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To many students – such as myself – our college has become a second home. It is the place where our classmates have become like our extended family, the student area couches our second beds and the coffee machine our best friend. Our college tends to hold a light atmosphere, from drowsy morning to wide-eyed afternoons. All those working in the college are friendly, from the caretakers and tutors to the canteen staff with whom we become overly acquainted.

As students, our mission is to spread the word of our college lifestyle. To increase the number of new students who have the opportunity to experience life here at MI. If you feel like Monaghan Institute has benefitted you personally as well as intellectually...then spread the word! Tell your friends, family, and strangers you meet on a night out that they need to experience life at MI for themselves. Direct them to our website and hit the Apply Now button for them, or alternatively take some application forms and bring them back filled out – this will ensure smiles all round.

By Level 5 Liberal Arts student Cailin McGuirk

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APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING



Applied Social Studies students Elvita Jukneviene, Francis Matthews, Imatha Mlanda and Meta Bakajika promote anti-smoking campaign.

As part of the Applied Social Studies Level 6 Course our Health Promotion module required us to prepare and present a Health Promotion Presentation as a group task. Our team which consisted of Meta Bakajika, Elvita Jukneviene, Imatha Mlanda and myself Francis Matthews, decided to choose the topic of "Smoking and its effects on your Health". With the help of our module Tutor, Shane Williams, we researched the subject and also were able to access some promotional material through the websites of some of the key agencies that are responsible for promoting anti-smoking campaigns. Having acquired all the relevant literature and promotional items we set about advertising our event by putting posters up in key informational areas in the college and by having the event announced through the Institutes P.A. system prior to the event. On the day we set up our presentation just inside the doors of the college's canteen in order to maximise the number of people that we could come into contact with as well as it being in proximity to the outside smoking area. As part of our presentation we also ran a PowerPoint presentation on the harms of smoking on your health on a display screen. We interacted with a number of people asking various related questions on the subject and listening to their responses in order to access the different attitudes to smoking.

By Francis Matthews Level 6 Applied Social Studies

ATI PRAKTIKUM LEARNERS ATTEND VIRTUAL CLASS

The Monaghan Institute Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI) Praktikum learners attended a Virtual Class on 16th January at 2pm. ATI headquarters in Dublin hosted the VC and linked the Monaghan Institute class to college groups in Blackrock Further Education Institute, Rathmines College and Cork College of Commerce. The virtual class focused on the students work based learning and introduced the Pebble Pad software the students will be using to complete their training reports as they progress through the course. A virtual video class is facilitated through conferencing call software; students can see the notes on the screen, hear the lecturer through a PC and communicate via text based chat software. Thank you to Naomi Lopez (ATI), Ken Dodds (ATI) and Una McNally (MI Staff) for facilitating this learning experience for the students.



MI ATI Praktikum group attend virtual class focusing on the students work based learning

GAMERS SKYPE CALL TO LETTERKENNY IT

On Monday 24th the Level 6 Software Innovation students had a Skype call with the head of the Video Game Design course in Letterkenny IT, Ruth Lennon. From Lab G09 we asked Ruth questions in regard to the course and the possibilities Letterkenny will present us. Personally I found the talk very informative, the information was clear and concise. With a keen interest in Gaming, many Level 6 students had thought of progression to LYIT for Games Design, however by the end of our Q&A session with Ruth we are also considering Cloud Computing and Green IT as the course with best potential for future employment. Ruth informed us about the different development software we will be using, many of which we are familiar with through our Level 6 Software course here at MI.

We received information on modules of the course and what we will need to focus on in order to gain employment and work placement in the course. LYIT has established many links with high profile employers and an annual Work Placement programme to Boston with a leading US software development company. It was an excellent experience to be able to ask the questions which matter most to us in a personal manner and for Ruth Lennon of LYIT to give us dedicated use of her time. Level 6 Software Innovation students will definitely be choosing LYIT as our first choice for progression.

By Dean Golding Level 6 Software Innovation & Design



Level 6 Software Innovation students ask questions to Head of Video Game Design Course Letterkenny IT - Ruth Lennon



Level 6 Software Innovation students attending the interactive talk given by Ruth Lennon



Level 6 Animal Care students learn about the importance of conserving animals during a visit to Tayto Park

Animal Care visit Tayto Park

On January 19th the level 6 Animal Science group went to Tayto Park. We went to study the conservation and breeding programme Tayto park are involved in with Amur Leopards. We had two talks, one on the importance of zoos in conservation of animals. In this talk we learned about the importance of 'conserving' animals through educating and raising awareness of the Amur Leopard which is a critically endangered species. The Amur Leopard is the rarest of all large cats. Lara, the zoo keeper, spoke of how there were only approximately 70 individuals worldwide and Tayto Park had two of them – two brothers Serga and Egor. As well as educating, Tayto Park work with an organisation ALTA (Amur Leopard Tiger Alliance), raising much needed funds to facilitate successful breeding programmes of the Amur Leopard as they are a keystone species. These funds are raised through donating a percentage of the entrance fee into the theme park and zoo to ALTA.

The second talk was given by a wildlife rehabilitator that also works in the Zoo. He showed us how to correctly hold a bird if it needed rescuing and medical attention. We also each got to hold a barn owl, its feather were so soft and silky. We were also given a tour of the zoo, and were shown all the different animals in Tayto Park.

Unfortunately the theme park was closed until April, so we did not get to go on any rollercoasters!

By Joelene McNamee Level 6 Animal Science

TOTAL IMMERSION: INTRODUCING VIRTUAL REALITY TO MULTIMEDIA

As part of the Future of Multimedia classes this month, our Advanced L6 class had an opportunity to immerse themselves in Virtual Worlds using a Head Mounted Display (HMD).



Level 6 Multimedia & Web Development student James Flanagan trying out the Head Mounted Display



Level 6 Multimedia students try out the virtual reality headset



Level 5 & Level 6 Multimedia Students attend a Progression talk given by Programme Director of the BA (Hons) in Film & Television Production DkIT Eamonn Crudden

MULTIMEDIA SPEAKERS VISIT MI

During the month of January, our Advanced Multimedia group were busy making important decisions on their degree choices for next year. With the CAO deadline date fast approaching, we were fortunate to welcome the Programme Director of the BA (Hons) in Film & Television Production from DkIT, Eamonn Crudden, to MI. He discussed the many Creative Media degree programmes currently available at DkIT, the application process and mature student entry procedures. This was a very enlightening visit and we thank Eamonn for helping out our learners.



Past Multimedia student Gussy Hughes talks to the Multimedia students about his progression to the BA in Media Arts & Technology in DkIT

Four students who graduated from L6 Multimedia and Web Development in the past number of years – Barney Cousley, Kieran Hackett, Gussy Hughes and Adrian Glowinkowski - returned to MI. Each are pursuing different degree courses and so offered current students valuable help, advice and direction in the lead up to the CAO application date. Barney is currently completing a BA (Hons) in Film and Television Production in Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology. Kieran is studying on the BSc (Hon) in Multimedia Web Development in DkIT. Gussy is completing a BA in Media Arts & Technologies in DkIT and finally Adrian is studying on the BA (Hons) in Film & Television Production, also in DkIT.

It was fantastic to welcome the lads back and we appreciated that they took time out of their busy schedules to revisit MI.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION TRUST IRELAND GIVE TALK TO LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS

"To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time,"
Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor

As part of their History studies, Liberal Arts had the opportunity to spend a morning with Áine McKeown from the Holocaust Education Trust Ireland (HETI), when she paid a visit to Monaghan Institute.

What became apparent at a very early stage of the talk was how passionate Áine is about this topic, especially as she volunteers her own time to educate people around Ireland about the events of the Holocaust.

Áine focused on the steps leading up to the event of the Holocaust and shared facts that many of us would have been unaware of beforehand. When delivering her presentation Áine showed true professionalism in answering any questions we had.

By Milda Berzelionyte Level 5 Liberal Arts



Level 5 Liberal Arts students attend a talk given by Áine McKeown Holocaust Education Trust Ireland (HETI)

COMBILIFT STUDENTS TAKE PART IN LEAN TRAINING

Thank you to Alecia Knox and Fintan Sheery, from Combilift Ltd. who delivered Lean Manufacturing Principles Training to the Engineering Trainees in Monaghan Institute on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th January. The Lean training provided a precise understanding of the fundamental Lean concepts, tools and vocabulary associate with Lean thinking. Our trainees learned to use the training to identify and assess opportunities for applying Lean within their environments. Trainees focused on the "8 wastes" and used them as an approach to identify opportunities for improvement. Thank you to Frank Woods and Dominic Connolly for organising this training



Alecia Knox and Fintan Sheery, from Combilift Ltd. who delivered Lean Manufacturing Principles Training to the Combilift students

Mental Health Talks take place in MI

The Advanced Certificate in Applied Social Studies Course have welcomed a series of speakers from a range of settings to inform some of their modules, which Applied Social Studies group at Level 5 also benefitted from. The first talk on the topic of services for young offenders was delivered by Paul Smyth, Youth Justice Worker with the Monaghan Justice Project, along with Noel Loughran Garda Juvenile Liaison Officer Drogheda, and Pat Merrick Garda Juvenile Liaison Officer Monaghan. These gentlemen delivered a detailed explanation of the services provided for young people to address the needs of young people in a positive and life enhancing manner. They discussed their individual roles and the inter agency collaboration involved in the provision of services for young people in the north eastern region. Exploring the contribution of these services in addressing the social needs in Monaghan, they explored the needs of different client groups and how these needs are met through a range of approaches. They also explored the efficacy of the service provided. This was followed by a lively question and answer session from students, who could relate many aspects of curricular learning to the provision of supports for the young people and develop an understanding of this field of social care.

Following this the Social Studies groups welcomed two speakers Tina Russell and Gareth Johnson, Youth workers with the Detach programme. This talk was an inspiration to students on a number of levels. Gareth is a former student on the Youth Work Course in Monaghan Institute, who progressed to DkIT from Monaghan Institute and completed his BSc in Youth Work. Gareth informed students how along with another past student from the Youth Work Course in Monaghan Institute, they both established a programme for young people in Castleblaney in a voluntary capacity as part of the final year of their degree course. This programme was so successful in engaging with young people who had not accessed services before, that this programme has been established as a state funded programme through the H.S.E. services. Gareth delivers



Youth workers with the Detach programme Tina Russell and past Level 5 Youthwork student Gareth Johnson give a talk to students on the work they do

this programme in Monaghan and is proud to see it being developed in Cavan. Again students got an insight into the services provided and the structures required to meet the needs of young people. Gareth and Tina addressed how these services were effective at thwarting young people from potentially risk taking behaviours and into more positive avenues. This excellent delivery was followed by a questions and answers session facilitating a greater understanding. Gareth emphasised the importance for students to become involved in volunteering, in order to gain experience and insight into different areas of Social Care. In particular for those who choose to progress into Higher Education, Gareth identified that all of his fellow students who undertook volunteering, have become engaged in employment from the Degree programme, as is evidenced by the programme he is currently involved in.

We look forward to the upcoming talk to be delivered by two more past MI students working in the area of mental health services after returning from work placements, which students are currently undertaking.