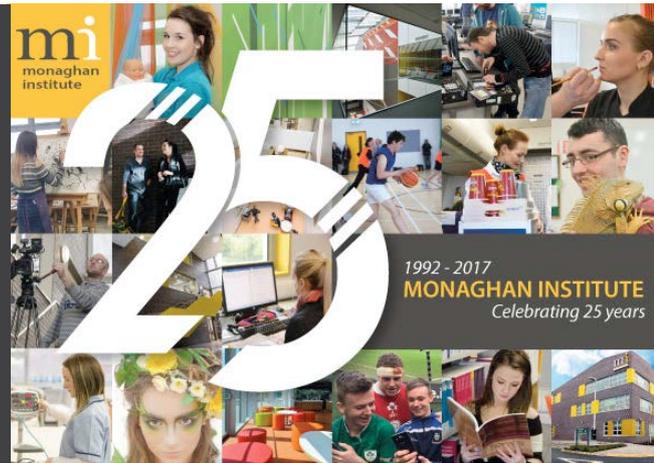


Monaghan Institute Exhibition Celebrating 25 Years of Further Education & Training

on Friday 26th May, 2017 at 6pm
in Monaghan Institute

Light refreshments will be served
All Welcome



MONAGHAN INSTITUTE LAUNCH 25 YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Monaghan Institute staff launch the 25 year celebrations at Open Day 2017

It has been 25 years since Monaghan Institute first commenced delivering Further Education and Training courses in our local community. Many thousands of learners have crossed our threshold to upskill, retrain and embark on a journey towards third level education and/or to employment. To mark this significant milestone in our history, we are compiling an archive, to include:

- Photographs captured down through the years
- Stories and experiences from past students
- Newspaper articles highlighting key events
- Any other Memorabilia of note



We are asking all former learners of Monaghan Institute to share your memories and help us make this a successful and comprehensive collection. If you have images from your time spent studying with us, stories you would like to tell or other memorabilia of note, we would be delighted if you could send them to us.

An exhibition celebrating 25 years of Further Education and Training will be held on Friday 26th May 2017 from 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

MI Open Day 2017

Open day was held in Monaghan Institute on Tuesday 9th March 2017. Tutor Shelagh Niland designated roles to her 7 Pharmacy Assistant students, who were on hand to meet the large volume of students and interested adults who turned up to view the facilities in the College.

The students assisted with the co-ordination of the day by with signing in visitors, giving tours of the facilities and answering questions on a wide range of topics. Students were also on hand to demonstrate their skills such as dog grooming, computer games design, hairdressing, cabin crew training and multimedia. There was a very positive reaction from all that attended and there was a wide age group represented. The staff would like to thank all students that volunteered on the day for their hard work.



Level 5 Pharmacy Assistant students volunteered on the day to give tours to visiting schools

Monaghan Institute 2017 Art Exhibition

The Market House Monaghan Town
5th - 31st May 2017
Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

All Welcome



Level 5 Art, Craft and Design launch annual Exhibition

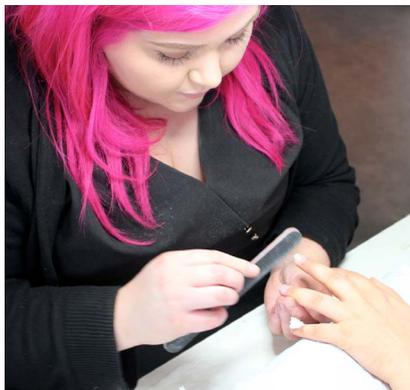
MI Art, Craft & Design students celebrated another successful year at their annual MI Exhibition opening at the Market House, Monaghan. The event was officiated by Niamh Smyth, Fianna Fail TD and Spokesperson for the Arts and Heritage council who gave a heart warming speech congratulating the students on their dedication and passion for the subject. High numbers were in attendance as students proudly displayed their work with a total of 80 pieces being exhibited. MI would like to thank Niamh Smyth for opening the event, MI tutor Ruth Mannion and all the students for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.



Level 5 Art, Craft and Design pictured with Dr Fiona McGrath, Shane Hill DKIT, Niamh Smyth TD and their tutor Ruth Mannion

Gel Nail Extension Training by Sonya Muckian

On the 6th April 2017 Sonya Muckian from S&S Nails and the Naturel Nail company came to Monaghan Institute to deliver Gel Nail Extensions training with Level 5 Beauty Therapy students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the event and would like to thank Sonya for the visit.



Level 5 Beauty Therapy students carry out Gel Nail Extensions under the supervision of Sonya Muckian S&S Nails



Gaming students hold a Game Play event in MI

The Computer Games Design students hosted their second annual Open Day Game-Play event recently in Monaghan Institute. It's an opportunity to showcase a range of skills learned on the course and the first time most of them would have created a game. Their project, developed over a number of months, required them to create a 90-second game play experience with encouragement to incorporate their own concepts, humor and game genre influences into their work. Many of the Level 5 Games Design students developed individual projects with some using teamwork to complete the assessment and replicate industry practice. Feedback of the play experience was recorded from visitors at MI Open Day with high levels of positive feedback being received.

Level 5 Computer Games Design & Programming students debut their games at Open Day 2017

INTRODUCING MONAGHAN INSTITUTE SPORTS SCHOLARS 2017



MI Sports Scholars I-r Shane Williams MI Sports Coordinator, Marian Mullen Bank of Ireland, Conor Forde, Michael Galligan, Nathan Weir, Jamie Sheridan, Fiona McGrath Monaghan Institute Director, Fionnuala Kierans Bank of Ireland.

The Monaghan Institute Sports Scholarships have been awarded to recognise excellence in talented sports athletes and to encourage outstanding performance in a variety of sporting disciplines. The selection of our scholars is based on their current performance and also considers previous sporting achievements. Congratulations to this year's scholars; Jamie Sheridan, Nathan Weir, Conor Forde and Michael Galligan who were selected from a large number of applicants and have been awarded individual bursaries.

Thank you to Bank of Ireland and Marian Mullen who have generously sponsored our Sports Scholars this year. This year saw Bank of Ireland contribute to the Sports Scholarship fund highlighting their investment in supporting talented athletes. Marion Mullen assisted greatly in developing this collaboration locally. In addition to receiving a bursary, each of our Sports Scholars gained access to our excellent sporting facilities throughout the academic year to enhance their development.

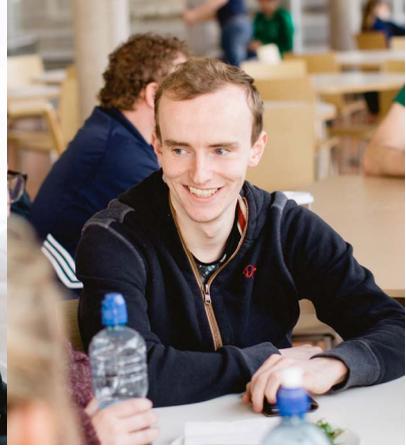
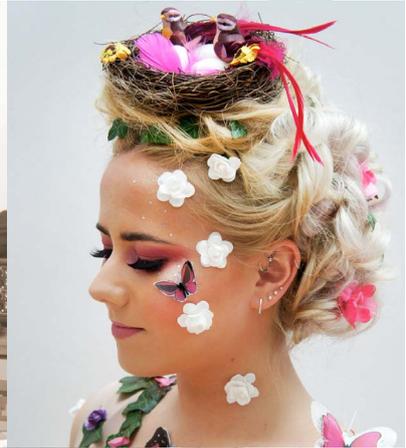
Jamie Sheridan currently competes in two sporting disciplines, swimming and rugby. He swims for Sliabh Beagh Swimming Club and plays rugby for Monaghan Rugby Club. In swimming, Jamie competes in the 200m Butterfly where he has achieved highly within his field including National and International competitions. Jamie is determined to continue advancing in this sport in the coming years. Jamie trains twenty hours a week, which includes early morning training from 6-8am before attending college and double sessions at the weekends. Jamie is studying on the Level 5 Sport and Leisure Management course in Monaghan Institute, with plans to progress to study a Bachelor Degree in Sport Science and Health in DCU.

Nathan Weir comes from Dungannon in Co. Tyrone and participates in cycling at a national level. He competes extensively in Ulster and the UK; frequently placing successfully in competitions. Nathan trains extensively which includes 18-21 hours cycling and covering distances of over 500 miles per week. Nathan's goal is to compete professionally within his chosen sport. In Monaghan Institute, Nathan studies on the Level 5 Sport and Leisure Management course and plans to progress to the Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Health, Fitness and Sport Performance programme next year.

Conor Forde is currently a member of Monaghan Men's GAA senior panel and plays as a goalkeeper. He made his senior debut for the Monaghan County Men's team against Antrim in the first round of the Dr. McKenna cup. Conor's achievements include playing for the Monaghan County Minor team for three years and winning the Ulster Minor championship, the first Monaghan team in 68 years to do so. Conor was also part of the group who won the Ulster league for the first time in 25 years. In the future Conor aims to continue playing for both his club Scotstown and Monaghan Senior team. Conor is studying on the Level 5 Pre University Arts (Liberal Arts) course and next year plans to progress to DCU to study a Bachelor of Arts programme.

Michael Galligan plays Gaelic football with Monaghan Harps achieving medals in many different underage categories with his club. He was a part of the underage Monaghan development squad and progressed to the minor county team. Michael was an integral part of the 2012 minor team who beat Tyrone in the Ulster Minor Football Championship final in Clones in 2012. Michael was also a member of the Monaghan Under 21 county team over the last number of years. Michael's recent club achievements include reaching a Senior Championship Final in 2015, which was the first time in 25 years the club has done so. In Monaghan Institute Michael has been involved with the college Gaelic team in 2014 and in 2016. In the future Michael aims to win senior club championship with Monaghan Harps, to play Sigerson with University of Ulster Jordanstown and to represent Monaghan on the Senior County team. Next year Michael plans to progress to University of Ulster Jordanstown where he will complete a degree in Sports Studies with an end goal of becoming a Physical Education teacher.

Monaghan Institute are proud to wish all our scholars well in their future sporting and academic endeavours. We recognise the importance of participating in sport and the positive impact this can have on the health of our students. Extra-curricular activities are encouraged in the college through various Sports Clubs and Societies.





Monaghan Institute

YEAR IN PICTURES

2016 - 2017



Degree Students move on to their final year

Congratulations to the 26 students who have successfully completed Year 3 of their 4 Year degree programme in Early Childhood Studies. Based in Monaghan Institute the students participate on an outreach programme from Stranmillis University, every Monday evening.

Well done, from the staff of Monaghan Institute.



Early Childhood Studies students complete Year 3 of their 4 Year Degree in Monaghan Institute



Caolan from Beechhill College Monaghan being awarded 2nd prize for his business idea to aid people with Alzheimers.

Student Enterprise Awards

In partnership with the Local Enterprise Office, this year Monaghan Institute were delighted to host the Student Enterprise Awards. Approximately 170 secondary school students from all over County Monaghan competed, with a total of 47 school businesses participating. The winning team in each category – Junior, Intermediate & Senior will represent County Monaghan in the national finals in May.

Well done to all the winners and to everyone who took part.

Broadcast Video Production Show

Multimedia Students travelled to Dublin to attend the Broadcast Video Production Show. Exhibitors represented over 100 manufacturers of Film and TV equipment. The show included masterclasses from Phil Coates on filming low budget on DSLR for Cinema Camera users and Alister Chapman on filming in extreme environments. Students also took part in hands-on demos in the latest equipment including 360° video capture for VR, steadicam equipment including handheld and big rig camera stablizer systems as well as a range of the latest audio and film/video recording equipment from Sony, Canon, Holdan, Sennheiser and goPro.



Multimedia Students take part in hands on demo for the Virtual reality head set.



Level 6 Multimedia class finish their filming for their Psychological Thriller at Rossmore Park

That's a Wrap Level 6 Multimedia complete filming their Psychological Thrillers

The Advanced Multimedia class were busy recording their creative films in January and February. This year recording took place on location in Rossmore Forest Park. Students demonstrated use of a range of equipment during their film shoots including HD camcorders, DSLR's and Drones. We look forward to viewing the final result when the film premiere takes place in May.

Fantasy Hair at MI

Our second year hairdressing students got the opportunity, as part of their Level 2 City & Guilds course, to showcase a highly creative and imaginative side to hairdressing. They took part in a fantasy styling project based on a chosen theme and organised a photo shoot of the event to demonstrate their creative talents. This is just one of the many aspects of the course, which enables graduates to follow a range of career paths. The qualifications on the two year course include: QQI Hairdressing Level 5, City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing & Junior & Senior Hairdressing Trades. These qualifications are internationally recognised and as well as gaining successful employment in recognised salons locally, graduates can travel anywhere in the world working in the Tourism & Leisure Industry & can also progress to a career in fashion & styling.



Level 6 Hairdressing students showing off their finished looks for their Level 2 City and Guilds course



Level 5 Engineering Technology students Peter Coyle playing the Uilleann Pipes



Level 5 Liberal Arts student Caolan Boyle playing the Guitar and singing

Craic, Ceol agus Spraoi in MI

The Students Union at Monaghan Institute organised a 'Green Day' on Wednesday 15th March, as a precursor to the St Patricks Day weekend festivities. This was a very enjoyable occasion for both staff and learners. Well done to the SU Committee members for the fun filled events.

MISU would like to thank Peter Coyle, Engineering Technology Level 5 for playing the Uilleann Pipes and Caolan Brady Level 5 Liberal Arts for playing the Guitar and singing. The winner of the best dressed competition on the day was awarded to Michael Marry Level 5 Health Service Skills .



MISU Pictured with Michael Marry, Level 5 Health Service Skills who won the St Patricks day best dressed competition.

Exam Time at MI

The staff of Monaghan Institute would like to wish all students the best of luck while sitting their end of year exams. Students are reminded that exam timetables are available in the main foyer.



Level 6 Sports students testing MI Tutor Fergal Sherry's blood pressure

Health Seminars held in MI

As part of the Health Promotion Module a number of students from Health Fitness & Sport Performance and Applied Social Studies students provided seminars and displays on various health related topics over the last number of weeks. These students presented on various topics to staff & students which included: Dietary Guidelines & Food Choices, Physical Activity & Exercise, Health Awareness & Fitness Assessments, Smoking & Your Health, Alcohol Awareness and Advice & Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance. Students also completed a Health Awareness & Fitness Testing session which took place in the canteen 13th February at lunch time during which students & staff were invited to come along for a general health assessment including Weight, Flexibility, Body Mass Index & blood pressure. This proved to be of great success and very informative for both students and staff.



Level 6 Advanced Administration & IT students complete a Course Promotion Presentation

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On Wednesday 1st March, the Advanced IT & Business Management Class Group, as part of their Personal & Professional Development project, completed a Course Promotion Presentation. They welcomed students completing the L5 Office Administration, L5 Tourism and L6 Social Studies courses to the informative session. The presentation reflected on work completed since the beginning of the year, their placements and overall experiences while completing a L6 Award. During the Q&A session, they allayed fears of progression by providing honest and open feedback; and actively promoted Advanced Courses at Monaghan Institute. Well done everyone.



Game of Drones

Students from the Level 6 Multimedia class have developed imaginative techniques in film production. Using a Phantom 4 drone, dramatic aerial footage was captured in Rossmore Forest Park for use in the group's creative film project.



Beauty students visited The Irish Beauty Show in the RDS Dublin. Our students met with Rozanna Purcell, 2010 Irish Miss Universe.



Level 5 Liberal Arts students visited The Marsh Library, Richmond Barricks and Goldenbridge Cemetary in a recent trip to Dublin.



Congratulations to Level 5 Nursing Students who have recently been accepted to their chosen Universities for the coming Academic Year.



Level 5 Office Administration and Level 6 Advanced Administration and IT recently visited PayPal in Dundalk accompanied by their tutor Martina Rooney



Level 5 Tourism Students recently visited Irelands Number One tourist Attraction, The Guinness Storehouse.



Anna O'Flynn, Abbotts Cootehill and Philomena McClave from Monaghan County Library Services hosted an Engineers Week Discussion Panel in Monaghan Institute on 9th March.



Irish Makeup Company "Fushia" give a masterclass to Hair, Beauty and Pharmacy Assistant students

Student Sign Language Video Goes Viral

Amy Woods is a Level 6 Early Childhood Care and Education student self-taught in sign language on her own initiative alongside completing her course studies.

Amy performed sign language to *Just the Way You Are* by Bruno Mars, which has recieved over 10,000 views after being posted on Facebook.

MOS and MOSE Exam Opportunities

Calling all Monaghan Institute students – as a registered learner of Monaghan Institute you are entitled to complete the Microsoft Office Specialist and Expert exams for free, through SOLAS funding. These exams are internationally recognised and are Microsoft's official examination on their software. Each exam take approximately one hour to complete and will take place in Monaghan Institute in the coming weeks on Fridays. For more information contact Laura (in the library) or Rynagh at rynaghmcnally@cmetb.ie.

Degree students visit DkIT

This year DkIT degree group DkIT817 finish their time studying with Monaghan Institute and progress to the final year of their Hons Degree in Business Studies in DkIT. In preparation for this change learners were given the opportunity to attend lectures with their counterparts in Dundalk on the 20th March 2017. This gave the group an insight into what their time in Dundalk would be like and a valuable opportunity to meet their future lecturers and class mates. We would like to wish all the students in class Dk817 the very best with their future studies. Next year will see a new intake of this degree into Monaghan Institute, if you would like to apply you can do so through CAO with the code Dk817.



Level 5 Beauty students present money raised through dog grooming carried out by level 5 Animal Care and Beauty Therapy treaments that took place during their Open Salon to the MSPCA.