

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB DEVELOPMENTS



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Celebrating
the Official Opening
of Kingswood CC!

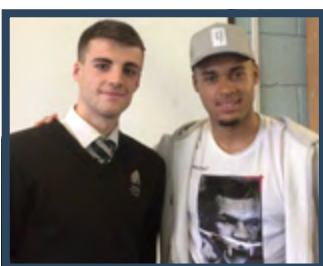
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AND MUCH MORE!



GRADUATION

Leadership Connect
Showcase



FIRHOUSE IS 40!

Celebrating with past and
present pupils and staff

Leadership Connect & UDL Showcase & Graduation, May 2023

We did it!

What an incredible evening we had at the #Teamddletb graduation and showcase on Thursday, May 11th.

Attendees were wonderfully entertained by the Lucan Community College Choir and team of musicians and well fed, thanks to Glanmore Foods.

Teacher Leadership and UDL projects were on display for all to see and illustrated the hardwork, creativity and commitment of participants.

The event was attended by our CE Caitriona Murphy, members of our Senior Leadership Team, School and Centre Leaders, programme facilitators and coordinators and over 120 participants. The opening ceremony and certificate presentation was officiated by our Post-Primary Director of Schools, Adrian Flynn.

Congratulations to all the participants of Leadership Connect (Teacher Leadership Programme and Middle Leadership Programme) and UDL (Universal Design for Learning) who completed the programmes with flying colours.



Thank You!

Your hard work and dedication to both your professional and personal development is truly admirable. We had a wonderful evening celebrating your achievements and we look forward to seeing the impact you will make in our organisation, your schools and centres and beyond!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this night a memorable one. It was a true reflection of the collaborative spirit and supportive culture that we have here at DDLETB.

Thank you to the Development Support Team, Christy Leahy (DDLETB Head Office), DDLETB Senior Leadership Team, Glanmore Foods, Lucan Community College choir and musicians, school and centre leaders for their continued support and of course to our 2022-2023 participants.

Here's to many more successful graduations in the future!

See a little video of the event here - [Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB - Leadership Connect and UDL Graduation and Showcase 2023](#).



Teacher Leadership Programme



This year TLP saw 125 teachers from across 23 schools graduate from the programme. This programme would not be possible without the expert advice and wisdom which our session Facilitators share.

The TLP Project of the Year Award:

The selection criteria:

1. Impact on learner/school community
2. Engagement with Programme
3. Contribution/teamwork/ team development
4. Links to school development/ statements of learning

A big thank you to the Teacher Leadership Programme 2022-2023 Facilitators:

- Joe Lynch (LCETB)
- Michael Flynn (DDLETB - Ériu Community College)
- John Cronin (DDLETB - Castleknock Community College)
- Seán Smyth (DDLETB - Grange Community College)
- Dr. Joe O'Connell (Consultant)
- Professor Laura Lundy (Co-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights and Professor of Education and Law).
- Martina Donnellan (DDLETB - Fingal Community College)

Project Title: Ready to Reflect

Team: Robert Mahon (Facilitator)

Nathan Kane

Marian O'Herlihy

Eithne Morrow

Emma Russell



Skerries Community College

READY TO REFLECT

Rationale
"Students reflect on their progress as learners and develop a sense of ownership of and responsibility for their learning" - Looking At Our Schools 2022.

SSE in Skerries CC
Teaching & Learning is currently an area our school is working on as part of its School Improvement Plan. We felt that this was an opportunity to lead through the TLP project.

Aims of the project

- To develop reflective skills in our students in relation to assessments.
- To empower students to take ownership of their learning.
- To highlight, at a school wide level, the importance of reflection.
- To strengthen our leadership skills through leading this key area of improvement for our school.

1. Student Survey
We began our project with a survey of all first year students with the aim of gauging prior-knowledge on the topic of reflection. The results highlighted:

- 90% of students know what reflection means
- 7 in 10 students do not reflect regularly
- 1 in 2 students do not feel they are good at reflection

3. Post Workshop Survey
Following the student workshop we conducted a second survey of the first year students. We could immediately see the impact of the project. The results highlighted that:

- 75% of students felt that they had a better understanding of reflection.
- 82% of students believed that they learned useful reflection techniques.

4. Reflection in Skerries CC in the future
How we will continue to move towards reaching our aims:

- The poster we developed will be placed in every classroom for all students to refer to next year.
- The QR code will provide them with a template to download for any assessment in their subjects in future.
- The student journal will also have an adapted version of the poster to help them reflect on their learning independently.
- The school will adopt the reflection workshop, poster and journal page in meeting the SSE targets of Metacognition and Self Regulation for 2022/24.
- Teachers will be encouraged to use the reflective terminology as part of their range of assessment techniques with a number of strategies included in the teacher journal.

POST-ASSESSMENT REFLECTION

2. Development of the reflection aid and student workshop

- Firstly, following research into reflective techniques for post-primary students, we adapted Rofers model of reflection and developed the **WHAT - WHY - WHAT NOW** reflection cycle.
- Secondly, we created a **Student Reflection Aid**, the poster, in line with the reflection method devised.
- Finally, we developed a **40-minute workshop** for all first year students. These workshops were carried out by all members of the TLP team. During the session, students were given sample assessments which had varying levels of feedback. They were then tasked with practicing their reflection skills using these sample assessments and the reflection aid as pictured below.



Second Place: Adamstown CC
Project Title: Developing Student Leadership through Community Engagement
Team: Pádraig Concannon (Facilitator)
Emma Prenty
Tara Finn
Niamh Hayden
Joseph Gaffney
Priscilla McKenna



Third Place: Collinstown Park CC
Project Title: Back to Basics: Managing Myself
Team: Olivia Shortall (Facilitator)
Sinead Lucey
Ciara Mahon
Michelle Tobin
AnnMarie Lennon



Make sure to check out the amazing TLP Showcase posters which capture the innovative work which teams undertook as part of their projects. You can see all of the posters on the DDLETB website.

Middle Leadership Programme: Another Great Year of Participation and Collaboration for #Teamddletb

This new Middle Leadership Programme is now in its second year and continues to receive a great response and participation from DDLETB's staff members. This year's programme had 40 participants (API and APII post-holders) who came from various schools, centres, departments and roles from within our organisation.

The theme of this year's programme was communication and collaboration. It consisted of six sessions, some online and some in-person. Additionally, there were three Leadership Connect sessions, which proved to be a great success. This 'hybrid' approach was fantastic and allowed for greater participation and communication among participants.

The programme was designed to provide an opportunity for middle leaders in DDLETB to develop their skills and knowledge in leadership, reflection, communication, teamwork, collaboration, and other key areas.

MLP has also proven to be an excellent opportunity for our middle leaders to build relationships and grow both professionally and personally. Participants gained new perspectives and made valuable connections with other leaders in DDLETB and were afforded opportunities to learn from each other. The programme also provided them with the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and grow as individuals and leaders.



Middle Leadership Programme

2022-2023 Facilitators:

- Joe Lynch (LCETB)
- Ian Malloy (DDLETB – Tallaght Training Centre)
- Harry Freeman (Educational Consultant)
- Michael Flynn (DDLETB - Ériu Community College)
- Diane Birnie (DDLETB – Lucan Community College)
- Stephen Brett (DDLETB – Lucan Community College)
- Gráinne Malone (DDLETB – Lucan Community College)
- Aisling Kirwan (DDLETB – Lucan Community College)
- John Cronin (DDLETB – Castleknock Community College)
- Seán Smyth (DDLETB - Grange Community College)
- Dr. Joe O'Connell (Consultant)
- Professor Laura Lundy (Co-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights and Professor of Education and Law)

We would like to extend our thanks to all the facilitators from within DDLETB and external facilitators who contributed their time and expertise to make this year's programme a success. Their insights and knowledge were invaluable, and they played a critical role in shaping the programme's content and delivery.

We would also like to thank all 40 participants for their commitment to the programme. It was a pleasure working with and getting to know you all. We hope that you will continue to use the skills and knowledge you have gained from the programme to make a positive impact in your roles and in our organisation as a whole.

UDL Badge 2022/23

Congratulations to all of the new members to our UDL team. The submissions for this year's Badge were more great examples of teachers enhancing teaching and learning to give all students an equal opportunity to succeed.

Submissions were wide and varied spanning every aspect of school life and truly inspirational.



You MUST spend at least €5.
Maximum of 3 Starters/Deserts
Chapter 2 – The Earth's Surface

Starters (1 Euro)

1. List the four layers of the Earth.
2. Name the three types of plate boundaries.
3. State one area where you find the most volcanic and earthquake activity.

Mains (2 Euros)

1. Draw a labelled diagram of a volcano.
2. List the three types of volcanoes and give an example of each one.
3. Explain what a socio-economic impact is.

Desserts (3 Euros)

1. List and explain all of the key-words associated with earthquakes.
2. Explain what the difference is between the Richter Scale and the Moment Magnitude Scale.
3. Describe how a Fold Mountain is formed.

Orla in Fingal CC offered students a 'Recipe for Success' to select their format of assessment.

UDL Badge 2022/23

Audrey and Lisa in St. Mac Dara's CC addressed the ever-present issue of reducing litter in the school. Their project looked at active means of;

- educating students about the environment.
- reducing the quantity of disposable products.
- ensuring there are adequate bins to manage rubbish

This project stood out for its inclusive engagement throughout the school community, I especially love the Bin Family whose job it was to support L2LP learners come to grips with the school's waste management system in a fun and creative way.

BIN FAMILY

This is the Bin Family

- These bins have very important jobs in our everyday lives!
- Today we will learn more about them!



VISUAL GAME FOR L2LP



UDL Badge 2022/23

Laura in Deansrath CC identified a need to report students' efforts in SPHE as there was a lack of recognition of student efforts in Summer and Christmas reports and parents don't get to see a true reflection of work carried out.

The project aimed at optimising individual choice and autonomy by using multiple tools for construction and composition.

"I wanted students to feel that they could showcase all they know in a way they were comfortable or felt they could excel in. The

project was assigned to 2nd year SPHE class to complete as part of their Christmas Assessments.

Students chose a topic and their mode of delivery. The marking scheme would be the same for all students, but their expression wouldn't be limited."

Student feedback indicated 100% of them found having a choice in their project very helpful. A resounding affirmation that offering choice and flexibility enhances engagement.

Topics	Modes of Delivery	Assignment Due	Success Criteria
Growth Mindset	Infographic/poster	Tuesday 6 th Dec 22	1.Intro (what your project is about) 2.Content- All about your chosen topic 3.Why the topic is important and why you chose it 4.Tips for focusing on the topic 5.Design and artwork
Being Healthy and Staying Well	Power point	40 Marks	
Dream Job and Goal Setting	Scrapbook Video	Content 10 Creativity 10 Engagement 10 Presentation 10	

UDL Badge 2022/23

DDLETB's Ethos Coordinator and Communications Officer, Caroline and Janet, took on the UDL approach to develop the truly excellent Ethos Framework Genial.ly.

[Click here to learn more by interacting with their project.](#)



You can see the full UDL Showcase Video here - https://youtu.be/l_5o77Zgg38

Many thanks to Elaine in Ardgillan CC who provided multiple means of action and expression through movement breaks and active learning, checkpoint 4.1 - Varying methods for response and navigation by giving students the choice, by giving students the choice of typing or writing the sentiment on a card and drawing or making the design from play doh.

From the students in Ardgillan CC and all of us Thank you UDL Participant, you continue to inspire and lead excellence in education in your schools.



2023 Programme

Summer CPD for Special Needs Assistants

**27th June 2023
and 22nd August
2023**

**DDLETB
Head Office
D24X62W**

Understanding Childhood Trauma in Education

Facilitators: Marie Delaney, Trauma
Responsive Education. [www.trauma-
ed.com](http://www.trauma-ed.com)

- Define trauma in the context of school and education
- Recognise the indicators of trauma in school
- Understand the effects of trauma and poor attachment on teaching, learning and behaviour in the classroom on learners and staff
- Recognise the importance of self-care and self-regulation and the signs of secondary trauma
- Identify ways to create emotional and physical safety in school and to implement trauma responsive techniques which can help all pupils
- Use language positively to help pupils to settle to learn, to be able to de-escalate conflict and to repair relationships so that learning can take place

**27th June 2022
10 - 3.30 pm
Lunch Included**

Supporting our Wellbeing

Facilitator: Joe Lynch, Education
Support Services.

- Tailored Support: Understanding the unique challenges you face as special needs assistants. This workshop offers strategies crafted to address your well-being needs, covering topics such as self-care, stress management, emotional resilience, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.
- Peer Connections: Connect with fellow special needs assistants in a supportive community.
- Wellness Activities: Engage in rejuvenating wellness activities designed to promote physical and mental well-being.

**22nd August 2023
10 - 3.30 pm
Lunch Included**

Register Here



[Click HERE to register](#)



SPIRIT OF DDLETB AWARDS

The Spirit of DDLETB Award is chosen by the staff of our schools.

The selection is based on our Ethos & Core Values of
CARE, RESPECT, EQUALITY, COMMUNITY & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.
The student chosen is one who exemplifies at least one of the core values.



This year the recipients of the award are:

- Collinstown Park Community College: Onesime Tembe
- Deansrath Community College: Lily May Thunder
- Coláiste Cois Life: Siobhán Ní Ríordáin
- St Finians Community College: Ghenadie Scobioala
- Grange Community College: Cian Corrigan
- Lucan Community College: Millie Morrison
- Fingal Community College: Seosamh Lee
- Mac Dara's Community College: Rebecca McGowan
- Castleknock Community College: Adam Brennan
- Skerries Community College: Mathilde Mullins
- St Kevin's Community College: Russel Makani



The Gareth Suite, Grange CC

Celebrate Our Ethos Student Competition

First Place: Noreen & Niya Aby, [Ériu CC: Core Value App](#)

Second Place: The Gareth Suite, Grange CC

Third Place: [Swords CC](#)

First Runner Up: Emily Ni Thoráin, [Cois life](#)

Shortlisted:

Collinstown Park CC 5th year Art class

Aidan Flannery, Skerries CC - [Piano Composition](#)



Collinstown Park CC 5th year Art class

DDLETB Inter-Schools Debating Final

This year, in line with ETB core values of community and excellence in education, DDLETB Post-Primary, inter-school debate competition was established.

The competition facilitated increased collaboration within our school community, and encouraged the students involved to develop their higher-order and critical thinking skills.

The inaugural inter-school competition was aimed at Junior Cycle students. Twelve schools across our DDLETB community entered the competition, which culminated in the final hosted in DDLETB Head Office this May.

It was a wonderful experience to host the highly anticipated final. The atmosphere at Head Office was buzzing, as students from various schools gathered to showcase their talents and participate in our audience.

Speakers from both teams exhibited remarkable confidence as they articulated their viewpoints with clarity and passion. They also engaged in lively exchanges, challenging and defending their ideas and showcasing their ability to think on their feet.

DDLETB debating will be expanded next year to include a competition for Senior Cycle students and we hope to have many entrants to both the Junior and Senior Cycle competitions from a wide range of schools within our community.

We extend our congratulations to all who took part this year, for their outstanding performances and commitment. We hope to see you all in the competition next year!



“ I really enjoyed the competition because it helped me to develop my public speaking skills. I learned a lot about how to structure arguments and it was nice to meet students from other schools. Head Office was very welcoming, there was a good atmosphere, and we enjoyed the snacks provided. ”

Student Testimonial from Brian De Ridder, Ardgillan College.





EAL

*Celebrating, valuing and respecting
diversity in DDLETB schools*

Multicultural day in Coláiste Pobail Fola

Coláiste Pobail Fóla held a multicultural day this term to build community. The event was organised by the student council and was attended by guest of honour, Emma Murphy, South Dublin County Council Mayor.

Food stalls representing some of the 31 countries in the school allowed classmates to experience exciting flavours from around the world. Dancers from Poland, Romania, Moldova, India and Africa entertained showing how talented and passionate the school population is.





Ériu CC valuing and displaying the languages spoken by the school population

This term, Ériu CC created a display of languages spoken by their school and called it their Wall of Languages. Home languages are an important part of students' identity and should be visible around the school. It is important for schools to encourage and support students to value their home language as well as to continue to use it. **Well done, Ériu CC!**

EAL training course in June 2023

A new Council of Europe Recommendation on language education: "the importance of teacher education"

<https://www.ecml.at/Resources/Webinars/tabid/5456/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

Teachers and PMEs working in DDLETB schools are invited to be trained and certified to teach English as an Additional Language (EAL). The course will run intensively over a week in June in order to develop expertise to support students from a migrant/refugee who struggle to access the curriculum on an equal basis with their peers.

EAL students deserve to be taught by teachers who are trained to help them manage the huge language load they face daily in our mainstream classrooms. This course supports our core value of Excellence in Education.

Last places remaining. Please contact mkenny@ddletb.ie



Official Opening

Kingswood Community College

It was a momentous occasion for all involved in education, as we gathered in Kingswood Community College to celebrate the official opening of the school on May 11th 2023.

During his tenure the then Minister for Education Ruairi Quinn ran a competition to design 'A School of the Future'.

A school not only technologically advanced, but thoughtful and creative in its use of space and light. A school building, designed to support wellbeing for all, to encourage a sense of community and promote excellence in education.

It was in this award-winning building by Gordon Fleming and Stuart Glendinning of ARPL Architects that we welcomed An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to officiate the official opening ceremony on May 11th.

Kingswood Community College was established under the patronage of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board in 2016 with 52 students in temporary accommodation.



The school community moved into the new state of the art building in August 2019 and became one of few schools nationally to be awarded Apple Distinguished School in 2022.

Growing rapidly and now caring for almost one thousand students, the school endeavours to foster a trad-digital learning experience balanced with nurturing the intellectual and personal growth of every student.

The opening ceremony was a blend of contributions from students, represented by Head Students Amy Carruth and Jay Trieu, the management team of the school, Principal Deborah Dunne, Deputy Principals Mary Murphy and Emma O'Beirne, School Board of Management Chairperson Cllr. Mick Duff, and CE of DDLETB Caitriona Murphy.

The event comprised of a video montage of the schools journey to date, offerings of symbols of school life including the school's adorable and now famous community dog Oide Kara, and performances by KCC choir and Transition Year students.

The event culminated with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar planting an oak tree in the grounds of the school. This tree is of significant importance to KCC as it is the central symbol of the school crest – the oak or daur being the doorway to education.

It was a wonderful event, filled with joy and a marvellous sense of community.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and took part in the celebrations and KCC's journey to date. A special thank you to An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, for attending and officiating the ceremony.



Visit www.kingswoodcc.ie for more information and follow the school on social media. Don't forget Oide Kara has her own Twitter feed and it is not to be missed!



Coláiste na Tulchann



De réir a chéile a thógtar na caisleáin – Tá Coláiste na Tulchann, Aonad Ián-Ghaeilge LCC ar an bhfód ó 2018 agus ag dul ó neart go neart. Ó Mheán Fómhair 2023 ar aghaidh beidh 6 bhliainghrúpa ann den chéad uair, nó 130 dalta, agus iad ag foghlaim trí mhéan na Gaeilge i mBÁC 15.



Tarlaíonn an fhoghlaim i Mol na Gaeilge ó Shamhain 2021, nuair a bhogamar trasna chuig foirgneamh Choláiste na Tulchann ar champas oideachais LCC.

Roinntear áiseanna praiticiúla nua-aimseartha sa phríomhfhoirgneamh a chothaíonn feasacht ar an nGaeilge fud fad an champais. Oibríonn Stiúrthóir CNT, Evelyn Ní Raghaill, faoi stiúir phríomhoide LCC, Siobhán Moran, chun croiluachanna DDLETB a chur i bhfeidhm trí Ghaeilge.

Tugann spléachadh ar mheáin shóisialta na scoile an oiread spraoi agus scléip a tharlaíonn le linn foghlama, ní hamháin sa seomra ranga ach i mbun imeachtaí seach-churaclaim freisin. Shroich an banna ceoil craobh Scléip, bhain foireann luthchleasaíochta go leor gradam timpeall na tíre, agus bhí iliomad deiseanna ann do dhaltaí agus d'oidí gníomhú le Gaeilge.

Tá réimse leathan d'ábhair ar fáil ag leibhéal na Sraithe Sóisearaí agus na hArdteiste agus cuirtear leis an soláthar seo gach aon bhliain. Aithníonn an chroífhóireann thiomanta na deiseanna a ghabhann le múineadh i gcomhthéacs an tumoideachais.

Tacaítear leo tabhairt faoin scilbhisiú sa Ghaeilge agus is ar leas na ndaltaí i gcónaí an fheasacht teanga seo sa mhúineadh. Tugann na daltaí faoin Idirbhliain freisin a thugann go leor taithí saoil dóibh agus iad i mbun foghlama don chéad chaibidil eile – an saol mór amach rompu.

Tá béim láidir ar chúrsaí folláine agus pobail anseo i gColáiste na Tulchann agus is ambasadóirí iontacha iad na daltaí chun an scoil a chur chun cinn. Tugann siad cuairt ar na bunscoileanna, labhraíonn siad ag imeachtaí eolais na scoile agus léiríonn siad an taithí iomlánaíoch a fhaigheann siad san oideachas anseo i mBÁC 15.

Coláiste na Tulchann

Coláiste na Tulchann, LCC's Aonad Lán-Ghaeilge has been on the scene since 2018 and is going from strength to strength. From September 2023 onwards there will be 6 year groups for the first time - approximately 130 students- learning through the medium of Irish in BÁC 15.



The latest Gaeltacht has been operating from Mol na Gaeilge since November 2021, when we moved into the Coláiste na Tulchann building on the LCC educational campus. Modern, practical facilities are shared with mainstream students in the main building which promotes awareness of the Irish language throughout the campus.

CNT Stiúrthóir, Evelyn Ní Raghail, works under the direction of LCC Principal, Siobhán Moran, to implement the core values of DDLETB through Irish. A glance at the school's social media highlights the fun and (learning) games, not only in the classroom but also in extra-curricular activities. The banna ceoil reached the Scléip finals, the athletics team won many awards in events around the country, and there are many



opportunities for students and teachers to participate as Gaeilge. Staff are supported in upskilling the Gaeilge and students benefit from this added language awareness in the classroom.

There is a wide range of subjects available at Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate level and this provision is increased every year as teachers are recruited and recognise the benefits of working in Irish-medium education.

The students also undertake the Transition Year which gives them a lot of life experience as they learn for the next chapter – the big life ahead of them.

There is a strong emphasis on well-being and community at Coláiste na Tulchann and the students are great ambassadors for promoting the school. They visit the primary schools, speak at school information events and demonstrate the holistic educational experience they get here in Coláiste na Tulchann, BÁC 15.

For more information visit www.colasitenatulchann.ie and follow them on social media (Twitter)

Construction Jobs, Apprenticeship & Training Expo

Baldoyle Training Centre and Loughlinstown Training Centre recently attended the INTREO Construction Jobs, Apprenticeships and Training Expo in Tallaght Stadium.



Baldoyle Training Centre's Electrical Apprentices and their instructor at the INTREO Construction Jobs, Apprentices and Training Expo at the NBA in Tallaght.

Baldoyle Training Centre and Loughlinstown Training Centre recently attended the INTREO Construction Jobs, Apprenticeships and Training Expo in Tallaght Stadium.

The event provided a fantastic platform for our apprentices and their instructors to demonstrate their skills, engage with visitors, and highlight the incredible opportunities available in Apprenticeships and the range of educational pathways available.

Throughout the day, our apprentices took demonstrated tasks through practical displays and engaging conversations.

We are proud of our apprentices and their instructors who represented DDLETB Training Centres with professionalism and enthusiasm at the expo.



Our Loughlinstown team at Apprenticeship & Training Expo in National Basketball Arena.





OUR Junk Kouture JOURNEY

St. Kevin's Community College

This year at St. Kevin's Community College we introduced a fashion module in TY with the help of our art teacher Miss. Gallagher.

Students were very interested and creative, but one student stood out in the fashion class, Alexa Alexandrina. Alexa had a vision from the very beginning, she came to class with sketches and each week proved her dedication and determination to enter the Junk Kouture Recycled Fashion Competition.

The whole school community were excited to see her compete in the Junk Kouture National Final on Thursday 4th May at the 3 Arena, Dublin.

80 designs from all over the country were chosen to perform at the National Final, all competing for the grand prize; a place in The World Final in London. There were screams and tears when Alexa was announced as a finalist.

We are so proud of Alexa who has earned her place in The World Final with her design 'Fallen Angel'. We can't wait to continue our Junk Kouture Journey in London in October!

'Our Day Out' - A Roaring Success

In April, Lucan CC Teacher and Student Drama Group took to the stage for three sold out performances of Willy Russell's 'Our Day Out'.



In this enormously successful production, the crew and cast of 20 teachers, school leaders and students pulled together and showed fantastic teamwork and cooperation to pull off a fantastic show. The five months of rehearsals were hugely evident on stage – the standard of acting and singing was incredible!

It was a truly memorable 3 nights. A funny and moving production which showcased the talents of all involved.

The very first teacher/student drama took place in 2001 – also performing 'Our Day Out'. In 2019, teachers took to the stage again, for John B Keane's 'The Field'.



'Our Day Out' Director and Teacher Mr John O'Connor pulled out all the stops for this, his final production before he retires at the end of this school year.

Mr O'Connor has been involved in close to 20 musicals and dramas throughout his career in Lucan Community College. Mr O'Connor has said 'directing 'Our Day Out' in Lucan Community College has been a wonderful high note to finish on.

We wish Mr O'Connor every success as he embarks on the great adventure of retirement – which will no doubt be spent dabbling in the Arts.



Ardgillan Community College Active School

One of 3 Post Primary Schools in the Country to be Awarded Active Flag.

Ardgillan College was one of three post primary schools in the country to be awarded with the Active School Flag in May 2023. The student led initiative, founded by the University of Limerick strives to promote movement and learning through movement in school settings.

Over the past four years, students and staff have been promoting movement in many ways from Just dance breaks in class to impromptu table tennis tournaments.

New and exciting activities have been introduced including rowing with Rowing Ireland, Tug of War with Tug of War Ireland and Diving at the National Aquatics Centre in Blanchardstown.

Each year the Active Flag Committee ran whole school inter class and inter year competitions at lunch time ranging from penalty shootouts to World cup soccer competitions. Inter class Olympic Handball has also been very successful and popular amongst the student body.

A Girls Squad athletics programme was also introduced and is proving very successful. The programme involves Senior Girls training Junior girls in athletics and running an afternoon of fun, athletic events for the Junior girls. As a result of participating in Active Flag, Transition Year students have greatly developed their leadership skills.

The school also launched its very own walkway called Slí Na Sláinte. This walkway continues to be a great resource to learning while on the move. Students often walk while listening to podcasts and worksheets have been created for each subject to use while frequenting the walkway.

The school also took part in and supported Balbriggan's first Darkness in to Light walk on May 5th.



24–28 April, 2023

Active School Week



Being an active school is something that the college takes great pride in and looks forward to continuing.

A huge thank you to everyone who worked hard over the past four years to achieve this honour, especially Ms. Nealon and Ms. Murray for their tireless efforts. Congratulations on your achievements.

Visit www.ardgillancc.ie and follow them on social media.

Firhouse Community College

Celebrating Over 40 Years of Educational Excellence

Firhouse Community College first opened its doors to the community in 1982. Over the past 40 years the College has provided educational opportunities to the young people of Firhouse and beyond.



We pride ourselves in offering a wide and varied curriculum in a caring, inclusive environment where our students experience the most up to date and innovative teaching methodologies. This setting provides each and every student with the opportunity to gain maximum benefit from their time in our care.

Since its foundation over 5000 pupils have passed through the doors of the College. Way back in 1982/23 the first class of 55 students were admitted. The school was accommodated in the local primary school, Scoil Treasa until the school building was finished. The school moved into a brand-new building in 1985 and was officially opened by Tánaiste Dick Spring.

Firhouse Community College is situated in the townland of Killininny or Cill-na-n-Ingen. According to folklore Cill-na-n-Ingen owes its derivation to the four daughters of Michiar, -Dairinnioll, Darlinog, Caelog and Caemgealiog. The school crest still contains a depiction of the four daughters. The building was designed by Peter and Mary Doyle Architects, their design was an open glass atrium that focusses the school on the fantastic views of Montpellier Hill and The Hell Fire Club.



Our 1st & 2nd Year Gaelic Football League winners were presented with their medals at the event. The whole school community found the talk an extremely beneficial, insightful and an engaging experience.



Evening of Celebration on the 4th of May

On May the 4th to mark the 40th anniversary an evening of celebration was held in the college. Past and present students and staff were invited to celebrate the anniversary.

Months of work went into collecting and making a display of archive pieces and photos representing the four decades of Firhouse CC. The former Principals Michael Geaney and Margaret Cavanagh and former Deputy Principal Gerry Jeffers had a question-and-answer session with TY students Laura Gibbons and Sara Cathcart.

Winners of the poetry competition recited their own compositions. The winners were former pupil and son of former caretaker Austin Smyth Jr, Liam Skerritt a first-year student, and Yvonne Mc Donnell a teacher at Firhouse CC. Myles Murphy a student from the first class to graduate from the school recounted his time in the college with fondness and humour.

Many former pupils and staff members attended the event and enjoyed looking through the achieves and photos. They also enjoyed musical performances from students Eimear O'Neill, Maria Franco, Ngawang Lhadze, Kelly Tobin and Lucie Doran. Jodie Fishbourne, Ava Kelly, and Jamie Daly entertained the crowd with Irish dance performances.



Left to right: Gary O'Donovan, guidance councillor, Denise O'Flanagan, former Deputy Principal, Lisa O'Kennedy, Deputy Principal, Carmel Boyle, Deputy Principal, Anne Daly, former Chaplain, Eddie Collins, Lorraine Shanley, Dermot Hughes, Terry Mulcahy and Claire McGowan, all former staff members.



Former FCC pupils examining the archive display on the evening of celebration.



Michael Geaney, former Principal, Carmel Boyle, current Deputy Principal, Senan Nolan, Principal, Gerry Jeffers, former Deputy Principal, Margaret Cavanagh, former Principal, Lisa O'Kennedy, Deputy Principal.



Michael Geaney founding Principal.

Tree Planting Day

On the 9th of May as part of the ETBI May Day of Sustainability we welcomed back former Principals to plant a tree in the school grounds.

The trees represent the four Principals of Firhouse CC who have guided the community of Firhouse Community College over the last four decades with compassion, dedication, and always promoting the values and ethos of the College.

Educating for Excellence in a Caring Environment.



Former Principal Margaret Cavanagh and Principal Senan Nolan planting a tree to commemorate the 40th anniversary of FCC.



Michael Geaney, Margaret Cavanagh, Emer O'Connor, Senan Nolan, Carmel Boyle, Lisa O'Kennedy

On behalf of Team DDLETB, we would like to wish Firhouse Community College staff and students, past and present, a very happy 40th Anniversary. Here's to another 40 years serving the community!

Sky Up Academy *visits* St. Kevin's Community College

Sky Up Academy Studios On Tour is a digital-skills boosting, aspirations-raising, pop-up storytelling experience.

Their extraordinary e-vehicle arrived at St Kevin's Community College on Monday March 27th and opened up as a creative studio, bringing the opportunity of Sky Academy Studios to many of our creative and amazing students.

Students created a campaign report raising awareness of climate issues in the Clondalkin area based on one of the 5 Sky

Zero areas of focus. Students also worked on the area of food waste.

It was a great day and very exciting learning experience and opportunity for students, who worked collaboratively, developed their digital skills and created campaign assets for a local climate campaign, such as working with digital billboards to social media videos.



For more pictures visit -

- <http://stkevinscc.ie/sky-on-tour-visits-st-kevins-cc/>
- <https://www.newsgroup.ie/sky-up-academy-studios-on-tour-pays-a-visit-to-st-kevins-community-school/>
- <https://www.echo.ie/academy-builds-digital-skills-through-storytelling-experience/>



Active Youth Challenge 2023

The Active Youth Challenge (AYC), hosted by Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB Youth and Sports Section, is an annual programme which encourages young people (aged 10-24) to be physically active for an hour each week for a period of twelve weeks. The programme commences each year in February and culminates in May with a public recognition event. This programme is open to all youth and voluntary groups throughout County Dublin.

The programme is coordinated by DDLETB sports officers and the individual groups participating are led by their youth officers or designated group leaders. Groups are encouraged to design and select activities of their choice; being as creative and as novel as possible. The uniqueness of their individual group programmes is reflected in their project submissions, which are forwarded for independent adjudication.

The recognition event this year saw 250 young people from 33 groups awarded medals, certificates and trophies. They had collectively accumulated approximately 460 hours of activity in total.

The event was hosted on Friday, May 26th at Phibblestown Community Centre. It was a wonderful evening for all involved, and was attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Minister O'Gorman and DDLETB Senior Leaders. Participants and attendees were entertained by Music Generation and Remember Us All Star Choir. We also had the opportunity to

3 special awards:

- **"Best Name"** went to the group **"The Jammy Jobers"**
- **"Most Novel Activity"** went to the group **"JFC Score Settlers."**
- **"Overall Excellence Award"** went to the group **"Not Furious, Just Fast."**

Watch a video from the day here:

<https://youtu.be/SvBAMqpY9cA>



meet and hear from Zak Moradi, Leitrim hurler and Author, on the importance of sport, teamwork and inclusion.

Thank you to all those who participated and supported our young learners during the programme and thank you to all those who attended our ceremony.

Shout-Out to CP Setanta - a Talented Bunch!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Katie Murphy, 5th year learner, who was part of the winning Dublin Team on Wednesday, May 17th. Katie was awarded Player of the Match. Well done Katie.



Dylan Kavanagh (2nd year) and Lewis White (3rd year) placed 2nd and 1st, respectively, in the world in Taekwondo, their age groups, in Barcelona several weeks ago. Congratulations to Dylan and Lewis.



During the Easter break Erica Redmond in 6th year became CRDM Age 17 World Champion in Irish dancing. Not only did she achieve this title as a solo dancer but later that week her team of 4 also won the CRDM Senior 4 hand Céile world title. Well done and congratulations to Erica.



James Holden in 2nd year, made it onto the Irish kickboxing team for the second year in a row, and will compete at the Kickboxing World Cup in Hungary in 3 weeks. He is also going to Istanbul, Turkey to represent Ireland in the European Championships in August. His brother Jack Holden in 3rd year helped to coach him during his fight. Best of luck to James!



Great to Connect in-person again with Team DDLETB Digital and Social Media Network this month.



Collaboration and improving skills are key elements for any successful team, and the recent session organised by DDLETB Digital and Social Media Coordinators (Janet Murphy and Jessica Sheekey) provided just that.

The event brought together team members from DDLETB schools and centres offering a valuable opportunity to connect, share insights, and enhance their digital and social media expertise.

The network was created as a platform for team members to learn from one another, gain inspiration, explore new strategies and improve their skills.

This session allowed participants to discuss issues, exchange ideas, challenges, and best practices in the realm of digital and social media. The session also introduced guidelines to the team, ensuring consistency in our digital and social media efforts.

These guidelines serve as a roadmap for creating content, maintaining our brand identity, and adhering to ethical standards.

Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in workshops on content creation, applications and "Design for Non-Designers," which was facilitated



by DDLETB Graphic Designer Jennifer Farley. Recognising the importance of visual communication in today's digital age, this workshop empowered team members with basic design principles and tools. Participants learned how to create visually appealing graphics, select appropriate fonts and colours, and develop a cohesive visual identity.

The success of these sessions can be attributed to the collaborative spirit and enthusiasm of Team DDLETB Digital and Social Media Network. The team's dedication to staying ahead of the curve and continuously improving their skills will undoubtedly contribute to DDLETB's future success.

Thank you all for attending and for your continued support and commitment. Make sure to follow us @ddletb and connect with us on LinkedIn at Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB. You won't want to miss out on all the news and creative content from Team DDLETB.

Apple Learning Institute

DDLETB are delighted to have been chosen by Wriggle as the first participants in the Apple Learning Institute (ALI), designed to develop the capacity and skills of teachers in Leadership roles in DDLETB iPad 1:1 schools.

Two full day, practical in-person, workshops were delivered by Apple Professional Learning Specialists who are also experienced educators.



Workshop no. 1 held in DDLETB Head Office

The first session took place at the DDLETB Head Office on Friday, March 24th. During this immersive workshop, we explored the range of tools/guides developed by Apple educators to enhance Teaching and Learning.

The second session was held in Baldoyle Training Centre on April 28th. This collaborative session focused on designing a comprehensive Digital Learning Plan tailored to meet the unique digital learning needs of our schools.



Workshop no.2 held in Baldoyle Training Centre

We are incredibly proud to have been chosen to participate in the first roll out of the Apple Learning Institute.

Through participating in these sessions, participants now have access to a supportive network of school leadership teams in Apple Distinguished Schools and leading iPad 1:1 schools around Ireland via Wriggle's Apple Learning Institute Community of Leaders.

Link to ALI Video interview with Ian Howley, DDLETB Digital Development Officer

<https://wriggle.ie/partners/apple-in-education/apple-professional-learning/>



On Friday May 19th DDLETB and Microsoft Dreamspace held the first Minecraft Education Rebuild on Microsoft Teams. We were delighted to see many of our schools and colleges attend to learn with Michael and Neave from Microsoft Dreamspace.

Minecraft Education is a sandbox game-based learning environment that promotes creativity, collaboration and problem solving which are essential 21st century learning skills for students.

The students were set a task to Rebuild an urban area of their choice in Dublin and visualise how it would look in the year 2050. The tasks for the students were to identify current problems such as transport and traffic and to create solutions as to how these issues could be rectified in the future.

The rebuild incorporates elements of sustainability were students need to rebuild using sustainable materials, renewable energies and having lots of open green spaces.

Students were given four weeks to rebuild their urban area and along the way used the knowledge gained in subjects such as Geography, History, C.S.P.E, Maths and Engineering to help shape their build.

Microsoft will be giving a full day trip to the winning students and their class to Microsoft's Headquarters in Dublin in October 2023. The winners will be announced in early June.



Flexlearn Program 2023- Haapsalu Estonia, 22-26th May 2023

'DIGITAL APPROACHES AND FLEXIBLE LONG-DISTANCE LEARNING SOLUTIONS'

Staff members from #Teamddletb had the wonderful opportunity to travel as part of the Erasmus+ program to Haapsalu Estonia, a small seaside resort town with a population of around 13,000 people. A small town with a big heart, we were greeted by the Estonian Team Leads, Heli and Tiia, alongside the rest of their Team.

The 5-day programme was nothing short of brilliant. The Hosts had prepared a jam-packed itinerary. We spent the week with groups from the Netherlands (MBO Utrecht), Finland (RIVERIA) and of course our wonderful hosts, Estonia (HKHK). These groups became more than colleagues, they were great friends to explore with and learn from.

This week gave us so many insightful learning opportunities around the pedagogical approaches and methodologies of digital teaching/learning in different countries across a variety of FET settings.

We cannot speak highly enough of this opportunity and learning experience. Not only did we get the chance to learn from our peer groups, #Teamddletb had the most enjoyable week getting to know each other. This program has been ably led by Enda Kenny (Principal of SCFE) & Tina Reddin (Principal of BFEI). This was the final mobility leg for ddletb Staff. The program will conclude in October 2023.



We had representatives from five different FET colleges & centres. From Left to Right: Fiona Darcy- Sallynoggin College of Further Education, Patrick Condon- Blackrock Further Education Institute, Hafswa Omar- Deansrath Community College (FE), Jessica Sheekey- Baldoyle Training Centre and Carol Gormley- Stillorgan College of Further Education.

Some of the highlights of our Erasmus+ trip

- Insightful tours of Haapsalu Vocational Education and Training Centre (HKHK) and Saaremaa Vocational School.
- Presentations from representatives from each group about the Digital Approaches, Digital Safety and Flexible Learning Solutions in their setting.
- We participated in multiple workshops delivered by the talented students of HKHK
- We visited the summer resort town, Kuressaare, to explore the town and visit the castle
- Every group delivered a workshop on an app or digital environment they use
- We hiked around Nova Nature Reserve and participated in a digital game & picnic (very fun!)
- On our last day we had the opportunity to visit the Innovation Centre Mektory of Tallinn University of technology (TalTech)

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Haapsalu Vocational Education and Training Centre (HKHK) where our program was based.



#Teamddletb signing the visitor wall in TalTech!



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