Studies and Psychology, Health Service Skills and Early Childhood Care & Education/SNA course groups on suicide and the delivery of the new Suicide Prevention Plan for Co. Monaghan. Students were asked to feedback into the Prevention Plan by Emer. Thank you to MI tutors Concepta Connolly and Marie Conlon for arranging this lecture for our students. Remember that it is good to talk and that MI tutors and guidance counsellor Karol Harvey are here for you and can help you find the support you need.



Students attend Suicide Prevention Talk



L6 Multimedia student Kieran Ashmore sets up the camera for Vox Pops



L6 Multimedia students begin filming their Vox Pops



L6 Multimedia student Jason Hughes photographed using lighting techniques

The Level 6 Multimedia students took part in a Spooky Special Effects Makeup workshop on Thursday 27th October which was presented by Ann McKenna. The students were given a demonstration on how to create cuts and burns before coming up with their own ideas. Students, with the help of MI Art Tutor Ruth Mannion photographed the look using lighting techniques.

Multimedia Level 6 students were also busy recording vox pop interviews highlighting the Halloween Festivities at MI. Keep an eye out for the final news bulletin which will be posted on the Monaghan Institute Facebook page in due course.

The Level 6 Multimedia students would like to thank Ann for the class, the Level 5 Multimedia students that volunteered to model on the day and all staff and students that took part in their Vox Pops.

Ann supervises a makeup look created by L6 Multimedia student Jason Hughes



Mens GAA

Monaghan Institute Mens GAA Team took part in an Ulster FE Competition in Garvaghey Centre, Tyrone on Wednesday 28th September 2016. The team will compete in further FE Competitions including the Magee Cup over the next term.

Pictured Back Row L-R: Shane Kelly, Francis McNally, Ryan Rooney, Daniel Sharkey, Evin Mulvanny, Fergal O'Dowd and Kevin Mackin.

Front Row L-R: Ross Lowey, Gary McCaffrey, Michael Galligan, Jason McHugh and Conor Forde.

Best of luck to the team in all future competitions.



Monaghan Institute Mens GAA Team 2016



MI CLOTHING RANGE NOW AVAILABLE

Sports coordinator Shane Williams will be taking orders for the MI clothing range on Tuesday 15th November 2016 in the foyer from 1.00pm - 1.30pm.

This will be the only opportunity to order clothing from the college this year. For more information contact Shane: ShaneWilliams@monaghaninstitute.ie

MI UPCOMING TALKS & EVENTS

Date	Talk	Time	Venue*
25th Nov	DCU	10.00am	Guidance Suite F23
17th Nov	Sligo IT	11.15am	Guidance Suite F23
24th Nov	CMETB Careers Fair	12.00pm -2.00pm	Hillgrove Hotel
18th Nov	Talk from University of Salford, University of Bradford/Leeds, University of Huddersfield and London South Bank University	9.30am	Guidance Suite F23
29th Nov	Maynooth University	11.15am	Guidance Suite F23
2nd Dec	DKIT	10.00am	Guidance Suite F23
6th Dec	Mature Student Officer from DKIT	11.15am	Guidance Suite F23

*Venue is subject to change

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