

GRADUATIONS GALORE!



MONAGHAN INSTITUTE GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS 2018

On Friday 16th November Dr Fiona McGrath, Director of Monaghan Institute welcomed speakers, guests and graduates to the 2018 graduation ceremony being held in the Garage Theatre. Guest speakers included Ms Tara Wilson, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Ms Michelle Flynn, Vice-Chairperson of Cavan and Monaghan ETB, Dr Linda Pinkster Director of Further Education & Training CMETB, Mr Michael Mulvey, President of Dundalk Institute of Technology and Mr John Kearney, Chief Executive of Cavan and Monaghan ETB. Monaghan Institute also has the pleasure of inviting former students Nicola Myres, Michelle Woods and Yvonne Sherry Reddin to talk about their progress since Graduating from MI.



The graduates filled the stage in the Garage Theatre and presented a wonderful picture of success in their traditional cap and gowns. After the congratulations of the speakers, graduates were then awarded with their well-earned certificates and the pride of both graduates and their families could be felt throughout the theatre. In addition, one student from each class group was awarded 'Student of the Year 2018' receiving a certificate and a gift voucher. Student of the Year is awarded to students who have shown remarkable commitment and development throughout their time in Monaghan Institute. Many congratulations to each and every one of our graduates. It's a great achievement and we wish you every success for the future.

FORMER STUDENTS RECIEVE PRESIDENTS AWARD

Monaghan Institute are delighted to congratulate two former students who were awarded the Presidents Award for Academic Excellence at the 2018 Graduation Ceremony in DkIT. Helen Doherty previously studied Level 5 Pre University Arts in Monaghan Institute. She has graduated with a B.A in Digital Humanities along with being awarded the President's Award. Currently, Helen has returned to MI as a student teacher as she works towards her Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning at the National College of Ireland.

Media Arts and Technologies graduate Gussy Hughes from Emyvale, Co. Monaghan also recieved the Presidents Prize for Academic Excellence. Gussy previously completed Level 5 and Level 6 Multimedia in Monaghan Institute before progressing to DkIT.

We would also like to offer massive congratulations to the graduates of the first intake of the MI based DkIT BBS Honours degree group that had their conferring ceremony last month. We are so proud of what you have achieved and wish you well in the future.



MI LAUNCH CODEWEEK EU 2018



FORMER STUDENT GIVES LECTURE ON CYBER SECURITY

To mark the start of CodeWeek EU 2018 the Godfather of Games and former Monaghan Institute student, Fulvio Romano, visited the Level 5 Computer Games Design & Programming students. Fulvio is a MSc Cyber Security student from the National College of Ireland and part-time tutor with Dundalk Institute of Technology. He introduced the students to the interesting and challenging world of Cyber Security and its value in today's high tech society.

URBLESHANNY N.S. ATTEND STEAM WORKSHOP

On Friday 9th November Monaghan Institute continued their EU Coding week events by hosting young learners from Urbleshanny National School, along with their Teacher Mrs Little, to participate in an EU Coding Week STEAM workshop. The MI FE STEAM Outreach Team consisting of Level 5 Software Development and Level 6 Early Years Education students planned and facilitated the 2 hour workshop as part of the MI STEAM Further Education Outreach. STEAM FE Outreach is a Microsoft Initiative started in March 2018 with the visit of Stephen Howell from Microsoft Academic Ireland. So far, the MI STEAM Outreach Team has worked with four local Primary and Post-Primary schools to introduce STEAM to young learners.

STEAM is the combination of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics to enhance the standardised curriculum and bring new skills to young learners. The most recent workshop involved young learners using creative and problem solving skills to Design, Debug, Develop and Deploy a small fun game using the MicroSoft Micro:Bit and creative Arts. Monaghan Institute has developed a collaborative Staff and Student STEAM Team consisting of five Staff members from the different faculties of Early Years Education, Software Development and Engineering, the Student members are a combination of Software Development Level 5 and Early Years Education Level 6 students with a combined skillset of creative problem solving and analytical thinking skills, along with disciplines in software languages, coding and pedagogy for learning with young people.

The Monaghan Institute STEAM Team would like to thank Urbleshanny National School young learners and their teacher Mrs Little for visiting MI and getting involved with full enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We aim to develop further workshops with more schools in the future and hope these fun introductions will inspire a future in STEAM for all involved.



NORA DEVINE, COMPUTER GOVERNANCE SERVICES GIVES TALK IN MI

EU Code Week is an European wide grassroots initiative which aims to bring coding and digital literacy to everybody in a fun and engaging way. This year Monaghan Institute's QQI Computer Games Level 5 class invited Nora Devine, Software Development Team Lead with Computershare Governance Services based in Monaghan Town to give a talk on Software Development Methodologies as used by her company. In a very interesting and informative discussion Nora explained the differences between Waterfall and Agile methods of software development in a fast moving and ever changing technically advanced world. Students benefited from listening to Nora discuss how Agile teams are created and maintained with team members often located around the globe. She informed students how the Agile framework allows requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration between different project stakeholders. The talk concluded with a Q/A session which again was beneficial for students as they continue on their software development course here at Monaghan Institute.

MISU ELECTION RESULTS 2018/2019

The results of the Students Union Elections are as follows:

- President:** Dawid Jarosinski - L5 Business
- Vice President:** Matthew Campbell - L6 IT and Business & Shannon Boyle - L5 Nursing Studies (equal votes)
- Secretary:** Karen Woods - L5 Tourism and Travel
- Vice Secretary:** Niamh Reilly - L6 IT and Business
- MI Board of Governors Representatives:**
 - Sarah Chifor - L5 Business and Office Administration
 - Matthew Campbell - L6 IT and Business Management
- PRO:** Nomana Hibab - Traineeship L5 Digital Media
- Welfare Officer:** Colm Birmingham - L5 Nursing Studies
- Entertainment Officer:** Lucy Mackarel - L5 Liberal Arts

Congratulations to the newly elected officers and good luck with your endeavours throughout the year.



MI MEN'S GAA TEAM MAKE QUARTER FINAL

This is Monaghan Institutes first year in the G.A.A Senior Football League Division 4 competition. In our first game of the year playing Inchicore Institute, we won on a score-line of 4-19 to 3-4, this game gave us confidence for what lay ahead as we were off to a good start. Next we played Dunboyne Institute and again we won. Drogheda was next and if we won this game we would qualify for the All-Ireland Quarter Final, this was our toughest game so far which we won by 3-16 to 3-14 in a very tight game which could have went either way.

A long trip away to Carlow was our last league game and after a poor first half by us we came out strong in the second half only allowing Carlow to score one point in the second half. Our team won in the end by 3-19 to 0-8. Topping our division, we were now on our way to play an All-Ireland Quarter Final against Waterford I.T. played in Blanchardstown on Wednesday 14th November. Unfortunately this is where our run of luck ended as Waterford beat us. However, we are extremely proud of our achievements this year and of being part of the MI Men's GAA team 2018.

Written by Shane McMahon

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS VISIT ST ANGELAS COLLEGE

On Friday 19th October, students from Monaghan Institute went to St. Angela's College, Sligo for their open day. We explored the Home Economics department and enjoyed a tour around the entire college from the library to the various Home Economic rooms. During the day we got to sit in on a real teaching exam, a student studying in her second year in the Home Economics course was teaching a group of primary school children while assessors marked her. A student discussed the work load year by year, informing us that we would have a sewing project to do in 1st year and informed us about the clothing used in the kitchens. Overall the college had a welcoming atmosphere and the tutors all seem very helpful.

By Catherine Mohan



St. Angela's College, Sligo
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CARRICKMACROSS ARTIST VISITS MONAGHAN INSTITUTE

As part of the Pre-University Arts course study of Irish Literature and Visual Arts, Carrickmacross based artist Hattie Billingham visited with students during class time. Hattie works with glass art and craft installations and has had exhibitions based around the brain's chemical responses to stress and emotions. Hattie recently launched her first solo exhibition which was held in Carrickmacross Library during Carrickmacross Arts Festival.

MARY O'FLYNN VISITS HAIRDRESSING STUDENTS

Mary O'Flynn from Exquisite Hair visited Monaghan Institute Hairdressing students on Wednesday 26th September. Mary gave training in Upstyling Techniques for Weddings and Special Occasions. Students also gained valuable insight into the various types of hair extensions. Thank you to Mary for coming to Monaghan Institute and working with our students.



ANIMAL CARE STUDENTS ENJOY BIRD OF PREY DEMO

On Wednesday 10th October Sam Rochford and his wife Anne from Navan visited MI where he presented a raven, a buzzard, six owls, a harris hawk and two ferrets to the Level 5 Animal Care group. This encounter was part of the Animal Welfare module. Sam has a wealth of knowledge and spoke passionately about the birds. He explained the dietary requirements, 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. To see more images from the Bird of Prey Demo visit our Flickr account.



SCIENCE FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE IN MONAGHAN INSTITUTE

This year's Award Winning Cavan Monaghan Science Festival took place in Monaghan Institute from the 10th – 24th November. MI were delighted to be involved again celebrating, exploring and promoting the wonders of science, technology, engineering, arts and maths in everyday lives. This year, Monaghan Institute hosted a number of events including Gluten Free Baking and an information session on Arthritis in Dogs.

On Saturday 24th November, Monaghan Institute was the venue for the hugely successful Family Fun day. Families were given the opportunity to take part in workshops such as Lego Mindstorm and The Science of Colour. The event was hugely successful and a fantastic day was had by all.



HOW TO DEFUSE A BOMB

As part of the Intercultural Studies module, Pre-University Health & Social Studies Level 5 students had the opportunity to attend the Irish documentary feature "How to Defuse a Bomb: The Project Children Story" in the Garage Theatre on Wednesday 14th November. The film looked back at the work of the Project Children organisation, established in 1975 by NYPD bomb squad member Denis Mulcahy. The project allowed over 20,000 children from Catholic and Protestant backgrounds to escape the Troubles and live together in the United States over the course of a summer. The film tells an inspiring story of tolerance and understanding, and crystallizes the idea that children learn the hatred of their environment. Though it deals with a specifically Irish issue, it is not hard to apply the teachings of this film to similar problems around the world today. After the documentary students had the opportunity to meet Denis Mulcahy Chairman/visionary of Project Children and twice a nominee for a Nobel Peace Prize for his great work with children in Northern Ireland.



VISIT TO WATERFORD AIRPORT

On Friday 23rd November the Tourism with Cabin Crew students visited Waterford Airport for hands on training in the training aircraft. This involved serving food and beverages and carrying out the safety demonstration. This was an opportunity to put all they learned into practice. On Wednesday 21st November the Tourism with Cabin Crew students hosted an event 'The effects of decompression in an aircraft' as part of the Science Festival. The students explained why aircrafts are pressurised, the effects of decompression and why your ears pop when flying.

