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Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Report 2017-2018 for Mary Immaculate College.

During this academic year, MIC was led by Professor Eugene Wall who, having been appointed as Acting President in January 2017, was appointed by the Trustees as President in May 2018 following an open competition for the post. 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.

Office of the President

Mary Immaculate College

This report will be translated in accordance with the Official Languages Act (2003) following approval by An tÚdarás Rialaithe.



Réamhrá

Fáilte go Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2017-2018 do Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál.

Le linn na bliana acadúla seo, bhí CMgS faoi cheannas an Ollaimh Eugene Wall, a bhí ag feidhmiú mar Uachtarán Gníomhach ó mhí Eanáir 2017 go dtí gur cheap na hÍontaobhaithe mar Uachtarán é i mBealtaine 2018, mar thoradh ar chomórtas oscailte don phost. Sa tuarascáil seo tá sonraí faoi ócáidí iomráiteacha (fóraim, siompóisiamáí agus comhdhálacha) a reachtáileadh le linn na tréimhse seo, agus chuir gach ceann acu le fíís CMgS mar institiúid a chuireann deiseanna foghlama agus taighde ardleibhéil ar fáil ar ardchaighdeán. Chuir na himeachtaí seo lenár gcuspóir go n-aithneofar sinn agus go léireofar meas orainn as ucht an méid atá déanta againn chun cur le contanam an tsoláthair acadúil i gcomhoibriú éifeachtach agus táirgiúil lenár gcomhpháirtithe san Earnáil Ardoideachais. Tá tuilleadh faisnéise faoina hócáidí thuasluaite le fáil sa tuarascáil seo. Tá súil againn go gceapfaidh tú go bhfuil ábhar na tuarascála suimiúil agus faisnéiseach.

Oifig an Uachtaráin

Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál

Déanfar an tuarascáil seo a aistriú go Gaeilge de réir Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (2003) tar éis don tuarascáil a bheith faofa ag an Údarás Rialaithe



GOVERNANCE



TRUSTEES

The Trustees for this period were as follows:

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

The Trustees met on the following dates:

- 7 November 2017
- 23 January 2018
- 24 April 2018
- 14 May 2018
- 3 July 2018

AN tUDARÁS RIALAITHE / GOVERNING BODY

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

- Most Rev. Brendan Leahy (Chair)
- Dr Áine Lawlor (Vice Chair), nominee of the Trustees
- Professor Eugene Wall, Acting President/President appointed May 2018
- Dr Eugene O'Brien, Vice-President Academic Affairs (Acting)
- Mr Michael Keane, Vice President Administration and Finance
- Ms Catherine Kelly, nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Mr Fachtna O'Driscoll, nominee of the Trustees
- Mr Seán McMahon, Alumni Representative
- 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
- Ms Caitriona Breathnach, nominee of Professional Services
- Mr Eamon Stack, nominee of the Trustees
- Mr Conn Murray, nominee of the Trustees
- Very Rev. Tony Mullins, nominee of the Trustees

- Mr Lee Dillon, MISU President
- Mr Billy Hedigan, MISU Vice President
- Judge Tom O'Donnell, nominee of the Trustees as Senior Independent Governor

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

- 11 October 2017
- 13 December 2017
- 27 March 2018
- 16 May 2018
- 20 June 2018

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 Eugene Wall, Acting President/President
- Mr Michael Keane, Vice-President Administration and Finance
- Dr Eugene O'Brien, Vice-President Academic Affairs (Acting)
- Prof. Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice-President Administration
- Prof. Michael Healy, Associate Vice-President Research
- Dr Angela Canny, Dean of Education (Acting)
- Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts

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

- 8 September 2017
- 2 October 2017
- 19 October 2017
- 9 November 2017
- 10 November 2017
- 7 December 2017
- 12 December 2017
- 11 January 2018
- 31 January 2018



- 7 March 2018
- 19 April 2018
- 8 May 2018
- 7 June 2018
- 18 June 2018

ACADEMIC COUNCIL (AN CHOMHAIRLE ACADÚIL)

The membership of An Chomhairle Acadúil for the AY 2017/2018 was as follows;

- Professor Eugene Wall, Acting President/President
- Prof. Eugene O'Brien, Vice-President Academic Affairs (Acting)
- Prof. Gary O'Brien, Associate Vice-President Administration
- Prof. Michael Healy, Associate Vice-President Research
- Dr Angela Canny, Dean of Education (Acting)
- Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts
- 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 Lee Dillon, MISU President
- Mr Billy Hedigan, MISU Vice-President
- Mr Des Carswell, Lecturer, Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Services
- Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School
- Dr Loic Guyon, HoD, French Studies
- Dr Finn Ó Murchú, Head of School of Education, MIC Thurles
- Ms Maire Ni Neachtain, Ceann Roinn na Gaeilge
- Dr Kerry Greer, HoD, Psychology (Acting) (Sept 2017 - Feb 2018)
- Dr Geraldine Brosnan, Director of Student Life
- Dr Christiane Schonfeld, HoD, German Studies
- Dr Patrick Connolly, Assistant Registrar
- Ms Aine Finucane, Librarian (Acting)
- 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, Department of Language and Literacy Education
- Dr Cathal de Paor, Director of Continuing & Professional Development
- Prof. Eamonn Conway, HoD, Theology & Religious Studies
- Prof. Des McCafferty, HoD, Geography
- Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Dr Deirdre Ní Chroínín, HoD, Department of Arts Education and Physical Education
- David Loughnane, MISU Postgraduate Representative
- Dr Neil Ó Conaill, Director School Placement
- Dr Aisling Leavy, HoD, STEM
- Dr Gareth Cox, HoD Music Department
- Dr Michael Finneran, HoD Drama & Theatre Studies
- Dr Stella Long, HoD, EIPSE (Acting)
- Dr Deirdre Ryan, Director of Quality
- Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, HoD, Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Studies (Acting)
- Dr Eoin Flannery, HoD, English Language and Literature (Acting)
- Dr John Perry, HoD, Psychology (Appointed Jan 2018)
- Paula Hourigan, Senior Academic Administrator, MIC Thurles

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

- 20 September 2017
- 15 November 2017
- 24 January 2018
- 21 March 2018
- 8 June 2018

EXTERNAL LANDSCAPE

HEA - STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

The MIC/HEA annual bilateral meeting to discuss the MIC performance under the Strategic Dialogue Cycle 4 process took place on the 7 September 2017 in the HEA Offices in Dublin. The outcome of the meeting was positive.

SAHLBERG II – REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION IN IRELAND

In 2012, the Higher Education Authority (HEA) appointed an international panel of teacher education experts to review the structure of Initial Teacher Education in Ireland. The Report of the International Review Panel on the Structure of Initial Teacher Education in Ireland (known as the Sahlberg report) proposed a shift in provision of teacher education from 19 institutions to six new “centres for teacher education”. The new collaborations recommended by the international panel meant that a smaller number of centres for teacher education would exist, but that each centre would offer education across the continuum of teacher education - from early childhood to primary, to post-primary to adult education.

In 2014, the National Institute for Studies in Education (NISE) was established by MIC and UL with LIT taking a role within the Institute structure in terms of its unique provision for Art and Design Education. NISE sought to bring about closer collaboration between the Shannon Consortium institutions in the specific context of Education Studies. NISE’s key objectives were to locate teacher education within university settings; give primacy to research-based teaching; and to ensure maximum coordination in the provision of programmes.

In October 2017, the HEA announced that an assessment of progress made since the publication of the Sahlberg Report would be conducted by a review team in early 2018.

On 1 May 2018, the Sahlberg II Review Team, consisting of Prof. Pasi Sahlberg, Finnish educator and Professor of Education Policy and Deputy Director of the Gonski Institute at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, Prof. Áine Hyland, Emeritus Professor of Education and former Vice-President of University College Cork, and Ms Valerie Harvey and Ms Sarah Fitzgerald of the HEA, visited MIC as part of the site visit to NISE under the aegis of the Mid-West Regional Cluster / Shannon Consortium.

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.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



LIBRARY

With Full Planning permission granted, and a Design team available to resume design work and progress to tender stage, the College awaited approval by HEA of funding for the Library project.

MIC THURLES

A major fire safety upgrade project was completed at the MIC Thurles campus during the summer months, to bring the building up to standard in relation to fire safety.



Programmes

MA IN STEM

The MA in STEM welcomed its first cohort of students to MIC in September 2017. This interdisciplinary STEM graduate degree programme engages students in scholarly activity around current issues, theories and practices in STEM education.



Projects and Activities

MIC LECTURERS' KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO LANDMARK SURVEY OF IRISH HISTORY

Three MIC history lecturers, Dr Liam Chambers, Dr Maura Cronin and Dr Clodagh Tait all contributed chapters to the Cambridge History of Ireland which was edited by Thomas Bartlett and written by a team of more than 100 leading historians from around the world.



Pictured (L-R) at the launch ceremony Dr Maura Cronin, Dr Clodagh Tait and Dr Liam Chambers all members of MIC's Department of History

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2017

As part of National Science Week (November 12-19 2017), MIC officially launched a new department entitled the Department of STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics) Education. This new departure came at an exciting time in the Irish educational landscape following the launch of the DES's Education Policy Statement 2017 – 2026.



Pictured at the launch of the Department of STEM: Dr Aisling Leavy, Head of Department of STEM, Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC, enjoying some STEM activities with children from St Paul's National School, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

RDS PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR 2018

MIC hosted over 3,000 primary level children from 120 schools exhibiting their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) projects during the RDS Primary Science Fair which took place at MIC from 18-20 of January 2018. Along with the exhibitions, a programme of STEM activities including interactive shows and workshops were organised for schools and the general public, with 6,000 visitors to MIC over the three days.



LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

The annual League of Legends, TED soccer tournament took place on Thursday 17 May 2018, with over 140 children from PLUS schools participating in the event.



TÚS MAITH

Funded by the HEA (Higher Education Authority), Tús Maith, was an innovative pilot programme focused on encouraging individuals from non-traditional teaching backgrounds to choose teaching as a career path. 38 First Year students from 8 post-primary Limerick schools completed a two-week summer programme at Mary Immaculate College in June 2018 that saw them enjoying tuition and numerous fun activities as Gaeilge in an effort to foster a love of the language enabling them to speak it with confidence.

Awards and Achievements



Pictured at the MIC conferring ceremonies were: Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School, MIC; Dr John McGrath (History); Dr Martina O'Toole and Dr Orla Slattery, (both Philosophy); Dr John Harnett (English); Professor Eugene Wall, President; Dr Julie McGrath (History); Dr Darren Barry (Geography) Dr Rosemarie Martin, Dr Caroline McGarry and Dr Liam Clohessy (all Education) and Prof. Michael Healy, Associate Vice President Research, MIC.

CONFERRING CEREMONIES

The annual MIC Conferring Ceremonies took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 26, 27, 28 October 2017 when almost 2,000 graduates from across the globe were presented with academic degrees and other awards at MIC's largest ever conferring ceremonies.

The three-day event witnessed many firsts, including the first cohort of students to graduate from the Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years (LINC) programme, in partnership with Early Childhood Ireland and Maynooth University; and the first cohort to graduate from the Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies (in partnership with Middletown Centre for Autism, Northern Ireland).

Five graduates of the Certificate in General Learning and Personal Development (CGLPD) programme were conferred at the MIC graduation ceremony in October 2017.



The five graduates of the Certificate in General Learning and Personal Development (CGLPD). They are pictured below with Dr. Orla Slattery. Their awards were presented by Mr. George Redmond, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (centre of photo).

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Amy O'Donoghue, from Coonagh, Limerick, was presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award 2017 in recognition of her excellence on track and field. Amy, a BEd (Primary Teaching) graduate, is one of Ireland's great future prospects in Athletics. After a glittering underage and schools career, the middle distance runner has maintained her steady progress up the ladder of success. Representing University of Limerick, the Mary Immaculate College student has won the IUAA national 1500m title twice (in 2015 and 2017) setting a record on both occasions. Having dominated middle distance running at the National Under-23 championships for three years in 2014, 2015 and 2016 she remains as competitive as ever moving into senior ranks. In 2016 she won a bronze medal at the Senior National Indoor Championships and took silver at this year's Senior Championships. At International level she has represented Irish Universities in the Celtic International Track and Field Championships. She represented Ireland at Under-23 level in the 2016 European Cross Country Championships in 2016.



DR GERALDINE COTTER RECEIVED MÓRGLÓR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO TRADITIONAL MUSIC IN COUNTY CLARE.

Dr Geraldine Cotter, lecturer in music at MIC was the 2017 recipient of the MÓR Glór Award. This prestigious award was named after Muiris Ó Rócháin, one of the key founders and long-time Director of Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy. Sponsored by Glór, it is awarded annually to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to Irish traditional music.



Dr Geraldine Cotter

MIC DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

In autumn 2017, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Charlie Flanagan TD and Mr Reece Smyth, Chargé d'affaires of the US Embassy in Ireland, announced 38 new Fulbright Irish Awardees, including Seaghan Mac an tSionnaigh, PhD candidate at MIC.



Pictured above (L-R) Prof. Michael Healy, Associate Vice President of Research, MIC and Mr Seaghan Mac an tSionnaigh, MIC Doctoral Student and 2017 Fulbright Award recipient.

MIC AWARDS CEREMONY 2017

On 21 November 2017, the inaugural Student Awards Ceremony took place. This ceremony saw over 100 students and graduates from MIC being recognised for their academic and other notable achievements with over €100,000 presented in scholarships and bursaries, further enhancing the recipient’s studies at MIC. Awards presented on the night included 50 Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships to students on all nine MIC undergraduate degree programmes. The scholarships were awarded to MIC students who obtained the highest CAO points in 2017.

At the event, the MIC Foundation Bursaries, valued at €1,250, were presented to the recipients by Páidí Ó Lionáird, Chair of the MIC Foundation.



Pictured Annie Brown from Tullamore, Co. Offaly, who received an Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship to the BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies at MIC, with Professor Eugene Wall, President.



Pictured Páidí Ó Lionáird and Ciara Daly from Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry.



Pictured Páidí Ó Lionáird and Keith Ryan from Crecora, Co. Limerick.

Awards and Achievements

Another first on the night was the inaugural John Hayden Memorial Award, in memory of John Loftus Hayden who was the Chief Executive Officer of the HEA from 1983-2003, a period of intensive activity in higher education in Ireland. Following his retirement in 2003, he became a Governor of Mary Immaculate College in 2004 and served on An tÚdarás Rialaithe until 2013. John was appointed to the MIC Board of Trustees in September 2013 and sadly passed away in June 2015. The award, valued at €1,000, was presented to joint recipients, Áine Stafford from Clonmel, Co. Tipperary and Rachel Dunne from Dunmore, Co. Galway, who were deemed to have made the most significant contribution to society through their participation in volunteering initiatives.

The event also included the presentation of nine GAA Bursary Awards, valued at €750 each, awarded by the GAA in recognition of a student's sporting achievements, presented by Mr Liam Lenihan, Vice-Chairperson of the Munster Council.



Pictured: Mrs Gemma Hayden with Áine Stafford from Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.



Pictured Liam Lenihan of Munster GAA with Eamonn Foudy from Inagh, Co. Clare, one of the GAA Bursary Award winners.



Pictured: Mrs Gemma Hayden with Rachel Dunne from Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The inaugural MIC Alumna of the Year Award was presented to Dr Carmel Naughton in recognition of her outstanding contribution to society. A graduate of MIC, Dr Naughton is a former Chairman of the Board of Co-operation Ireland. Together with her husband, Martin Naughton – founder of Glen Dimplex Ireland, Carmel has been a constant advocate for the advancement of educational opportunities, particularly in the arts, as well as in the disciplines of science, engineering and mathematics where the couple have actively promoted excellence in technological studies at higher level in Ireland through the Naughton Foundation, which they established in 1994. In 2016, the Community Foundation for Ireland named the couple National Philanthropists of the Year for their work in the Naughton Foundation.



Pictured Dr Carmel Naughton with Professor Eugene Wall.

MIC STUDENT WON PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR RADIO DOCUMENTARY

MIC student Jason Murphy whose RTE Radio 1's Documentary on One, *No Time to Lose*, was honoured at the Prix Italia International Media awards in Milan.

The documentary was the overall winner in the Radio Documentary category and told the story of Katie Cooke, a woman with epilepsy, as she prepared for the Dublin City Half Marathon over a three-month period. The documentary also won Gold in the Documentary/Feature category at the IMRO Radio Awards ceremony held on 24 November 2017. At the same awards ceremony, fourth year Media and Communication Studies student, Síofra Mulqueen, collected the award for best feature for the Pat Kenny Show on Newstalk. Síofra worked in Newstalk and in Radio Kerry on placements in her third year at MIC.



Pictured (L-R): Tim Desmond, RTÉ Radio 1 Producer; Jason Murphy, MIC and Producer of *No Time To Lose*; Ann Marie Power, Editor, RTÉ Radio 1; Noel Curran Director General of European Broadcasting Union.

MIC STUDENT JASON SHOWED THE 'WRITE' STUFF IN HOT PRESS COMPETITION

MIC BA student Jason Reddan from Kileely in Limerick, won a national award in the Hot Press Magazine and Creative Ireland 'Write Here Write Now' short story competition. President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, presented the Media & Communications and English student, with his award at a ceremony in Dublin on 28 May 2018.



Pictured above: Jason Reddan, MIC Student, President Michael D. Higgins and Editor of Hot Press Magazine, Niall Stokes.

IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Myron Schneider (Postgraduate Researcher in German Studies) under the supervision of Dr Sabine Egger, was awarded an Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship for his PhD project on the work of the contemporary German writer Rainald Goetz. Myron was one of ten MIC applicants for the 2018 scheme, four of whom progressed to the second round of IRC assessment.



Myron Schneider, Postgraduate Resercher in German Studies, MIC

Awards and Achievements

THE JENNIFER BURKE AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

In 2018, the Centre for Teaching and Learning team of Educational Technologists led the MIC submission for the Jennifer Burke Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, in partnership with Dr Emer Ring and the LINC Consortium. The submission was entitled 'LINC: An innovative competency-based approach to continuing professional learning'. The award was given at the Annual Conference of the Irish Learning Technologists Association Ed. Tech. Conference in IT Carlow on 31 May 2018.



Pictured at EdTech 2018: Neil Ryan (Educational Technologist, MIC), Dr Emer Ring (Head, Department of Early Childhood & Reflective Pedagogy) Fintan Breen, LINC National Programme Coordinator and Seona Stapleton (Educational Technologist, MIC)

Development of International Work



ST JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, USA, 'DISCOVER THE WORLD' PROGRAMME AT MIC

The first cohort of 65 students on the St John's University (SJU), Discover the World: Europe programme, arrived at MIC on the 16 January 2018 for a five-week course as part of a 15-week rotational programme where SJU students spent five weeks in Rome, Paris and Limerick. MIC's participation in this programme was a joint initiative of the Institute for Irish Studies, the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies and the International Office at MIC. Students completed their St John's course requirements in Philosophy, Theology and Art & Architecture at MIC, while maximising their immersion into Irish culture and heritage through field trips, site visits, academic service-learning and independent exploration with the support of MIC's International Office. By September 2018, four cohorts of students had spent five weeks at the College as part of this important international initiative.



Development of International Work

AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE

The Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, HE Mr Daniel Mulhall, held a special reception at the Irish Embassy in honour of MIC on February 2 2018, to coincide with the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) in Washington DC that weekend. This was a prestigious opportunity for MIC to showcase its award-winning international student satisfaction ratings and academic offerings to ACCU member universities from across the United States, as well as to other university partners and high school principals from the DC area and beyond.



Pictured: Professor Eugene Wall, President, presenting the Ambassador, HE Daniel Mulhall, with a signed first-edition copy of Human Chain by Seamus Heaney.

CAPES BRAZILIAN TEACHER EXCELLENCE INITIATIVE

In recognition of their teaching excellence, a group of 29 esteemed Brazilian teachers spent a week in Ireland in May 2018, hosted by MIC, as a prize awarded by the Brazilian government agency, *Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior* (CAPES). The visit was an opportunity for the teachers to see the high standard of teacher education in Ireland first-hand. Although this was the tenth year the competition had run, it was the first time that the winners had been rewarded with a visit outside of Brazil.



Pictured: Brazilian Teachers at Farmleigh House, in the Phoenix Park together with H.E. Mrs Eliana Zugaib, Ambassador of Brazil, Mr Gerry O'Sullivan, Head of International Education, Higher Education Authority (HEA), Professor Eugene Wall, President MIC, Ms Holly Cowman, Director International Office, MIC.

Conferences and Seminars

POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND EDUCATION MATTERS (PRISEM)

The national conference on 'Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People', was held at MIC on December 1 2017. The Conference represented a collaboration between the Policy Research Institute for Social and Education Matters at MIC (PRISEM) and the HSE, with the aim of promoting excellence in the provision of disability services.

INAUGURAL STUDENT-TEACHER EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (STER) CONFERENCE

The inaugural Student-Teacher Educational Research (STER) conference took place at MIC in April 2018. STER was an innovative project that shares student teacher research in innovative and accessible ways for the benefit of the education community. Student-teachers in the Professional Master of Education programme presented posters and individual presentations based on the findings of their dissertation research.

EXPLORING TWENTY YEARS OF PROGRESS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR PREPARING EDUCATORS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CONFERENCE

This conference took place at MIC in April 2018 and was part of a national series of seminars funded by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Key speakers at this event included Grant Landon, TUSLA; Arlene Forster, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA); Colette Murray, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB); and Máire Mhic Mhathuna, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT).

MIC CONFERENCE DECONSTRUCTS VILLAIN ARCHETYPE IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVE

A conference entitled *Villainous Victims: Redefining the Antihero from a Postmodern Perspective* was held at MIC in April 2018. The conference was organised by MIC doctoral researchers, Jade Dillon and Adele Hannon, from the Department of English Language and Literature.



Pictured are Adele Hannon, MIC, Dr Mathew Foley, Manchester Metropolitan University and Jade Dillon, MIC

Conferences and Seminars

BARÁNTAS

Deineadh oidhreacht lámhscríbhinní Luimnigh a phé ag siompóisiam speisialta darbh ainm Barántas a reachtáladh i gColáiste Mhuire gan Smál 27 Aibreán 2018. Ba í aidhm Barántas ná aird a dhíriú ar thábhacht na lámhscríbhinní mar achmhainn don phobal. Phléigh cainteoirí a bhfuil saineolas acu ar lámhscríbhinní na dúiche- Úna Nic Éinrí, Pádraig Ó Cearbhaill agus gnéithe éagsúla d'oidhreacht na lámhscríbhinní agus filí agus scríobhaithe ar leith.

ALL-IRELAND RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON IMMERSION EDUCATION – IMMERSION EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND BEST PRACTICES

This international conference was held at MIC in May 2018 in conjunction with the Gaeltacht and Irish-medium Education Council; Tralee Institute of Technology; Irish-medium education; Foras na Gaeilge; and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta, and was organised by Dr T.J. Ó Ceallaigh. Eleven countries were represented by over 200 delegates at this two-day event. Keynote speakers included: Dr. Karen Ní Chlochasaigh (DCU Institute of Education & The Educational Research Centre), Prof. Laurent Cammarata (Associate Professor in Education, University of Alberta), Prof. Diane J. Tedick (Professor of Second Language Education at the University of Minnesota, USA) and Prof. David Lasagabaster (University of the Basque Country).

THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH METHODS SUMMER SCHOOL (IRMSS) MAY 2018

The 7th International Research Methods Summer School (IRMSS) 2018, took place at MIC from 25 May to 26 May 2018. Keynote speakers at IRMSS 2018 included Prof. Jennifer Gore, Director of the Teachers and Teaching Research Centre at the University of Newcastle, Australia, and Editor-in-Chief of the international journal Teaching and Teacher Education (TATE); Prof. Henry Braun, Boisi Prof. of Education and Public Policy and Education Research, Boston College, USA; Professor Eugene Wall, Mary Immaculate College; and Prof. Marie Parker-Jenkins, University of Limerick. The Alumnus Keynote was delivered by Dr Miriam Hamilton of MIC. The 3-Minute Thesis Competition for postgraduate researchers at IRMSS 2018 was won by Brigid Golden of MIC



Pictured at Barántas/Hear Ye, Hear Ye were: (L-R, back row) Róisín Ní Ghairbhí and Stephen Newman, event organisers and Roinn na Gaeilge MIC, Máire Ní Neachtain, Head of Roinn na Gaeilge MIC and (L-R, front row) speakers, Cathal Poirteir, Radio Producer and former chairperson of the IMRAM Festival and scholars, Pádraig Ó Cearbhaill and Úna Nic Éinrí.



Pictured L-R: Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of MIC Graduate School; Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC; Prof. Henry Braun, Boisi Professor of Education and Public Policy, Boston College; Dr Miriam Hamilton, MIC Lecturer; and Dr Ger Downes, MIC Graduate School.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION PROJECT IN IRELAND (HTEPII)

The inaugural meeting of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Project in Ireland (HTEPII) was held at MIC in June 2018. Led by MIC, the HTEPII sought to bring together the experience and expertise of researchers and personnel at An Garda Síochána, the Irish Department of Justice & Equality, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Department of Justice Northern Ireland. The project aimed to share resources to address aspects of the societal challenge posed by human trafficking and modern-day slavery in Ireland.

This important international initiative offered MIC an opportunity to play a central part in the effort to combat human trafficking. It afforded the College an opportunity to take a central and influential place in a global project where one of the central mission pillars of the institution, social inclusion, was front and centre. Working with the Vatican, EUROPOL and international police and justice services, NGOs national and internationally, as well as a range of other stakeholders, MIC devised research methods and mechanisms for the quantification of human trafficking and the design of educational materials to help combat modern slavery by “making the invisible visible”.

IRISH INSTITUTE FOR PASTORAL STUDIES AT MIC THURLES CONFERENCE ON ‘THE FUTURE OF THE IRISH PARISH’

In August 2018, the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies at MIC Thurles held a successful conference on ‘*The Future of the Irish Parish*’. The over-subscribed conference focused on how Irish parishes could navigate their future amidst rapidly declining clergy numbers.



Pictured: HTEPII Project Executive Board Members: Prof Michael Breen, Dean of Arts, MIC; Detective Garda Sgt. Claire McKeon, Human Trafficking Investigation and Coordination Unit; Kevin Hyland (OBE), Chair and Commissioner Anti-Slavery UK; Professor Eugene Wall, President, MIC; Det. Supt. Aidan McCarthy, Human Trafficking Investigation and Coordination Unit; Prof. Michael Healy, Associate Vice President of Research, MIC; Carol Murphy, Deputy Director, Centre of the Study of Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Dept. of Justice and Equality; Paul Gunning, Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Department of Justice and Equality and Dr Amy Healy, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, MIC.



Community Engagement and Culture



CULTURE NIGHT AT MIC

On 22 September 2017 MIC opened its doors to provide a fun-filled evening of free entertainment as part of Culture Night 2017.

VEX ROBOTIC AND DELL EMC

In October 2017, Dr Maeve Liston, Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement worked with teachers locally, DELL EMC (Cork and Limerick) and Limerick Education Centre to develop workshops to support teachers in carrying out project work in Robotics in the classroom in Cork, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary schools. The teachers then attended the regional VEX Robotics Competitions in Limerick and Cork in 2018.



Launch of VEX Robotics Programme with MIC, Dell and the Limerick Education Centre on Monday, 2 October 2017

TIPPERARY FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE 2017

The inaugural Tipperary Festival of Science was led and organised by MIC in collaboration with LIT Thurles and took place during Science Week, 12 – 19 November 2017.



TRID AN LIONSA JAN 2018

Dr Úna Ní Bhroiméil of the Department of History, presented a six-part documentary series aired on TG4 in January 2018. The series examined early Irish photographic collections from the period 1880-1902.



Pictured: Dr Úna Ní Bhroiméil

FLAME OF HOPE - INDIA

On 2 January 2018, nine members of the MIC community travelled to India to volunteer at the Flame of Hope Home & School for children with special intellectual and physical needs.



MIC student volunteers at the Flame of Hope Home & School (L-R) Billy Stone, Cian O'Brien, Kerrie Kelly and Sarah O'Keefe, with Prof. Éamonn Conway, Head of Theology & Religious Studies at MIC, with some of the children there.

CODERDOJO AT MIC

Free Coder Dojo sessions were held on Wednesday nights from 14 February to 14 March 2018 for children aged 7-12 years. Over 50 Student Volunteers and 35 Children attended each session led by Claire Carrol, PhD Student at MIC, in collaboration with Coder Dojo Mid- West.



LIME TREE THEATRE - "WAITING FOR GODOT" FUNDRAISING EVENT

On 8 March 2018, the Lime Tree Theatre held a fundraising event with a performance of 'Waiting for Godot' by Druid Theatre after which guests were treated to a very special acoustic performance from Paul Brady. Guests on the night included Minister Patrick O' Donovan T.D., Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., Ms Jan O' Sullivan T.D. and Mayor Stephen Keary, in addition to a number of high-profile Limerick-based guests. This event served as both a fundraiser and an opportunity to place the Lime Tree to the fore in telling the good story that is Limerick's economic, social and cultural revival.



Community Engagement and Culture

LIMERICK LIFE-LONG LEARNING FESTIVAL

MIC contributed a programme of events for adults, teachers and children as part of the Limerick Life Long Learning Festival from Monday 19 to Friday 23 March 2018.



BA CONTEMPORARY AND APPLIED THEATRE STUDIES

First year BA Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (CATS) students took to the stage of the Belltable in April 2018 with '4.48 Psychosis' by Sarah Kane, a powerful and important piece of contemporary theatre.



Camogie – Ashbourne Shield Winners



Ladies Football – Division 2 League finalists



Sports

Fresher's Football – Division 2 Championship Finalists

Senior Men's Football – Trench Cup winners

Men's Rugby – Tier 2 Cup winners in 2017



GRADUATION NUMBERS 2017

COURSE	NO. GRADUATED
Bachelor of Arts	200
Bachelor of Education	403
Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology	26
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Practice	17
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education	70
BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting	16
BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies	21
BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies	15
BA in Education, Irish and Religious Studies	9
BA in Education Studies, Business Studies & Religious Studies	1
Graduate Diploma in Christian Leadership in Education	2
Graduate Diploma in Special Education	48
Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership & Management	3
Certificate in General Learning & Personal Development	5
Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education	16
Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies	21
Diploma in Education Studies (Level 7)	1
Diploma in Early childhood Care and Education	1
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics	6
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education	15
Master of Arts in History	4
Master of Arts in Modern English Language and Literature	9
Master of Arts in International Development Practice	2
Master of Arts (Research & Thesis)	4
Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching)	66
Master of Education in Special Education	7
Master of Education	15
Master of Education (Adult & Further Education)	1
Master of Education in Information & Communication Technologies in Primary Education	5
Master in Education in Educational Leadership and Management	13
Master of Education in Professional Studies in Education	1
Master of Education in Professional Studies in Education	3
Master of Arts in Education & Well Being of the Older Person	4
Máistreacht San Oideachas San Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge	9
Master of Arts in Music Education	7
Master of Arts in Education (Research & Thesis)	3
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)	2
Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	9
Certificate in Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years	847
TOTAL GRADUATED:	1018

Energy Usage

ENERGY USAGE 2017 – 2018

During 2018, MIC consumed 8,168 MWh of energy consisting of:

2,294.4 MWh of electricity,
5,529.6 MWh of gas,
339.1 MWh of heating oil,
4.9 MWh of transport fuels (diesel)

During 2018, there was a marginal increase in electrical and mains gas related energy usage. However, there was 14.3% decrease in heating oil energy used at MIC Thurles. Transport related energy usage is insignificant. 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 continued to fall and reached an all-time low of just 1,148.2 kWhs, or 326 kg of CO₂ emitted to the atmosphere as a result of their energy usage, last year.



Extract from Statement of Comprehensive Income	Year Ended 31-Aug-18 €'000	Year Ended 30-Aug-17 €'000
<u>Income</u>		
Academic Fees	21,039	17,682
State Recurrent Grants	12,648	11,192
Other Income incl. Deferred Pension Funding	9,764	9,998
Total Income	43,451	38,872
Amortisation of state capital grants	1,405	1,354
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs	(22,670)	(19,811)
Other Expenditure incl. Pensions Costs	(21,227)	(20,245)
Total Expenditure	(43,897)	(40,056)
Total Comprehensive Income	959	170

The College confirms that fees and/or expenses paid to members of the Trustees and the Governing Authority are in accordance with the guidelines from the Department of Finance were €1222.00 for the year 2018 and are presented in the College's Annual Report here for the year 2018.

NOTE FOR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Capital Commitments and Enhancement of the College Campus

The College has completed significant refurbishment works to An Halla on Limerick campus enhancing this accessible space into a multi-use area with emphasis on providing an appropriate facility for theatre and drama activities and studies.

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





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