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*Cavan and Monaghan
Education and Training Board*

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2013 – December 2014

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Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board Mission Statement

Cavan and Monaghan ETB's mission is:

“To create, develop, support, encourage and facilitate an active, positive and inclusive learning environment in Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board, by delivering quality education, training and ancillary services to all age-groups and communities that contribute to the intellectual, social and economic life of counties Cavan and Monaghan.”

Vision Statement

Through continual growth and development, Cavan and Monaghan ETB will be a nationally recognised top quality provider of lifelong and life-wide learning. It will deliver excellent, targeted and relevant programmes to a diverse client base, and ensure all of its clients are supported to develop, progress and realise their potential. It will provide its services and programmes in optimum facilities with maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

Core Values

Cavan and Monaghan ETB is committed to excellence in all aspects of its service. The nature and ethos of the organisation is public and democratic, non-political, non-sectarian and accommodating and supportive of difference and diversity. Concern for the individual welfare and development of learners and staff is a core value.

Cavan and Monaghan ETB guarantees quality service through the following measures:

- Recruiting and retaining the best staff available
- Striving for top national and international standards in local education and training
- Organisational excellence and renewal, through training and re-training of staff, with equal opportunities for all
- Resourcing schools/centres to the best of its ability - personnel, buildings, budgets, equipment and working conditions
- On-going dialogue and partnerships with business, industry and commerce and other relevant agencies at home, and with EU policy and vocational education agencies abroad, towards professional best practice and local economic, social and cultural development.
- Commitment to IT, excellence in sport and physical fitness, culture and the arts in the liberal, vocational and lifelong learning of students, at all ages and stages
- On-going purposeful dialogue and partnership with parents, teachers, students and the Department of Education & Skills

- Commitment to a policy of alleviation of economic, social, cultural and physical disadvantage in Cavan and Monaghan and provision of services, programmes and public policy measures aimed at eliminating or reducing such disadvantage.

Chairperson's Welcome

As Chairperson of Cavan and Monaghan ETB, I welcome the publication of the Annual Report from July 2013 – December 2014.

On 1st July 2013, Co. Monaghan VEC and Co. Cavan VEC merged to become one authority – Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board – under the Education and Training Boards Act 2013. Monaghan became the headquarters of the new organisation with a sub-office in Cavan. Members from both counties remained in situ pending the forthcoming elections in 2014. Meetings of the Board alternated between Monaghan and Cavan with the undersigned in the position as Chairperson for the first six months and Cllr. Madeleine Argue as Chairperson for the following six months. The amalgamation process was carefully guided by our Chief Executive, Martin O'Brien.

Local elections were held on 23rd May 2014 following which twelve County Councillors were selected by their respective Councils to serve on Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board. Following separate election processes, two staff and two parent representatives joined the Board along with a further five community representatives, after a nomination process. In total the Board of CMETB comprises 21. Meetings are held bi-monthly (more frequently, if required) in locations across Monaghan and Cavan. Members from both counties are working well together for the benefit of all learners across Cavan and Monaghan.

I acknowledge the work done by the dedicated CMETB staff to move the merger forward. As a team, our aim of providing quality education to learners continues to be the focus of CMETB into the future and I wish everyone well as they work together to achieve this.



Joe McGrath
Chairperson
Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board

Chief Executive's Address

I am delighted to present this Annual Report, which records and acknowledges the progress made by Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board (CMETB) for the period July 2013 to December 2014. The report records the wide range of activities and initiatives that are provided under the remit of CMETB and demonstrates how much has been achieved. We have a lot to be proud of and will continue to build on this solid foundation to raise the achievement potential for every learner.

On 1st July 2013, the Vocational Education Committees of Cavan and Monaghan merged to become one educational authority – Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board. The merger is a process that we are gradually working our way through. It directly affects Board members and staff particularly. The task of merging systems and data has been mammoth and is still ongoing. I acknowledge the commitment and dedication of administrative and IT staff as the process continues.

Alongside this, the integration of the sixteen FÁS Training Centres into ETBs is also ongoing and when, complete, will form the basis for delivering co-ordinated education and training programmes. Although there is no training centre in Monaghan or Cavan, CMETB has secured the budget to provide the training to learners who will study at CMETB centres across the two counties. This is a challenge that Cavan and Monaghan ETB is eagerly embracing with the co-operation of stakeholders.

It is important that Cavan and Monaghan ETB continues to welcome new innovative challenges – we need to be the best at what we do and proud of our achievements. We have a dedicated, energetic and caring staff that is enthusiastic about providing learners from across our two counties with many varied educational opportunities. Education and training are life-long and CMETB is central to the provision of an appropriate learning environment no matter what age or level the learner is at.

I commend all who were involved in collating this report and wish all staff and students continued success in 2015.



Martin G O'Brien
Chief Executive

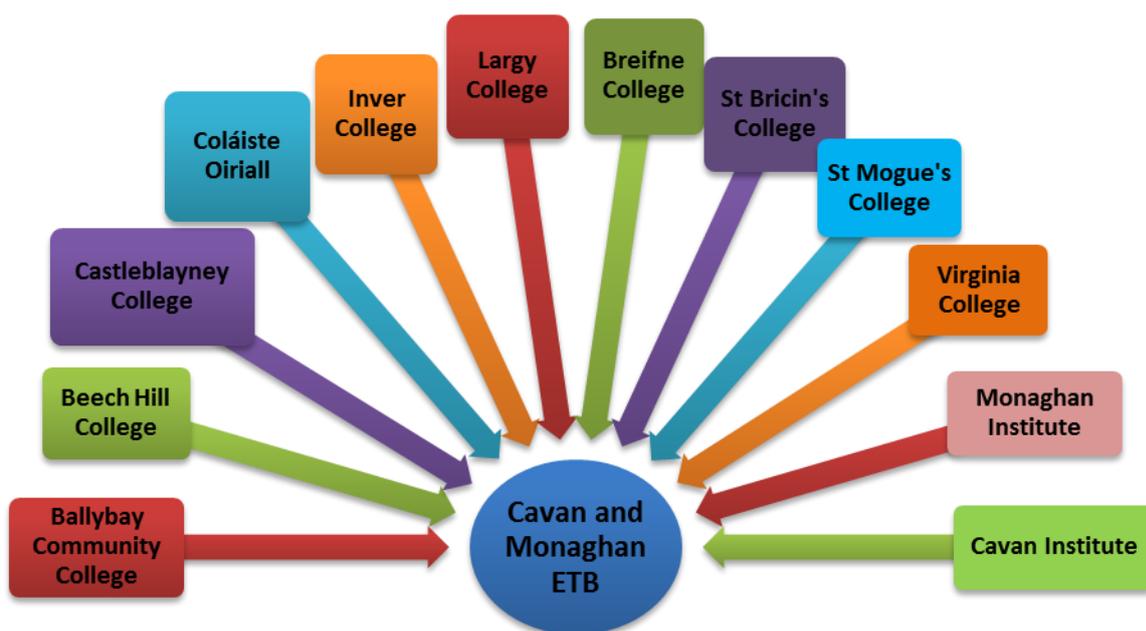
OVERVIEW OF CAVAN AND MONAGHAN ETB

Cavan and Monaghan ETB is a local statutory, education and training authority established under the Education and Training Boards Act 2013. The Board's headquarters are in Monaghan town with a sub-office in Cavan town. Cavan and Monaghan ETB provides education and training services to a population of some 133,583 across the two counties.

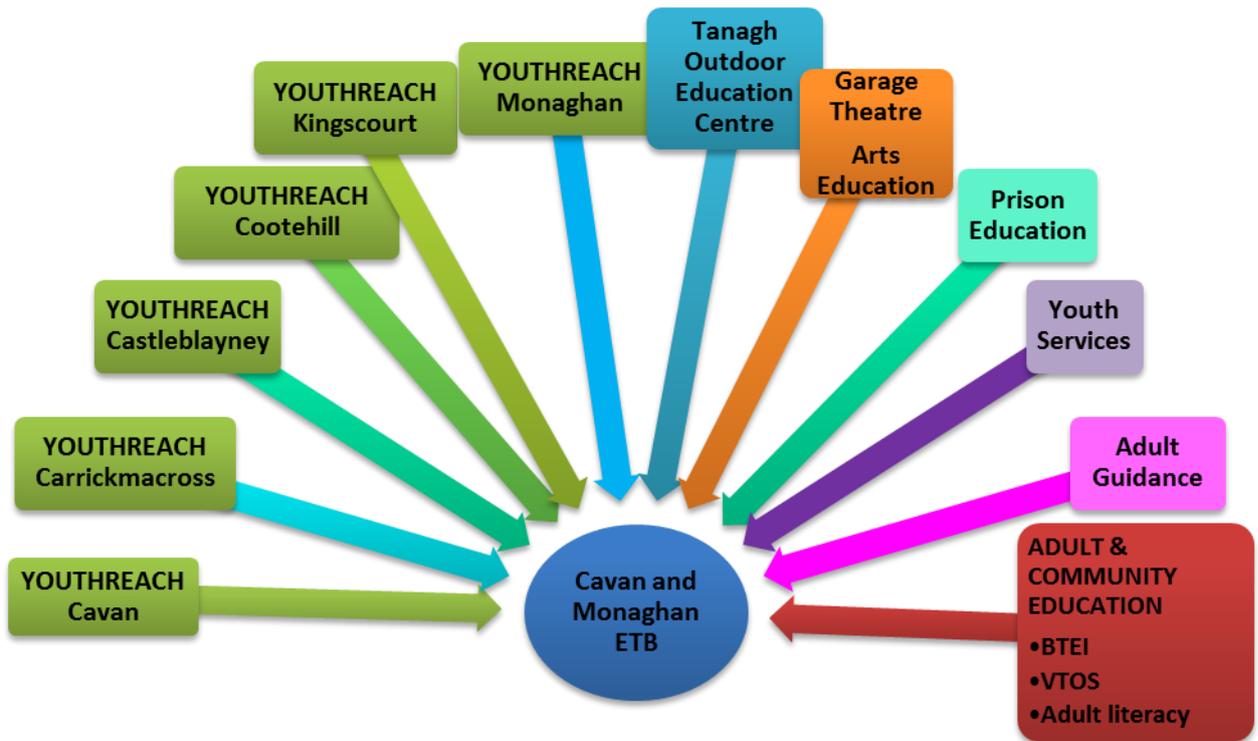
The ETB is a significant employer within the region with a total staff of approximately 1300. Some 600 staff members are employed full-time with 700 employed part-time. While other aspects of education provision are growing in Cavan and Monaghan, especially adult and further education and the arts, post-primary schools remains the primary education offering.

CAVAN AND MONAGHAN ETB SERVICES

Schools and Institutes



Centres for Education and Other Services



SERVICES REPORT

This section outlines the key education programmes and services provided by Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board during the period July 2013 to December 2014. The overall growth of the service delivery and the key developments are outlined in reports from each school, institute, centre, programme and service.

Key Achievements July 2013 to December 2014 by School/Centre and Service

Breifne College Cavan



- Enrolment (Sept 2014) 680 students.....
- 600+ visitors attend School Open Night, with an incoming 1st Year Enrolment for 2015 -167Students
- 2nd Green Flag(Energy Saving) awarded May 2014
- U14, U16 and Senior Football County Champions 2014 (4 X U14 titles in a row)
- U14 Football Champions 2013 beaten in Ulster Final
- Girls Camogie Champions 2014
- Launch of ipad initiate for all TY students 2014
- National Drama Scholarship awarded to Mark O Reilly (4th Year Student)
- Final Planning Stages of New School Building completed Autumn 2014 (Commencement of Building Spring 2015)
- International week February 2014... Delegation of German Visitors visit school
- Successful School Christmas concert raises €450 for St Vincent de Paul
- Present Heating system upgraded from oil to Gas (first School in Ireland)

- Young Scientist Team qualify for final stages of competition 2014
- Mental Health awareness week organised by the School Student Council May 2014.
- Pursuit of Excellence part 2 launched Sept 2014 : Study week
- Excellent Junior and Leaving Certificate results achieved 2014

St Bricin's College, Belturbet



- Growth in student numbers 230
- Development of a primary/post-primary transfer and transition program for first year students, delivered by CAST in the feeder primary schools and in St Bricin's College
- Success in state examination – students achieving more A-C grades in Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate examinations. Higher percentage of students transferring to further education and higher education courses (93%).
- The school welcomes the launch of the Fitzpatrick Bursary for Leaving Certificate and incoming 1st year students. The 3rd level bursaries are to the value of €6,000 and two 1st year bursaries worth €500 each. It is intended to encourage student progression to 3rd Level Education to those students who demonstrate academic excellence and self-motivation.
- One student award for Junior Certificate metalwork project placed in the top ten in Ireland.
- Success for the first time in all categories in County Young Entrepreneurs competition.
- Excellent incidental inspection; Geography, English, Irish, Maths and Biology.
- Irish Inspection – with very positive feedback and reinforcement.
- Major success achieved in GAA – the school had a senior team from within the school for the first time, winning the County Cavan Final. Success also in soccer and athletics.

- Opening of the Moderate Learning Unit in September 2013/2014 with the appointment of the Curriculum Access Support Team.
- Funding approved for the Special Unit with the replacement of the remaining prefab classrooms.
- Second year students travelled to the European Space Centre with their Science teachers, this bi-annual school tour to Belgium has become a great success.
- The introduction of the first year of Transition Year proved very successful – the first school production of the Willie Russell play ‘Our Day Out’ was an excellent success in conjunction with Belturbet Drama Society.
- The staff engaged in a wide range of CPD courses with a particular focus on ‘Managing challenging Behaviour’ and ‘Differentiation for students with special education needs’. The development of CAST facilitated the inclusion of students with SEN by subject departments liaising closely with the SEN coordinator.
- St Bricin’s College participated in the CMETB Second Level Support Service project which supports students at risk of early school leaving.
- The school was recognised as a Microsoft IT Academy. This allows staff and students to undertake Microsoft certified educator courses.
- Launch of Inspiring Positive Futures program involving the Careers events throughout the year as well as a student and parent workshop in conjunction with external agencies supporting the school

St. Mogue’s College, Bawnboy



St. Mogue’s College – 2014 Digital School of the Year

In January 2014 St. Mogue’s College was shortlisted for this award. On February 21st the school was named Digital School of the Year at the prestigious Samsung Digital Media Awards Final. The cream of the Irish digital media world, from SMEs to multinational corporations gathered for the gala event, attended by over 1,000 people and presented by Today FM broadcaster, Anton Savage at the Double Tree Hilton, Dublin. The school caught the attention of the 24 member judging panel, who were greatly impressed by “the manner in which St.

Mogue's College gave the students ownership of their own education, making learning relevant and attractive to them". The Principal, Deputy Principal, staff, students and Board of Management were delighted to receive this top accolade.

F.A.I Ulster Cup Champions

On January 9th 2014 the senior soccer team played the Royal School, Cavan, in a tense and exciting final and emerged victorious in the first ever All Cavan Ulster final. Manger and trainer Paul Martin and the team were thrilled to lift the Ulster Cup and returned to St. Mogue's College in a cavalcade of parents and supporters with the illustrious trophy.

April 2014 – Gael Linn Irish Radio Programme Competition – St. Mogue's College in 2nd Place

Comhghairdeas leis na dáлтаí ón gcúigiú bliain, as an dara háit a bhuanach i gComórtas Clár Raidió Gael Linn do scoileanna nach ndéantar teagasc trí Ghaeilge. Rinne said clár darbh ainm "An Teach Oibre Inné is Inniú" faoi stair na háite agus an tionscadal atá ar siúl ann faoi láthair. Maith sibh go léir a scóláirí!

May 2014 - Another award for St. Mogue's College – An Ghaelbhratach bainte amach again

St. Mogue's College was one of the few schools in Ireland to receive this award for the promotion of the Irish language in the school and in the local community. This prestigious award is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of the Gaelbhratach committee and the enthusiastic manner in which all students participated in the events organised. There was formal award's ceremony in Dublin where students were presented with their award by President Michael D. Higgins, the patron of the Gaelbhratach award. Comhghairdeas le gach duine a bhí páirteach ann.

May 2014 – Mathematics Award

Peter Fitzpatrick was awarded a Bronze Certificate in the level 6 Kanagarou sans Frontières Irlande International Mathematics Competition.

Spanish Language/Cultural Exchange

St. Mogue's College initiated an exciting Exchange Programme with Claret Academy, a prestigious private school in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria. The Spanish students spend one month in St. Mogue's College in September each year and our students pay a reciprocal visit to Claret Academy for one month in March/April. This ambitious project is immensely beneficial to our students and serves to enhance not only their linguistic skills but also their

understanding and appreciation of other cultures. A significant number of Spanish students have returned to pursue their studies in St. Mogue's College for 1 – 2 years.

Virginia College



- Cyber Bulling Workshop
- Senior Girls Ulster Final GAA V Newry
- Professor N Green (English) Trinity College spoke with Leaving Cert students re: poetry
- Junk Koture Regional Final Helix Theatre and Junk Koture National Final Bord Gáis Theatre
- Second year French students Visit language and adventure centre Bundoran 11 to 13-3-14
- Seachtaine Na Gaeilge
- History Day (Northern Ireland forum) Michelle Gildernew, SF Katryn Reilly SF, Fergal McKenny SDLP Tom Elliot DUP, Joe O Reilly FG and Brendan Smith FF
- TY trip to Colaiste Achla
- Agricultural Science class visit Grange Agricultural College
- Second year students visit Brussels (science trip)
- First year's activity day rewarding good behaviour
- Cavan County Council presentation to Virginia College re: Basketball and GAA Sports Award Night
- Shane Connaughton (author) talked to Virginia College students
- 6th year Graduation Night and TY Graduation
- Incoming First Years Talk
- Child Protection Workshop Naimh Duignan
- Students attended Higher Options RDS
- Bully 4 Workshop to all junior students
- Cavan Enterprise Board visit Virginia College re mini company
- Gathering Launch
- TY Peer Education
- Maths Week
- History Trip to Normandy

- Opening of Playing pitch Cavan v Virginia College Past Pupils
- 50 Students and 2 teachers invited by DCU to a talk by Brian O Driscoil, Katie Taylor and Sean Kelly
- 7 Students and 1 Teacher visit Mansion house re UNESCO project
- Leaving Cert study skills seminar
- Dental hygiene programme.
- Leaving cert Biology and Physics visit NUI Maynooth
- Comenius trip to Spain (3 students and 2 teachers)
- History day, Tomi Reichental Concentration camp survivor
- Literacy survey of all students
- Music inspection
- Anti-Bullying workshop for leaving cert students
- Enrolment evening
- TY students Campus tour UCD
- Firewood auction
- Marie Keating Foundation talk to leaving cert students
- Fundraising quiz
- Ulster Vocational schools Gaelic football senior final
- Spanish Comenius students in Virginia College for one week
- School athletics day
- Bingo fundraiser
- Barcelona Trip
- Comenius trip to Bulgaria (2 teachers and 3 students)
- County athletics (won best school overall)
- Exchange trip to Oviedo
- Leaving Cert Graduation
- Sports awards night
- TY Gaeltacht trip
- World War One exhibition Cavan
- Virginia College Wellness Committee established
- Comenius meeting re visit to Virginia
- TY Bonding outing Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre
- Students attend Higher Options RDS
- Student Council elections
- 3RD and 6TH Year Study skills seminar
- Student Council training
- New staff induction
- Comenius trip to Estonia
- Cross country athletics Oldcastle

- Blood Transfusion service in Virginia College
- Wassa Wassa Dance TYP
- Senior History students visit to Normandy beaches
- Irish Rap Programme TYP
- French inspection
- Fancy Dress Day Fundraiser for Donal Walsh Foundation
- Geography field trip
- Comhairle na nÓg Castlesaunderson
- Anti-Bullying workshop for first year students
- TYP visit to RSA/Cavan Co.Co. road safety event
- Poetry slam TYP
- Careers event Monaghan Institute
- JLO address to all First year students SPHE
- Anti- Bullying Talk to 3rd Year CSPE students
- Cyber Bullying talk for parents
- U-14 Boys won Ulster Colleges Loch an Iúir Cup

Beech Hill College, Monaghan



2014 was another very successful year for Beech Hill College with major achievements in all aspects of school life. Staff and students at the College were delighted with the results of Certificate Examinations. Almost all of the students who sat the Leaving Certificate Examination in the College were offered their first choice of course at 3rd Level or Further Education Colleges. Many staff and students were involved in a number of very successful extra-curricular activities that spanned many areas of interest.

On the physical/structural end of things, improvements were made high up and low down with a continuation to the roofing improvements and the preliminary works on a landscaping plan.



The year got off to a musical start with “**Snow White and the Magnificent Seven**”, the **Transition Year Group pantomime**. With a backdrop of the Wild West, complete with Cacti and music recognisable from the Western Movies, Snow White and the Magnificent Seven was performed to enthusiastic audiences from local primary schools, friends and family. The Production

was directed by Ms McArdle, with Musical direction by Ms Daly. Assisted by Ms Costello’s artistic vision and Mr McStravog’s set construction expertise, the show was a whole school venture with staff and students backstage preparing refreshments and supporting the students in a very exciting production. Following the final show the Transition Year Drama Awards were presented as follows: Best Overall Performance – Lisa McPhillips; Best Supporting Performances – Martin Smyth, Emily Treanor and Sarah Jo Treanor; Outstanding Participation – Heidi McCrudden.

Panto Awards: Recipients of the TY Drama Awards at Beech Hill College.



After that came an “**All-Star Frenzy**” at the College when past pupil and GAA All-Star, Conor McManus visited. Word of his presence in the school quickly spread and the excitement was palpable. Addressing the whole-school assembly, Conor spoke fondly of his time at Beech Hill College and of his involvement in sport and the encouragement he received.

He was glad to be back and to present a number of medals to winners and runners-up in the soccer league and handball league. Afterwards he signed autographs in students’ school journals and students had an opportunity to get their photograph taken with the All-Star.

Eight sixth-year students in the College took part in a **follow-up to a 2009 Activity Study**. The Children’s Sport Participation and Physical Activity Study (CSPPA Study) studied a total of 5397 children from 53 primary and 70 post-primary schools in the country. This looked at physical activity health indices such as levels of activity, fitness, weight, blood pressure, participation in extra-curricular and extra-school sport or physical activity, active travel and sedentary behaviour.

Beech Hill College student Caolán Cuddy (5th Year) had the honour of being invited to participate in the **2014 Kangourou sans Frontières Irlande (KSF-IE)**. This is a mathematics contest commonly called “Kangaroo Maths”. This invitation was based on the fact that the State Examinations Commission identified Caolán as a high achiever in Mathematics in the Junior Certificate Examination (2012).

The two-year **Comenius Project** entitled “**Energy-A European Inspiration**” continued during the year. With the project entirely funded by the EU, the coordinating school is Beech Hill College under the leadership of Ms. Metcalfe. It involves eight schools from Ireland, Belgium, Hungary, Germany, Poland, The Basque Country, Slovenia and Slovakia.



There have already been trips to Slovakia, Germany and Hungary. This project is specifically Physics oriented; however, it crosses over to almost all other subjects of the curriculum. Students from all year groups have been participating in the project, but in particular, Transition Year students and Senior Cycle Physics students. The project raised motivation for science subjects, diversified methods in classroom practice, improved language competence, developed intercultural communication skills and social and civic competences. While skills in languages, geography, history, science and ICT featured heavily, creativity, the ability to think laterally, adaptability, interpersonal skills, civic spirit, entrepreneurial skills and cultural expression were highly important. At a school assembly the Principal Ms. Williamson-Hunter praised all involved in this Comenius Project and announced the winners in the various competitions – Comenius Logo, Poetry, Poster, Essay, 3-D Model and French Language Competitions – Beech Hill College students swept the boards.

Students and teachers who took part in workshops in Physics and Politics/Economics in Germany as part of the Comenius Project “Energy-A European Inspiration”.



The Logo designed by Megan Boylan of Beech Hill College which came 1st in Ireland and 2nd overall in the Comenius Project “Energy-A European Inspiration”.

Proud parents, family members, invited guests and staff members gathered in May for what was a very enjoyable **6th Year Awards Ceremony**. The theme for the evening was based around the quotation: “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” Following a warm welcome in seven languages “The Final Roll Call” rang out. Class Tutors presented a certificate and photograph of the whole year group to each student, congratulating each one on completing second-level education.

Gerry McGann Perpetual Trophy being presented to the Female Leaving Certificate Student of the Year, Megan Cawley

Beech Hill College/Bank of Ireland School Bank was officially launched by the Business Studies Department in the school led by Mr Mulholland. The school bank is designed to support schools in providing financial education to pupils and provides the opportunity for students to work in the School Bank branch across a variety of roles from Bank Manager to Customer Service Official, learning about banking and how to work as an effective team. The School Bank also provides the opportunity for students to open a bank account and makes it easy for them to save on a regular basis. The business teachers feel that this offers a great opportunity and valuable experience to the students involved.

The Student School Bank team is supported by Bernie Corrigan, Schools Coordinator from Bank of Ireland Monaghan to ensure the smooth operation of the School Bank, and to support the team with any questions and queries they may have. The experience is designed to be fun and educational for the students involved. Marian Mullen, Manager of Bank of Ireland Monaghan, presented the school with a cheque of €500 for participating in the initiative and also presented the school with an iPad, to raffle among the students who activated a new account in the school bank.

Castleblayney College



- 93% of students progressed to 3rd Level/Further Education
- Under 16 Boys football won the county title.
- Senior Girls Basketball team won the regional finals
- School produced Hairspray: The Musical
- Students presented over €2,500 to local and national deserving charities
- Student of the Year Awards saw over fifty students awarded prizes for performance across academic and social areas of school life.
- Gaeltacht and Drama Scholarships awarded to twelve students.

- School twinned with Kingspan PLC in the Schools-Business Partnership project. Members of Castleblayney College and Kingspan PLC attend the launch
- School Outings relating to subjects History, Geography, Music, Agricultural Science, Art, English took place.
- Some Transition Year students achieved their GAISCE Awards.
- School participated in the Peace III One Community Different Cultures project.
- School IT Administration System E-Portal fully operational to include student registration, positive discipline system, student performance reports.
- Students also took part in a wide range of other extra-curricular activities throughout the year.
- School Mini company attend Co Monaghan Trade Fair
- Girls Junior Basketball Team receive new kit sponsored by Irish Homecare

Coláiste Oiriall, Muineachán



- Faigheann Rachel Ní Eindrí gradam an dara háit i gComórtas Gearrscéalta *RTÉ Guide/Puffin* sa rannóg os cionn 17 lena hiontráil dár teideal ‘Days of Humiliation, Moments of Freedom’. Foilsíodh an scéal ar Eolaí RTÉ.
- Faigheann Donnchadh Mac Gabhann an tríú háit ag Gradaim Filíochta Patrick Kavanagh do mhic léinn dara leibhéal lena dhán dár teideal ‘The Bogman’. Léigh se an dán ag deireadh seachtaine Uí Chaomhánaigh in Inis Chaoin.
- Radhairc ríméadacha agus torthaí an Teastais Shóisearaigh á bhfógairt. Fuair scoláirí i gColáiste Oiriall ocht A’na, seacht A’na agus sé A’na. Gné shuntasach amháin de na torthaí ab ea an líon A’na sa Ghaeilge nó bronnadh grád A ar 35 den 40 scoláire eadhon 88% díobh.
- Filleann Dessie Ó Mocháin agus Donnchadh Ó Dulain ar Choláiste Oiriall le Corn Sinsir agus Corn Mionúir Uladh faoi seach agus tráslaíonn an scoil a mbuanna leo tar éis dóibh labhairt ag an tionól.
- Tugann Cigirí an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna, Oilibhear de Burca agus Linda Neary, faoi chigireacht Mheasúnú na scoile uile agus Bainistíocht, Ceannaireacht agus

Foghlaim (WSE-MLL) agus tá an tuairisc a leanann í fíordhearfach agus dearbhaitheach.

- Faigheann iarscoláirí, Kerrie Ní Dhroma agus Aoife Ní Láithimh, gradaim Scoláirí Iontrála UCD. Aithnítear trí na gradaim seo éacht acadúil scoláirí a fhaigheann 560 pointe nó os a chionn ina dTeastas Sinsearach.
- Roghnaítear Maitiú Mac Uaid agus Frances Ní Chonghaile Nic Aodha mar phríomhchinnirí na scoile.
- Buatar ar Choláiste Oiriall i gcluiche leathcheannais Chorn Cispheile uile-Éireann Chailíní faoi 16 in aghaidh Meánscoil Ursuline, Sligeach. Bhí an bua roimhe sin ag Coláiste Oiriall ar Scoil Louis, Coillte Magh agus ar Choláiste Íosagáin, Cúil an tSúdaire.
- Coláiste Oiriall buailte ag Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, Blárna sa chluiche leathcheannais Chailíní faoi 16 de Roinn B i Sraith Uile-Éireann na Cispheile, i ndiaidh dóibh bheith sa dara háit i Sraith Réigiúnach an Oirthuaiscirt de Chispheil Éireann agus bua faighte acu ar Choláiste Teresian, BÁC, Scoil na Toirbhearta De La Salle, Muine Bheag agus Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise sa turnaimint de bhabhtaí cáilithe.
- Buann Buachaillí B1 Choláiste Oiriall ar N. Clár, Baile Shéamais Dhuibh chun cluiche ceannais Roinn D Réigiún an Oirthuaiscirt de Chispheil Éireann a bhaint.
- Buann Coláiste Learga, Cluain Eois ar Bhuachaillí faoi 16 Choláiste Oiriall i gcluiche ceannais Roinn D Réigiún an Oirthuaiscirt de Chispheil Éireann.
- Cailleann Cailíní faoi 19 Choláiste Oiriall le ciseán amháin in aghaidh Scoil Mhuire, an Longfort i gcluiche ceannais Roinn B Réigiún an Oirthuaiscirt de Chispheil Éireann.
- Buann Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise ar Choláiste Oiriall i gcluiche ceannais Chailíní faoi 14 Chorn Cispheile Scoileanna Uile-Éireann. Bhí an bua ag Coláiste Oiriall roimhe sin ar Scoil na Trócaire, Baile Uí Mhatháin agus Coláiste Colmcille, Béal Átha Seanaidh.
- Faigheann ceathrar scoláirí de chuid Choláiste Oiriall, Dervla Fowler, Danielle Ní Chléire, Dónall Ó Duibhne agus Helen Nic Cionnaith Ghradam Óir an Phápa Eoin Pól II ón Sár-Oirmhinneach Dr. Liam Mac Daibhéid, Easpag Clochair, ag searmanas in Ostán Shliabh Russel.
- Baineann an fhoireann Tír na nÓg le Dylan MacGabhann, Tara Ní Ghiolla Seanáin agus Katie Ní Chléire an chéad Chomórtas Litrithe. Ba í Tara an buaiteoir aonair.
- Is daltaí ó SN Chorr Cheachan, Gaelscoil Ultain, SN Iorball Sionnaigh, Gaelscoil Lorgan agus SN Chorr a Chrainn, agus a fuair na chéad sparánachtaí Oiriall do dhaltaí úra na chéad bhliana.
- Teann ochtar scoláire is tríocha, i gcuideachta ceathrar múinteoirí, go Beirlín um Cháisc ar thuras scoile.
- Bronntar an gradam dara háit san iomlán as 80 iontráil ar Aoibhín Ní Fhionnagáin ag *SciFest* reigiún an Oirthuaiscirt i DkIT de bharr a tionscnaimh sa rannóg sóisearach de na hEolaíochtaí Beatha.
- Toghtar Tomás de Búrca ina Mac Léinn na Bliana.

- Baineann Coláiste Oiriall Sciath na Sóisear agus Sciath na Sinsear ag Lá Spóirt ETB an Chontae agus triúr den seacht mbonn óir dhúbailte a bronnadh á bhfáil ag lúthchleasaithe Choláiste Oiriall.
- Glacann peileadóirí Choláiste Oiriall páirt sa chlár teilifíse Seó Spóirt ar TG4.
- Tagann Amy Ní Amaill sa dara áit sa rás Idirmheánach 1,500 méadar i gCraobhacha Raoin is Faiche Scoileanna Uladh AVIVA san Ulster Forum.
- Buann Muineachán ar an Dún go furasta i gcluiche ceannais Uladh Pheil na mBan faoi 16B. Bhí seisear imreoir de chuid Choláiste Oiriall ar an fhoireann: Emma Ní Chleircín, Celine Ní Fhailigh, Aisling Ní Fhearghais, Lynda Nic Giolla Mhichil, Amy Ní Amaill agus Hannah Ní Sceacháin.
- Is curadh UileÉireann í Amy Ní Amaill nuair a bhuann sí an rás Idirmheánach 1,500 méadar i gCraobhacha Raoin is Faiche Scoileanna Uile-Éireann AVIVA i Staid Harriers an Tulaigh Mhóir i 4:32:59 agus leagann amach di féin sáriarracht phearsanta nua.

Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan

- Rachel Ní Eindrí receives a runner up award in the RTE Guide-Puffin Short Story competition in the over 17 section with her entry entitled '*Days of Humiliation, Moments of Freedom*'. The story was published in the RTE Guide.
- Donnchadh Mac Gabhann receives third place in the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Awards for second level students with his poem entitled '*The Bogman*'. He read the poem at the Kavanagh Weekend in Inniskeen.
- Jubilant scenes as Junior Certificate results are announced. Students in Coláiste Oiriall received eight As, seven As and six As. One feature of the results was the number of As in Irish with 35 of the 40 students or 88% being awarded A grades.
- Dessie Ó Mocháin and Donncha Ó Dúlain return to Coláiste Oiriall with the Ulster Senior and Minor trophies respectively and are congratulated by the school after they speak at assembly.
- Department of Education and Skills' Inspectors, Oilibhear de Burca and Linda Neary, undertake a Whole School Evaluation and a Management, Leadership and Learning (WSE-MLL) inspection and the subsequent report is extremely positive and affirming.
- Former students, Kerrie Ní Dhroma and Aoife Ní Láithimh, receive UCD Academic Higher Achievers' Entrance Scholars awards. The awards recognise the academic achievement of students who achieve 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate.
- Maitiú Mac Uaid and Frances Ní Chonghaile Nic Aodha are selected as Head Boy and Head Girl respectively.
- Coláiste Oiriall are defeated by Ursuline Secondary School, Sligo in the under 16 Girls' All-Ireland Basketball Cup semi-final. Coláiste Oiriall had already defeated St. Louis, Kiltimagh and Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlinton.

- Coláiste Oiriall are defeated by Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál, Blarney in the Division B under 16 Girls' All-Ireland League semi-final after having being runners-up in the Basketball Ireland North East Regional League and after having defeated Teresian College, Dublin, Presentation De La Salle, Bagnelstown and Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise in the play-off tournament.
- Coláiste Oiriall 1st Year Boys defeat St. Claire's, Ballyjamesduff to win the Division D Basketball Ireland North East Regional League final.
- Coláiste Oiriall under 16 Boys are defeated by Largy College, Clones in the Division D Basketball Ireland North East Regional final.
- Coláiste Oiriall under 19 Girls loose by one basket to Scoil Mhuire, Longford in the Division B Basketball Ireland North East Regional final.
- Coláiste Oiriall are defeated by Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise in the under 14 Girls' All-Ireland Schools' Basketball Cup final. Coláiste Oiriall had earlier defeated Mercy, Ballymahon and Coláiste Colmcille, Ballyshannon.
- Four Coláiste Oiriall students, Dervla Fowler, Danielle Ní Chléire, Dónall Ó Duibhne and Helen Nic Cionnaith are presented with Pope John Paul II gold awards by Most Rev. Liam Mac Daid, Bishop of Clogher, at a ceremony in the Slieve Russel Hotel.
- Team Tír na nÓg with Dylan MacGabhann, Tara Ní Ghiolla Seanáin and Katie Ní Chléire win the inaugural Spelling Bee. Tara was also the individual winner.
- Students from Corcaghan NS, Gaelscoil Ultain, Urbleshanny NS, Gaelscoil Lorgan and Corracrin NS are the recipients of the inaugural Oirall Bursaries for incoming 1st Year students.
- Thirty eight students, accompanied by four teachers, travel to Berlin at Easter time on a school tour.
- Aoibhín Ní Fhionnagáin is awarded overall runner up out of 80 entries at the North East region *Scifest* in DkIT with her project in the junior Life Sciences category.
- Tomás de Búrca is selected as Student of the Year.
- Coláiste Oiriall wins the Junior Shield and the Senior Shield at the ETB County Sports with three of the seven double golds awarded being received by Coláiste Oiriall athletes.
- Coláiste Oiriall footballers feature on Seó Spóirt on TG4.
- Amy Ní Amaill wins second place in the Intermediate 1,500 metres race in the AVIVA Ulster Schools' Track and Field finals in the Ulster Forum.
- Monaghan defeat Down decisively in the Ulster Ladies Under 16B Football Final. The Monaghan team includes six Coláiste Oiriall students: Emma Ní Chleircín, Celine Ní Fhailigh, Aisling Ní Fhearghais, Lynda Nic Giolla Mhichil, Amy Ní Amaill agus Hannah Ní Sceacháin.
- Amy Ní Amaill is All-Ireland champion, winning the Intermediate 1,500 metres race in the Aviva All-Ireland Schools' Track and Field Championships in the Tullamore Harriers Stadium in a personal best of 4:32:59.

- Amy Ní Amaill gets fourth place in the Intermediate Girls 1500 m in a time of 4:47:50 in the Schools Inter-Provincial Tailteann games in Morton Stadium, Santry.
- Amy Ní Amaill wins the Girls Under 17 800 m at the Juvenile Track and Field Championships in Tullamore in a time of 2:12:11 and on the following day wins the 1,500 m in a time of 4:39:63.
- Amy Ní Amaill finishes 4th overall and is the second placed Irish runner in the Schools under 17 Track and Field International in Cardiff in a time of 4:43:71.
- Amy Ní Amaill wins the Girls' under 18 800 m in the Celtic Games in Santry representing team Ireland despite stiff competition from Scotland and Wales.
- 30% of the Leaving Certificate class or eleven out of 36 students receive 500 CAO points or more in comparison to the national average of 10% including Tomás de Burca with 585 points and 67% receive more than 400 CAO points in comparison to the national average of 33%. These figures include fourteen As in higher level Irish.



Under 16 Girls Basketball team. D'éirigh leo gabháil chomh fada le leathchraobh na hÉireann de Chorn Cispheile Scoileanna Uile-Éireann agus chomh fada le leathchraobh na hÉireann fosta i Roinn B den Léig



TY students in Coláiste Oiriall will perform the school's first ever musical, an Irish language version of the Wizard of Oz on Wednesday, 3th December and Thursday, 4th December in the Garage Theatre

Inver College, Carrickmacross



- A number of students secured scholarships from Cavan and Monaghan ETB and attended a Gaeltacht course for two weeks in Dún Lúiche County Donegal.
- In conjunction with the Parent's Association the Code of Behaviour was altered compelling both first and second year groups to remain in school grounds for the full school day. This was deemed as necessary to mitigate any dangers of crossing roads or accidents befalling the junior students whilst off school grounds.
- This year saw a hugely successful uptake of the book rental scheme; in fact, all parents/guardians in the school partook.
- Three, Higher Diploma in Education trainees, are catered for.
- Father M O' Reilly is appointed and welcomed into the school as Chaplain.
- Five staff members took part in 'Leadership Development Programme' within Cavan and Monaghan ETB. They undertook to develop our 'Open Evening' with a view to enhance enrolment.
- First years had a team building and bonding day when they went hiking in the Cooley Mountains. They were accompanied by their Year Head and Principal.
- 30 German students visited our school to observe and compare the education systems and learning environments in our classes.
- An award night was held for a Lydia Byrne, a 2012 Leaving Certificate student who was presented with the annual J.P.Mc Manus Scholarship award for achieving 576 points in her Leaving Certificate.
- Nine transition year students with their French teacher had a four day exchange trip to France.
- 2012 Leaving Certificate student Brendan Duff was awarded for his Leaving Certificate project chosen by the ETTA as being amongst the top ten Leaving Certificate projects. Further awards were bestowed on Junior Certificate students Áron Gernon and Niall

Ashfield who also achieved recognition for their metalwork projects being in the top ten in the country.

- Inver College chartered its Literacy Policy which then was enacted and embedded into subject departments and school community. This drive is supplemented by a whole school Professional Development day delivered by the PDST services.
- A school remembrance ceremony for school held by Fr. M. O' Reilly in November.
- The School Business Partnership in conjunction with local employer Bose Ireland, ran another hugely successful eight week training course with LCVP and LCA students.
- The annual sampling Saturday occurs in November where sixth class students from the surrounding National schools are invited to the school to experience the array of subject provision, and sample the learning atmosphere in the school.
- In liaison with Bose Ireland a 'Management Excellence for Teachers' was convened for several Inver College Staff.
- All Carpets in downstairs rooms were replaced.
- Inver College sports facilities hosted the Girls' GAA schools Ulster Final between Our Lady's Grammar School Newry and Bailieborough Community School.
- A third year student, Lorna Lewis launched the publication of her book "Roxanna & Omya".
- "Inver Search" the annual Inver College talent competition was held with overall student singer Ben Troy coming to the fore.
- The school choir partnered with St Louis Convent School held a Carol Signing with proceeds going to St. Vincent De Paul.
- The annual St. Vincent De Paul food appeal garnered tremendous participation from students and staff.
- A group of students was shortlisted and went on to represent the school in the "BT Young Scientists award". They received special merit for their study 'Evaluating the energy output from energy drinks versus placebo effect'.
- Evening Study classes were introduced in Inver College. The facility is available to all 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students and is run at no cost to the Students.
- A group of music students take part in the Comhaltas – Craobh Charraig Art/Music Workshop.
- Inver College Transition Years organised and catered for the Senior Citizens Party Night.
- Inver College U16 GAA team win the VEC County Monaghan Championship.
- Transition Year students reached the Semi-finals of 'build a bank' competition.
- The local Garda Liaison Officer was invited to give a talk on 'Personal Safety for Students'.
- A child care course for parents is organised in the evenings under the auspices of the Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Officer.

- A further day course for parents is run by the HSLO, for those who wish to improve their Maths skills.
- A Geography Trip was organised for all 2nd year students to the Marble Arch caves, in Fermanagh.
- A specially organised Easter camp was held for students

Largy College, Clones



The years 2013 and 2014 were another successful years for Largy College on the academic, sporting and extra-curricular fronts.

Academically students excelled at both Junior and Senior Cycle. At Junior Cycle, many students received 'A's in Honours Level papers and the student who achieved the best Junior Certificate results was Kerry Nolan. The student who achieved most points in the Leaving Certificate was Shannon Reilly who achieved 540 points in her Leaving Certificate.

According to the Irish Independent November 2014, education.independent.ie/league/2014 Largy College achieved a 93% *progression rate to Further Education/Higher Education 2014* – the fourth highest in all of the second level schools in Monaghan and Cavan. This is testimony to the hard work and dedication of all staff and is a significant statistic for a DEIS school.

In addition, Largy College won 3 national titles in the sphere of Education, a fantastic achievement for a relatively small secondary school with DEIS status.

1. Debating: Largy College Win National Final.

On Wednesday 14th of May 2014, Largy College won the National Final of the Concern Schools' Debating Competition, held in the RDS, Dublin.

The team, composed of Captain Marieke DeJong, Sinead Gallagher, Christy Biji, Sean Mullins and Mollie McCluskey, beat their opponents, St Flannan's College, Ennis, Co Clare, by opposing the motion, "Africa Rising is a False Dawn".

The debate was closely fought, with both teams displaying a wonderful breadth of knowledge on the subject and delivering their points with a passion, gusto and a confidence well beyond their years, an achievement of great significance in the sphere of education.

The road to the final, which began in September 2013, involved debating against schools from Monaghan, Cavan, Donegal, Meath, Galway, Dublin, Kildare and finally Clare. The team's prize was a trip to Bangladesh in July, where students witnessed, first hand, the work that Concern does. The team was accompanied by a teacher from the school.

2. Young Social Innovators 2014

Largy College Young Social Innovators 2014 team attended the National Showcase in City West on Wednesday 7th May 2014, having been selected as a finalist. Of the 320 teams who entered the competition, only sixty were selected to present at the National Final.

The team won the challenge trophy for their category, "Making Our World One World", for their project which aimed to bring communities together and challenge cross-border prejudice and stereotyping.



Young Social Innovators Competition: Largy College take first place in their category, "Making Our World One World".

3. S.H.A.W Competition 2014

Largy College, Transition Year Student, Christy Biji, scooped first prize at the prestigious Sexual Health Awareness Week, (SHAW), Youth Competition.

Transition Year students from across the country were invited to submit either, a 1500 word essay or an alternative expression piece, on the title, “What helps us make good decisions in our romantic lives?”

Based on her essay, Christy was selected to make a presentation at the National Final, which took place in The Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on Thursday 14th of November 2013. She was awarded first place in the essay writing/public speaking competition.

Two other students from Largy College were also selected for the final. Nicole Mullan also made a presentation in the essay/public speaking category and Kerri McGuigan was selected to make a presentation based on the artwork she submitted.

In the last year Largy College has seen many successes in Gaelic football.

These accolades include

- Senior boys winning the last three County Senior football titles (VEC/ETB)
- Senior boys team qualifying for the Ulster ‘A’ league semi-final (Feb 2014) coached by Mr Felim O’ Reilly
- Senior girls playing Ulster ‘A’ semi-final in Jan 2014
- Under 16 boys reaching the Ulster football final
- Under 14 girls Ulster football semi finalists
- Under 16 boys winning County final Dec 2014 coached Mr Shane Wixted

Cavan Institute



Academic / General

Course Delivery: Over 80 Major FETAC accredited courses at Levels 5 and 6 were delivered to 1359 full-time day students.

Certification / Completion Rates: There was an 80% completion rate for the academic year 12/13 with a 93% Certification Rate.

Student Destination Survey: The student destination survey for all Graduates who completed their courses in 2013 showed that 63% of students went on to Further or Higher Education, 26% gained employment and 11% were seeking employment.

Graduation: The new Chief Executive of Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board (CMETB), Mr Martin O'Brien attended the annual Graduation Ceremony. Also in attendance was Ms Madeline Argue, Chairperson of the Board of Management of Cavan Institute and Mr Joe McGrath, Chairperson of CMETB.

Adult Education Programme: Adult Education classes were held from September to December and again from February to April

Drop-in Days: "Drop-in Days" for prospective students was held at various times throughout the year

Taste of Cavan: Cavan Institute was host to the Taste of Cavan event which took place in August. Staff and Students assisted with the cookery demonstrations and other events.

New Website: A new web-site, developed in-house by Cavan Institute staff was launched in September.

Policies: A total of 11 policies were ratified by the Board of Management. Also, a number of policies were reviewed and updated during 2013.

CPD: A number of CPD sessions took place throughout the year, including ICT and Moodle training. In December, a Teaching and Learning workshop was facilitated by Paul Ginnis. Staff from Monaghan Institute also attended this event.

Equality Training: Funding for equality training was secured and training for students and members of the Board of Management commenced in 2013.

Peer Mentoring: A new peer mentoring programme was introduced for first year students.

International Motilities: As part of the EU funded Leargus projects, students had the opportunity to travel to countries including Scotland, England, Estonia and Germany for Work Placement.

Student Activities

Fashion Show: The Hairdressing department ran a very successful Fashion Show in February in the Hotel Kilmore. All proceeds went to the suicide awareness charity, SOSAD.

Commercial Salon: Hairdressing students and staff also launched a Commercial Salon which opened to the public in February.

Blood Transfusion Days: The student's council organised two Blood Transfusion days. These days were specifically for students and staff of Cavan Institute and staff of the Blood Transfusion service were highly complementary regarding the number of students and staff who gave blood on these days.

Community based projects: Students took part in a number of community based projects including working with Children and Adults with disabilities in various venues throughout the county.

Cyber Bullying Awareness Week: As part of the Cyber Bullying Awareness week, the student's council produced a video on Cyber Bullying Awareness. Multimedia students were shortlisted for the final of the Third Level Dare2BDrinkAware national competition.

International Beauty Therapy Student of the Year. Beauty Therapy students reached the CIBTAC finalists for the International Beauty Therapy Student of the Year. There was a total of 220 centres entered with 22 countries represented worldwide.

Neven Maguire's visit to Cavan Institute: The renowned chef, Neven Maguire was a guest speaker for the Professional Cookery and Hotel and Catering Classes

Maths Week: As part of Maths week, Dr Paco Gomes gave a talk to all maths students

Acoustic Junction: Music students end of year show "Acoustic Junction" took place in April. They were joined by the Cavan Sinfonia Orchestra.

Creative Initiatives Exhibition: The Creative Initiatives exhibition involving students from the Art, Design and Multi-media courses took place in the Further Education and Training Campus.

Green Ribbon Awareness Campaign: Students from the Health Care, Sport and Education Departments took part in the "Green Ribbon Awareness Campaign in May. This campaign aims to increase awareness about mental health and change attitudes towards mental health problems.

Visit by Paschal Donohoe TD: Paschal Donohoe visited the Institute in May to present certificates to students who took part in the International Work Placement Programme. Certificates were also presented to students for outstanding achievements in Sports and other extra curricular areas.

Clubs and Societies Day: A total of 14 different Clubs and Societies were formed at the Clubs and Societies day held in September

Blue September: Students from different class groups took part in "Blue September", a men's cancer awareness month and raised funds for the Mater Foundation.

Halloween Music/Drama Production: Radio Production, Drama and Music Students put on a fantastic production at Halloween featuring their own radio station, original drama and live music.

Road Safety Week: The Students Council organised a Road Safety Week in October. Events included the distribution of safety clothing, free 3-point car checks, on-site roll over crash

simulator provided by the Road Safety Authority, an exhibition by the Art students and various talks on road safety.

Science Week: Staff and Students hosted a number of groups of National School Pupils during Science Week.

Christmas Songfest: The Institute's annual Christmas Songfest took place on 17th Dec. Students and Staff enjoyed carol singing, live music, drama and some festive food. Funds were raised for the St. Vincent de Paul and Lions Club Charities.

Sports

Ladies Gaelic football Team: The Ladies Gaelic football team took part in the Higher Education League campaign. Their first game was a win against Blanchardstown Institute of Technology.

Male Soccer Team: The male soccer team played their first round championship against Athlone IT

Men's GAA: The men's GAA reached the semi-final of the Colleges championship as part of the Sigerson Cup weekend which was hosted by Athlone Institute of Technology.

Sports Scholarships: Sports Scholarships were awarded to five students for their outstanding achievements in sports

Ulster GAA Further Education 7-a-side: Cavan Institute was the overall winner of the GAA FE 7-a-side competition.

Cavan Ladies All-Ireland Intermediate Winners: Cavan Institute was well represented on the Team that won the All-Ireland Intermediate Final, with 3 staff members and 4 students involved with the team

Sports Person of the Year: Keith McGrath was awarded Sports Person of the year at the Annual Graduation Ceremony

Hurling and Camogie Blitz: Over 150 students from 3rd level colleges from around the region took part in the inaugural Cavan Institute Hurling and Camogie blitzes.

Cavan Institute Camogie team won the Camogie blitz and DKIT won the Shield competition. DIT beat DCU in an exciting final of the Hurling blitz and Letterkenny IT narrowly defeated Monaghan Institute to win the Shield competition.

Monaghan Institute



- Graduation was held in the Garage Theatre on Thurs 13th Nov 2014. Guest speakers were Fiona Hartley, Executive Director, SOLAS and Paul Bond, local businessman, Director of Bond Safety
- Outside groups have been renting rooms at MI from Sept, 2013 for contracted training (SOLAS). Course delivery continued over the summer of 2014, with a different set of providers engaging from Sept 2014.
- New course in Computer Games Design Level 5 started in Sept 2014.
- Further development of the Library took place over the Summer of 2014. Security system was installed, Library administration system was tested and refined, additional computers were added for student use. Substantial additional book/DVD stock was purchased and made available to learners in Sept 2014.
- Professional photographs were taken for use in promotion material and a new college stand was produced in October, 2014
- Joint staff CPD on changes re Quality Assurance arrangements held for FE staff from Cavan and Monaghan in March 2014, with input from QQI. QQI Award replaces FETAC and HETAC awards from August, 2014.
- SkilleTB funded the provision of part time Health Care modules for Home Helps employed by the HSE. Two modules were delivered in MI Sept-Dec 2013 for a cohort of 20 learners. A further cohort participated in the programme from Sept-Dec 2014.
- MI hosted Engineering Technology Teachers association Conference in November, 2013, including trade stands.
- MI hosted Border BizCamp on 13th Sept 2014. This was an event for businesses in the region, involving a series of short talks covering areas such as business leadership, innovation, creativity and motivation
- Queens University College visited MI in June 2014 in consideration of the BA Early Childhood Studies from Stranmillis University College resuming on a part time basis from Sept 2014. A MOU was agreed and the degree programme is up and running. New video conferencing equipment was purchased to support this delivery. A staff member from MI is employed by Stranmillis as a lecturer to work with the Monaghan group.

- Introduction of Managed Print service for all users (Staff and Students) from September, 2014. Centralised printers in social areas, rather than printers in each room. New student cards are multi-functional acting as ID card and can also be used for printing and for library borrowing.
- Self-evaluation of two course areas – Childcare and Sport Therapy was completed in May 2014 and submitted to QQI, following agreed programme improvement plan with external evaluator.
- Engagement with FIT (Fast Track to IT) in supporting links with employers in the IT industry for learners. FIT staff have been meeting students, training them on CV preparation and LinkedIn profiles. They also offer interview skills and support with work placements. FIT follow students for 3 years after course completion.
- Renew contact with Dutch partners from Roc Friese Poort College, Drachten, Holland regarding an application for ERASMUS + funding for international work placement opportunities for learners. Application to send 15 students to Holland in early 2015 was successful. Planning and selection began in Sept 2014.
- Hosting Secretarial student from Holland for a 6 months work placement in MI from Nov, 2014
- Local business people were invited in to an Employers lunch in MI held in May, 2014. This resulted in Spreadsheet training (beginners and advanced) being provided for staff from Town of Monaghan Co-Op in the Autumn term, 2014
- Discussions began with employers re prospective Apprenticeship programmes. The Apprenticeship Council which was established in Nov 2014 will be calling for new proposals early in 2015.
- Meeting with DSP staff re proposal to run courses under the Momentum programme starting in Autumn Term 2014.
- Deputy Principal position filled temporarily in October, 2014 through transfer.
- Continued relationship with DkIT re transfer and progression of students. Staff attended NEFEHEA conference in DkIT on 27th May, 2014
- Literacy Awareness (NALA) and Defibrillator/CPR training for staff held in May, 2014
- A CMETB Careers event took place on Wed 26th November 2014 on the Campus. It brought over 1000 students from Cavan and Monaghan to MI. Staff put great efforts into maximising MI's exposure/promotion at this event
- **eLearning** pilot project with SOLAS has been set up, to establish MI as an eLearning college, through extension of their licences with Skillsoft (who write training materials, record teaching videos, design on line tasks) and Prodigy (who offer internationally recognised certification). Courses are industry recognised and include Dreamweaver, HTML, MS Office, Comptia, CISCO. They are administered through a Moodle account. They can be available to students (additional to FETAC programmes), to staff (CPD) and the general public. SkillSoft has a team of 50 people available 24/7 to support learners. There are also free on line tests. Prodigy have a contract with Microsoft re

exams e.g. MOS. MI could run this level of exam in house. Higher level exams such as CISCO, COMPTIA, MS Certified Professional, have to be taken at other centres, like Dundalk (cost to use centre). There is an option to become a Microsoft Academy.

- Participation in CMETB FET Management team meetings. Consideration of new QQI QA guidelines and the establishment of new CMETB Programme Approval Committee.

Adult Education

CMETB Adult Education Services are continually growing and developing. There is now a wide range of courses, supports and programmes to suit adult learners of all ages and abilities and to cater for different interests.

Our Adult Education Services provide education, training and support to more than 4,500 learners annually. The courses vary from hobby programmes, basic skills courses and certified programmes. We work with learners and help them to complete their course and, where relevant, progress to a higher level of education and training.

We also offer a free and confidential **Adult Education Guidance and Information** service (AEGIS). This helps people to identify their interests and chose a programme which will suit and ultimately benefit them.

Adult Education Services are provided throughout Cavan and Monaghan in numerous locations both rural and urban. Furthermore, programmes are provided on a full and part time basis. This enables people to participate in education and training locally and conveniently, while still managing their other commitments.

Adult Education Services include: **Community Education, BTEI, VTOS, ESOL, Adult Literacy, Momentum**. The programme of classes, services and activities is varied and changes regularly.

Community Education

Community Education refers to adult education and learning generally outside the formal education sector, with the aims of enhancing learning, supporting empowerment and contributing to civic society.

The purpose of the Community Education Scheme is to assist community and voluntary groups to deliver a range of education activities for disadvantaged adults within their community.

The Community Education Programme provides the following services:

- Direct Provision of Courses – assist groups in the planning and organising of courses, including providing tutors, planning sessions and funding courses.
- Working in conjunction with CDP's to provide longer term training for people throughout the two counties.
- In May 2014, CMETB administered and allocated the Community Education Grants Scheme – community groups make applications for funding for Community Education Programmes in their area.

The Community Education Service works with Community groups, voluntary groups, lone parent groups, disability groups, active retirement groups, parents groups, Family Resource Centres, women's groups, men's groups, CDPs. Funding is available for Community Education programmes through either the ALCES budget or the BTEI budget

Adult Literacy Service

CMETB Adult Literacy Service provides a range of basic education programmes across the Cavan Monaghan region offering second chance educational opportunities to adults who left school without qualifications or those who wish to improve their basic skills in reading and writing.

Provision includes accredited and non-accredited literacy classes where learners have the opportunity of availing of programmes that support the learner centeredness ideal of adult literacy learning. In addition to literacy programmes a range of foundation level courses are offered in areas such as computers, horticulture, cookery, and English for Speakers of other Languages.

Provision is administered under a range of funding schemes such as Skills for Work, BTEI (Back to Education Initiative), DEIS and ITABE.

From September of 2014, following the retirement of 1 part time ALO, the service is managed by 3 full time and 2 part time Adult Literacy Organisers supported by 4 resource workers, 1 full time and 1 part time clerical staff. Resources workers undertake co-ordination duties in Family Learning, ESOL, FETAC QA and Fee paying classes. The service employs in excess of 80 part-time tutors delivering provision in over 50 locations.

A total of 3865 adult learners have participated on literacy programmes in the period July 2013 to December 2014 provided by CMETB adult learning services.

The CMETB Adult Learning services have undergone a period of change post amalgamation. Staff have met on several occasions to share best practice and to look at the task of developing and delivering a consolidated service that will meet the needs of the Adult Literacy learners throughout the region while following the guidelines being outlined in the FET Strategy. This work will be continued over the coming years as the service continues to unify and strengthen.

Key Events July 2013-Dec 2014

Monaghan

- Adult Literacy tutors attended International Literacy Day in DCU which was themed on the value that technology brings to learning. Training was also provided in Monaghan by Tom O'Mara from NALA for the WRITEON programme. These sessions were aimed to improve the blended learning options promoted in our classrooms.
- Accessed **Diversity Awareness** training for 12 tutors and 65 adult literacy learners under the PACE project.
- Accessed **Bene/FIT 4** funding under Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources as an initiative under the National Digital Strategy. This funding was aimed at adults who have not previously engaged with the knowledge society through computer or internet use. Classes ran in Carrickmacross, Clones and Monaghan Libraries, European Union House and the Gatehouse Learning Centre. Minister Pat Rabbitte presented certificates to 33 of our learners on the Bene/FIT 4 project in Dublin.
- We were successful in our application to extend our PEACE III funding for 2 basic adult education projects – Towards Active Citizenship and Using Technology to Reach out into Communities. This allows us to continue with these projects until July 2014. Funding of this nature allows us to expand/develop the programmes we currently offer and thereby enhance the service. This funding is worth €94,150 to the Adult Literacy Service.

Cavan

- 30 Refugees arrived in Cavan from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Language and Life Skills programmes were provided by Cavan Adult Learning Centre during 2014.
- Men's Cookery Classes – an ITABE group of men took part in a very successful cookery class - **101 + Square Meals**
- Cavan Adult Learning Centre celebrated Halloween with a series of Spooky Storytelling workshops in the Johnston Library in Cavan and the Adult and Community Education Centre in Ballyjamesduff. The Family Learning Coordinator, invited parents and

children to make brooms, hats, cats, and much more as they acted out the story 'Room on the Broom'.

- 'FEASTER', a celebration of Cavan's international food culture, took place in Little Sicily restaurant in Cavan town during Holy Week. FEASTER celebrated Cavan's rich cultural diversity with seven different nationalities being represented – Poland, Lithuania, Egypt, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo and Ireland. Proceeds from the event were presented to SOSAD and Down Syndrome

Momentum Programme

MOMENTUM is a Government programme, which provides free full time education and training projects for long-term jobseekers. It aims to assist unemployed jobseekers to gain skills and access job opportunities. Momentum programmes provide on-the job training as well as further education and training courses.

CMETB ran 3 Momentum projects in 2014:

1. Professional Cookery : This is a FETAC / QQI Level 5 certified programme. CMETB is planning to run this course in Monaghan town / Ballybay and in Cavan town. The courses are due to start in Oct 2014 and will involve 20 weeks training and 9 weeks work placement.

2. eBusiness : This is a FETAC / QQI Level 5 certified programme. CMETB is planning to run this programme in Monaghan town, Cavan town and Virginia. The courses are due to start in November 2014 and will involve 23 weeks training and 9 weeks work placement. Participants will study:

3. Construction Technology and Renewable Energy Systems: This is a FETAC / QQI Level 5 certified programme. CMETB are planning to run this course in Monaghan town and Cavan town. The courses are due to start in Jan 2015 and will involve 20 weeks training and 10 weeks work placement.

YOUTHREACH PROGRAMME

Cootehill Youthreach

As part of the Summer Programme Cootehill Youthreach learners created and produced murals for the Darley National School playground in Cootehill. Over the course of three days the learners transformed the school yard with fun interactive murals such as hop-scotch, bull's-eye and snakes and ladders.

All staff engaged in the Quality Framework Initiative.

As part of our community involvement the learners decorated windows of local businesses in the town for the Gerry Whelan Festival in September 2013.



Windows painted for Gerry Whelan Festival

The centre had 54 FETAC Portfolios assessed which resulted in 3 learners receiving their FETAC Level 4 National Certificate and all other learners receiving FETAC Level 3 and 4 Minor awards which will lead to full certification in 2014/2015.

As part of the summer programme for 2014 the learners created murals for some of the classrooms and the learner canteen. They are very proud of the end result and the rooms have become a more positive space to learn and socialize in.



Learners created a reading corner in the canteen and relevant wall art in the IT room

Castleblayney Youthreach

Castleblayney Youthreach was actively involved in various fund-raising events from October to December 2013. Students got involved in the Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal and organised a sponsored silence in aid of I.S.P.C.C. Students raised €305.00 from the Cheerios Breakfast morning offering full Irish breakfast, and Breakfast rolls to family and friends and local employers. This event was very well attended and contributed to students QQI Cookery module assessment.



Cheerios Breakfast Morning



Sponsored Silence hour



Shoe Box Appeal

Two staff members attended Mentor Training for new staff in Monaghan Education Centre and two staff updated their First Aid training.

A Counsellor (part-time) started working in the centre. This is a valuable and necessary service to the centre students.

In November 2013 students got involved in a Skills Exchange Programme in the Íontas Centre. Ten students cooked and made pottery with local senior citizens. This project was very successful which formed good working relationships and shared knowledge of skills and ability. At the close of the day all gathered for a meal prepared by Youthreach students.



Youthreach students rolled out a Peer-Led Oral Health Promotion Programme as part of their SPHE class.

In November 2013 student Charmaine Smyth entered the Civil Liberties Mental Health Competition under the following sections: Painting, Logo and Short Film winning third place. Charmaine's logo was printed on centre t-shirts and will be used on various centre outings.

In June 2014 fifty-seven QQI folders went through for assessment comprising of Level 3 and Level 4 modules. Many students received their full QQI Certificate Level 4 in General learning and four students transferred to Cavan Institute.

Castleblayney Youthreach engaged with the Quality Framework process in July 2014. As part of this process we conducted a centre student evaluation, a teacher module evaluations and an evaluation with members of the Board of Management. All relevant statistics were collated relating to students, staff and the programme and as a result of the feedback, actions were put in place to address the findings.

In March 2014 the new Castleblayney Youthreach centre opened. This was a very important day for students and staff. This purpose built centre is equipped with a new woodwork room, Sports Hall, staff room, hairdressing room and counselling room. Many classrooms are equipped with a Smart-Board and new computers.

Castleblayney Youthreach was officially opened Castleblayney Youthreach on Friday 28th November 2014 by Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. Many students spoke of their

educational journey through the Youthreach Programme and their progression to further education.

Cavan Youthreach

Cavan Youthreach has endeavoured to cater for the social and educational needs of unqualified early school-leavers through programmes of integrated general educational training and work experience. In December 2013 Cavan Youthreach had 51 learners enrolled on the programme, 34 male and 17 female. Age profile between 15 and 20.

Programmes Delivered

Certified Programmes	Additional Programmes
Component Certificate FETAC Level 3	ECO UNESCO
General Learning Certificate FETAC Level 3	Drive for Life
Component Certificate FETAC Level 4	Step Up Programme
General Learning Certificate FETAC Level 4	Mind Yourself
Safe Pass	Summer Programme
President's Award (Gaisce)	Young Social Innovators
Occupational First Aid FETAC Level 5	Drug Awareness
Driver Theory Test	Guest Speakers
	Smoking Cessation Programme
	Couch to 5K

Learner Achievements

86 FETAC portfolios were presented for assessment in August 2014. Minister Frances Fitzgerald TD presented Learners with their certificates. 2 Learners achieved FETAC General Learning Certificate at level 4, 4 Learners achieving General Learning Certificate at level 3 and 1 Learner achieving General Learning Certificate at level 2

Cavan Youthreach Learner Jamie Mullarkey scooped first prize in the recent Irish Council for Civil Liberties and Youthreach Human Rights competition.

The Cavan Youthreach Soccer Team was Regional Winner in the National Youthreach Soccer Tournament 2014.

Staff Continuous Professional Development

Cavan Youthreach Staff continuously engage in training and up skilling. In 2014 the following programmes, training sessions and events were part of the Centre's CPD

Equality Training	Cardiac First Response Training
Inclusive Learning Environment	Manual Handling Training
Integrating Literacy	Occupational First Aid
VSware training	Pilates
Microsoft Conference	

Events/Trips

Careers Day for learners	Roadsafe Roadshow	Graduation
Museum Visit	Cycle Against Suicide – Learner congress	CG Power Systems – CV writing and interview skills
Soccer tournament – Regional winners	Cycle Against Suicide 15km Cycle	Presentation of Hampers to St Vincent de Paul
Monaghan and Cavan Institute's Open Days	Cheerios breakfast	Shoe box appeal
Ice skating	John Lonergan workshop	Tus Nua – Career Day
Tanagh OETC	International Women's Day – Tullacmongan Resource Centre	Mobile Cinema – Briefni Park
Traveller Pride Awards	Zoo	Tree Planting Ceremony

Carrickmacross Youthreach

A community allotment project was undertaken as part of Peace III project with Monaghan County Council. Students made an arch and erected it for the allotments in Carrickmacross with the help of the Woodwork teacher David Mc Adam. When the project was finished, students went on a trip to the Botanic Gardens which also featured in a local newspaper article.



Above from left to right: David Gartlan and John Holland



Above from left to right: Tomas Mc Cahey, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Michaela Carolan, Shauna Marron, Amber Conlon, Kitija Kudjrasina and Nicole Byrne

A Daffodil Day Charity Coffee morning was held in March 2013. Students were involved in preparation for our Coffee morning; they made buns, scones, cakes and tray bakes along with their catering teacher Orla Ruxton to sell on the day. €214 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society.



Photo Above: David Gartlan and Blathnaid Hardy

- All students took part in a three day Songschool song-making workshop.

- There was a Movie Making Workshop with the New Media Institute, where students wrote and recorded their own songs and music videos (entered for “Lets talk about Drugs” Media Awards 2013)
- A Sticks and stones Anti-bullying workshop was held for all students in the centre
- Our presentation day was held in July where students received FETAC Level 4 minor awards and 1 student received a full FETAC Level 4 award and was accepted to Monaghan Institute.

Kingscourt Youthreach

Activities/Events

- Mullaghmeen Forest –Walk and Adventure trip
- Carlingford – Slieve Gullion Hill climbing
- Clanrye – Final presentation of Project
- Ploughing Championships Trip
- Newgrange Art & Craft group
- N.I.P.T. Training for Resource persons
- Craft Fair
- St Vincent de Paul hampers prepared and delivered
- Trip to Kilmainham Gaol and I.M.M.A.
- Salas (Mental Health Guest Speaker)
- Drive for Life Programme
- Tus Nua Workshop– Hotel Kilmore – Learners
- X-Hale Film Workshop and film making and Film Festival
- Alzheimer’s Tea Day
- Kick Start Your Career Programme (AES)
- Youthreach Soccer Tournament
- Trip to the Science Gallery (Summer Programme)
- Tanagh OETC (Summer Programme)
- Sugarloaf and Glendalough



- Trip to Wales
- Progression Programme (Partnership)
- ICTU workshop
- Accident Awareness Roadshow
- Craft Fair/Schools week Bowling outing
- Ice skating



Staff Training/CPD

- Sales Pulse Training
- CPD Self-protection workshop
- QQI Information Session, Monaghan

Monaghan Youthreach

Monaghan Youthreach used its allocated 25 places for the most of 2013 with a strong demand for places experienced throughout the year. The progression group of this year was particularly successful in achieving the requisite full level 4 certificate to enable progression to Monaghan Institute in September. A total of 8 students made this important move to further education.

A number of significant projects and extra-curricular activities took place throughout the year. In February 2013 the Monaghan Youthreach 5 a side soccer team won the North East Regional finals in Drogheda and went on to represent the region in the Youthreach All Ireland finals in Athlone later in the year.

March 2013, Monaghan Youthreach students entered the UNESCO Young Environmentalist event with their bird nesting project under the guidance and leadership of woodwork tutor Colm Mc Ardle. This highly recognised event took place in Dublin's Mansion House in May.

Other worthwhile events included a 1 day first aid course for both staff and students and a sports day organised by Rebecca Quigley, sports tutor involving students from the three Co. Monaghan Youthreach centres which took place in Toome, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan.

OTHER SERVICES

Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre



In conjunction with Outdoor Education Ireland (OEI), Tanagh OEC purchased a modern and efficient booking and payments software package in 2013, which allows administrative staff to track visitor numbers and manage payments much more efficiently than before. The centre also saw a major upgrade to the water and waste systems during the year.

The Tanagh OEC Facebook page went from strength to strength throughout the year, receiving over 2,000 fans. It continued to be a great resource for promotion of events at the centre. The centre website was updated and remodelled during the year to further promote events. Additional profile-raising included a full day visit by a TV film crew from *Out & About in Ireland*, who filmed the summer-campers enjoying all the activities. The show was broadcast on the Showcase Channel.



PEACE III

Co. Monaghan VEC made an application for funding to the Monaghan County Development Board PEACE III Peace and Reconciliation Partnership. The following projects received funding and were implemented in 2012 – 2013. These projects were supported by the European Union's PEACE III Programme managed by the special EU Programmes Body.

Towards Active Citizenship

This project involved the provision of a Basic Adult Education programme accredited to FETAC Level 4 standard. It aims to raise the ability and confidence of participants to actively engage in community events and decision making processes. This group had access to 6 hours tuition per week for a period of 80 weeks and funding was also allocated towards resources and trips which explored conflict, diversity and reconciliation and reflected and complemented the FETAC Level 4 modules offered such as Communication, Personal Effectiveness, Local and Global Development Awareness and Historical Studies.

Using Technology to Reach Out Into Communities

This project involved reaching out to minority religious communities to offer Introduction to Technology classes to them on an outreach basis in their own local setting. The project equipped them with both the skills and the small-scale equipment (in conjunction with Peace III small grants programme) to allow them to host or facilitate cross-community and/or cross-border education and 'welcoming events' in their local settings and for their communities in the future. Training was accredited by ICS Equal Skills. Experiential learning also took place in the form of trips that explored conflict, diversity and reconciliation.

Bonding Beyond Boundaries to Promote Inclusiveness

This project followed on from a previous PEACE III project 'Fostering good relations through a community wide programme of events' and assisted youth groups to form bonds beyond their normal geographical, religious, cultural and/or organisational boundaries. Groups were facilitated to network, form relationships and supported to participate in diversity awareness residential. This helped build the knowledge capacity of the youth club leaders and their members with the aim of ultimately removing barriers that hinder clubs having a diverse membership. Clubs were assisted so that they could become more inclusive of minority religious groups, minority ethnic groups or of young people who have special needs.

Building Capacity in Youth Settings

This project aimed to provide teachers and tutors of religion, history, CSPE, Politics, English, Resource, SPHE, Communication and Cultural Studies with the additional skills, knowledge and experience, that is needed to adequately address the issues remaining from the legacy left from 'The Troubles'. This was done through three 2 day in-service days for educators to Dublin (following the visit of Queen Elizabeth II), Belfast/Derry and South Armagh. It was hoped that this experiential learning/training would assist teachers to feel comfortable in initiating and addressing contentious issues such as sectarianism and diversity, and to enhance the delivery of existing curricula by providing additional material and knowledge to supplement course material.

The projects were supported, organised and facilitated by members of Cavan and Monaghan ETB PEACE III Team.

Youth Work

Under the Youth Work Act 2001, the Definition of Youth Work is

“A planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people through their voluntary participation, which is complimentary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; provided primarily by voluntary youth organisations.”

The Youth Work Act 2001 ensures that;

- Youth Work is for all young people
- Promote diversity of provision
- Encourage and support voluntarism
- Promote quality standards in management and youth work practice
- Promote the active participation in decision making in youth groups
- Allocate resources to meet needs

“In order to ensure the highest and most comprehensive quality of service is delivered to young people in Cavan and Monaghan, the Youth Officer ensures that there is:

- Co-ordination of plans, proposals and activities regarding youth work
- Provision of financial assistance
- Preparation a Youth Work Development Plan

- Compilation of a Youth Work Annual Report
- Designation, review or withdrawal of designation for local youth work/service organisations
- Establishment of a Youth Work Committee to advise and make recommendations on the performance of its youth work functions

The [Youth Service Directory](#) provides a complete list of all Youth Clubs and Groups that are providing youth services within the Cavan and Monaghan, including:

- Bands
- Community and Independent Youth Groups
- Community Games
- Foroige
- Macra na Feirme
- Paid Staff Projects
- Religious Youth Groups
- Uniformed Organisations

In this context, 'Young People' are defined as being under the age of 25 years.

Youth Work Functions of Cavan and Monaghan ETB

The Youth Work Functions of Cavan and Monaghan ETB as defined under Section 10 (j) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013 is ... "to support the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional areas and provide such information as may be requested by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in relation to such support"

In the period July 2013 to December 2014 the Youth Officer provided the following services to Youth Groups in Counties Cavan and Monaghan:

Child Protection Awareness Programme - Good Practice for the Youth Work Sector

Cavan Youth Service in conjunction with the National Youth Council of Ireland is rolling out a Child Protection Awareness Programme - Good Practice for the Youth Work Sector. This training is for volunteers over the age of 18 who work with young people in any of our registered Youth Clubs and Groups throughout the county.

Diversity Awareness Training

Two-hour training session focusing on diversity and exploring issues around racism, sectarianism, prejudice and intolerance delivered by peer trainers

This course aimed to explore the issues of diversity, challenge prejudice and discrimination, promote equality and non-prejudice behaviour and explore positive action.

The course was delivered through a number of participative, interactive and fun exercises, which included:

- Exploring Diversity
- Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination
- Understanding racism and sectarianism
- Exploring ways of reducing prejudice

THE ARTS

The Garage Theatre, Monaghan



The Garage Theatre re-located to a state-of-the art building as part of Monaghan Education Campus in 2013. It accommodates an audience of 300. The theatre seating is retractable so that the main auditorium space can double-up for set design and film production. In addition, there is a film screen, large rehearsal space, lighting control room, changing rooms, box office, administrative offices and bar. Total area is 1,940 m². As with all other buildings on the campus, it is fully accessible by less able-bodied patrons.

The Garage Theatre provides a professional performance space and its central location within the campus means that access for staff and pupils of the three schools is enhanced and its utilisation is substantially increased. CMETB will get maximum benefit for its investment by affording drama and the arts in general, a pivotal role in education. The theatre will be used by students and staff for rehearsal, performance and artistic exhibitions right throughout the year. CMETB, by including the Garage Theatre on the Education Campus, is seeking to place drama and arts education centrally within the education experience afforded to learners.

The Garage Theatre now has a suitable venue to provide a diverse programme of events ranging from amateur shows to professional touring performances. Patrons will have the facility to book shows and print-off theatre tickets from the comfort of their own home. Through the Garage Theatre's Seat Advisor Box Office facility, it is possible to log on to the Garage Theatre website, view the seating plan and determine which seat they wish to book. It is also possible to book at the theatre, by phone or in person.

The Garage Theatre was officially opened on 05 December 2013 by Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Monaghan Youth Theatre

Monaghan Youth Theatre was set up in 2007 by a joint venture between the Garage Theatre and Monaghan VEC. Since its inception the group has had four full-length productions including: Wilder's Our Town, Ravenhill's Totally Over You, Reduced Shakespeare Company's Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Jim Daly's Snap'd, Synge's Playboy of the Western World, FRANK LEE - SPEAKING and Arthur Miller's The Crucible.

The company has approximately 50 members aged between 12-18 yrs. The main objective of MYT is to provide opportunities to the youth of Monaghan for creative and personal development through drama and most importantly to have a whole lot of fun while doing it!!

We aim to produce a minimum of one full-length production and one showcase event each term, which lasts from the beginning of September to the end of April.

Having gained affiliation with [NAYD](#) in February 2011, MYT continue to meet and work with other youth theatres.

School of Music

The County Monaghan School of Music was established in 2004. This initiative is intended to address a local need – for expert, co-ordinated, accessible teaching and learning of music, at all levels, throughout the county.

Music Lessons – Monaghan

Cavan and Monaghan ETB is currently offering Music Classes in Monaghan and Carrickmacross. Children and adults of all ages and all abilities are welcome, from beginner right up to advanced levels.

For the younger children (4-6 year olds) Kinder Music class (in Carrickmacross only) offers a fun introduction to music and song. For this age group, no instruments are needed – everything will be supplied at the kinder music class. Class will cost €60 for 10 weeks.

For older children and adults, tuition is available in Guitar, Drums/Bodhrán Tin Whistle, Accordion, Banjo/Mandolin, Fiddle, Traditional Flute and Ukulele. Many students find the classes very useful in preparing for their Junior Certificate or Leaving Certificate Music examinations, while other students have attained qualifications/certification through the London College of Music. Classes will cost €100 for 10 weeks, except Tin Whistle which is €60 for 10 weeks.

New terms begin in January, April and September each year.

Local Arts in Education Partnership



The “Arts in Education Charter” articulates and promotes the essential role of the arts in education, enabling students to be successful in school life and work. Implementation of the objectives of the charter requires the partnership and collaboration of arts, education, business, philanthropy and government, that have a national scope and impact as well as state and local partnerships that promote educational policies supportive of arts in education.

Cavan and Monaghan ETB Local Arts in Education Partnership (LAEP)

Rationale

The rationale for the establishment and development of a LAEP in the CMETB region is to nurture and support new relationships that will develop a shared responsibility for the delivery of arts in education that embraces visual, performing and literary arts.

Goals and Objectives

As lead partner in the Local Arts in Education Partnership, Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board (CMETB) will, in partnership with Cavan County Council and Monaghan County Council:

- Nurture partnership development with a shared responsibility for the delivery of arts in education practice
- Develop Monaghan Education Campus as a hub / centre of excellence for Arts in Education within CMETB
- Develop and deliver an annual programme that engages children and young people from early years, primary, junior, transition and senior cycle students
- Cultivate new partnerships and joint ventures between professional artists, arts organisations, cultural institutes, local authority arts officers and other arts providers but within existing financial supports
- Foster ARIS – Arts Rich Schools, by encouraging and recognising schools that place the arts at the centre of the school community

- Develop continuing professional development (CPD) to achieve high quality arts in education experiences for all involved
- Foster and support creativity and ownership
- Ensure effective communication
- Enhance learning and evaluation
- Support learning, evaluation and monitoring as an integral part of the new LAEP and provide flexible boundaries for change where required

Guiding Principles for the CMETB Local Arts in Education Partnership Development

The CMETB LAEP provides an opportunity for establishing an inter-agency approach to enable and facilitate discussion and implementation of Arts in Education policy development, through partnership collaboration and co-operation. The following areas have been identified as key in order to develop the Partnership:

1. Representation
2. Strategy
3. Structure and Terms of Reference
4. Sustainability 5. Evaluation

Representation

CMETB proposes the development of a LAEP within the CMETB Region. A Steering Committee will be established. The Core Steering Committee will initially comprise:

- CMETB (Lead Partner)
- Cavan County Council and Monaghan County Council
- Teacher Education Centre (Cavan and Monaghan)

The Committee will be expanded to include larger representation. This approach is vital to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are included and in order to ensure buy-in, legitimacy, sustainability and relevance to the local community which the CMETB LAEP serves.

CMETB recognise the various contributions that partner organisations can bring to the table in terms of assisting the development of the CMETB LAEP, e.g. educational supports, artistic supports, arts-in-education continuous professional development (CPD) programme supports, financial supports, operational and implementation supports.

The first Local Arts in Education Partnership Policy (LAEP) in Ireland was officially launched in the Garage Theatre in Monaghan on Friday 10 October 2014 by the Minister for the Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht Heather Humphreys TD.



As part of the launch, the Garage Theatre was awash with an array of musical talent as ten schools from across Monaghan and Cavan took part in a choral performance. The schools were Ballybay Community College, Beech Hill College, Castleblayney College, Coláiste Oiriall, Inver College, Largy College, Our Lady's Secondary School, St Bricin's College, St Louis Secondary School and St Macartan's College.

CAVAN AND MONAGHAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board has adopted a Code of Best Practice for Governance. The Code adopted is consistent with the code set out by Department of Education & Skills in CL F11/05. The purpose of the code is to ensure that the principles of good governance and management are applied by CMETB.

CAVAN AND MONAGHAN ETB

Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board has 21 members and has a formal schedule of functions reserved to itself. The reserved functions are supported by legislation and include policy, planning, monitoring and the adoption of the annual accounts/report. The ETB is supported by an Executive which is responsible for implementation of plans, day to day management and functions not reserved for the ETB. An organisational structure with clearly defined authority levels and reporting structures is in place.

ETB members and designated staff are required to provide annual Disclosures of Interests in respect of issues that could materially influence the performance of functions. In addition, the ETB has adopted a Code of Ethics and this has been provided to all members and staff.

The ETB meets every two months, with a register of attendance being maintained. Members receive agenda and papers in advance of meetings. Any further information applicable to the role of the ETB is readily available. Minutes are maintained and adopted in support of ETB meetings.

A training manual is provided to members outlining their functions and responsibilities. Members have direct access to the Chief Executive. Procedures are also in place for members, in furtherance of their duties, to take professional advice.

Sub Committees

CMETB has established Sub-Committees, which are composed of ETB members, as well as other relevant stakeholders. The ETB nominates the chairperson of these Sub-Committees and detailed terms of reference are provided.

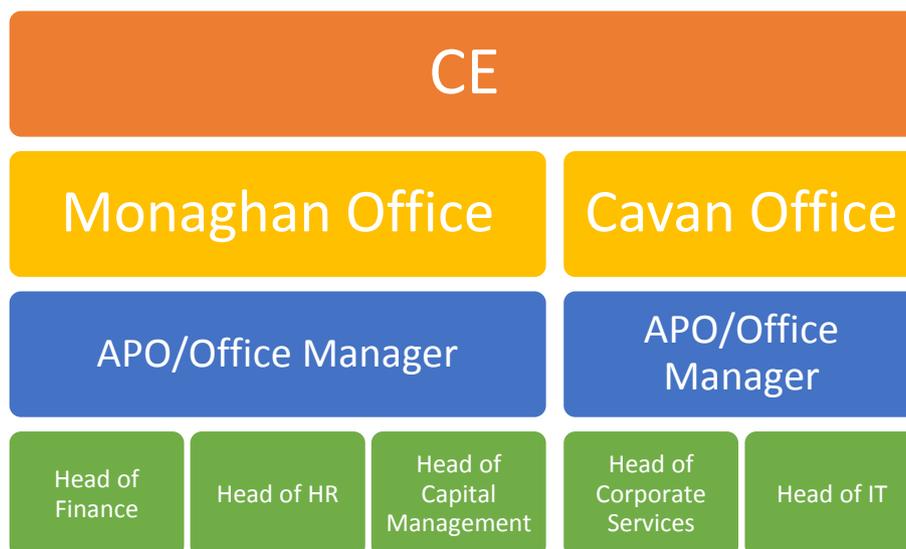
The **Audit Committee** is responsible for monitoring the executive in the carrying out of its functions and provides assurances to the ETB as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control processes. The Audit Committee receives reports from management, external and internal audit. The ETB receives minutes of meetings from the Audit Committee and has regard to its report in adopting a statement of internal control and approving the annual accounts.

The **Finance Committee** has responsibility for reviewing the income/expenditure of the ETB, major contracts and the financial aspects of the Education and Service Plans. Minutes of the Finance committee are received by the ETB for consideration and to assist in providing assurance that the Education and Service Plans are being achieved.

Other committees established by the ETB are the School Boards of Management, Youthreach Board of Management, the Youth Work Committee, the Adult Education Board, Tanagh OETC Board and the Board of the Garage Theatre.

HEAD OFFICE/ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

Central to CMETB operations are the Administration Centres, which act as the hub for all ETB services and centres. The Head Office is located in Market Street, Monaghan and the Sub-Office is in Church View Square, Cavan. The Administrative functions are delivered through a five-pillar structure, comprising Human Resources, Finance, IT, Capital Management and Corporate Services.



The Chief Executive (CE) is responsible for the executive management of the ETB and has overall responsibility for the performance of schools and centres. The Principals and Managers of these schools and centres are responsible for their day-to-day management.

Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board

Operating Account For The Eighteen Months Ended 31st December 2014

FINANCIAL REPORT	July 2013/December 2014
Opening Bank Balance at 01 July 2013	€3,003,967
RECEIPTS	€
Schools & Head Office	51,322,575
Further Education and Training	10,378,834
Student Support Services	1,540,564
Youth Services	150,500
Agencies & Self-Financing Projects	8,969,492
Capital	3,828,635
Total Receipts	<u>76,190,600</u>
PAYMENTS	
Schools & Head Office	51,895,725
Further Education and Training	10,369,186
Student Support Services	1,472,742
Youth Services	202,306
Agencies & Self-Financing Projects	8,335,097
Capital	2,556,283
Total Payments	<u>74,831,339</u>
Closing Balance at 31 December 2014	€4,363,228

APPENDIX 1

Contact Details

CAVAN SCHOOLS

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Principal	Mary Sheridan
Deputy Principal	Niall Lynch
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Deputy Principal	Tara Mullan

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Deputy Principal	Seamus Greene

MONAGHAN SCHOOLS

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Deputy Principal	Annette Ní Thuathail
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Deputy Principal	Corona Farrell

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Director	Dr Fiona McGrath

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Name of Centre	Garage Theatre
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APPENDIX 2

Glossary

AEO	Adult Education Officer
BTEI	Back to Education Initiative
CE	Chief Executive
CALC	Cavan Adult Learning Centre
CMETB	Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
ECDL	European Computer Driving Licence
ESRI	Economic and Social Research Institute
ETB	Education and Training Board
FÁS	Foras Áiseanna Saothair
FETAC	Further Education Training and Awards Council
FETO	Further Education and Training Officer
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IT	Information Technology
LAEP	Local Arts in Education Partnership
NALA	National Adult Learning Network
NEFHEA	North Eastern Further and Higher Education Alliance
PLC	Post Leaving Certificate
QQI	Quality and Qualifications Ireland
VEC	Vocational Education Committee
VSSU	Vocational Services Support Unit
VTOS	Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme

