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Dear Partners,

On behalf of all of us here in the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our students and graduates have benefitted so much from working with you during this past academic year. The students are now on their Summer holidays and we are working to finalise preparations for their return in September. We are also welcoming a wonderful new group of students into Year 1 of the course.

This document gives you a brief summary of the highlights over the past few months here in the TCPID. It has been a busy, but very successful time for our students, staff and graduates.

I hope that you have a wonderful Summer and I look forward to meeting you all again very soon and working with you throughout in the next academic year. I will be in touch with you to discuss the year 2 student work placements which are scheduled to start at the end of January 2018. We will work closely with any of you who are interested in taking on a student for their placement to ensure that you and your team are fully prepared for the process.

Please follow all our latest news on our website at www.tcd.ie/tcpid as well as on Facebook [@InclusionTCD](https://www.facebook.com/InclusionTCD), Twitter [@IDTCD](https://twitter.com/IDTCD) and Instagram [inclusiontcd](https://www.instagram.com/inclusiontcd).

With warmest thanks as always for your support and interest,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Devitt".

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ASIAP Students

Our students have now completed their first year of the new ***Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice*** course. We are delighted with how the year has gone.

Dairine, Hugh, Mark, Marian, Niamh and Shane have worked incredibly hard all year to complete all their assignments and have shown real commitment and support to one another. They are now ready to move into their 2nd year which will be a very exciting one, with a significant business focus, including modules in Marketing, Entrepreneurship and of course their Work Placement.

We are as always indebted to all of you for your support throughout the year. We are dependent on the links with our business partners in order to effectively prepare our students for the transition to potential employment after Trinity College.

Your help means that our students are already gaining a real insight into what they need to do in order to develop their careers. Many great opportunities are starting to open up for our students and graduates thanks to all of you.



Our ASIAP students, ready to move to Year 2 of their course



Reflections on our First Year in Trinity College *by Hugh O'Callaghan*

Thoughts on the first year of the ARTS, SCIENCE AND INCLUSIVE APPLIED PRACTICE COURSE.

All my classmates that I interviewed enjoyed the first year. We enjoyed our trips to places like the Aviva stadium, Facebook and Google. We also met with the VDP group every Thursday at lunchtime.

We all found different things easy and difficult. Some of us found presentations difficult some of us Language and Society difficult. I found the story telling easy. But I found the Irish Sign Language and the Italian hard. Personally I thought the tutors made the classes fun. I especially enjoyed doing a taste test in the alertness program and making the stress balls and getting first place for the messiest work station. I found that having to work over the weekends hard because it meant that I got very little time to do a bit of R&R (Rest and Relaxation) and I also was under a bit of stress at times.

When I started the course I didn't know any of my classmates but now we are all best of friends and we have good jokes with each other. Sometimes we got essays that had to have 500 words but we got them done even if we all found it a bit strenuous.

My classmates and myself have lunch together and help each other. If we need help all we have to do is ask for help from each other.

We all enjoy going into Trinity College to meet up with each other and have a few laughs and hear each other's news if we have any.

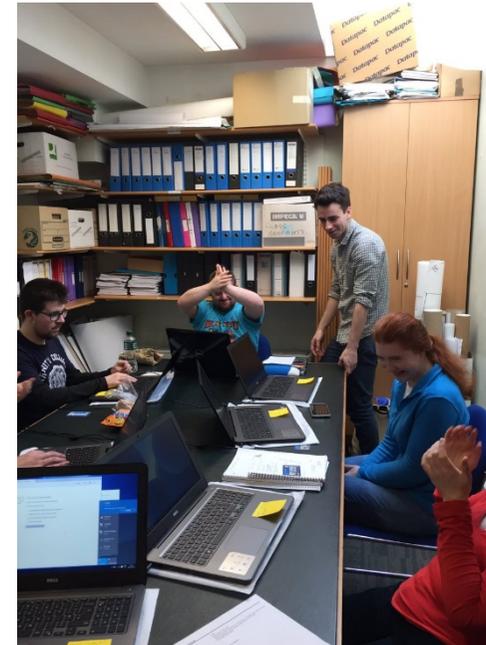


Hugh O'Callaghan being interviewed for independent.ie



Year 1 Completed

Our students have completed a very comprehensive second semester for Year 1. Some of the modules covered included the very popular Emergency and Disaster Management, which investigated a range of disasters and emergency situations and how they can affect the most vulnerable members of society. Students also developed their numeracy skills using practical, real world situations in the Application of Numbers module. A very exciting teaching method was developed for one of our modules in semester two – the Exploring Art module was taught in part through Italian. This allowed students to gain an introduction to the Italian language while learning about art. It is a method that we hope to continue next year, as it proved to be very successful with the students.



Our ASIAP students hard at work using laptops generously donated by our Business Partner GE Capital Aviation Services



Summer Workshops

Many of our business partners expressed an interest this year in providing practical, as well as financial support for our students. In conjunction with some of our partners, we came up with the idea of running some training workshops for the students once the academic year had finished in April. Some of the student workshops that ran in April and May included:

- Administration Skills – Delivered by GE Capital Aviation Services
- Careers Workshop – Delivered by CPL Resources
- IT Skills – Delivered by the IT Services Team in Trinity College
- Presentation Skills – Delivered by GE Capital Aviation Services



Our students enjoying their Administration Skills Workshop in GE Capital Aviation Services





All of these workshops were held onsite in each company's office, which meant that our students were able to experience being in an office environment, as well as taking part in training. This was a huge learning experience and the students all grew so much in confidence by taking part. We hope to run these workshops for our Year 1 students every year from now on with the cooperation of the companies involved. We also hope to work together with you to look at developing some similar workshops for our Year 2 students, as they transition from Trinity College into employment or further education.



Goody Bags from CPL Resources



All smiles after the Careers Workshop in CPL Resources



SciFest@TCPID

Our first meeting with Abbott Ireland took place in March and over a cup of coffee the idea of running a student science project with the Abbott charity partner SciFest was first suggested. After meeting with the wonderful Sheila and George Porter from SciFest, SciFest@TCPID was born!

Our students committed to working over a 6 week period to produce individual science projects with the support of Abbott and the TCPID team. They worked extremely hard to put their projects together and showed true dedication and commitment to producing high quality project displays. The projects helped the students to develop a number of very valuable new skills. Although each student completed an individual project, they supported and helped each other throughout the process. The culmination of SciFest@TCPID was a student exhibition and awards ceremony which took place on Tuesday May 30th. Many of you attended this very special event. For those of you who couldn't make it, we have a number of beautiful photos of the event on our website.

We hope that SciFest@TCPID will become an annual event as it was a huge success.



Anna & Daragh from Abbott with our student exhibitors.

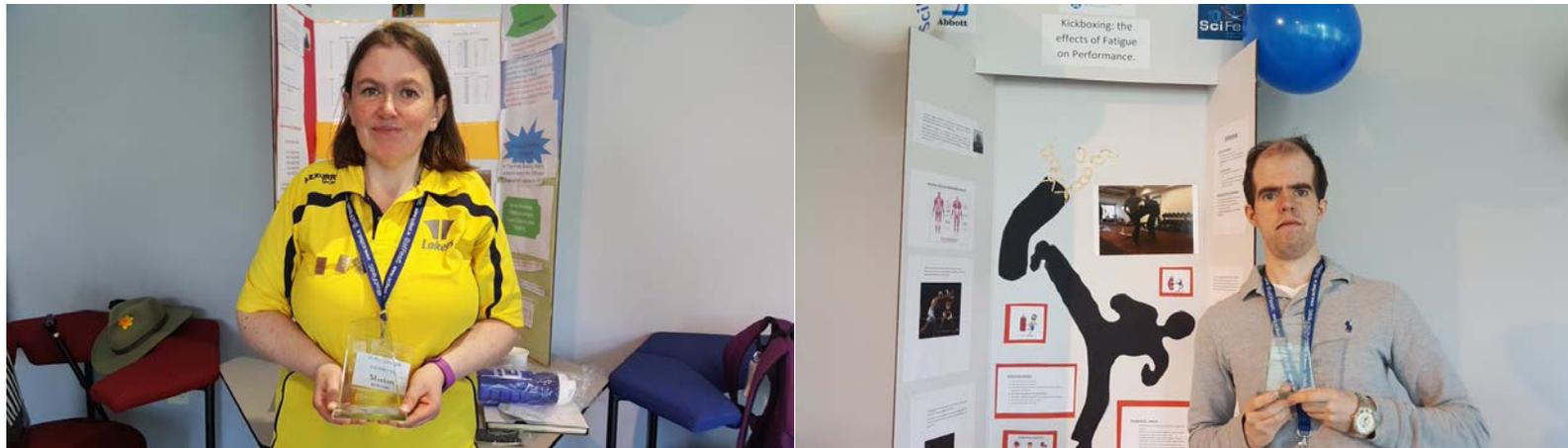


George & Sheila from SciFest presenting awards to Shane McGilton and Dairine O'Rourke





Mark Hogan and Niamh Biddulph proudly displaying their projects



Marian O'Rourke and Hugh O'Callaghan with their SciFest@TCPID awards



Media

Our students have taken part in interviews about the TCPID and in particular the SciFest@TCPID event. We received some great coverage of the event on the independent.ie website as well as on Today FM. Both of these interviews are available to listen to on our website. One of our students also recently completed an interview which will feature in one of the Trinity College Alumni publications later this year.

Graduate Placements

We are delighted that a number of our graduates are currently working with some of our Business Partners on paid contracts.

- Three of our graduates completed very successful 3 month contracts with **Bank of Ireland** earlier this year.
- Two of our graduates are currently employed on 6 month contracts in **EY**.
- One graduate is currently employed on a 6 month contract with **CPL Resources**.
- One graduate is currently working on a temporary contract with **Chartered Accountants Ireland**.

All of these graduates are benefiting hugely from the experience and have become an integral part of the team in each organisation. They have all been made to feel incredibly welcome from the very beginning of their placement.

New Collaborations

We are delighted to announce some exciting collaborations with new TCPID Business Partners / Business Patrons.

Abbott Ireland are a global healthcare company that conducts innovative research and manufactures products for human health through every life stage. Abbott Ireland and their charity partner **SciFest** brought us the wonderful SciFest@TCPID student projects and exhibition, which took place in May.

Avolon are a leading global aircraft leasing firm, providing leasing and lease management services to airlines and aircraft investors worldwide. The partnership with the TCPID was launched on June 7th with a presentation to the Avolon team, both here in Ireland and worldwide via videoconference to their offices in New York, Florida, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai. We were delighted with the opportunity to meet the team and talk about our course and our business partner programme in particular.



Thank you as always to all of our Business Partners for your continued support



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