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Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Report 2018-2019 for Mary Immaculate College.

In October 2018, a new Governing Authority was appointed to the College for a five-year term from 2018-2023. In the same month, a new Executive Team was appointed. During this academic year, two significant appointments were made to the Senior Management Team of the College with Professor Emer Ring appointed as Dean of Education in January 2019 and Professor Niamh Hourigan appointed as Vice President Academic Affairs in March 2019.

On Friday, 29 March 2019, two significant events took place at the College. Professor Eugene Wall gave his inaugural lecture as President of MIC and the official launch of the MIC Strategic Plan 2023: A Flourishing Learning Community took place. This ambitious plan setting out the College's agenda and strategic priorities for the next five years, as MIC continues to make a significant educational, social and cultural impact regionally, nationally and internationally.

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

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Réamhrá

Fáilte go Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2018-2019 do Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál.

I mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2018, ceapadh Údarás Rialaithe nua ar an gColáiste ar feadh téarma cúig bliana ó 2018 go 2023. Sa mhí chéanna, ceapadh Foireann Fheidhmiúcháin nua. Le linn na bliana acadúla seo, rinneadh dhá cheapachán shuntasacha ar Fhoireann Bainistíochta Sinsearaí an Choláiste nuair a ceapadh an tOllamh Emer Ring mar Dhéan an Oideachais i mí Eanáir 2019 agus an tOllamh Niamh Hourigan mar Leas-Uachtarán um Ghnóthaí Acadúla i mí an Mhárta 2019.

Ar an Aoine, 29 Márta 2019, tharla dhá imeacht arb'fhiú trácht orthu sa Choláiste. Thug an tOllamh Eugene Wall a léacht tionscnaimh mar Uachtarán ar CMgS agus seoladh oifigiúil Plean Straitéiseach CMgS 2023: Pobal Foghlama Faoi Bhláth. Leagtar amach sa phlean uailmhianach seo clár oibre agus tosaíochtaí straitéiseacha an Choláiste don tréimhse cúig bliana amach romhainn, de réir mar a leanann CMgS ag imirt tionchair shuntasacha san oideachas, go sóisialta agus go cultúrtha ar bhonn réigiúnach, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta. 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 fíis CMgS mar institiúid a chuireann deiseanna foghlama agus taighde ardleibhéil ar fáil atá 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
- Dr Áine Lawlor
- Very Rev. Fr Tony Mullins (retired July 2019)
- Mr Richard Leonard
- Dr Marie Griffin
- Sr Frances Minahan RSM (appointed January 2019)
- Ms Maedhbh Uí Chiagáin
- Most Rev. Kieran O'Reilly
- Most Rev. Raymond Browne
- Mr Sean Burke

The Trustees met on the following dates:

- 28 August 2018
- 13 November 2018
- 29 January 2019
- 30 April 2019
- 19 June 2019

AN tÚDARÁS RIALAITHE / GOVERNING BODY

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

- Most Rev. Brendan Leahy (Chair)
- Dr Áine Lawlor (Vice Chair), nominee of the Trustees from their number
- Professor Eugene Wall, President
- Prof. Niamh Hourigan, Vice President Academic Affairs (appointed March 2019)
- 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
- Ms Mary Considine, nominee of the Trustees
- Ms Helen O'Donnell, nominee of the Trustees
- Mr Gerry Reeves, nominee of the Trustees
- Ms Maedhbh Uí Chiagáin, nominee of the Trustees
- Dr Marie Griffin, nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Mr Seán McMahon, Alumni nominee
- Ms Emma Barry, Professional Services Nominee
- Ms Áine Finucane, Professional Services Nominee
- Mr Declan Madden, nominee of the Trustees
- Sr Coirle McCarthy, nominee of the Sisters of Mercy
- Dr Des Fitzgerald, President of the University of Limerick (joined March 2019)
- Mr Eamon Stack, nominee of the Trustees
- Mr Conn Murray, nominee of the Trustees
- Ms Rachel Dunne, MISU President
- Ms Alison Dervan, MISU President
- Judge Tom O'Donnell, nominee of the Trustees as Senior Independent Governor

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

- 17 October 2018
- 12 December 2018
- 27 March 2019
- 19 June 2019

EXECUTIVE TEAM

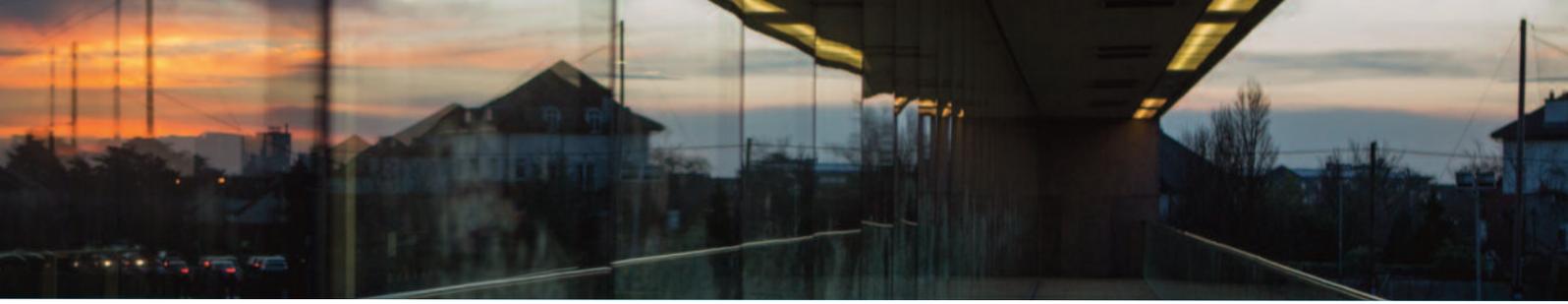
The Executive Team acts as an advisory group to the President for the day-to-day management of the College. The Executive Team, through the President, is accountable to An tÚdarás Rialaithe and its sub-committees. The President, together with the ET, is responsible for the operational management of the College and may appoint such management advisory group or groups and committees as they deem appropriate from time to time, to advise them in this role. The membership of the Executive Team was expanded in October 2018.

Membership

- Professor Eugene Wall President
- Mr Michael Keane, Vice-President Administration and Finance
- Dr Eugene O'Brien, Vice-President Academic Affairs (Acting until 28 February 2019)
- Prof Niamh Hourigan, Vice-President Academic Affairs (from 1 March 2019)
- Prof. Gary O'Brien, Vice-President Governance and Strategy
- Prof. Michael Healy, Vice-President Research
- Dr Angela Canny, Dean of Education (Acting until 11 January 2019)
- Prof Emer Ring, Dean of Education (from 14 January 2019)
- Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts (on Professional Leave of Absence from 1 January 2019)
- Dr John Perry, Dean of Arts (Acting from 4 April 2019)
- Ms Orla Banks, Director of Executive Operations (from 24 October 2018)
- Dr Maeve Liston, Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement (from 24 October 2018)
- Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning (from 24 October 2018)
- Mr Frank White, Director of Human Resources (from 24 October 2018)
- Dr Geraldine Brosnan, Director of Student Life (from 24 October 2018)

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

- 27 August 2018
- 6 September 2018
- 14 September 2018
- 27 September 2018
- 4 October 2018



- 24 October 2018
- 1 November 2018
- 8 November 2018
- 15 November 2018
- 29 November 2018
- 3 December 2018
- 23 January 2019
- 14 February 2019
- 21 February 2019
- 6 March 2019
- 14 March 2019
- 28 March 2019
- 4 April 2019
- 2 May 2019
- 13 May 2019
- 16 May 2019
- 31 May 2019
- 6 June 2019
- 25 June 2019

ACADEMIC COUNCIL (AN CHOMHAIRLE ACADÚIL)

Membership

- Professor Eugene Wall, President
- Dr Eugene O'Brien, Vice-President Academic Affairs (Acting until 28 February 2019)
- Prof. Niamh Hourigan, Vice-President Academic Affairs (from 1 March 2019)
- Prof. Gary O'Brien, Vice-President Governance and Strategy
- Prof. Michael Healy, Vice-President Research
- Dr Angela Canny, Dean of Education (Acting until 11 January 2019)
- Prof Emer Ring, Dean of Education (from 14 January 2019)
- Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts (on Professional Leave of Absence from 1 January 2019)
- Dr John Perry, Head of Psychology and Dean of Arts (Acting from 4 April 2019)
- Dr Patricia Daly, HoD Educational Psychology and Inclusive and Special Education
- Dr Liam Chambers, HoD, History
- Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, Acting 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
- Ms Rachel Dunne, MISU President
- Ms Alison Dervan, MISU Vice-President (from December 2018)
- Mr David Loughnane, MISU Postgraduate Representative
- 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 Geraldine Brosnan, Director of Student Life
- Dr Christiane Schonfeld, HoD of German Studies
- Dr Patrick Connolly, Assistant Registrar
- Ms Aine Finucane, Librarian
- Dr John O'Shea Course, Coordinator, Bachelor of Education Programme
- Mr Diarmuid O'Driscoll HoD, Mathematics and Computer Studies
- Dr Niall Keane, HoD, Philosophy (resigned Dec 2019)
- 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
- Prof. Eamonn Conway, HoD, Theology & Religious Studies
- Prof. Des McCafferty, HoD, Geography
- Dr Gwen Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Dr Neil Ó Conaill, Director School Placement
- Dr Aisling Leavy, HoD STEM
- Dr Gareth Cox, HoD Music
- Dr Michael Finneran, HoD Drama & Theatre Studies
- Dr Deirdre Ryan, Director of Quality
- Dr Johanna Fitzgerald, nominee of the Faculty of Education
- Mr Maurice Harmon, nominee of the Faculty of Education
- Ms Paula Hourigan, Senior Academic Administrator, MIC Thurles
- Dr Aimee Brennan, Nominee of the Faculty of Education
- Dr Eoin Flannery, Acting HoD English Literature & Language
- Dr Deirdre Ní Chroinin, HoD Arts Education and Physical Education
- Dr Ailbhe Kenny, Acting HoD, Arts Education and Physical Education
- Mr Des Carswell, Nominee of the Faculty of Education

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

- 19 September 2018
- 14 November 2018
- 23 January 2019
- 20 March 2019
- 7 June 2019

EXTERNAL LANDSCAPE

STRATEGIC DIALOGUE MEETING WITH THE HEA

The MIC/ HEA Strategy and Performance Dialogue meeting to discuss the MIC Mission-Based Performance Compact 2018 – 2021 took place at the HEA Offices on 5 November 2018. The meeting was chaired by the Interim CEO of the HEA, Mr Paul O'Toole. In attendance were the panel of External Advisors appointed by the HEA to review the MIC Compact:

- Dr Rufus Gasper - President & CEO at the League for Innovation in the Community College and Chancellor Emeritus of the Maricopa Community Colleges, Arizona.
- Mr John Randall - An independent Higher Education Consultant and former Chief Executive of the Quality Assurance Agency for higher education in the UK.
- Mr George Pernsteiner - Former President of the State Higher Education Executive Officers and Chancellor of the Oregon University System.

The outcome of the meeting was decidedly positive.

MIC-UL MoU

The MIC-UL MoU was revised in accordance with the recommendation made in the 2016 QQI Institutional Review of MIC and was approved by An tÚdarás Rialaithe of MIC on 17 October 2018 and the Governing Authority of the University of Limerick on 1 February 2019.

MID-WEST REGIONAL CLUSTER / SHANNON CONSORTIUM

In spring 2019, the Presidents of the Shannon Consortium commissioned the support of outside expertise where Prof. Simon Marginson, Prof. of Higher Education, University of Oxford, agreed to advise on the structures that would best facilitate maximum co-operation and joint action between the three institutions (MIC, UL and LIT) while at the same time respecting the individual missions and ethos of each. The purpose of this exercise was to establish how the Shannon Consortium could deliver the maximum impact for the region and the country, as a city region of 26,000 Higher Education Students, with scale and impact.

A meeting took place with the Minister for Education, Joe McHugh T.D., Minister for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D., the Presidents of the Shannon Consortium, and the Programme Manager of the Shannon Consortium on 14 May 2019 to advance this work.

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

This Review was conducted by Prof. Pasi Sahlberg, Professor of Education Policy at the Gonski Institute for Education at the University of New South Wales, Australia, and advised by Prof. Áine Hyland, Emeritus Professor of Education at University College Cork.

The Review Report detailed the progress of the implementation of the structural reforms identified in the 2012 Report of the International Review Panel on the Structure of Initial Teacher Education (known as Sahlberg 1), by reference to the consolidation of the 19 discrete initial teacher education (ITE) providers to six centres of teaching. The Review complimented all of the centres of teaching excellence for their efforts to collaboratively work together, and for their commitment to implementing the wider reform agenda in a relatively short timeframe and in a challenging economic environment. The Review identified that the centres of teaching were emerging from a process of major reform in the context of restructuring, up to and including incorporation, as recommended by Sahlberg 1 and in line with the vision set out in the National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030. The Report noted the following in relation to the centre which comprised the Shannon

Consortium Partners, namely MIC, UL and LIT: 'In Limerick, there have been significant developments since 2012... MIC – incorporating St. Patrick's in Thurles, now provides ITE across the continuum of early years, primary and post-primary as well as providing CPD, Masters and doctoral programmes. MIC, UL and LIT collaborate on research, CPD and Masters and Doctorate programmes through the National Institute for Studies in Education (NISE) and it is anticipated that collaboration between MIC and UL will grow and strengthen in the years ahead.' The report recommended that MIC 'be recognised as a free-standing provider of ITE and that issues relating to inconsistency of staffing arrangements across the sector be addressed.' The Report noted MIC's investment in facilities which impact on the quality of ITE student experience and opportunities for postgraduate study in education with the major refurbishment of the John Henry Newman Building to support research and postgraduate studies and that 'the meetings with the leadership and staff of MIC, UL and LIT were positive and constructive and there was a sense of goodwill on all sides and a palpable willingness to work together.'

In May 2019, the Department of Education and Skills committed to developing a comprehensive policy statement on foot of the publication of the report, which would provide renewed clarity to the sector in respect of the future direction of initial teacher education.

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF EDUCATION

Dr Emer Ring took up the post of Dean of Education in January 2019.

Dr Ring worked as a senior inspector with the Department of Education and Skills, a primary main-stream class teacher and a learning/support resource teacher, prior to joining MIC as Head of Department of Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Studies in 2011. She lectures across early childhood and teacher education programmes and supervises research from undergraduate to doctorate levels.



Dr Ring has been principal investigator on a range of national research projects covering areas such as early childhood, primary and post-primary education, inclusion, child/student voice, pedagogy and autism. She has published widely in the area of education and is co-editor and co-author of 'Autism from the Inside Out: A Handbook for Parents, Early Childhood, Primary, Post-Primary and Special School Settings' published by Peter Lang, Oxford.

More recently, with her colleagues, Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, Marie Ryan and Patrick Burke, she completed 'A Melange or a Mosaic of Theories? How Theoretical Perspectives on Children's Learning and Development can Inform a Responsive Pedagogy in a Redeveloped Primary School Curriculum' for the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). She is currently joint-principal investigator on the University College Cork (UCC) and MIC research team, which includes MIC's Dr Lisha O'Sullivan and Dr Therese Brophy, evaluating the in-school therapy demonstration project across early years, primary, post-primary and special school settings commissioned by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE).

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr Niamh Hourigan took up appointment of the post of Vice-President Academic Affairs in March 2019.

Dr Hourigan worked for four Irish universities in various capacities during the course of her twenty-year career in higher education in Ireland and was Senior Lecturer in Sociology at University College Cork where she had recently completed a three-year term as Head of the Department of Sociology prior to her appointment to MIC. Previous to this she was Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology for six years. She has published widely on a range of themes and her publications include the monographs 'Rulebreakers' (Gill and Macmillan, 2015) and 'Escaping the Global Village: Media, Language and Protest' (Lexington Books, 2003, 2004). She also edited the influential collection 'Understanding Limerick: Social Exclusion and Change' (Cork University Press, 2011).



She is a former Chair of the Editorial Committee of Cork University Press and a former editor of the Irish Journal of Sociology. She has also served as External Examiner at the Limerick Institute of Technology and as an adjudicator for the NUI postgraduate scholarship scheme. During her early career, Dr Hourigan was based at St. Angela's College of Education, Sligo for four years as part of the programme team establishing a joint BA (Economics and Social Studies) between the College and NUI Galway. She is a frequent contributor to the Irish media and is a native of Limerick city.



STRATEGIC PLAN 2023: A FLOURISHING LEARNING COMMUNITY

Friday 29 March 2019, saw the official launch of MIC’s Strategic Plan 2023: A Flourishing Learning Community, an ambitious plan setting out the College’s agenda and strategic priorities for the next five years, as MIC continues to make a significant educational, social and cultural impact regionally, nationally and internationally.

Included amongst the high priorities contained within the Strategic Plan is the development of a new Library/Learning Resource Centre at the Limerick campus, designed to accommodate the College’s increasing student numbers, currently close to 5,000. Costed at €25million, the 5,000m² facility will deliver a long overdue replacement for the current Library, with the student population having increased five-fold since the existing library opened its doors in 1976 to 750 students. Internally the building will feature a range of learning settings from silent study areas to lively group work rooms. It will have over 550 study places, and will accommodate over 170,000 volumes. It will also contain a 288-seat lecture theatre, media editing suites, a media studio, seminar rooms, staff offices and all the ancillary spaces necessary for a higher education library. Other ambitious goals in the Strategic Plan include a renewal of the suite of programme offerings, including the development of new innovative programmes, responding to skills needs and policy developments; enhancement of the research culture at MIC, which has seen 150 graduates conferred with PhD’s to date; collaboration with regional partners UL and LIT allowing for the development of joint structured PhDs; the development of new bespoke science education strategies, providing opportunities for engagement with next generation technologies; the establishment of an interactive public space for the fusion of creative arts and STEM education; and, in line with national policy—the development of an internationalisation strategy that will see a doubling of international students attending MIC.

Looking to the future, MIC, as an influential Higher Education Institution, will deepen linkages and further develop collaboration between public and private sector bodies and between enterprise and the education sector, at a regional, national and international level, in order to deliver the skills agenda in Ireland.



INAUGURAL ADDRESS - PROFESSOR EUGENE WALL, PRESIDENT

Professor Eugene Wall, the 10th President of MIC delivered his inaugural address on Friday, 29 March 2019.

Professor Wall graduated from UCD in 1975 with a degree in psychology, qualified as a primary teacher from Froebel College and received a PhD in Education from UCD. He is the co-author of the MICRA-T and the SIGMA-T, the two most widely used standardised tests in Irish primary schools and has served for 21 years on the Council of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). He has lectured in developmental psychology and education psychology at MIC since 1980 and served as Registrar/Vice-President of Academic Affairs from 1998 to 2018 when he was then appointed to the post of President of MIC following an open competition.

In attendance at the prestigious event were Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, Minister of State for Higher Education; Cllr James Collins, Mayor of City and County Limerick; Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop of Limerick and Chairperson of MIC Trustees and Governing Authority; Professor Vincent Cunnane, President of LIT; Dr Des Fitzgerald, President of UL; Dr Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector of the Department of Education and Skills; and Sister Angela Bugler, President Emeritus, MIC (1988-1999).

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



LIBRARY

The HEA continued to review, in conjunction with the DES, the MIC request for funding to build a new Library/Learning Resource Centre. In 2018, the value of the project was estimated to have risen to approx. €22.8m. The College continued to await feedback from the HEA on funding for the project.

Programmes

STRUCTURED PHD/M.ED. IN LITERACY EDUCATION

The Structured PhD/M.Ed. in Literacy Education welcomed its first cohort of students to MIC in September 2018.

LAUNCH OF M.OID. SAN OIDEACHAS LÁN-GHAEILGE AGUS GAELTACHTA

Minister for Education, Joe McHugh, T.D., launched the *M.Oid. San Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta* at the College on 19 October 2018.

The tender, awarded to Mary Immaculate College through a public procurement competition, secured an investment of €2,100,000, from the Department of Education and Skills, over five years to provide the part-time two-year postgraduate programme.

The announcement fulfilled a key commitment in the Policy on Gaeltacht Education, which was launched in 2016 by the then Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD, and is the first Gaeltacht-specific education policy in the history of the state. The new places were an important measure to ensure Irish-medium schools had an adequate supply of Irish-medium teachers. The programme commenced in September 2018 with an enrolment of 24 students. It was delivered through a complementary blend of rich and varied onsite and online quality learning opportunities which were designed to enhance participants' learning outcomes.

NEW FURTHER EDUCATION ROUTES

In March 2019, MIC launched new Further Education Entry routes into two post-primary teaching degrees in MIC Thurles alongside a new direct entry route for the BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (CATS) at MIC Limerick.



Pictured left to right: An Dr Karen Ní Chlochasaigh, Léachtóir, An M. Oid. san Oideachais Lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, An Dr Harold Hislop, Príomhchigire, An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna, An Dr T.J. Ó Ceallaigh, Stiúrthóir, An M. Oid. san Oideachas Lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, An tUasal Joe McHugh, T.D., Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna, An tOllamh Eugene Wall, Uachtarán Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál, An Dr Treasa Kirk, Príomhchigire Cúnta, An tAonad um Oideachas Gaeltachta, An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna.

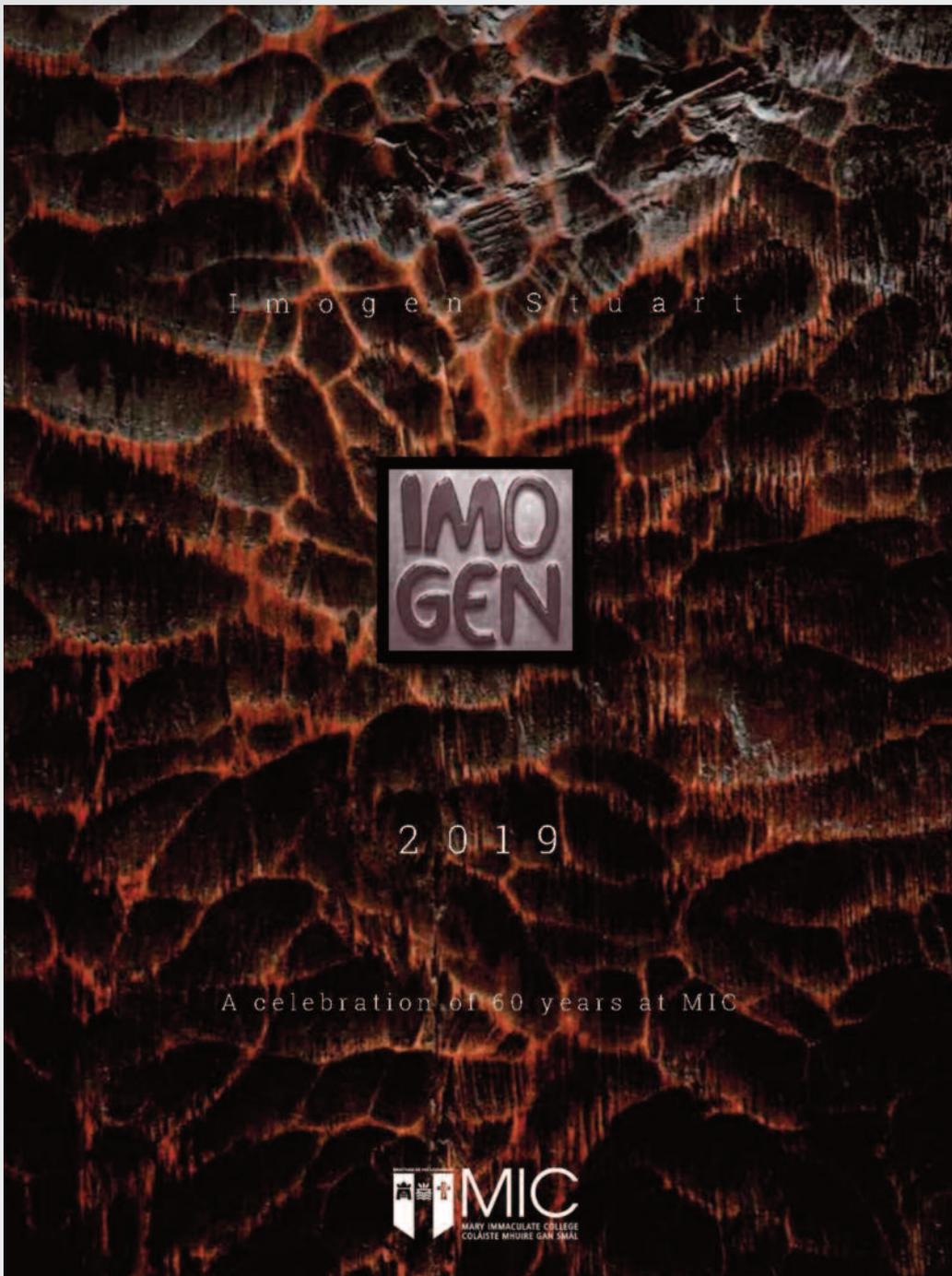


Pictured: (L-R Back Row) Elaine Griffin, NISE Path 1 Project Officer, MIC; Karina Ryan, NISE Path 1 Programme Manager, MIC and Paula Hourigan, Senior Academic Administrator, MIC Thurles. (L-R Front Row): Cllr Séamus Hanifan; Dr Finn Ó Murchú, Head of School of Education (Post-Primary), MIC Thurles; Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC; Prof. Niamh Hourigan, Vice-President Academic Affairs MIC and Dr Geraldine Brosnan, Director of Student Life, MIC.



Pictured at the Launch from left: Niamh Gaine, Cork College of Commerce; Anne-Marie Hannon and Lillian Monahan, Admissions Office MIC and Moira Maher, Guidance Counsellor, Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co. Limerick

Projects and Activities



IMOGEN STUART CALENDAR COMMEMORATING 60 YEARS OF HER WORK AT MIC

A 2019 calendar commemorating 60 years of Imogen Stuart's work at MIC was created in collaboration with the artist. A member of *Aosdána* since 1981, Imogen was also elected a full member of the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1990 and Professor of Sculpture by the RHA in 2000. Imogen was presented with The McAuley Medal, which is the highest award that Mary Immaculate College can bestow, in honour of her lifetime contribution to the arts in Ireland, by the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, in September 2010. She was elected Saoi of *Aosdána* in a ceremony presided over by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, in September 2015.

VISIT OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO MIC

On 24 September 2018, the ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Mrs. Deike Potzel, visited the College to speak about “German-Irish Relations and the Future of Europe”.



Pictured L-R: Dr Eugene O'Brien, Acting Vice President Academic Affairs, H.E. Mrs. Deike Potzel and Dr Christiane Schönfeld, Head, Department of German Studies.

HERA RESEARCH PROJECT AT MIC

In Spring 2019, Dr Ailbhe Kenny and her collaborators from the Netherlands, UK, Germany and Denmark were successful in their bid to HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) for their project entitled ‘Night spaces: migration, culture and IntegraTion in Europe. The team received one million euro for the three year project which will study night-time public spaces created by migrant communities in six European countries - in the Netherlands, Ireland, UK, Germany, Portugal and Denmark.



Pictured L-R: Prof. Michael Healy, Vice President of Research, Dr Ailbhe Kenny, Professor Eugene Wall, President MIC

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (NCSE)

In 2019, MIC and University College Cork (UCC) were awarded €108,068 to engage in an evaluation of the Therapy Demonstration Project taking place in 150 education settings. The project is being led by UCC in collaboration with Prof. Emer Ring (Dean of Education), Dr Lisha O’Sullivan (Head of Department, RPECS) and Dr Therese Brophy (EPISE). Data-analysis will be completed during the July-August period and a final report will be furnished to the NCSE at the end of September.

THE ENQUIRING CLASSROOM HANDBOOK

Dr Patricia Kieran of the Department of Learning, Society, and Religious Education along with Prof. Aislinn O’Donnell (NUIM), Associate Prof. Lovisa Bergdahl (Sodertorn University Sweden) and Stephanos Cherouvis (EA, Athens) launched The Enquiring Classroom Handbook (TEC) in the Chester Beatty Library Dublin in spring 2019. The Handbook was the output from the two-year Enquiring Classroom Project (TEC), which developed a range of innovative and experimental strategies to support teachers and students (ages 8-18) to engage in difficult ethical conversations about identity, religions and beliefs, democratic values, diversity, belonging and violence, in order to establish a firm foundation for inclusive and tolerant schools and classrooms. It was the culmination of two years of international collaboration and research involving four key partners working with teachers through workshops in Ireland, Sweden and Greece and summer schools in Athens.



Awards and Achievements



Back row: Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School, Dr Godfrey Katumba, Dr Caitriona Breathnach, Dr Cyril Odia, Dr Rory Feehan, Dr Síle Ní Choinceannain, Prof. Michael Healy, Vice President Research. Front row: Prof. Michael Breen, Dean of Arts, Dr Derek Mulcahy, Dr Cillian McHugh, Professor Eugene Wall, Dr Emma Fisher, Dr Pádraig Ó Dálaigh, Dr Sandra Wagner.

CONFERRING CEREMONIES

The MIC Conferring Ceremonies took place on 25, 26 and 27 October 2018. A total of 1,906 students graduated over the three days. The quality of advanced scholarship at MIC continued to be evident, as 12 PhD scholars were conferred. Dr Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Skills, addressed the graduands at the morning ceremony on Friday 26 October. Dr Fergal Lynch, Secretary General, Department of Children and Youth Affairs, addressed the LINC graduands at the Saturday morning ceremony.

As part of the conferring ceremonies, a number of students are presented with an Award for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of various non-academic achievement. This year's recipients were:

Cian Lynch, who graduated with a BA in Geography and Theology & Religious Studies, a member of the All-Ireland winning Limerick Senior Hurling Team 2018.

Aaron Gillane, a current liberal arts student, also a member of the All-Ireland winning Limerick Senior Hurling Team 2018.

Roisín Upton, a current PME (Primary Teaching) student, who played her part in Irish sporting history as a member of the Ireland Women's Senior Hockey Team that took home silver in the 2018 Hockey World Cup final in London in August.

Linda Collins, a current final year B Ed student, in recognition of her sporting achievements as part of the winning All-Ireland Cork Senior Camogie team in 2015 and 2018.



Cian Lynch and Aaron Gillane with MIC President Professor Eugene Wall.



Roisin Upton with MIC President Professor Eugene Wall.

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY 2018

The second annual Student Awards Ceremony took place in the Lime Tree Theatre on 19 November 2018. Over 130 awards were presented on the evening, including entrance scholarships, sports scholarships, academic awards and other awards. Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD attended the ceremony where she presented the 1916 Bursary Awards, awarded by the Department of Education and Skills. At this ceremony, the College recognised three MIC alumni for making a distinguished contribution in their chosen field of endeavour. They were: Éamonn Meehan, recently retired Executive Director of Trócaire; Dáithí Ó Sé, RTÉ Presenter and Jacqui Hurley, RTÉ Presenter.



Pictured at the Mary Immaculate College Awards Ceremony were RTE presenter Dáithí Ó Sé, RTE sports presenter Jacqui Hurley and recently retired Executive Director of Trócaire, Éamonn Meehan, who received the MIC Alumni Awards. They are pictured here with Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC and Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Higher Education.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIAN'S 'KIRKPATRICK HISTORY OF MEDICINE AWARD 2018

Triona Waters, a PhD student in the Department of History, won the Royal College of Physician's 'Kirkpatrick History of Medicine Award 2018' for her work on the curable and incurable patients of the Limerick District Lunatic Asylum. This prestigious international competition was open to all researchers in the field of the history of medicine in Ireland, as well as related social and cultural history fields. Four scholars were shortlisted to present their work at the Heritage Centre Lectures at the annual St Luke's Symposium on Thursday, 18 October 2018. As well as Mary Immaculate College, the other institutions represented were the University of Strasbourg, University of Oxford and Trinity College Dublin. Triona is a third year PhD student in the Department of History under the supervision of Dr Maura Cronin, Dr Úna Bromell and Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (NUI Galway).



Pictured: Triona Waters being presented with her prize by Prof. Mary Horgan, President of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND STUDENT CONGRESS AWARDS APRIL 2019

Final year Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology student, Kevin O'Sullivan (as supervised by Dr John Perry), won the overall prize at the 41st Annual Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) Student Congress for his oral presentation of undergraduate research (April 2019).



41st All-Ireland Annual Psychology Student Congress 2019: Six MIC awardees (final year B.Ed Psych students) (Back row, L-R): Dr Marc Scully, Psychology lecturer, MIC; Ciara Sweeney; Kevin O'Sullivan; Orla O'Gorman; Dr Paul Mulcahy, Psychology lecturer, MIC; Dr John Perry, Head of the Department of Psychology and Dean of Arts (Acting), MIC; (Front row, L-R): Kate Sweeney, Louise Cashman and Stephanie Earley. Missing from photograph Dr. Claire Griffin and Dr. Laura Ambrose, lecturers in Educational Psychology

Awards and Achievements

FROM MATURE STUDENT TO PUBLISHED AUTHOR

On 1 May 2019, *The Glynnns of Kilrush, County Clare, 1811–1940: Family, business and politics*; the first publication from Limerick academic, Dr Paul O’Brien, lecturer in MIC, was launched. Published by Four Courts Press, the book examined the fortunes of a provincial entrepreneurial family, the Glynnns of Kilrush, Co. Clare, who came to prominence in the early years of the nineteenth century. It explores their networking strategies and business acumen, and traces the rapid expansion of their business activity from small-scale corn millers to proprietors of several enterprises including shipping concerns and railways. The book was launched by Prof. David Dickson, Trinity College Dublin.



Pictured L to R: John Glynn, Dr Paul O’Brien and Prof. David Dickson, TCD

APPOINTMENT OF DR LOÏC GUYON AS HONORARY CONSUL OF FRANCE IN LIMERICK

On 28 May 2019, Dr Loïc Guyon, Head of Department of French Studies was officially appointed by H.E. Stéphane Crouzat, Ambassador of France to Ireland, as Honorary Consul of France in Limerick with jurisdiction over the Mid-West region.



IRC GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In 2019, MIC had two successful applicants for the IRC Postgraduate Scholarship awards: Shane O’Neill (Postgraduate Researcher in Drama & Theatre Studies) and Tracy McCarthy, (Postgraduate Researcher in History). This was a notable achievement for both candidates in a highly competitive national competition.



Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School MIC & Shane O’Neill IRC Awardee

REGIONAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER 2019

Dr Fionnuala Tynan was selected as the 2019 overall winner in the Shannon Consortium Regional Teaching Excellence Awards held in Mary Immaculate College on 7 May 2019. This was the eleventh year of the annual Regional Teaching Excellence Awards showcasing excellence in teaching and learning within the Shannon Consortium.



Pictured L-R: Dr. Gwen Moore, Professor Eugene Wall, Dr Fionnuala Tynan, Prof. Emer Ring and Dr Lisha O’Sullivan

Development of International Work



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MENTORING & LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOLS FOR BRAZILIAN TEACHERS AT MIC

In December 2018, the Brazilian government scholarship agency, CAPES, signed a €3.2 million contract with MIC for an annual competition to bring the top 30 teachers in Brazil to MIC for a one-year Graduate Diploma in Mentoring & Leadership in Schools. It was planned that the programme would run for three years, commencing in June 2019. Nineteen of Brazil's best teachers then arrived in Limerick at the beginning of August 2019 to undertake a one-year Graduate Diploma in Mentoring and Leadership in Education programme at MIC. The teachers were selected by the Brazilian Government Scholarship Agency, CAPES, under a new three-year joint scholarship scheme, which is part of a multi-million-euro contract signed between MIC and CAPES aimed at further developing the educational links between Ireland and Brazil.

Pictured: Brazilian Teachers pictured with Mayor Michael Sheahan and Professor Eugene Wall at City Hall, Limerick

Development of International Work

MIC PARTNERSHIP WITH BOSTON COLLEGE - CITY CONNECTS

In February 2019, a delegation from MIC, the Department of Education and Skills, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and TUSLA, led by Professor Eugene Wall, travelled to Boston College to explore the possibility of Irish participation in the City Connects project. This is a school intervention project, which is headed by Boston College, and operates in over 100 public, charter, and private schools in Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Indiana. MIC was instrumental in establishing the Irish connection.



Pictured at Boston College: Professor Eugene Wall, President MIC, Prof. Emer Ring, Dean of Education MIC, Dr Ann Higgins, MIC, Brendan Doody, Assistant Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Skills, Mary Cregg, Principal Officer, Head of Social Inclusion Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Dalton Tattan, Assistant Secretary, Head of Inclusion, Department of Education and Skills, Conor Rowley, Principal Officer, Head of Policy Innovation Unit, Department of Children and Youth Affairs, David Logan, Assistant Principal Officer, Leading on the development of the Educational Welfare Service and Out of School Education, Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Noel Kelly, Director of Educational Welfare Services, TUSLA.



Pictured: The Mexican student teachers at the Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough St., Dublin with the Secretary General of the DES, Seán Ó Foghlú, Mexican Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Mr Miguel Malfavon, Professor Eugene Wall, President and colleagues from MIC.

ONE HUNDRED MEXICAN STUDENT TEACHERS COMPLETE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE AUGUST 2019

MIC was delighted to welcome 100 Mexican student teachers for the ‘San Patricios Teacher Education Programme’ in Inclusive Education to the College from 21 August to 6 September 2019. The student teachers, who were from all corners of Mexico, took part in this specially-designed programme, delivered by the Faculty of Education and the International Office, in partnership with the Embassy of Ireland in Mexico and the Mexican Ministry of Education, and jointly-funded by Irish Aid/the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Education and Skills.

MIC was chosen by the Mexican government to deliver this Level 8, 6 ECTS Supplementary Award in Pedagogy, Assessment and Learning, based on the long tradition of excellence in teacher education at MIC and MIC’s commitment to equity and social justice. The programme was a huge team effort and greatly exceeded all expectations. From the MIC, Irish government and Mexican government perspectives, the visit was a resounding success on a number of levels, especially educational and diplomatic.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Extensive International Engagement took place with representatives of the College visiting various countries to explore future links with schools and universities to support undergraduate and post-graduate collaboration. Examples of these visits included:

In November 2018, Professor Eugene Wall visited the Irish Ambassador to Mexico, H.E. Barbara Jones, in Mexico City and had a further meeting with the Deputy Head of Mission, Dr Sarah Callanan, in Monterrey. Both were aware of the developments with CAPES in Brazil and undertook to discuss the possibility of a comparable programme with the new Minister of Education in Mexico, Esteban Moctezuma Barragán.

In January 2019 Professor Eugene Wall visited the Australian Catholic University (ACU) campuses in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia.

Dr Finn O’Murchú visited Tokyo, Japan in May 2019.



L to R: Mr Chris Riley, Pro Vice-Chancellor, International; Prof. Dermot Nestor, Executive Dean, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy; Mr Julien O’Connell, Pro Chancellor ACU Melbourne, and Professor Eugene Wall.



Mr Paul Kavanagh, the Irish Ambassador to Japan with Dr Finn Ó Murchú

Conferences and Seminars

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'REVOLUTIONISING PLAY: PERSPECTIVES, POSSIBILITIES AND PROMISE'

MIC hosted an international conference on the theme of 'Revolutionising Play: Perspectives, Possibilities and Promise' on 18 September 2018.

The one-day conference at MIC, co-hosted with the Children's Research Network, was aimed at ensuring that children were provided with enriched opportunities to play throughout their childhood through highlighting children's right to play and educators' responsibility in making play happen from early years right through to post-primary level.

Boston College's Prof. Peter Gray, world renowned expert on play and author of the blog '*Freedom to Learn*' for the magazine 'Psychology Today', presented the opening keynote address and convincingly answered the question: 'What exactly is play and why is it such a powerful vehicle for learning?'

Adam Harris, CEO of AslAm, presented the afternoon keynote address on '*Play, I did it My Way*' and highlighted the importance of ensuring all children are included in, and provided with enriched play opportunities to support their learning and development. Adam also launched the long-awaited Peter Lang publication '*Autism from the Inside Out: A Handbook for Parents, Early Childhood, Primary, Post-Primary and Special School Settings*' co-edited by MIC's Dr Emer Ring, Dr Patricia Daly and Professor Eugene Wall, with contributions from experts in education and psychology at Mary Immaculate College.



Pictured left to right: Prof. Peter Gray, Boston College; Adam Harris, AslAm; Professor Eugene Wall, President of MIC; Prof. Emer Ring, MIC, Dr Maga Haals Brosnan, Children's Research Network; Dr David Kenefick, Children's Research Network and Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, MIC.

féilte at MIC

The Teaching Council of Ireland's annual Festival of Education in Learning and Teaching Excellence, FÉILTE, which celebrates the wonderful work that teachers do every day in their classrooms and gives teachers the opportunity to collaborate and share this work with each other and with the wider public, took place at MIC on 5 and 6 October 2018. This was the first time that FÉILTE was held outside of Dublin. It was officially opened by President Michael D Higgins, accompanied by his wife Sabina.

Senator Lynn Ruane was the Keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon and spoke of the importance of reading in her life and the influence of one of her first teachers on her path to activism.



Pictured left to right: Professor Eugene Wall, Mr Tomás ÓRuiric, Director of the Teaching Council, Ms Noelle Moran, Chair of the Teaching Council, President Michael D Higgins, Ms Sabina Higgins.



Pictured: Dr Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin and Senator Lynn Ruane.

REVOLUTION, REMEMBRANCE AND RE-VISION: CHARTING THE PATH OF EDUCATION, HES CONFERENCE 2018

A number of MIC colleagues were involved in *Revolution, Remembrance and Re-vision: Charting the Path of Education, HES Conference 2018*, on 9-10 November, at the Strand Hotel, Limerick, which hosted delegates from over 20 countries. The keynote speakers were Dr Raymond McCluskey (School of Education, University of Glasgow); Dr Jane McDermid (Emeritus Fellow in History, University of Southampton); Dr Jane O’Dea (Professor and Dean of Education Emerita, University of Lethbridge, Canada) and Prof. Tom O’Donoghue (Graduate School of Education, University of Western Australia).

DIVERSITIES: INTERPRETATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF SPHE

The *Diversities: Interpretations in the Context of SPHE*, an SPHE Network Conference was hosted by MIC on 10 November. Keynote speakers included academic, writer and advocate Sinéad Burke and Professor of Equality at UCD, Prof. Kathleen Lynch. The conference brought together academics, teachers, student teachers, postgraduate students, health professionals, policy-makers, NGOs and the wider education community, to engage in dialogue about diversities in today’s society with a particular focus on how it is interpreted and addressed within the SPHE curriculum. Among the MIC speakers were Margaret Nohilly, Carol O’Sullivan, Ciara Connolly and Brigid Golden, Fionnuala Tynan, Carmelita McGloughlin and Anne Dolan. The conference was opened by Professor Eugene Wall, President.

Conferences and Seminars



IRISH SOCIETY FOR THEATRE RESEARCH (ISTR) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Drama & Theatre Studies hosted the Irish Society for Theatre Research (ISTR) Annual Conference on 10 and 11 May 2019. Convened by Dr Carole Quigley and Dr Michael Finneran, the theme of the conference was 'Conversations Through Time: Intersectional, Intergenerational, Interdisciplinary'. The Keynote Speakers were: Dr Emilie Pine (University College Dublin) and Dr Lisa Fitzpatrick (University of Ulster), pictured above left.

MAJOR IRISH LANGUAGE CONFERENCE ON LIMERICK POET MICHAEL HARTNETT

A major Irish language conference on Limerick's poet Michael Hartnett, took place in Mary Immaculate College on 24 May 2019, the first ever scholarly conference dedicated to the poet who died almost twenty years ago. The conference brought together scholars and poets to celebrate the Irish language legacy of the poet dubbed 'Limerick's Lorca' by Seamus Heaney. The event was organised by Roinn na Gaeilge's Dr Róisín Ní Ghairbhí, Dr Stephen Newman and Tony Ó Floinn.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH METHODS SUMMER SCHOOL (IRMSS)

The 8th International Research Methods Summer School (IRMSS) took place on 25 May 2019. This year's theme was leading, leaders and leadership as variables of social analysis in public and policy spheres. Keynote speakers included: Dr Alan Wall, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education and Skills; Prof. Rebecca Lowenhaupt, Boston College; Prof. Helen Gunter, University of Manchester; and Prof. Joanne Hughes, UNESCO Chair in Education, Queens University. The conference attracted presenters from fields such as teaching and learning, politics and society, language and literature, children and childhood and assessment and evaluation, among others.



L-R: Prof Eugene Wall, President MIC, Prof. Jim Deegan, Head of Graduate School, Prof. Rebecca Lowenhaupt, Boston College, Prof. Joanne Hughes, Queens University, Prof. Helen Gunter, University of Manchester, and Dr Alan Wall, Department of Education and Skills.

ERNST TOLLER CONFERENCE

Dr Christiane Schönfeld, Head of the Department of German Studies at MIC, along with her colleague, Prof. Lisa Marie Anderson, Hunter College, organised a three-day conference entitled, “Remembering Ernst Toller (1893–1939): Exiles and Refugees between Europe and the US” from 30 May to 1 June 2019. The conference took place at Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, City University of New York. A host of international speakers delivered fascinating papers on various themes related to Ernst Toller and other German-speaking exiles in New York and the United States, and their legacy for today’s exiles and refugees. Speakers included: MIC alumna Dr Britta Jung, Aoife McInerney, PhD student with the Department of Philosophy at MIC and Dr Christiane Schönfeld. The conference was sponsored by DAAD, the Max Kade Foundation, the German Consulate, the Austrian Cultural Forum in New York and Hunter College, CUNY.



Pictured L-R: Dr Christiane Schönfeld and Aoife McInerney

CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING AT MIC THURLES JUNE 2019

MIC Thurles ran a very well attended summer school on middle leadership in June 2019 and successfully launched their Postgraduate Certificate in Middle Leadership and Mentoring.



L-R: Dr Finn Ó Murchú, Prof. Tom O’Donoghue (University of Western Australia), Professor Eugene Wall and Dr Harold Hislop (Chief Inspector) pictured at the launch of the Postgraduate Certificate in Middle Leadership and Mentoring at the MIC Thurles Summer School 2019

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EDUCATION COLLOQUIUM AT MIC JUNE 2019 MayDay 31 ‘Music Education as Social, Cultural, and Political Action’

MIC hosted the 31st International Colloquium of the MayDay Group in Music Education from 19-21 June 2019 and Dr Gwen Moore was the conference chair. It was the first time the Colloquium was held outside of the US and Canada with delegates attending from Brazil, Australia, USA, Singapore, Canada, the UK and Ireland.

EUPOP 2019 CONFERENCE JULY 2019

EUPOP 2019, the 8th Annual European Popular Culture Association conference took place in the College from 16-18 July 2019. This is the first time that the conference was held in Ireland, having previously taken place in the UK, Finland, Germany, France and the Czech Republic. Over 80 delegates attended the conference from 18 countries across Europe, North America, Asia and Australia/New Zealand. The conference was held in association with the Department of Media and Communication Studies, the Irish Centre for Transnational Studies and the Institute for Irish Studies.

Community Engagement and Culture



CULTURE NIGHT 2018

On 21 September 2018, MIC opened its doors to provide a fun-filled evening of free entertainment as part of Culture Night 2018. A wide range of events included:

- Bróga Nua – Ceardlann Rannta agus Scéalta/Rhymes and Storytelling with Áine Ní Shúilleabháin.
- A workshop with Maeve Clancy, MIC’s Visual Artist-in-Residence.
- Multi-cultural performances by students from MIC and the Irish Traditional Musician Artist- in-Residence Desi Wilkinson. Highlights included acoustic guitar recitals, Moroccan songs, piano recitals, Spanish songs, poetry and traditional Irish music.

Pictured: Highlights from Culture Night 2018

TARGETING EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE (TED) EDNIP PROGRAMME

The TED EDNIP (Embracing Diversity, Nurturing Integration, Learning for Life Project) was co-financed by the European Commission under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and supported by the Department of Justice and Equality. Since 2017, EDNIP worked closely with five Limerick primary schools to support migrant children and their families to integrate into school and community life. The schools involved were: CBS Primary School, Sexton Street; Our Lady of Lourdes N.S., Rosbrien; Presentation Primary, Sexton Street; St John’s Girls’ and Infant Boys’, Cathedral Place; St Michael’s Infant School, Sexton Street. The project celebrated the cultural diversity within these schools by working with the whole school community to provide innovative and sustainable responses to integration.

A very successful Community of Practice was held on March 28 2019 at which a presentation on the Integration plan for Limerick City was given. The EDNIP project organised a wide variety of opportunities for children and their families. Between 2017 and 2019 a total of 5,551 opportunities had been availed of by children; 2,124 opportunities had been availed of by parents and 672 opportunities had been availed of by school staff, a combined total of 8,347. These opportunities included delivering a suite of in-class lessons on inter-culturalism, discrimination and racism, a Mid-West Interfaith Network World Café event, a Mid-Winter Party, Intercultural music workshops; cultural family outings during school closures to King John’s Castle, the Hunt Museum, Treasure Hunts and Walking Tours of Limerick.



Participating on a Walking Tour of Limerick

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT WITH ENABLE IRELAND

As part of the 2nd-year 'Community Theatre' module on the BA in Contemporary and Applied Theatre Studies (BA CATS) programme, 4th-year student Aisling Ryan co-designed a workshop called 'Coloured Feelings' with Dr Fiona McDonagh for the Enable Ireland Limerick Adult Day Services Centre in Mungret. The workshop explored emotions with adults with intellectual and physical disabilities in the context of theatre.



BA CATS students with service users Eddie Ryan, Shane O'Gorman, and Grainne Moroney

STEM ALLIANCE

In February 2019, MIC worked with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, the Regional Skills Fora and Action Plan for Jobs to design and deliver a programme which linked industry, mentors and role models to schools, teachers and students in the Limerick, Clare and Tipperary Region.

CODER DOJO AT MIC

In Spring 2019, free CoderDojo sessions were run every Wednesday from 27 February - 20 March for children aged 7-12 years.

Over 90 MIC students volunteered to guide the CoderDojo attendees (known as Ninjas), to facilitate their learning and provide support in completing weekly challenges. The sessions included the development of key literacy and numeracy skills, team work and communication skills as well as higher-order thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills.



Pictured: Children, parents & MIC students learning how to code during Coder Dojo Sessions 2019 at MIC

LEARNING LIMERICK FESTIVAL 2019

MIC contributed a programme of events to the Learning Limerick Festival 2019 and was a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding for Learning Limerick and lead partners which agreed to underline support for the Learning City-Region initiative for Limerick. There were six core funding partners that were signatories to the MoU namely Limerick City and County Council; Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board; PAUL Partnership; University of Limerick; Mary Immaculate College and Limerick Institute of Technology.



Pictured at the signing of the MoU for Learning Limerick, Professor Eugene Wall, President, MIC, Cllr. James Collins, Mayor of Limerick, Dr Maeve Liston, Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement, MIC.

ENGINEERS WEEK 2019 AT MIC

MIC was delighted to host and deliver a number of events to celebrate Engineers Week 2019, which ran from 2-8 March 2019.



Community Engagement and Culture

ESB SCIENCE BLAST 2019

MIC hosted the ESB Science Blast Limerick from 21 -23 May 2019, where 3,500 primary school students participated, representing more than 144 schools regionally and nationally.



ESB Science Blast 2019

TRAVELLER CULTURE AWARENESS TRAINING (TCAT)

The Department of Learning Society and Religious Education (LSRE) hosted a Traveller Culture Awareness Training (TCAT) on 22 May 2019. The training was part of an overall Inter-agency strategy to support better service provision for Travellers and had been delivered to groups such as the HSE, UCC, An Garda Síochána and the Prison Service.

The training was attended by staff from across a range of areas within the College, including the PATH1 programme in MIC, LINC (Early Childhood Education), Adult Education, and Primary Education. The event was coordinated by Dr Sandra Ryan and Dr Dan O'Connell.



MIC staff attending the Traveller Culture Awareness Training

EMPOWER 2019

The 'EMPOWER' Summer programme in Entrepreneurial and Scientific Thinking, Creativity, Design and Innovation, was delivered to second-level students (Transition Year, 5th & 6th year) in June 2019. This five-day joint initiative with LIT, funded by the HEA involved workshops at MIC and LIT Limerick and Thurles, site visits to First Data Nenagh, Setanta Sports Thurles, STATS sports and the Escape Rooms, Limerick.



Sports

- Ladies Football** - Division 2 League finalists
- Ladies Football** - Division 4 League finalists
- Intermediate hurling** - Munster and All Ireland league winners
- MIC Thurles Camogie** - O'Maolagain Cup winners
- MIC Limerick Camogie** - Ashbourne Shield winners
- Senior Hurling** - Fitzgibbon Cup Finalists
- Fresher Hurling** - B Finalists

Martial Arts - Hayleigh Kiely, Irish Kickboxing Champion 2019

Munster GAA Bursaries 2018

- Jenny Brew Dinan
- Gearóid Cahill
- Emma Dineen
- Clara Griffin
- Colin Guilfoyle
- Seán Meehan
- Eimear Ní Chadhla
- Kate Stack

Munster Ladies Gaelic Football Higher Education Bursary recipients:

- Ciara Ryan (Mary Immaculate College & Limerick)
- Ciara Hughes (Mary Immaculate College & Cork)



Dearbhaile Roe won the Ladies Doubles Competition in the National College Championships in Tennis. Dearbhaile was partnered with Janeen Laabei from TCD. (Dearbhaile is on the left in the picture).



Michelle Nagle Gold medalist Weight lifting intersarsity in February 2019.



Clodagh Neville (BA), won the Women's A Doubles final in the National Collegiates Handball Championships in Minnesota in February 2019. (She is pictured here on the right with her doubles partner, Cathy Foley from UL) .

Sports

ALL IRELAND WINNERS LIMERICK 2018

MIC was delighted to be well represented on the winning All-Ireland Senior Hurling team 2018, with Aaron Gillane (current student), Cian Lynch (alumni), Richie English (alumni), Declan Hannon (alumni), and Darragh O'Donovan (alumni).

Also representing their counties were MIC students Colin English and Craig Morgan who were part of the winning Tipperary U21 hurling team.

GRADUATION NUMBERS 2018

COURSE	NO. GRADUATED
Bachelor of Arts	218
Graduate Diploma in Christian Leadership in Education	3
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics	17
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education	18
Master of Arts in Modern English Language and Literature	6
Master of Arts in History	6
Master of Arts in International Development Practice	1
Master of Arts in Media Studies	4
Master of Arts (Research & Thesis)	2
Doctor of Philosophy (Arts)	12
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education	72
Graduate Diploma in Education and the Arts	1
Master of Education in Professional Studies in Education	1
Bachelor of Education	186
Bachelor of Education in Education and Psychology	30
Graduate Diploma in Adult and Further Education	17
Master of Education (Adult & Further Education)	2
Graduate Diploma in Special Education	48
Master of Education in Special Education	7
Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies	48
Master of Arts in Education & Well Being of the Older Person	6
Bachelor of Education	188
Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching)	61
BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting	21
BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies	15
BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies	14
BA in Education, Irish and Religious Studies	5
BA in Education Studies, Business Studies and Religious Studies - Level 7	1
BA in Education Studies, Irish & Religious Studies - Level 7	1
Master of Education	17
Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management	1
Master in Education in Educational Leadership and Management	16
Certificate in General Learning & Personal Development	9
Certificate in Leadership for INClusion in the Early Years	852
Total Graduated Students	1906

Energy Usage

ENERGY USAGE 2019

During 2019, MIC consumed 8,082.7 MWh of energy consisting of:

2,317.5 MWh of electricity,
5,360.1 MWh of gas,
403.6 MWh of heating oil,
1.5 MWh of transport fuels (diesel)

There was a marginal increase in electrical energy usage during 2019 and heating oil energy usage at MIC St. Patrick's Campus Thurles. However, our mains gas usage at MIC Limerick has decreased and transport related energy usage has fallen sharply during this period. Our overall energy performance, which is measured in energy usage per registered student, has continued to improve i.e. kWhs (of electricity, thermal & transport energy combined) per registered student has fallen, year on year, for the past three years.



Extract from Statement of Comprehensive Income	Year Ended 31-Aug-19 €'000	Year Ended 31-Aug-18 €'000
<u>Income</u>		
Academic Fees	22,237	21,039
State Recurrent Grants	15,492	12,648
Other Income incl. Deferred Pension Funding	10,559	9,764
Total Income	48,288	43,451
Amortisation of state capital grants	1,465	1,405
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff Costs	(24,900)	(22,670)
Other Expenditure incl. Pensions Costs	(23,034)	(21,227)
Total Expenditure	(47,934)	(43,897)
Total Comprehensive Income	1,819	959

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 €3449.00 for the year 2019 and are presented in the College's Annual Report here for the year 2019.

NOTE FOR 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Capital Commitments and Enhancement of the College Campus

The College has completed significant refurbishment works to the Courtbrack Accommodation blocks on the Limerick campus which service the accommodation needs of approx 90 students every year.

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

The College upgraded and enlarged the Library on the Thurles campus - including computer lab facilities and student break out rooms.

The Tara Building had works related to fire safety requirements completed.

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