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Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Report 2016-2017 for Mary Immaculate College (MIC).

During this academic year, the College community was greatly saddened by the untimely death of the College President, Prof. Michael A Hayes on 15 April 2017. For the period of this report, MIC was led by Professor Eugene Wall who was appointed by the Trustees as Acting President in January 2017.

Following the official incorporation of St Patrick's College in in the summer MIC was delighted to welcome the first cohort of students to MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles, as they embark on one of the four concurrent degree programmes available there bringing MIC's undergraduate offering to nine. MIC was also delighted to welcome colleagues from St Patrick's Campus, as they too embark on a new chapter as part of the MIC community.

The launch of the LINC programme for Inclusion Coordinators in Early Years Settings in September 2016 and it's first cohort of over 900 students, brought student numbers ay MIC to an all-time-high of over 4,500.

In 2016, the College underwent a major quality review with an external review panel visiting the campus at the end of November. During the course of their week-long visit, the panel spoke to over 100 individuals, including staff, students, and members of the Trustees and Governing Authority, in addition to external stakeholders including employers, professional bodies and school principals. This represented the culmination of a year's work that began with the development by the College of an Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), and concluded in early 2017 when the external review panel submitted its final report to QQI, the University of Limerick and MIC. Sincere appreciation is due to all who contributed to this lengthy process in particular to the Quality Office Team.

This report details a number of high profile fora, symposia and conferences that took place during this period, each contributing to MIC's vision of being an institution that offers higher level learning opportunities and research of outstanding quality. These events furthered our objective to be recognised and appreciated for making an essential contribution to the continuum of academic provision in effective and productive collaboration with our partners in the Higher Education Sector.

More information on all of the above may be found further on in this report. We hope you find the information contained within interesting and informative.

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MIC MOURNS THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR MICHAEL A HAYES

Rev. Professor Michael A Hayes, President of Mary Immaculate College, passed away on 15 April 2017, following an illness.

Michael Hayes was born in Limerick, Ireland in 1957. His post-primary education took place at St Munchin's College in Limerick and he went on to study at St Patrick's Pontifical College in Maynooth, before moving to the United Kingdom, where he lived and worked from 1980 to 2011. He was a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark in South East England.

He took up the post of President of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick in October 2011. He was nominated by CHoICE to the Teaching Council of Ireland in April 2012 and was nominated by the heads of the Colleges to the Consultative Forum of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) in May 2014. He was an internationally respected academic in the field of Pastoral Theology; he was particularly interested in the relationship between faith and praxis. He was also a qualified Psychotherapist and studied at the London Institute of Psychosynthesis. He held a BD from the Pontifical University of Maynooth, an MA from the University of London, and a PhD from the University of Surrey. In May 2013, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D) from De Sales University, Pennsylvania. He was the editor of The Pastoral Review, an international journal which is published in London by The Tablet.

Prior to his appointment at Mary Immaculate College, he worked in pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark, and later taught in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Roehampton University. He became Vice-Principal and Professor of Catholic Pastoral Studies at St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill in Twickenham, London, where he had also been Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, as well as the founding Head of the School of Theology, Philosophy, and History. He was a Visiting Professor at St Mary's University College, London. Professor Hayes was committed to world class provision of initial teacher education and continuing professional development. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA).

During the period of his presidency of Mary Immaculate College, Professor Hayes contributed greatly to the development of the College including the incorporation of St Patrick's College into MIC, the opening of the Lime Tree Theatre, a growth in student numbers to almost 5,000 students, the acquisition and development of the Mount St Vincent Campus, now known as the John Henry Newman Campus, and the development of the Library Masterplan.

Tributes were paid to Professor Hayes from people and institutions around the world.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

GOVERNANCE



TRUSTEES

The Trustees for this period were as follows:

- Most Rev Brendan Leahy
- Very Rev. Fr Tony Mullins
- Mr Richard Leonard
- Dr Marie Griffin
- St Cait O'Dwyer
- Ms Maedhbh Ui Chiagáin
- Most Rev Kieran O'Reilly
- Most Rev. Raymond Browne
- Mr Sean Burke
- Dr Áine Lawlor

The Trustees met on the following dates:

- 3 November 2016
- 3 January 2017
- 27 April 2017
- 29 June 2017

AN tUDARÁS RIALAITHE / GOVERNING BODY

The membership of An tUdarás Rialaithe for this period was as follows:

- Most Rev Brendan Leahy (Chair)
- Professor Michael Hayes, President, RIP April 2017
- Professor Eugene Wall, Vice-President Academic Affairs / Acting President
- Mr John Coady, Vice-President Administration and Finance retired December 2016
- Mr Michael Keane, Vice-President Administration and Finance appointed January 2017
- Ms Catherine Kelly, nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Mr Fachtna O'Driscoll, nominee of the Trustees
- Dr Áine Lawlor, (Vice Chair), Trustee nominated from their number
- Mr Seán McMahon, Alumni representative
- Ms Margaret O'Brien, nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Ms Mairead Horan, Professional Services nominee
- Mr Declan Madden, Nominee of the Trustees
- Sr Michele O'Kelly, Nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Dr Nicholas O'Brien, Nominee of the Trustees
- Mr James Deegan, MISU Representative
- Mr Lee Dillon, MISU Representative

- Judge Tom O'Donnell, Senior Independent Governor, nominated by the Trustees
- Ms Caitriona Breathnach, Professional Services Representative
- Mr Eamon Stack, Nominee of the Trustees
- Mr Conn Murray, Nominee of the Trustees
- Very Rev. Tony Mullins, Trustee nominated from their number

An tUdarás Rialaithe / Governing Body met on the following dates:

- 12 October 2016
- 13 December 2016
- 15 March 2017
- 15 June 2017

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team acts as an advisory group to the President for the day-to-day management of the College.

The Executive Team includes members of the senior College management group, appointed directly by the President.

Membership

- Professor Michael A Hayes, President, RIP April 2017
- Professor Eugene Wall, Vice-President Academic Affairs/ Acting President from January 2017
- Mr John Coady, Vice-President Administration and Finance retired December 2016
- Mr Michael Keane, Vice-President Administration and Finance appointed January 2017
- Professor Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice-President Administration
- Professor Michael Healy, Associate Vice-President Research
- Professor Teresa O'Doherty, Dean of Education
- Professor Michael Breen, Dean of Arts



The Executive Team met on the following dates during this period:

- 8 September 2016
- 29 September 2016
- 19 October 2016
- 10 November 2016
- 24 November 2016
- 7 December 2016
- 12 January 2017
- 2 February 2017
- 16 February 2017
- 28 February 2017
- 2 March 2017
- 9 March 2017
- 6 April 2017
- 12 April 2017
- 18 May 2017
- 8 June 2017
- 27 June 2017
- 26 July 2017

ACADEMIC COUNCIL (AN CHOMHAIRLE ACADÚIL)

Membership

- Professor Michael Hayes, President, RIP April 2017
- Professor Eugene Wall, Vice-President Academic Affairs / Acting President January 2017
- Professor Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice-President Administration
- Professor Michael Healy, Associate Vice-President Research
- Professor Teresa O'Doherty, Dean of Education
- Professor Michael Breen, Dean of Arts
- Dr Angela Canny, Assistant Dean of Education
- Dr Patricia Daly, HoD, Special Education
- Dr Liam Chambers, HoD, History
- Dr Emer Ring, HoD, Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Services
- Ms Eucharía McCarthy, Director of Curriculum Development Unit
- Dr Carol O'Sullivan, HoD, Learning, Society and Religious Education

- Mr James Deegan, MISU President
- Mr Lee Dillon, MISU Vice-President
- Mr Des Carswell, Lecturer, Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Services
- Professor Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School
- Dr Loic Guyon, HoD, French
- Ms Maire Ni Neachtain, Ceann Roinn na Gaeilge
- Dr Kerry Greer, Acting HoD, Psychology
- Dr Christiane Schonfeld, HoD of German Studies
- Dr Patrick Connolly, Assistant Registrar
- Ms Gerardine Moloney, Librarian
- Dr John O'Shea, Course Coordinator, Bachelor of Education Programme
- Mr Diarmuid O'Driscoll, HoD, Mathematics and Computer Studies
- Ms Marie Ryan, Course Coordinator, B Ed in Education and Psychology
- Dr Niall Keane, HoD, Philosophy
- Dr Rosemary Day, HoD Media & Communication Studies
- Uas Seán De Brun, HoD, Language, Literacy and Mathematics
- Dr Cathal de Paor, Director of Continuing & Professional Development
- Professor Eamonn Conway, HoD, Theology & Religious Studies
- Professor Des McCafferty, HoD, Geography
- Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Margaret O'Keeffe, Acting HoD, Department of Arts Education and Physical Education
- Mr Cillian McHugh, MISU Postgraduate Representative

Academic Council (An Chomhairle Acadúil) met on the following dates:

- 21 September 2016
- 16 November 2016
- 25 January 2017
- 8 March 2017
- 6 April 2017
- 9 May 2017
- 9 June 2017

EXTERNAL LANDSCAPE

HEA

College Management met with the HEA in September 2016 for a bilateral meeting to reflect on the Strategic Dialogue Cycle 3 self-evaluation and performance report.

MID-WEST REGIONAL CLUSTER / SHANNON CONSORTIUM

The Shannon Consortium Steering Group (SCSG), comprised of the Presidents of MIC, UL and LIT, chaired by Mr Tim O'Connor, continued to meet to discuss work on a number of key and immediate areas of collaboration including the Joint BA, the development of NISE, the creation of a Federated Graduate School, and regional academic planning.

The Federated Limerick Graduate School

The first meeting of the Federated Limerick Graduate School (FLGS) took place in October 2016 at MIC. The meeting agreed a Seven-point Operational Plan, involving cooperation among the Shannon Consortium institutions on postgraduate training programmes, communication and networking forums, cross-institutional doctoral programmes, national and international policies and practices, and student advisory panels.

Quality and Qualifications Ireland Review

In 2016, Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) undertook an institutional review of Mary Immaculate College (MIC) on behalf of the University of Limerick (UL). MIC is a linked provider of

UL. Based upon the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, UL is the academic accrediting body for all higher education programmes at MIC, save where

other arrangements are jointly agreed by UL and MIC. As a linked provider of UL, MIC is subject to review and external quality assurance by UL or, if requested, QQI.

The review was conducted by an external team of six reviewers, trained by QQI. The Planning Visit to MIC was undertaken on 27 September 2016 with the Main Review Visit undertaken by the full team between 28 November and 1 December 2016.

Based on the Review Team's evaluation of MIC's Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER), supporting documentation and meetings conducted during the Main Review Visit, the Team found sufficient evidence to commend MIC for examples of good practice in five different areas and confirmed that the institutional strategic planning, governance and ownership of quality assurance and enhancement was consistent with the institution's role as a higher education institution in the European Higher Education Area.

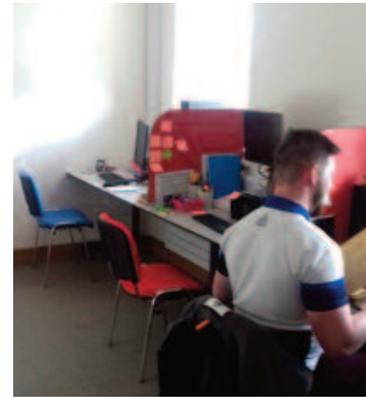
The MIC Review Report was considered by UL Academic Council, the UL Governing Authority Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance Committee and the UL Executive Committee who approved the report for publication in June 2017.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



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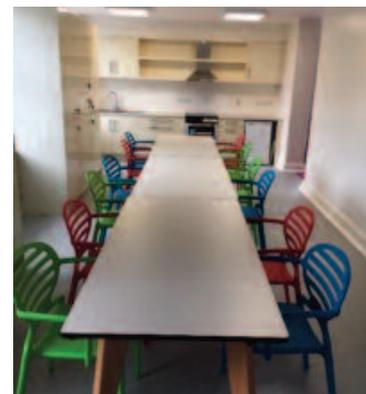
A major milestone was achieved with the granting by Limerick City & County Council of Planning Permission for the new Library / Learning Resource Centre, in April 2017. The project is now ready to proceed to detailed design, tendering and construction stages, subject to confirmation of funding.



JOHN HENRY NEWMAN CAMPUS PROJECT

The commencement of the academic term in January 2017 saw the John Henry Newman campus brought into full use, completing a remarkable transformation of the building into a high quality, bright and vibrant facility.

The John Henry Newman Campus accommodates the Research & Graduate School, accommodation for postgraduate research students, training and meeting facilities, offices for Visiting Professors / Scholars and Post-Doctoral Researchers and facilities for taught postgraduate programmes.



MIC THURLES

Significant refurbishment work took place at MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles, including the refitting the Residential Wing to provide 36 en-suite rooms for on-campus accommodation.

Programmes

THE LEADERSHIP FOR INCLUSION IN THE EARLY YEARS PROGRAMME

The Leadership for INCLUSION in the Early Years (LINC) programme commenced on 24 September 2016, with 900 students located in nine regional centres across the country. The LINC Programme is a Level 6 Special Purpose Award (Higher Education), which will now be required for staff in Early Years settings to perform the role of Inclusion Coordinator.



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN AUTISM STUDIES

The Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies was launched at the College on 24 September 2016 with 28 students enrolled on the programme. This is a collaboration with Middletown Centre for Autism in Armagh, NI.

This course, accredited by the University of Limerick, is delivered in a blended format as a partnership between MIC and MCA. The aim of the programme, which was developed by the staff of MCA and Dr Patsy Daly, Head of Educational Psychology, Inclusive and Special Education, MIC, is to provide an academic qualification for professionals and parents engaged in any support function for children and/or adults with autism.



JOINT BA

The MIC/UL Joint BA programme was launched at County Hall on 5 December 2016.

This programme represents a major collaboration between Mary Immaculate College and the University of Limerick that will enable students from both campuses to share modules that are on offer on the other campus. The new joint programme, commenced in September 2017.



L-R: Professor Eugene Wall, Vice-President Academic Affairs, MIC; Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick and Professor Don Barry, President of UL.



L-R: Professor Michael Breen, Dean of Arts, MIC; Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick and Professor Tom Lodge, Dean of Arts, UL.

ADULT EDUCATION ACCESS PROGRAMME

A leader in the development of access pathways in Ireland, MIC has been hugely successful in attracting mature or "second chance" learners from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds whose educational experiences and opportunities in their earlier years may have been limited. On 31 May 2017, 23 students graduated from MIC's three adult access programmes: the Foundation Certificate for Mature Learners Programme, the Teacher Education Access Programme (TEAP) and the Pre-University Programme (PUP).



Pictured above students and staff from MIC's three adult access programmes: the Foundation Certificate for Mature Learners Programme, the Teacher Education Access Programme (TEAP) and the Pre-University Programme (PUP) along with Professor Teresa O'Doherty, Dean of Education, MIC; Professor Eugene Wall, President (Acting), MIC; and Professor Michael Breen, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, MIC.

Projects and Activities

MIC RESEARCH DAY

The MIC Research Day on 30 August 2016, provided a forum for researchers to share experience and expertise in relation to research funding and funders; to publicise recent and current externally funded research project work by researchers across the College. It explored research interconnections, commonalities and potential for collaborative research funding proposals. The event featured keynote talks by Dr Fintan Bracken, of Research Services and Bibliometrics at UL and Prof. Gina Wisker, Professor of Higher Education and Contemporary Literature and Head of Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Brighton, who spoke about working through early stage differences of opinion in supervisor-postgraduate relationships.



PIGTOWN

Pigtown – A History of Limerick’s Bacon Industry was the fourth in a series of books dealing with the social and economic history of Limerick, by the Limerick Archives section of Limerick City and County Council. The series began in 2012 with Ranks Mills – The Industrial Heart of Limerick by Dr Edward Whelan. In 2014 Amazing Lace – A History of the Limerick Lace Industry by Dr Matthew Potter was published, followed a year later by City and Cemetery – A History of Mount Saint Lawrence, Limerick, also by Dr Matthew Potter. MIC’s Geography and History Departments were partners with Limerick Archives in the Rank’s Mills and Mount St Lawrence studies.



Pictured at the launch of Pigtown were L-R: Ruth Guiry, author, Jacqui Hayes, Limerick archivist and Dr Maura Cronin, co-editor and Lecturer in History, MIC.

LIMERICK DEIS PRIMARY SCHOOLS’ LITERACY INITIATIVE

Prof Teresa O’Doherty, Dr Martin Gleeson, Dr Áine Cregan, Patrick Burke and Seán de Brún were involved in the Limerick DEIS Primary Schools’ Literacy Initiative. The summary of the Initiative was launched at MIC on 13 January 2017 by Professor Eugene Wall, Acting President of the College. The Report, entitled Promoting Communities of Effective Practice, underlines the importance of collaboration to improve the literacy achievement of children in designated disadvantage (DEIS) schools. The launch of the report celebrated the commitment of all educational partners to improving literacy outcomes for children in DEIS primary schools Limerick.



Pictured attending the launch of a report on the Limerick DEIS Primary Schools’ Literacy Initiative at Mary Immaculate College were L-R: Jacqueline O’Connor, Literacy Network Teacher at Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School, Limerick; Professor Teresa O’Doherty, Dean of Education, MIC; Dr Joe O’Connell; Séan de Brún, MIC; Tracie Tobin, Principal of St Michael’s Infant School, Limerick; Dr Martin Gleeson, MIC; Ann Breen, Literacy Network Teacher in St Mary’s National School, Limerick; Antoinette Ní Ghallchobhair, Department of Education & Skills Inspectorate; Professor Eugene Wall, Acting President MIC; Dr Eileen Humphreys, University of Limerick; Dr Áine Cregan, MIC; Tiernan O’Neill, Principal of Corpus Christi Primary School, Limerick; Patricia Sheehan, Department of Education & Skills; Dr Carmel O’Doherty, Director of Limerick Education Centre; and Professor Kathy Hall, Professor of Education, UCC.

BRANAR THEATRE ARTIST

A celebration of Branar's Theatre Artist-in-Residence programme at MIC (2013-2016) was held at MIC on 26 January, 2017. Professor Teresa O'Doherty delivered the opening address and the event was co-ordinated by Dr Dorothy Morrissey.

Branar, Téatar do Pháistí, established in 2001, is a theatre company dedicated to producing high quality bilingual shows for young audiences. During its three-year residency at MIC, Branar played a key role in enlivening the artistic and cultural life of MIC.



Pictured attending the celebration of Branar at MIC event L-R: Louise Donlon, Director, Lime Tree Theatre MIC; Seona Ni Bhriain, Young People, Children and Education, Arts Council; Dr Dorothy Morrissey, Lecturer in Drama Education at MIC; Dr Kate Sweeney, National Director for the Integration of the Arts in Education, Department of Education & Skills; Marc MacLochlainn, Artistic Director, Branar and Professor Teresa O'Doherty, Dean of Education, MIC.

ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IRISH HIGHER EDUCATION

The BA Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme was selected by the National Forum for Teaching and Learning and invited to participate in its profiling of assessment practices in Irish Higher Education. This involved an extensive analysis of the assessment practices associated with the BA ECCE programme and other national programmes selected randomly for this project.



#ALLABOARD2017

#AllAboard2017, a week-long series of national and regional public events designed to build confidence in Ireland's digital skills, took place in MIC in March.

Funded by Ireland's National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, the project aims to identify the wide range of skills and knowledge that students, those who work in all levels of education, and the general public, will need to feel confident and creative when learning, working and exploring the digital world.



L-R: Dr Mihai Bilauca, Head of Digital Strategy & EU Programmes, Limerick City and County Council, Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching & Learning, MIC and Professor Eugene Wall, President, pictured with MIC students.

Projects and Activities

RDS PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR 2017

Following the phenomenal success of last year's RDS Primary Science Fair Limerick, which was over-subscribed by 80%, an extra day was added to the 2017 event held in MIC in January. Almost 6,000 primary school students participated in the three-day event which saw classes from 120 primary schools from Munster and beyond display their STEM projects and discuss their resulting findings with the public.

The RDS Primary Science Fair Limerick at MIC is supported by The Irish American Partnership, Science Foundation Ireland, Limerick City and County Council and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.



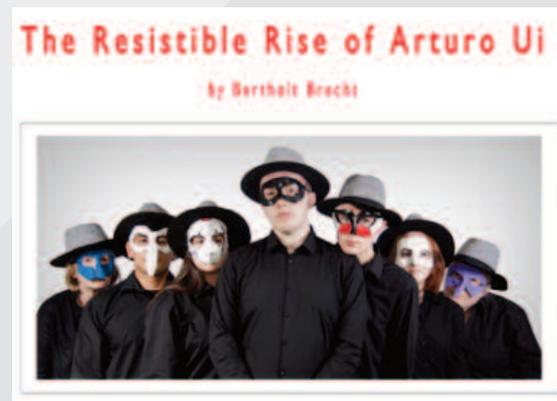
VEX ROBOTIC AND DELL EMC

On 7 and 8 April 2017, pre-service primary school teachers and academic staff from MIC worked together with in-service primary and second level teachers and representatives from DELL EMC and Cork Institute of Technology designing robots, problem solving, trouble shooting and learning how to code. The workshop was supported by DELL EMC, the Irish American Partnership and The Centre of Teaching and Learning, MIC as part of the All Aboard 2017 initiative, an initiative designed to build confidence in Ireland's digital skills for learning.



THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI

First year BA Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (CATS) students took to the stage of the Belltable with the classic Brecht play about the emergence of a fascist – The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui in April 2017.



EMPOWER

The HEA funded the MIC ‘EMPOWER’ Entrepreneurship summer camps in collaboration with LIT. Two weeks of camps for Transition Year (TY), 5th and 6th Year Students took place in both Limerick and Thurles from 10 - 14 July and 17 - 21 July 2017.



MIC EXPANDS EDUCATIONAL ROBOTICS INITIATIVE INTO THE CLASSROOM

As part of an exciting and ambitious initiative to expand educational robotics into the classroom Mary Immaculate College offered free summer courses for primary school teachers in order to equip teachers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to integrate ICT, digital literacies and Robotics into their practice.



EXPLORING TEACHER-ARTIST PARTNERSHIP AS A MODEL OF CPD FOR SUPPORTING AND ENHANCING ARTS EDUCATION IN IRELAND'

Compiled by Dr Dorothy Morrissey and Dr Ailbhe Kenny, this research report aimed aims to provide evidence based recommendations that aspire to develop and foster, in innovative ways, the teacher-artist partnership in response to the 2013 Arts in Education Charter. The report demonstrates that arts education allows children to explore alternative ways of communication, encourages inventive ideas and makes a vital contribution to the development of a range of intelligences. The report was launched in early March by Minister for Education & Skills, Richard Bruton who congratulated Dr Kenny & Dr Morrissey on highlighting the skills & knowledge that both teachers and artists can bring to arts education in our schools.

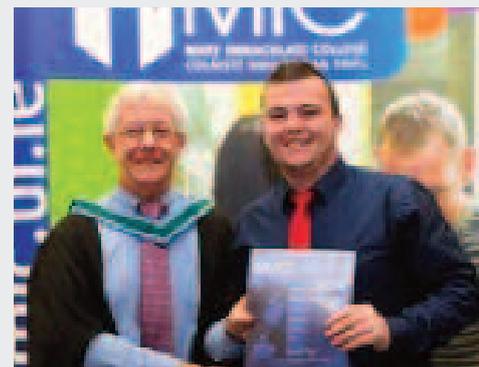


L-R: Dr Dorothy Morrissey; Dr Gary Ó Donnchadha, Department of Education and Skills; Dr Ailbhe Kenny, Richard Bruton TD; Ms Margaret O Keeffe, Acting Head of AEPE

Awards and Achievements

INAUGURAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE PRESENTATIONS 2016

The Inaugural Awards for Excellence ceremony was jointly hosted by the Dean of Arts and the Dean of Education in November 2016 where a total of 29 MIC graduates were presented with Certificates for Excellence in recognition of their academic achievements. Ten departments in the Faculty of Arts presented awards to graduates who had achieved first place in their respective subjects. In addition, five Faculty of Education graduates were presented with Arts Specialism and Joint Specialism Certificates of Excellence.



REGIONAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dr Miriam Hamilton, lecturer in Science Education at MIC was selected as the overall winner of the Regional Teaching Excellence Awards held in the University of Limerick on 26 April 2017.



Pictured (L-R): Professor Teresa O' Doherty, Dean of Education, MIC; Professor Eugene Wall, Acting President of MIC, Dr Miriam Hamilton, MIC, overall winner of the Regional Teaching Excellence Awards, Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning, MIC

PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF MIC RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM UL

On 26 April 2017, President Emeritus of MIC, Sr. Angela Bugler RSM, was awarded an honorary doctorate by UL, in recognition of the vital role she played in the development of education provision in Limerick.



Sr Angela Bugler, RSM, President of MIC 1988-1999

MIC STUDENT'S SHORT FILM WINS FIRST PRIZE AT THE ANNUAL MY RODE REEL COMPETITION

Media and Communication Studies student, Jason Reddan, won first prize in the international *My Rode Reel* annual competition for short films. His three-minute drama *Streetlights* won the overall Judges Choice award, from over 1200 entries across the globe.



Jason Reddan

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Declan O'Brien, a PhD student of the History Department at MIC, was awarded a prestigious Irish Research Council (IRC) Postgraduate Scholarship for his research exploring how the Irish beef processing industry grew to overtake live cattle exports as the premier outlet for cattle between 1960 and 1985. His research looks at the long-term implications of this change for farmers, the farm organisations, Irish agriculture policy, and, ultimately, the Irish taxpayer. Entitled 'From the hoof to the hook – an investigation of meat processor influence on Irish farm policy and farm politics from 1960 to 1985'



Declan O'Brien

BUA NA CAINTE

Seán Kelly, MEP, made a presentation to MIC to mark the outstanding success of the award-winning interactive Irish language programme *Bua na Cainte* written by Seán de Brún and Martina Ní Fhátharta. The programme was awarded the European Language Label of the Year and the Accenture Digital Media Award 2016. Launched only two years ago *Bua na Cainte* is now in use in most primary schools throughout the country. The programme is in use also in America, Russia, and in a number of other European countries.



Mr John Coady VPAF and Mr Seán Kelly MEP

Tógtha i gColáiste Mhuire gan Smál le déanaí tá Seán Ó Ceallaigh, FPE, ag bronnadh Dámhachtain Séala Eorpach Teanga 2015 ar Mhartina Ní Fhátharta agus ar Sheán de Brún (An Roinn Teanga, Litearthachta, agus Matoideachais, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál) mar aitheantas dá gclár Bua na Cainte. Is é Bua na Cainte an t-aon chlár Gaeilge dírithe ar pháistí bunscoile atá go hiomlán idirghníomhach, ag baint úsáide as acmhainní digiteacha nuálacha. Tá gníomhaíochtaí agus cluichí digiteacha atá páiste-lárnach sa chur chuige nua seo d'fhoghlaim na teanga, mar aon le réimse cuimsitheach d'amhráin, de dhánta, de scéalta faoi gach téama, le ceachtanna agus beochaintí laethúla idirghníomacha a chuireann beocht i múineadh agus i bhfoghlaim na teanga.



Seán de Brún, John Coady and Martina Ní Fhátharta

SCHOLARSHIPS

In January MIC announced details of a scholarship scheme for incoming students with a total value of €100,000 per annum. Commencing in September 2017, MIC will offer a total of 50 entrance scholarships to incoming undergraduate first year students across all nine undergraduate programmes currently on offer by the College. These scholarships, valued at €2,000 each, will be offered on the basis of results obtained in the Leaving Certificate Examinations.



Prof. Eugene Wall with Celine O'Meara and Lee Dillon

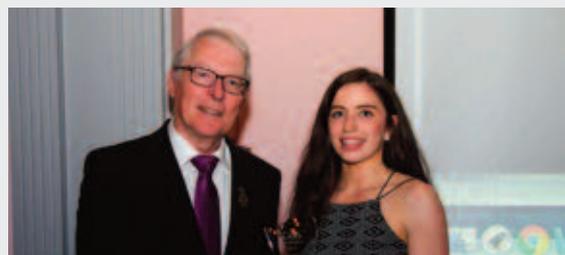
Awards and Achievements

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Pat McGarry, member of MIC Security Team, was presented with the GAA Handball Hall of Fame Award. He is pictured here receiving his award at the annual All Star event held in Tullamore.



At the same event, MIC alumnus, Catriona Casey, was presented with the Female Player of the Year award.



DR LOIC GUYON AWARDED NATIONAL ORDER OF MERIT BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Head of Department of French Studies, Dr Loïc Guyon, was admitted to the rank of Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite. This significant honour came only three years after Dr Guyon was awarded the title of Chevalier de l'ordre des Palmes académiques, in 2013.



THE EDUCATION AWARDS 2017

On 25 May 2017, MIC won two prizes at The Education Awards 2017. MIC was the winner of the International College Achievement Award and was part of the winning consortium that won Best Online Learning Experience for its Leadership in Inclusion in the Early Years (LINC) Programme at the ceremony held in the Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin.



LINC (L-R): Dr Emer Ring, Head of Department of Reflective Pedagogy & Early Childhood Studies. MIC (LINC Steering Group member); Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, Lecturer, MIC (LINC Module Content Developer); Fintan Breen, LINC National Programme Coordinator, MIC, Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil, Education Awards Judging Panel; Marion Brennan, Early Childhood Ireland (LINC Steering Group Member); Sharon Skehill, LINC Tutor, MIC.

Development of International Work



STUDY ABROAD FAIR

MIC's Study Abroad Fair took place on 19 October, 2016. Students from MIC had the opportunity to learn about the range of opportunities available to them and meet representatives from many of the College's partner universities, including De Sales University, Gwynedd Mercy University, West Chester University, Misericordia University, Le Moyne College, Gannon University - all in the USA, and Brescia University College in Canada.

CHINESE DELEGATION VISIT

On 14 October 2016 a delegation from Guizhou Education University (GZEU) in China visited MIC. The delegation included Vice-President, Prof. Guo Wen and the two institutions signed a general Memorandum of Understanding.

ARGENTINIAN LINKS

HE Laura Bernal, Ambassador to Argentina in Ireland and her colleague, Mr Diego Emilio Sadofski, visited the College on 2 November, 2016 to further discuss potential collaborations between MIC and the Ministry of Education in Argentina.

NAFSA

Holly Cowman, Director of the International Office and Ben Finnegan, International Officer, attended NAFSA, which is the largest annual student recruitment fair in the USA.



HE Laura Bernal, pictured here with Holly Cowman, Director of International Office and Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts.



L-R Mr. Ben Finnegan and Ms. Holly Cowman, International Office MIC.

Development of International Work

BOSTON VISIT

At the invitation of the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, a delegation from Limerick visited Boston from 1 – 5 June, 2017. Holly Cowman, Director of the International Office, and Ben Finnegan, International Office, were joined by Professor Eugene Wall on 2 June in Boston where a series of meetings took place.



L-R: Ms Holly Cowman, Ms. Mary Sugrue, CEO, The Irish American Partnership, Mr Ben Finnegan, Professor Eugene Wall.



L-R: Consul General Fionnuala Quinlan, the Mayor of Limerick, Cllr. Kieran O’Hanlon, Mr Ben Finnegan, Ms Holly Cowman and Dr Greg Fried, Head of Philosophy at Suffolk University.



L-R: Christine Power, Director, Practicum Partnerships and Professional Development, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, Dr Tom Groome, Head of Theology at Boston College, Ms Holly Cowman.

GENERATION STUDY ABROAD

MIC was listed as a Generation Study Abroad partner in 2016. This is an initiative developed by the Institute for International Education (IIE) in the USA whereby US member colleges have pledged to double their study abroad numbers by 2020. MIC was approved to accept US students’ Federal Aid and is now listed on the Common Application. Consequently, MIC is now well placed to recruit full-time undergraduate students from the USA.

AWARD OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SATISFACTION

MIC won the StudyPortals Award for Outstanding International Student Satisfaction 2016.

LATIN AMERICA

2016-17 saw MIC expand its reach in Latin America. MoUs were developed with several universities for inter-institutional collaboration such as student mobility, particularly for English language training, and faculty exchange for CPD, teaching and research.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS (DES) HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

The Director of the International Office (DIO), Holly Cowman, was invited to join the DES High Level Group on International Education as the CHOICE representative.



Pictured with the award were International Office staff L-R: Ronan Hennelly, Ger Cahillane, Holly Cowman and Ben Finnegan.

Conferences and Seminars

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

In September the Policy Research Institute for Social and Education Matters (PRISEM) at MIC held a special one-day conference at MIC 'Transitions in Education' where they examined the "academic culture shock" experienced by students going from second to third level. Pictured at MIC attending the conference were: Coleen Blaney Doyle, Student adviser, UCD; Dr Brendan O'Keefe, MIC; Dr Geraldine Brosnan, Director of Student Life, MIC; Prof. Liz Thomas, Edge Hill University; Prof. Michael A. Hayes, President, MIC; Dr Aisling Leavy and Dr Anne O'Keefe, MIC; Mary Doyle, Deputy Secretary General of the Department of Education and Skills; Brian Mooney, Guidance Counsellor and Managing Editor of Education Matters; Catherine Shanahan, Director of ATECI; Dr Mags Nohilly, MIC and Prof. Gary O'Brien, Vice-President Administration, MIC.



SYMPOSIUM ON IRISH WOMEN'S WRITING (1880-1910)

MIC hosted a two day symposium entitled "Occluded Narratives: Researching Irish Women's writing (1880-1910)" on November 25 and 26 2016. Organised by Dr Kathryn Laing (English Department, MIC) and Dr Sinéad Mooney (De Montfort University, Leicester), the symposium featured plenary speakers Professor James H. Murphy (Boston College), Professor Margaret Kelleher (UCD), Professor Gerardine Meaney (UCD) and Professor Heidi Hansson (Umeå University, Sweden), and marked the launch of a new research network.



CHANGEMAKERS

MIC's BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (CATS) together with Theatre NI and the National Association for Youth Drama (NAYD) hosted the Youth Theatre Practice Symposium Changemakers on 23 November.



Pictured (L-R): Rhona Dunnett, Research and Development Officer NAYD; Michael Finneran, Head of the Department of Drama and Theatre Studies at MIC; Ella Daly, writer, theatre maker and arts manager; Peter Hussey, Artistic Director of Crooked House Theatre Company; Molly Goyer Gorman, PhD candidate in Drama at Queen's University Belfast; Fiona Quinn, Director of the Friars Gate Theatre's education and outreach department and Artistic Director of the County Limerick Youth Theatre; Michelle Carew, Director NAYD; Emelie Fitzgibbon, Artistic Director Graffiti Theatre Company; Niamh Flanagan, Executive Director of Theatre NI.

WIRED FM

In celebration of 21 years of broadcasting Wired FM, in partnership with Belltable and Lime Tree Theatre, hosted a media conference in November. The day-long event consisted of workshops and panel discussions covering topics such as the changing face of sports punditry to mapping out a career in media. Speakers included well-known media figures such as Paul Collins, Today FM; Jamesie O'Connor, Sky TV in addition to MIC alumni, many of whom first cut their teeth in the broadcasting world with Wired FM whilst studying at MIC. Pictured attending the event were Martina McGrath, MIC and Wired FM alumnus, Nessa McGann of Spin South West and MIC and Wired FM alumnus, Dr Rosemary Day, Head of Media and Communication Studies, MIC and founding member of Wired FM, Ciarán Ryan, MIC, Ray Burke, Wired FM Station Manager and Aidan Long, MIC.



Conferences and Seminars

NEW HORIZONS: WOMEN IN THE IRISH FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRIES

Following on from the success of last year's *Women in the Irish Film Industry: Moving from the Margins to the Centre*, Dr Susan Liddy, lecturer in Media Studies, MIC organised another very successful colloquium entitled *New Horizons: Women in the Irish Film and Television Industries*. Key note speaker at the event was **Melissa Silverstein**, US writer and director, founder and editor of *Women and Hollywood*. Other speakers at the event included Caroline Norbury MBE, founding CEO of Creative England; Professor Anna Wahl of KTH Stockholm, a renowned expert on gendered organisational cultures and combating unconscious bias; Jane Gogan, Head of Drama, RTE; Orla O Connor, Director National Women's Council of Ireland and Leslie McKimm, Project Manager Irish Film Board and founding member of Women in Film & TV Ireland.



L-R: Dr Susan Liddy and Melissa Silverstein

MUM'S THE WORD: VOICING THE FEMALE EXPERIENCE IN POPULAR CULTURE

In association with the 'Sibéal Feminist and Gender Network', this conference which took place in March 2017 was organised by two MIC PhD students of the Department of English Language & Literature: Adele Hannon and Jade Dillon.



Sibéal Conference organisers: PhD students Adele Hannon & Jade Dillon of Department of English Language & Literature

FROM SARMATIA TO MARE NOSTRUM: BORDERLAND SPACES IN GERMAN-LANGUAGE LITERATURE AND OTHER MEDIA

On 27 and 28 April, 2017, the Department of German Studies in cooperation with the Irish Centre of Transnational Studies, MIC, organised an international conference "From Sarmatia to Mare Nostrum: Borderland Spaces in German-language Literature and other Media", jointly with Nottingham Trent University at the Institute of Modern Languages Research (IMLR), University of London.



Conference participants attending one of the panels on the second day of the conference.

THE MCAULEY CONFERENCE 2017

The McAuley Conference, which took place on 12 and 13 May 2017, explored the issue of sacramental preparation of primary school children and how best to do this. Among the speakers to address the Conference were: Stijn van den Bossche, national director of catechesis for the Flemish-speaking dioceses of the Belgian Bishops' conference; Clare Watkins, currently teaching theology at Roehampton University; Maeve Mahon, who is a co-author of the 'Do This in Memory' programme; Kate Liffey, Irish National director for Catechetics, and Co-ordinator of the National Faith Development team; Padraic Brennan, who has previously written on the RCIA; Dr Marie Griffin and Clare Maloney, both of whom have been involved with sacramental programmes in the Community National Schools; Elaine Murray, who is a Church of Ireland rector and actively involved in sacramental preparation in her Church; Dr Brendan O'Keefe, lecturer in Geography, MIC; and Dr Eugene Duffy, lecturer in Theology & Religious Studies, MIC, and conference organiser.



Pictured at the McAuley Conference were front row (l to r) Elaine Murray, Eugene Duffy, Clare Watkins, Marie Griffin, Maeve Mahon, back row (l to r) Padraic Brennan, Jonathan Burroughs, Eileen Limehan, Deirdre Frankin, Brendan O'Keefe, Stijn Van den Bossche, Eamonn Conway and Clare Maloney

TEACHER EDUCATION POLICY IN EUROPE (TEPE) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MIC hosted the annual international conference of the Teacher Education Policy in Europe (TEPE) network from 18-20 May 2017. TEPE is an academic network in the field of teacher education policy and this prestigious conference was attended by over 100 delegates, who presented research from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Scotland, Britain, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the USA, and from Ireland. The theme of the 2017 TEPE conference: 'Education for All: Issues for Teacher Education' examined how teacher education plays a pivotal role in enabling education systems to serve the needs of a diverse range of learners.



(L-R) Professor Teresa O'Doherty, Dean of Education at MIC with Professor Judith Warren Little, Carol Liu Professor of Education Policy, emerita, at the University of California, Berkeley.

IRISH WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS AND THEATREMAKERS

Irish Women Playwrights and TheatreMakers, hosted by the Department of Drama & Theatre Studies, MIC, took place at MIC from the 8-10 June 2017. Topics covered include important directors, scenographers, actors, and contemporary devisers.



COMHDHÁIL AR LITRÍOCHT NA GAELIGE SAN OCHTÚ HAOS DÉAG IN ONÓIR DON DR ÚNA NIC ÉINRÍ

Is in onóir don Dr Úna Nic Éinrí a d'eagraigh Roinn na Gaeilge an chomhdháil seo d'fhonn aitheantas a thabhairt don scoláire neamheaglach, dothuirsithe seo agus don taighde ríthábhachtach ar fad atá déanta aici i Léann na Gaeilge i gcaitheamh na mblianta, go háirithe i ngort na hochtú haoise déag. Cuimhneoidh cuid mhaith daoine, gan amhras, ar Stair Litríocht na Gaeilge agus ar Stair na Teanga Gaeilge ó laethanta na scoile, ach is dócha go seasann a cáil mar scoláire ar an obair éachtach eagarthóireachta atá déanta aici ar litríocht na hochtú haoise déag sna leabhair iontacha aici ar fhilíocht Thaidhg Ghaelaigh Uí Shúilleabháin (An Cantaire Siúlach, 2001), Liam Inglis (Canfar an Dán, 2003), Sheáin Uí Thuama (Seán Ó Tuama ó Chromadh an tSubhachais, 2012), agus gan amhras an t-éacht is déanaí aici, Filí Luimnigh gan Iomrá san Ochtú hAois Déag (2016). Is mar chomhartha ómóis d'Úna, mar sin, a bheartaigh a hiarchomhghleacaithe ar an gcomhdháil seo a eagrú ina honóir agus is cinnte gur cheiliúradh cuí ar a cuid gaiscí i Léann na Gaeilge san ochtú haois déag a bhí ann.

Breandán Ó Cróinín, Liam Ó Páircín agus Stiofán Newman Coiste Eagraithe na Comhdhala



L-R: Prof. Michael Breen, Professor Eugene Wall Acting President MIC, Dr. Breandán Ó Cróinín, Dr. Liam Ó Páircín. Úna Nic Éinrí agus Dr. Máire Ní Neachtain

Community Engagement and Culture



CULTURE NIGHT AT MIC

On 16 September, 2016, MIC opened its doors to provide an evening of free entertainment as part of Culture Night. This year MIC was delighted to play host to a number of free events including drama workshops for children aged 8 – 12 years old; Young Soloists' Concert; traditional music concert; international fashion and cuisine exhibitions; various art exhibitions including one featuring some of the churches around the Limerick region , a special performance from the Brad Pitt Light Orchestra, featuring MIC alumni Ann and James Blake, who performed the music of Leonard Cohen, Van Morrison and David Bowie as Gaeilge. Culture Night at MIC also featured the music of Composer in Residence Anne-Marie O'Farrell with internationally renowned soprano Colette Delahunty and pianist Carmel Comiskey. Colette is particularly known for her operatic roles with Glyndebourne, Covent Garden and Opera Ireland. Performing in the MIC Chapel the recital featured Anne-Marie's '1916 Trilogy: Songs for Ireland' composed for this centenary year for soprano and harp, along with settings of James Joyce and W.B. Yeats, and a new work for solo piano entitled, 'A Walk in the Park'.



VOICES FROM THE PAST

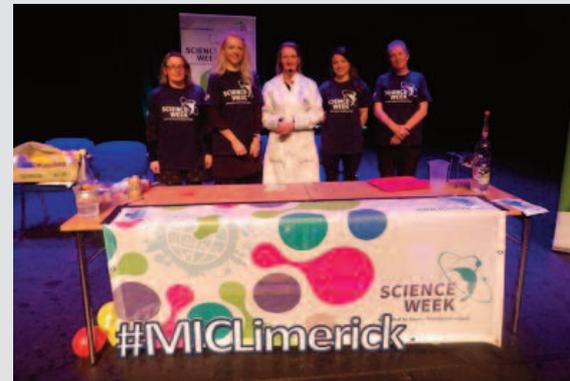
In November, 'Voices from the Past' an exhibition of portraits of Irish literary figures from the late 19th and early 20th century came to the College from Farmleigh House. Containing portraits of leading Irish literary figures including James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, J.M. Synge, Countess Markievicz, Oscar Wilde, Peig Sayers, Samuel Beckett, Douglas Hyde and Lady Gregory, the exhibition formed part of MIC's '1916 and the Decade of Commemorations' programme.



L-R: artist Judith Henihan with Prof. Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice President Administration.

SCIENCE OF BUBBLES

Dr Maeve Liston, in co-ordination the TED Network, liaised with St Anne's Primary School, Rathkeale to host the Science of Bubbles shows. DEC oversaw the co-ordination and running of this event. This increased MIC's community outreach to county schools, with almost 500 children attending the shows.



L-R: Margaret Murphy (LSRE Departmental Assistant); Maeve Liston; Christine Campbell (Presenter of Fantastic Physics show); Anne O'Dwyer and Miriam Hamilton.

CODER DOJO

Weekly Coder Dojo Sessions took place at MIC for the duration of Spring Semester 2017. With 55 MIC DoJo Mentors, the free weekly sessions were a great success with 35 children and their parents all learning to code.



GIFT BOX

The GIFT Box, on display in MIC in March, is a unique piece of public art, on tour throughout Ireland in an effort to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern day slavery. It is a walk-in installation where members of the public can learn more about the deception involved in human trafficking and the suffering of the victims drawn in by traffickers. The outside looks like a wrapped gift, covered with promises. Inside, visitors learn about the realities behind the false promises used by criminals to lure people into their net. Passers-by are invited to spend a few minutes inside the box, reading the true stories which unwrap the truth about human trafficking.



Pictured enclosed were Brigid Golden, Development Education and Global Citizenship Project Worker, MIC, with Julian Bloomer, Lecturer in Geography, MIC.

Community Engagement and Culture

THE ILLUSION OF CONSENSUS – PHOTOGRAPHS OF LIMERICK IN 1916 EXHIBITION

Curated by Úna Ní Bhroiméil and funded by the Department of History at MIC, the exhibition focused on the everyday look of Limerick city in the turbulent year of 1916. Featuring photographs sourced from the MIC archive, the Redemptorist archive, the Limerick Diocesan archive the photographs captured the experience of daily life in Limerick such as activities on the river Shannon, and confraternity processions on the main street at the time, George's Street. The main photographs of the exhibition focused on Mary Immaculate College, the only third level college in Limerick City in 1916. Founded by Bishop Edward O'Dwyer in 1898 and run by the Sisters of Mercy, the photographs show how the college looked to the all-female King's Scholars in 1916.



L-R: Ms Kitty Kennedy whose mother was a student at MIC in 1916 and Ms Máire O'Brien whose grandmother was a student at MIC in 1916 pictured at the exhibition with Professor Gary O'Brien.

MIC CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Over 170 children visited MIC in November to perform at the launch of an evaluation report entitled *All Together Now: A Review of the Mary Immaculate College Children's Choir*. The choir was initiated in 2013 by Dr Ailbhe Kenny, lecturer in Music Education, as a university- school partnership to make meaningful links with primary schools. It is a partnership between the Transforming Education through Dialogue (TED) Project, Curriculum Development Unit (CDU), and the Department of Arts Education and Physical Education, MIC and the five schools involved. The evaluation report, written by Dr Ailbhe Kenny, Ruth Bourke and Máiréad Ní Chondúin, covered the project in 2013-2015 and found that there were many benefits of the choir for the participating children, students, and schools.



Pictured, members of the MIC Children's Choir discussing music with Limerick City and County Arts Officer, Sheila Deegan.



L-R: Dr Ann Higgins, TED Coordinator; Ruth Bourke, Dr Ailbhe Kenny, and Máiréad Ní Chondúin, choir director.

Sports

Senior Hurling – Fitzgibbon Cup winners

Camogie – Competed in Ashbourne Cup

Ladies Football – Giles Cup semi-finalists

Men's Football – Trench Cup quarter-finalists

Munster GAA Bursaries

Caroline Hickey – Limerick

Daniel O'Donoghue – Kerry

Christine Cooper – Kerry

Aaron Gillane – Limerick

Rebecca Delee – Limerick

Cillian Brennan – Clare

Caoimhe Costelloe – Limerick

Thomas Grimes – Limerick

Micheál Burns – Kerry

GAA HEC Rising Stars 2017

David Sweeney – Tipperary Limerick

Conor Twomey – Cork

Ronan Maher – Tipperary

Stephen Cahill – Tipperary

Darragh O'Donovan – Limerick

Michael O'Neill – Clare

Cian Lynch – Limerick

Aaron Gillane – Limerick



MIC Senior Hurling Manager – Jamie Wall



Action from the Fitzgibbon Final Sat. 25 Feb.



Captain Eoin Quirke lifts the cup

Sports



MIC students past and present played a huge part in the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final this September including L-R: Stephen Cahill from Thurles (current BA student and member of Sarsfields GAA club); Seamus Kennedy from Clonmel (BA graduate and member of St Mary's GAA club); Niall O' Meara from Nenagh (B Ed graduate and member of Kilruane GAA club) and Ronan Maher from Thurles (BA student and member of Sarsfields GAA Club). All four were presented with an award for Outstanding Achievement at this year's conferring ceremonies in recognition of their sporting achievements as part of the Tipperary All Ireland Hurling Team 2016 and the victorious MIC Fitzgibbon Cup Team 2016.



MIC International Gaelic Football team



Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon hosted a Mayoral Reception for the MIC Fitzgibbon Cup Winners 2016 at County Hall, Dooradoyle on Thursday 10th November 2016 where Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon presented a framed scroll to the College to commemorate this historic event.

GAA BURSARIES

Some of our brightest and best rising sports stars were recognised at the Mary Immaculate College Munster GAA Bursary 2016/2017 presentation on Monday 30 January 2017. Liam Lenihan, Vice-Chairman of Munster Council, presented the nine Munster GAA Bursaries valued at €750 each.



Conferring Ceremonies



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, THURLES

Friday 21 October, 2016 was a momentous occasion in the history of St Patrick's College, Thurles as it marked the end of one era and celebrated the commencement of a new one as 62 second-level teachers graduated from the recently renamed MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles.

A special tribute was paid to President Emeritus of St Patrick's College, Fr Tom Fogarty, who served as President of the College since May 2004, having been a lecturer in Pastoral Theology, and Vice President of St Patrick's College from 1993 to 1995.



Fr Tom Fogarty, President Emeritus of St Patrick's College, presenting Alison Kerrane with the Award for Academic Excellence and the Award for Excellence in Teaching.



MIC LIMERICK

On 27 and 28 October, 2016, 1,000 students from 22 counties, 7 countries and 4 continents were conferred with academic awards across the College's 30 plus programmes, including 17 graduates who were conferred with doctoral awards.

The 2016 conferring ceremony marked the 25th anniversary of the academic partnership between MIC and the University of Limerick. A special tribute was paid to Prof. Don Barry, who is scheduled to retire next year following the end of his ten-year term as President of UL.



Clara Ryan (BEd) from Skibbereen, Co. Cork, was presented with the Peadar Cremin Fellowship. The Fellowship is presented to the Graduate who achieved first place in Educational Research and the Dissertation on the Bachelor of Education Programme. This fellowship was awarded by the College in memory of the late Prof. Peadar Cremin, President of Mary Immaculate College, 1999 - 2011.

Conferring Ceremonies



GRADUATION NUMBERS 2016

COURSE	NO. GRADUATED
Bachelor of Arts	175
Bachelor of Education	388
Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology	34
Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies (Level 7)	3
Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies (Level 8)	2
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Practice	24
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education	72
Graduate Diploma in Christian Leadership in Education	1
Graduate Diploma in Special Education	51
Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership & Management	1
Graduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education	5
Graduate Diploma in Information & Communication Technologies in Primary Education	5
Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education	19
Certificate in Inclusive Care & Education	16
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics	4
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education	9
Master of Arts in History	5
Master of Arts in Modern English Language and Literature	13
Master of Arts in Media Studies	7
Master of Arts (Research & Thesis)	2
Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching)	90
Master of Education in Special Education	8
Master of Education	20
Master of Education (Adult & Further Education)	1
Master of Education in Information & Communication Technologies in Primary Education	1
Master in Education in Educational Leadership and Management	9
Master of Education in Professional Studies in Education	4
Master of Arts in Educational Psychology	14
MA in Education and the Arts	5
Master of Arts in Education & Well Being of the Older Person	6
Máistreacht San Oideachas San Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge	1
Master of Arts in Music Education	5
Master of Arts in Education (Research & Thesis)	3
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)	5
Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	12
TOTAL GRADUATING:	1018

Energy Usage

Overview of Energy Usage in 2016 & 2017

During 2017, MIC consumed 8,091 MWh of energy consisting of:

2,217.9 MWh of electricity,
5,473.1 MWh of gas,
395.9 MWh of heating oil,
4.5 MWh of transport fuels (diesel)

During 2017, there was a significant increase in energy usage as MIC St Patrick's Campus Thurles and the John Henry Newman Building were added to our estate portfolio. However, the energy performance, which is measured in energy usage per registered student, has continued to improve i.e. kWhs (of electricity and thermal energy combined) per registered student has fallen, year on year, for the past four years.



Extract from Statement of Comprehensive Income	11 months ended 31-Aug-17 €'000	Year Ended 30-Sep-16 €'000
<u>Income</u>		
Academic Fees	17,682	18,415
State Recurrent Grants	11,192	9,986
Other Income incl. Deferred Pension Funding	9,998	11,559
Total Income	38,872	39,960
Amortisation of state capital grants	1,354	1,508
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs	(19,811)	(19,369)
Other Expenditure incl. Pensions Costs	(20,245)	(19,034)
Total Expenditure	(40,056)	(38,403)
Unrestricted Comprehensive Income	170	3,065
Gain on Combination of St Patrick's College - Restricted	-	9,190
Total Comprehensive Income	170	12,255

NOTE FOR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Capital Commitments and Enhancement of the College Campus

The College has substantially completed a significant refurbishment of the John Henry Newman Campus (formerly "The Mount"). This building serves as a Research and Graduate School.

The College has obtained Planning Permission to construct a new Library / Learning Resource Centre and this project awaits confirmation of funding.

The College has also completed significant building upgrade works to the St Patrick's Campus Thurles building.



LE CÓMHBHRÓN

Seán A. Ó Broiméil/Tony Bromell, former Registrar of Mary Immaculate College, Mayor of Limerick, and member of Seanad Éireann passed away on 4 January 2017.

A native of Limerick, Tony was Registrar of Mary Immaculate College from 1967 until his retirement in 1998. He was Mayor of Limerick from 1982-1983 and as Chair of Limerick's Vocational Educational Committee (VEC) was heavily involved in the establishment of the College of Art, Commerce and Technology (now Limerick IT). He was also a founding member of a pressure group established in 1958 to campaign for a university for Limerick, which resulted in the establishment in 1970 of the National Institute for Higher Education (NIHE), and as a Senator he was able to welcome the bill which in 1989 elevated NIHE to full university status as the University of Limerick.

Tony was a member of the working group that negotiated the first Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Limerick which was put in place in November 1991. This set in train the plans for the design of a new millennial arts degree, the BA in Liberal Arts programme, launched in Mary Immaculate College in September 1992, making Mary Immaculate the first College of Education to open its doors to students of the liberal arts.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



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