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**Update from the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities**

**School of Education, Trinity College Dublin**

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Dear Partners,

Our TCPID Business Partners Network was officially launched in October 2016 with a launch event in The House of Lords, Bank of Ireland, College Green. Over the past 10 years, we have built incredible partnerships with all of you, some of which have been in place for almost 10 years as well.

To celebrate this amazing milestone in the history of TCPID, we are having a **10-year anniversary event on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>**. We would love if you could all join us for what will be a really, special, joyful evening with our partners, students and graduates. Tables are booking fast, so make sure that you secure your tickets soon. Full details on the next page.

I would also like to ask for your help with our upcoming internships. We need to source 11 internships to start in September. The ask is:

- **A paid role for up to 12 or 15 hours per week or whatever you might have available.**

If you think that you might be able to help us with one of these internships, please let me know.

Thank you so much as always for your ongoing support which means so much to us,

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

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## 10-Year TCPID Business Partners Network Anniversary Event



The poster features a dark blue background with a white wave-like shape at the top. On the left, the TCPID logo is displayed with the text 'TCPID TRINITY CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES' and 'Learning without Limits For an inclusive society School of Education, Trinity College Dublin'. To the right, a large '10' is written in gold, with 'YEAR ANNIVERSARY' in white below it. A circular inset shows two people in graduation gowns. The main text reads 'TCPID Celebration - 10 years of our Business Partners Programme' and 'Dublin Royal Convention Centre | November 12<sup>th</sup> 2026'. Below this, a paragraph describes the gala dinner as a celebration of achievement and gratitude. Another paragraph mentions a three-course meal and entertainment. A quote by Dale O'Neill is included. At the bottom, it says 'Come celebrate with us, an evening of togetherness, appreciation and joy awaits.' and 'Learning without Limits' is written in a curve at the bottom right. A circular inset at the bottom left shows a group of graduates in gowns.

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**TCPID Celebration - 10 years of our  
Business Partners Programme**

Dublin Royal Convention Centre | November 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

Join us for an unforgettable Gala Dinner as we celebrate 10 years of the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities (TCPID) Business Partners Programme. This special evening will be a heartfelt celebration of achievement, recognition and gratitude, bringing together friends, supporters and our community to honour a decade of impact.

Guests will enjoy a delicious three-course meal, accompanied by entertainment, surprises and plenty of fun and laughter throughout the night. It promises to be an uplifting occasion filled with warmth, joy and shared memories, as we reflect on the journey so far and look ahead to the future.

As we gather together, we are reminded of the power of community and connection:

"A job gives people a purpose. It gives them a reason to get up in the morning. It gives people the sense that they're worth something"  
- Dale O'Neill, TCPID class of 2024.

Come celebrate with us, an evening of togetherness,  
appreciation and joy awaits.

Learning without Limits

Please join us for our 10-year TCPID Business Partners programme gala celebration event on **Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Dublin Royal Convention Centre.**

This event will be a very special, joyous celebration of our business partnerships.

Here is the link where you can book a table:

<https://www.tcd.ie/tcpid/business-partners/10-year-tcpid-gala-event.php>

By purchasing a table, you are allowing us to subsidise the cost of tickets for all our students and graduates to attend.

If you purchase a table, you do not need to send the names of the attendees now. These can be confirmed closer to the time.

We really hope that you can join us on the night to celebrate everything that we have built together over the past 10 years.



From our recent TCPID Graduates.....What would you say to anyone considering coming to study in Trinity College Dublin?

I would say take every opportunity within Trinity College. Keep your head down to get, study hard to get the best grade that you can.

The thing that I would say to someone thinking about going to Trinity would be to go for it, it was the best experience I had in Trinity and the people you meet are amazing and I would also say to join a club or societies that you are interested in to be able to mix with other people.

You'll make new friends. You'll learn a variety of new subjects. You'll have new opportunities like workshops, work placement and internships.

They should go. It will change their life.

I would say it's a fantastic college in Dublin. They give you lots of support in Trinity College.



The advice I would to anybody starting in Trinity make the best of the opportunity by making new friends.

It is a great place and is very near the shops and lots of coffee shops.

I recommend that they go. It makes you more independent and you learn about disability rights.

Be brave, you can do this, focus on your work and your assessments and also be quiet when there are exams on.

I would say try your best and don't worry about anything, and don't be afraid to ask questions and to study hard

You can do this.

You will learn a lot about yourself.

Be positive Be yourself.

Ask questions when you are not sure about something.

Believe in yourself and your dreams might come true.

Get travel training with Dublin bus they are very helpful.

Put your travel card on a lanyard to keep it safe.

Enjoy every minute.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Reflections

Our latest group of 2<sup>nd</sup> year students have now completed the Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice and are really looking forward to starting their internships. We recently interviewed them about their time as students in Trinity College Dublin, about their hopes for their graduate internships and about their goals for the future.

### Your time in Trinity College Dublin

#### 1) What is your greatest memory of your time as a student in Trinity College Dublin?

My greatest memory was being part of Co- Learning and meeting new people.
It would probably be between working in the DAA and winning gold for trinity in the collage league against UCD.
My greatest memory is going to Salzburg to attend a week long workshop in the University of Salzburg with some of my classmates.

Learning lots of new things and making friends. I loved the co learning group too.
My greatest memory is having my TCPID friends for my birthday party, that was in Second Year, September I feel like I've made really good friends in Trinity
One of my best memories that I had as a Trinity College student is meeting people from other courses.
Sitting outside the Pav having lunch
Meeting other students and lecturers and the Salzburg Trip
My greatest memory of my time in Trinity is when I made lots of friends, getting to know the campus, signing up to the rugby club and having lots of food and drinks.
My greatest memory is when we went into TCPID with our parents on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of September, as it was my 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday and to talk about what we are going to do and got laptop



My greatest memory is being part of the co learning English class and panel discussion when the report was launched in November 2025.

I enjoyed my presentation to my old school to tell them all about Trinity.

I enjoyed being an S2S Mentor to first years and showing them around the campus.

I enjoyed helping out at TEDx and listening to all the talks. I hope to do my own TEDx talk some day.

I took part in a Trinity archery competition and got support from Jack Leahy who is a Law student. I really felt part of the day. It was great fun. I had great chats with Jack on our way up and back from the target.

I really liked going to Trinity on my own by train and bus. I enjoyed group work and all my subjects.

**2) What will you miss the most about Trinity College Dublin?**

I will miss going out with my friends and spending time with them.

The thing that I would miss the most would probably be the classmates and the lectures teaching the course as well as the friends I made outside of class with the table tennis club.

I will miss seeing my friends every day. I will miss learning new subjects. I will miss meeting new people. I will miss getting involved in new things.

All the new information I got every day, it gave me an adrenalin rush. I liked getting new and interesting information every day.

I will miss Italian the most about Trinity College Dublin, because it makes me feel successful.

One of the things I am going to miss at Trinity is the shops and travelling independently from Trinity.

All the people I met

Routine and support and learning new things



I miss my friends because they were so welcoming. I miss all of the staff as well.
I will miss the friendship that we had like the buttry for lunch and the Italian class
Everything I will miss learning new things I will miss my lecturers and all the different classes I had I will miss my classmates I will miss the travelling

**3) What are your hopes for your graduate internship?**

My hopes are that I will have the best time in my internship and keep moving on I also hope to continue to learn and develop.
My hopes for the internships would hopefully get a job that I enjoy and that I'll be interested in.

My hopes are for an interesting job, learning new skills, meeting new people, earning some money and getting a permanent job after.
That I get to work in CRH but if not possible something similar.
My hope for my graduate internship are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I might get paid</li> <li>• It will be a little like a job</li> <li>• Independent</li> <li>• Feel successful</li> <li>• Get some skills</li> <li>• Do work</li> <li>• Get a permanent job in the future</li> </ul>
My hopes for my graduate internship is experience getting paid and finding a place that is easy for me to navigate.
I hope I can do the work and maybe get a job.
I would like to be happy. I also want to add value and do stuff without being asked.



<p>I hope I would be TCPID and somewhere in rugby for the internship.</p>
<p>I hope that I will learn more about it and to finally get a paid job that I would like and that it is near where I live</p>
<p>Definitely something with technology</p> <p>Maybe helping people with disabilities find technology that suits them like my entrepreneurship project.</p> <p>I did like being in an office and having my own desk and computer.</p> <p>I like when people come in and out to ask questions. I would like to help them I like meeting new people</p>

4) What are your goals for the future?

<p>My goals are that I would like to travel the world and spend time with my girlfriend and being successful in my work.</p>
<p>My main goal would try to find some wear to be able to work but another goal that I have is to try make a Paralympic game.</p>
<p>My goals for the future are to learn how to drive, learn how to cook and to be independent.</p>
<p>To get a job, keep educating myself and get more friends and maybe a girlfriend.</p>
<p>My goals for the future are becoming an independent adult and trying to get a job.</p>



My goals for the future is to get a permanent job, attend F1 races and socially interact with different people.

I want to be like people my own age and have somewhere to go every day. I want to meet more people and go out with them and have chats. I hope to get money from my job.

I would like to not depend on my mum so much and I also would like to get a good job

To make myself and others happy.

My goals are to get a real job and succeed in my sports, and to type faster and improve my health and fitness

I would like to have a job with technology.

I would like to continue in book club in Trinity and doing the research projects.

I would like something more to study.

I would like to do a TEDx talk.

I would like my own home. I haven't made up my mind yet but maybe in a town or village near buses and shops or a cabin in my back garden and my support person could bring me to train station or my parents.



## Student laptops from the Rory McDonagh Trust

We are so grateful to the Rory McDonagh Trust for their continued commitment to purchasing new laptops for all incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year students. This gift makes such a huge difference to our students every year and allows them to develop key computer skills and to participate fully and equally throughout their Trinity College studies.

**Here are some messages from our 1<sup>st</sup> year students highlighting how the laptops have helped them.**

How did getting a new laptop in September help you with your studies?

Receiving a new laptop helped me research what I needed to in reference to my assignments. It also helped to me to keep up to date with all course related events.

For me Getting a new laptop in September really help my studies because most of the projects, assignments and work was on the laptop and that has helped me to get my work more organised, not reliant on using paper and saving paper and also I get to use apps like Microsoft Word, PowerPoint excel OneNote Gmail and many more.

It was easier to have the work on the laptop and doing the work on the laptop.

Getting a new laptop helped me with my studies at TCPID by making it easier for my brain to take in all the information for each of the classes, and it was faster than handwriting, because I don't handwrite, but I do write by typing.

I couldn't have done without my laptop. I used it to research for my project and creating my presentation.

It gets my spelling right. It was easier to use the computer on my project than to handwrite it.

Getting a new laptop felt so stress free as it was one less thing. It has been helpful to me to have the computer in TCPID. I liked the modules on the computer. They were easy to use. I got the assignments on the computer through the blackboard.



I could email to send the work through to the teachers. I learned so much about word, PowerPoint, whiteboard and excel on the computer and how to work easier than I did know in September when I started.

It has been helpful to me to have the computer in TCPID. I liked the modules on the computer; they were easy to use. I got the assignments on the computer through the blackboard. I could email to send the work through to the teachers. I learned so much about word, PowerPoint, whiteboard and excel on the computer and how to work easier than I did know in September when I started.

I think getting a new laptop in September helped me a lot with my studies. It's great to be able to watch videos that lecturers recommend and download images to use in presentations. It is very handy for research work. Blackboard was very good to have for notes and information on modules and communication with the lecturers.

By receiving a new laptop from The Rory McDonagh Trust, I was able to create new important documents for my work and use it to help build my projects. The laptop has also been found to be helpful for assistive technology and presentations.

## Thank you messages from TCPID students

Dear Rory McDonagh trust

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the generous sponsorship of a laptop in support of my studies on the TCPID Trinity course

The contribution of the laptop means a great deal to me.

Having access to a laptop made a significant difference to my ability to complete coursework, conduct research, and engage fully with the course material.

Without this support, these tasks would have been considerably more challenging.

Your investment in my education shows a wonderful commitment to helping neurodivergent students succeed, and I do not take that lightly. I am determined to make the most of this opportunity working to the best of my ability throughout the course.

Once again, thank you sincerely for your kindness and generosity.

I am truly grateful.



A big Thank you to Rory McDonagh Trust for giving me a laptop because it saved me lots of money to buy a new laptop which I was planning to buy a laptop if I get accepted to Trinity college.

But I was grateful that I got the laptop from Rory McDonagh Trust!!

To the Trustees of the Rory McDonagh Trust

Thank you for giving me my new laptop when I started my course in TCPID. It was a big surprise, and I was really delighted to get it. I have used it every day and don't know how I would have worked on my projects without it. It has helped me in many different ways as well and I would find my course in Tcpid much more difficult without it

Again, very many thanks

I would like to give an amazing thank you to the Rory McDonagh trust for supplying me with a laptop that so I got all my assignments completed on time due to having the laptop.  
Thank you again

Dear Rory McDonagh Trust

Thank you so much for giving me a new laptop for my 1<sup>st</sup> Year in the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities. I learn most effectively by using a laptop, I don't handwrite. I am left-handed and I have an intellectual disability. It is faster for me and doesn't put too much pressure on my hands, because typing saves time and it is faster than handwriting.

Thank you for giving me that in September 2025, thanks as well for giving me something that made me able to participate in the course, and thanks for giving me the memory of Rory just by giving me a laptop in his name.

Thank you, Rory McDonagh Trust, for my computer.

I am really happy to have a good computer for my study it was fast for typing and research

Thank you for the laptop that you gave me. It really helped me.



Thank you very much for my new laptop which I got last September. It has made a huge difference to me while studying in TCPID course. I can google quickly to find information on many subjects which I need for assignments and presentations. It lets me submit my assignments to the lecturers on time. It saves me writing out my assignments by hand and corrects my spelling and grammar. This makes me very happy. I am delighted with my new laptop!

Dear Rory McDonagh Trust, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the hard work and dedication to Trinity via the laptops that you have provided to me and my classmates.

They have come into handy throughout the whole of this first and second semester at Trinity College here in Dublin. The laptop has been a game changer for my education and my commitment to learning at Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

It has provided me with an excellent form of technology - the use of Microsoft PowerPoint, Word and Excel inside of the computer.

I appreciate all the dedication that The Rory McDonagh Foundation Trust has provided to me, and the donations of the laptops have been instrumental in the development process in learning.

Thank you for your continued support at TCPID.



## Business Partner Workshops April / May 2026

We had a packed series of business partner workshops this year, running from April 30<sup>th</sup> until May 28<sup>th</sup>. We had - 9 workshops for our 1<sup>st</sup> years and 12 for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.

We are incredibly grateful to you all for providing these workshops for us.

### Abbott

We started our 2026 workshop season with a visit to Abbott in Liffey Valley where we were welcomed so warmly, not only by the Liffey Valley team, but also by the Abbott mentors from around the country who were getting ready to help our students with their SciFest projects each week.



*Abbott Liffey Valley workshop*

## Abbott SciFest workshops

A team of 14 incredible mentors from Abbott travelled to TCPID every Thursday during the month of May to support our students in developing their SciFest@TCPID projects. The work involved researching project topics, developing project ideas, designing and producing an experiment or a survey, producing project boards with all the content and project findings, practicing how to present each project and finally presenting them projects to invited guests at the annual SciFest@TCPID exhibition in Trinity College Dublin on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**You can watch the video of some of the highlights from the Abbott mentor sessions at this link:**  
<https://www.tcd.ie/tcpid/news/scifest-2026.php>



*Abbott SciFest workshop group*



Here are some messages from each student for their Abbott mentors



Martin Gordon with Alex Maher



Alex Maher with Martin Gordon

Dear Martin,

I loved working on my Rock 'N Rolling Stones project, including their origin, their history and their tours. Thank you Martin for being kind and helpful, I liked working with you, I liked our conversations about The Rolling Stones, and sport. I hope Liverpool do well.

Doing the project made me feel useful and happy, thank you for taking the time to help out in TCPID.

From Alex



Caitriona Webb with Conor O'Donnell



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Dear Catriona,

Thank you so much for all your hard work and the effort to help me on my project. I really enjoyed your jokes and laughter while I was working with you. I am very grateful for all your support and guidance, and it was lovely to get to know you.

Kind regards,  
Conor



Ronan Mac Donnell with Jack Tonge



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Alan Keogan with Lin Xu



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Dear Ronan,

Many thanks for working with me on the project and for your time. I am looking forward to showing everyone our project! Many thanks again Ronan and hopefully see you soon.

From Jack

Thank you Lin for all your help. You are great. You are so kind and gentle you help me so much with my project and you know how much I like Asian food.

You make me very happy with your help and kindness. You are like working with my Mammy. I feel comfortable and happy when I am working with you. I am comfortable to ask you how to do things and you give me good advice and help.

I wish you a very happy life for all your kindness.

From Alan



Andrew Nwosu with Dermot Turley



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Ava Kiernan with Leanne Murphy



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Dear Dermot, it has been pleasure working with you over the past 4 weeks as you know all the information and knowledge as well as I do.  
Thank you for being a good working partner.

Kind Regards,  
Andrew

Dear Leanne  
Thank you for showing me how to look up figures on the CSO website. I had never done a pie chart before so thank you for showing me how, the easy way! Thank you for taking your time showing me and for repeating it for me and breaking it down in small sentences.

Thank you,  
Ava



*Niamh Gorey with Paddy O'Rourke*



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Paddy I would really like to thank you for all your help and support on our project. It was so much fun and we worked really well together as a team. I enjoyed our chats and getting to know one another. I was so lucky to have you as my Mentor.

Thank you so much Paddy.

Kind regards

Niamh



*Oonagh Hague with Isabel Lowry*



*Oonagh Hague with Isabel Lowry*

Dear Oonagh, thanks for helping me with this make up project. I really appreciate the time you gave for you and me to bond. You are a really nice person and I really appreciate the giggles and chats. You have really nice fashion. I knew me and you would be a good team!

Thank you to Marie and Rachelle for choosing Oonagh as my mentor.

From Isabel



*Marie Sheil with Aidan Martin*



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*Aidan Martin with Kate Peters*

Dear Marie,  
Thank you so much for helping me on my project on The Beatles. I really appreciate your help and guidance. I really enjoyed working with you. I am excited to present my project.  
Thanks again,  
Aidan

Dear Kate,  
Thank you so much for helping me with my project on The Beatles when Marie couldn't make it. I appreciate your help with finding information on The Beatles. I enjoyed working with you.  
Best wishes,  
Aidan



Makayla Bradley with Upama Ghosh

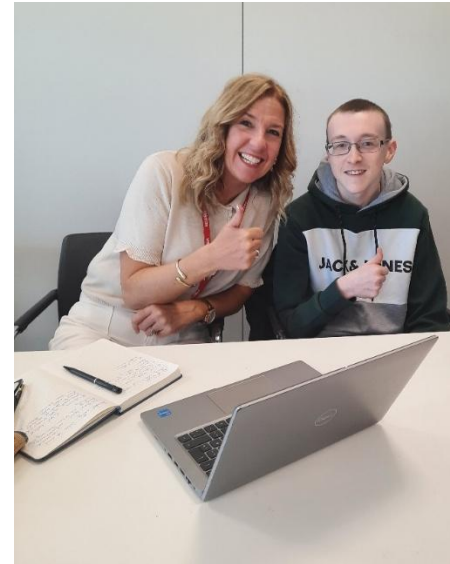


Makayla Bradley with Upama Ghosh

I would like to say a big thank you so much to my wonderful and talented mentor, Upama. You were so kind and clever. I loved our special bond together I also would like to say thank you for helping me to learn about the different and useful tips on how to use my laptop for the future.

I would like to say from the bottom of my heart thank you for everything you have done for me. I loved working with you. It was such a pleasure to get your time and effort to come to us.

Thank you again  
Makyla



Marie Sheil with Aidan Martin



Marie Sheil with Aidan Martin

Dear Caitriona,

I just want to say a huge thank you for all your help and support with my SciFest project on “The science behind table tennis and the brain”. I

looked forward to meeting up with you every Thursday and really enjoyed our sessions together. I loved the way we would research our information and then spend time talking about what we found and deciding what information to use.

Each week it seemed like it was not only me learning but also you were learning that table tennis can slow down the process of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s. It was a very enjoyable project to work on, and I was very lucky to have you as a partner.

Kind regards, Aaron



Dear Kelly thank you very much for the fantastic artwork that you did for our SciFest projects, it was really nice, lovely colours and good images. You were very kind and helpful. I am looking forward to our SciFest next week. It was really kind of you to give us your time I really enjoyed it.  
From Alan

Dear Kelly,  
Thank you so much for helping me make the pictures look so cool, it makes my project look really great, I love The Rolling Stones tongue logo the most, it looks like the real logo and you are really clever to make the pictures look like that.  
From Alex

Dear Kelly,  
Thank you so much for all your lovely artwork for my project. It is so fantastic and very well done. Thank you also for helping me out all through the programme as well.  
From,  
Jack

Dear Kelly,  
Thank you so much for the artwork you made for my project. I really appreciate it. It was a great help. Your artwork was really good and has really added to my project.  
Thanks again,  
Aidan

Hi Kelly, thanks so much for the day it was fab the posters looks amazing  
Best  
Kind regards  
Isabel

Dear Kelly,  
Thank you for the cool picture for my Formula 1 project. I love it!  
From,  
Andrew



Dear Kelly,  
I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your help with the SciFest project. The artwork you created was absolutely gorgeous and made my project look so much better. It was so kind of you to give up so much of your time to help, it really made a big difference.  
Thanks again  
Aaron

Hi Kelly  
Thank you so much for the beautiful artwork you have created for my Scifest project. It is ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. I was so surprised to see it. It is really colourful and will look perfect for my Scifest project. We are so lucky to have you doing our artwork. I am so excited to see it all together.  
Thank you  
Niamh

Dear Kelly,  
Thank you for all your support in creating a picture of me. I enjoyed working with you to decide what my poster is going to be. I loved the doughnuts and the chats with your colleagues. You have been so helpful and I learned a lot from you.  
Kind Regards,  
Conor

I would like to say from the bottom of my heart thank you so so much Kelly for designing the artwork. I love it and you are so talented and thanks again for doing this for me.  
I love it.  
Thanks again, Makayla

Dear Kelly  
Thank you for the artwork for my project - I love my little house. Thank you for the time you spent on my presentation. It looks great and I am excited to present it. Thank you for showing us examples of the sci fest projects. It will be a great day.  
From Ava



Dear Rachelle,  
Thank you being the mentor of the workshop you were a great mentor, because you were very organised, and you were so nice and friendly, I really enjoyed it.  
From Alex

Dear Rachelle,  
I just wanted to say a huge thank you for organising the SciFest programme, not only did I enjoy working with my own mentor Caitriona, but I also enjoyed getting to know all the other mentors over the past few weeks. The mentors seemed to be very interested in why I chose this project and also seemed to be very impressed with my table tennis achievements. It was great fun and I really enjoyed the whole experience.  
Kind regards  
Aaron

Hi Rachelle it was a pleasure meeting you. I hope you enjoying your time in tcpid with us with the project. You have been a big help to us.  
Thank you,  
Isabel

I would like to say a big thank you to Rachelle for organising this year's SciFest thank you for coming into us. I loved working with you all at Abbott. You are all so kind to help us and for taking your time to come and see us, and thanks again  
Makayla

Dear Rachelle,  
Thank you for organising the workshop and allowing me to come to your organisation and seeing how your company works. It was great to get an insight to this, and I learned so much.  
Kind regards,  
Conor



Dear Rachelle,  
Many thanks for organising the programme. And for all your time with it. You and our mentors were really good to us! Many thanks.  
From Jack

Dear Rachelle,  
Thank you for organising the Scifest and matching me with Paddy. I have really enjoyed researching my project and sharing my big ideas with Paddy. I am really looking forward to the Scifest. Thank you for organising this programme. Thank you so much, Niamh

Dear Rachelle,  
Thank you for showing us examples of sci fest and for giving so much of your time to us.  
Thank you so much,  
Ava

Dear Rachelle,  
Thank you so much for organising the SciFest Programme and providing me with mentors to help me with my project. Marie and Kate have been a great help. I really enjoyed working on my project and I can't wait to showcase it.  
Best regards,  
Aidan

Thank you Rachelle for giving me such a lovely mentor Lin. I am very excited about my project on Japanese food and Western food. It is very kind of you to do this for us.  
From Alan

Hi Rachelle, I just want to say thank you for giving this opportunity for me to work with Dermot as I enjoyed working on my F1 Project as I am excited to show it off next week.  
Kind Regards, Andrew



## Aer Lingus



**Thank you messages for Orla, Chantelle, Alan and Kevin**

I just want to say a big thank you to everyone from the Aer Lingus team that took the time to speak to me and the class and to also show me what the cabin crew and all the other staff does on a daily flight.

Thanks again for a great day I really enjoyed it.

Thank you very much I loved learning about the safety and how to save my life and other people on the plane I enjoyed that it was very interesting. I loved getting my photo with the pilot and his hat. You were all very kind.

Thank you for having me at the workshop last Tuesday. It was really interesting and enjoyable. Thank you for the items you gave us. I really appreciate the time you gave us. I really enjoyed the tour especially the part where you showed us the bunker where the crew sleeps and the model of First Class.





Thank you for the workshop in Aer Lingus on Wednesday. I loved it, the pictures of the aeroplane parts like the doors, the jet, the wings and the cockpits, and the destinations, Also I liked the helicopters, police and ambulance service and the training crew academy. It was exciting and interesting, people were friendly and I felt welcome.

Thank you for organising this amazing day for us. Thank you for showing us the safety procedures and first aid that is used on the plane. It was very interesting.

I enjoyed seeing first class and the sleeping cabin because I was never in first class.

Thank you for the tour you gave us and teaching us safety protocols in the place that you work in. I really had a lot of fun doing the safety practice and being in the cockpit.





## AerCap



**Thank you messages for Natalie, Harriet, John and Niamh**

Thank you for the very interesting workshop last week. I enjoyed the talk to the group and very much appreciate the fabulous goody bag you gave to us. Thank you also for the lovely treats.

Thanks to AerCap for the presentations and staff talks and for teaching me how aeroplanes work. Thanks so much to all the staff.

Thank you very much for such a well-organised and enjoyable experience. I really appreciate all the work you put into the presentation, the tour,

the snacks, the thoughtful goodie bags and taking time to answer our questions.

Everything was put together so nicely, and it made the whole visit both informative and welcoming. I especially enjoyed the presentations and how much care was clearly put into each part of the day.

Thank you again for your hospitality and generosity. It was a really positive experience.

Thank you for taking your time out of your day to show and tell us what AerCap does. It was a wonderful afternoon. I thoroughly enjoyed it!





Thank you for giving me and everyone at TCPID an insight into how AerCap delivers essential aircraft leasing services to airlines around the world, making it a world-renowned organisation. I found all of the presentation very insightful and really interesting, the ways in which it has bases to lease aircraft globally. Additionally, learning about the helicopter subsidiary – Milestone.

Once again, thank you and I really enjoyed it.

Thank you for the amazing afternoon out and for teaching us all about what you guys work at and who works for what and not all of you work for the same thing and for really nice summer essentials.

Thank you very much for the workshop that we did. The mascot was really cool and silent too and a lovely colour on the mascot. Thank you for the snacks and also the lovely gifts you gave at the end of the workshop. I really like it so much.

Thank you for showing recognition to our TCPID course in Trinity College for students with Different Disabilities.



Thanks to AerCap for the presentations and staff talks and for teaching me how aeroplanes work. Thanks so much to all the staff.

Thank you all at AerCap for the workshop we did, for the presentation and the food was nice to eat on the day and the nice goodies bags we got.



## A&L Goodbody



**Thank you messages for Sinead, Dylan, Thomas, Emma and all the A&L Goodbody team**

Thank you all in A&L Goodbody for the workshop it was fun to work with you guys. I liked the working in groups discussions about the business of sale in the building. Thank you also for the nice presentation that you did.

Dear A&L team, thank you! I really enjoyed the tour and learning how to negotiate.

Thank you all so much for such a great experience. I really appreciate all the work that you put into the tour, the PowerPoint presentation, negotiation exercise and lunch.

Each part of the day was well thought out and really enjoyable, and I got a lot out of the whole experience. It was rewarding and engaging and I'm grateful for the opportunity to take part.

Thanks again for everything. You made the day genuinely memorable.

Thank you for showing us around A&L Goodbody. Thank you for your time. I really enjoyed it.





I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for introducing the company to us and for showing us the ways in which A&L Goodbody LLC operates as a Corporate Law Firm. I would also like to take a moment to thank the Catering Team for their hard work in hosting us for lunch.

Thank you for taking your time out of your busy day to teach us some negotiating skills and bartering skills I really enjoyed it.



Thank you very much for the workshop and the activities that we done. The tour we went around the building was wonderful. Thank you for the delicious lunch we had!!!



## Bank of Ireland



**Thank you messages for Aileen, Enda, Finbarr and John**

Thank you very much for the workshop it was genuinely nice to go on a bank of Ireland tour and to know the different job roles and to know the history of Bank of Ireland.

thank you for the Bank of Ireland workshop and for the very good tour.  
The food and drink was enjoyable too.

I learnt a lot about finance.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for a very insightful workshop into the workings and operation of the Bank of Ireland at College Green.

It was immensely useful to me to grasp the history of the bank and the ways in which it will continue to grow and develop into the modern era with latest technology.

Thank you once again.

Thank you for having us and for your time. I really enjoyed it.





Thank you very much for telling us about the history of bank of Ireland and giving us a tour of it.

Thank you, Aileen, Enda, Finbarr and John, in Bank of Ireland workshop. I enjoyed listening to all the information about the Bank. Thank you for the refreshments too!



Dear Bank of Ireland thank you for showing and telling us the history of the bank I enjoyed learning so much about the architecture of the bank.

I would like to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome and wonderful experience during my visit.

A special thank you to Aileen, Enda, John and Finbarr for taking the time to answer all our questions and for making the tour both informative and enjoyable. I really appreciated the opportunity to learn more about Bank of Ireland and the work that takes place there.

Thank you also for the photos and for creating such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere throughout the visit. It was a very interesting and memorable experience, and I am grateful for the time and effort everyone put into making it so enjoyable.

Thank you once again for your kindness and hospitality.



## Coillte



**Thank you messages for Megan, Stephanie and Mark**

Thank you for the visit in Coillte we had a really good time and the presentation was great.

Thank you to Mark, Stephanie and Megan for the presentation, the lunch, the walk, the slide and the buses.

Thank you for showing us the tree walk and the sculpture building where the slide is. Thanks also to Mark for the presentation after the walk.

Thank you for having us. I really enjoyed it. And thank you for your time and I really like the walk.

Thank you for the workshop in Coillte Avondale Forest Park on Tuesday. It was nice to talk to Megan, Stephanie and Mark for the walk through the trees and thank you Mark for doing the presentation in the workshop.





Thank you very much for taking time out of your day to show us around and to tell us about Coillte and what it does

Thank you very much for the visit to the Avondale Forest Park I really enjoyed the walk and the beautiful views and going on the slide.

Thank you for the careful insight into the different modes of operation at Coillte and the introduction to the organisation you work for. I thoroughly enjoyed the walk through the tall trees and how you all shared your experiences working there. I look forward to potentially working alongside you all if I select or am selected to be at Coillte.

Thank you for the amazing opportunity to be able to learn how and why it is important to look after trees around us.





## DAA



**Thank you messages for Julieann, Breda, Rebecca, TJ, Janine, Kirsty, Siobhan, Molly and everyone in DAA and Dublin Airport**

Thank you for the workshop in DAA. I found the tour and information about the airport very interesting. Thank you also for the lovely lunch and fabulous goody bag you gave us. I really enjoyed my visit to DAA.

Dear DAA, thank you for letting us do the workshop we really enjoyed the presentation, quiz and seeing the lounges.

Thank you all in the DAA team for the workshop. The tour was fun and nice to see all the staff. The sensory room was fun and enjoyable. It was great fun.

Thank you very much for the workshop. It was amazing. I really enjoyed learning the history behind the Dublin airport, doing the quiz the lunch was good too. I enjoyed the tour around Dublin airport and going to the sensory room. Thank you very much also for the lovely gifts. They were lovely gifts. Thank you for showing recognition to our TCPID course in Trinity College for students with Different Disabilities.

Dear DAA, thank you for your time and for showing us around the airport. I really enjoyed it.





Thank you very much for such a well-organised and enjoyable experience. I really appreciated the tour of the new lounge and sensory room. It was very interesting to see the space and learn more about it. I enjoyed learning from the PowerPoint and taking part in the quiz, which was both fun and informative.

The lunch was lovely, and the snacks and thoughtful goodie bags were a really nice touch. I also really appreciate you taking the time to answer my questions so clearly and helpfully throughout the visit. Everything was put together so well, and it made the whole day welcoming, enjoyable, and memorable. Thank you again for your hospitality and generosity.



Thank you for taking your time out of your day to show us what the daa did. I really enjoyed seeing the daa and Dublin airport behind the scenes and I loved learning all of its history.



I wanted to share my thanks and appreciation for the workshop at Dublin Airport. I really enjoyed the insight into the foreground and background operations of the company. The lounge visit made our trip especially enjoyable. I learnt a lot of important things - including all facts and figures in relation to the operation of the airport. Once again, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the amazing morning and afternoon.

I look forward to travelling through Dublin Airport again in the near future.

Dear DAA, thank you for the amazing day out and for teaching us all about what you guys work at and who works for what and not all of you work for the same thing and for the really kind gifts that will always be remembered.



**EY**



**Thank you messages for Brenda, Paula, and Margaret**

Thank you for all your help in the last month I feel so much more able to go into a new job. I have lots more confidence and happier to meet and chat to new people.

I'm not afraid so much that I will make mistakes and I know that asking for help is a good thing not anything to be scared of.

Thank you all for the information and all the kindness. I am very proud of my certificate and it's great to have the information in the folder to keep.

Thank you so much for teaching us all about income taxes, pension, Disability Allowance and putting together the information into a folder for us. This will be great if we need to look something up. I really enjoyed my time in EY.

Thank you so much for your support and guidance throughout the EY workshops I learned so much from you all and I will be able to share this information in the future.

Thank you for the folder with the printed-out workshop slides. Thank you for the workshops, you were very kind and helpful. I learnt a lot more about having a job and it will all be very helpful when I get a job someday.

Thank you very much for all the gifts in the bag. I'm looking forward to planting the seeds. The finger food was really nice and so was the office.





Thank you so much for having me. I learned a lot. I looked forward to coming in every week. All the topics were interesting especially payslips, contracts and salary. I really enjoyed the quiz that we did. Thank you for the food at the last workshop. Thank you for the folder with all the information, it will help me in the future.



I just wanted to say a big thank you to the EY team that took the time out of a working day to be able to do a workshop with me for the past 3 weeks. I really enjoyed the workshop's getting to know Brenda, Paula and Margaret. Thanks again for great workshops.

I would like to say a big thank you to Brenda, Paula, and mostly Margaret for having us in EY. I have learnt so much about your company now that my sister and my sister's boyfriend had known for many years. My favourite thing that we did was the budget plan, and I would love to work with you all again thank you so much for having me and thanks again.

Thank you for given us a chance to learn what the working world looks like as we know what part-full time work is and how many hours you should work.

It was a pleasure meeting you. I really enjoyed everything and learnt a lot that would help in the real working world.

It was nice to get to know all of you

Thank you for looking after us so well and teaching us loads. Thank you for feeding us and for all the gifts. I planted my seeds today.





## LinkedIn



**Thank you messages for Alannah, Sue, Ronan, Will, Miguel and the LinkedIn Team**

I really enjoyed creating my LinkedIn account and learning about what to put on my profile. I enjoyed connecting with people I know and new people that I have met.

Thank you so much for helping me with this. It was lovely to meet you all.

Thank you for all your helpful information in setting up my LinkedIn profile. You all taught me different skills to enhance my LinkedIn profile and showcase my skills, abilities and experience

Thank you so much for the workshop. I found it fun and interesting and learnt a lot. It's really cool to have a profile on LinkedIn.

Thank you for the ice cream and the pizza of course, I loved learning about the bees and honey.





Thank you all for showing us how LinkedIn works and for helping me set up my page. Thanks for showing us how to add people if it is related to jobs. Pizza was lovely.

I had a great time with you all. It was lovely to speak with you and I was happy to get the time to give my opinions. Thank you for setting up my LinkedIn profile I have already got lots of connections.

You were all very kind and a great help you made us all feel very comfortable and not nervous. Thank you very much, I feel so happy and confident that I can do anything now.



Thank you for having me. I enjoyed the tour of the offices especially the outside area. I found the Taylor Swift activity interesting. I enjoyed working with Lucas on creating my profile. I am grateful that he offered to help me expand my profile in the future. Thank you for all the food and the smoothie.

Dear Alannah, Sue, Ronan, Will and Miguel, thank you for giving us this opportunity to attend this workshop as we know what work life is all about in the way we present ourselves in job interviews.

Thanks to everyone in LinkedIn for a really fun workshop and for showing us around the office. I also want to say thank you to all the mentors that helped us to be able to make our LinkedIn accounts. Thanks again for a really enjoyable day.





## Microsoft



### Thank you messages for Emma, Olivia and Courtney

Thank you to Microsoft. I really liked it, I loved it, thought it was cool, really liked the Dream Space, I love the game using the colours for directions, really enjoyed the view, and Microsoft is a really nice building.

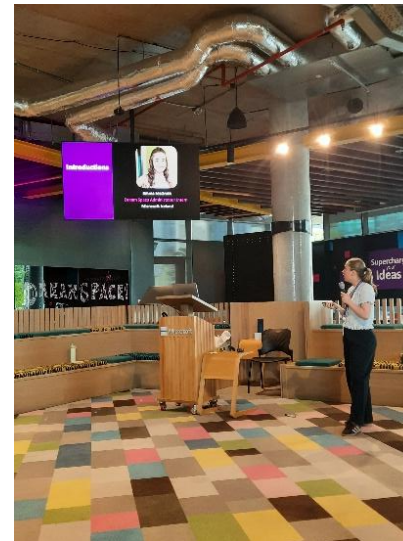
It was very important to see Emma working there, because she went to same college as me, which makes me think I'm successful and I would like to get a job in the future.

It was a great pleasure to do the workshop with you. We really enjoyed it. The food and drinks were so popular! Thanks again.

Thank you so much for showing us around Microsoft.  
I really enjoyed the coding on the iPad and colour and card game.  
The Minecraft blocks were cool.  
Everyone was so friendly and welcoming.  
I will remember this day

I would like to thank you for a great day in Microsoft last Friday. I loved teaching the robots to do new things, making the microchips and doing the coding. I liked hearing about the company and think it is a great place. Thank you so much for showing us everything being so kind and nice and patient. I enjoyed myself and had a great time.

Thank you very much you are very kind.





I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the Microsoft team that made the time to do the workshop and be able to show us around the office. It was a really enjoyable day.

Thank you for having us. It was nice to meet you. It was fun doing the activities. It was really interesting doing the tour of the building.

Thank you for the lunch.

Thank you for having us on Friday and working with us as a team. I love meeting you all, and you helped us with anything else we need. Thank you for the tour around the building and for lunch. It was interesting to see Indi working.

Dear Microsoft team, it was a pleasure working with you guys for our workshop. We learned a lot. Thank you for taking the time to chat to us and knowing what you do.

I would like to send all my thanks to Olivia, Courtney and Emma and the rest of the team at Microsoft. I have loved the time that I had. I loved the buffet and all the activities that we did, thank you for a great day. I have loved it thank you for having me. I loved the time.





## National Lottery



**Thank you messages for Liam, Claire, Yvonne, Rachel, Eimear, Karen and all the team in the National Lottery**

Thank you very much all for the workshop it was a nice building and a nice tour around the building and thank you for a delicious lunch it was very nice and very kind of you to give pizza and chips.

Thank you National Lottery for giving us the tour of the building the goodie bags and pizza party we had a great time

Thank you so much for the tea, the presentations, the tour, the TV studio, the pizza and everything else. Thanks to all the staff.

Thank you for the workshop. The games were good to do together and the tv studio presenter was very good and teamwork on an event for us to do the spin the wheel.

Thank you for the workshop. Also thank you for the delicious pizza, wedges, chicken tenders and a goody bag. I enjoyed the workshop very much.

National Lottery, thank you for the amazing opportunity to bring able to see where and how the lotto runs and operates.

I am writing to you all today to thank you for such a great day over there at The National Lottery (ROI). I really enjoyed all the aspects of the workshop, especially presenting the Lotto on live television for fun. It was not only beneficial for me to understand what the National Lottery represents, but also to understand and partake in all of the activities that day.



Thank you once again for your warmth, generosity, and hospitality. We are really looking forward to working together on the December event.

Thank you so much for looking after us on our recent visit to your office.

I really enjoyed the visit and your hospitality. It was very kind of you to give us your time and the lovely gifts.

Thank you so much for the workshop it was so fun I had a great time and I loved doing the draw and thank you so much for the pizzas they were delicious.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the wonderful tour and hospitality you extended to us during our recent visit to the National Lottery headquarters.

It was fantastic to experience the behind-the-scenes operations. Getting our group's photo taken in the Winners' Room and seeing the incredible hospitality you extend to the lucky winners was truly special. The absolute highlight of the trip for me was getting the opportunity to present a draw. It is a unique experience that I never expected to have, and it is something I will always remember.

We also greatly appreciated the delicious lunch you provided. It gave us a lovely opportunity to sit down, chat, and connect closely with your team.

I was absolutely delighted when you asked our group to plan an inclusion event for this coming December. I am incredibly eager to take part, collaborate with you, and share my ideas with everyone.





## Sisk



**Thank you messages for the Sisk team,**

To the Sisk team and the lovely carpentry team, thank you so much for looking after us on our recent visit to your office and helping us with making our bird house/Jigsaw. I really enjoyed the visit and your hospitality. It was very kind of you to give us your time and the lovely gifts.

Thank you for letting us use the machines and giving us goodie bags and helping us make our birdhouses

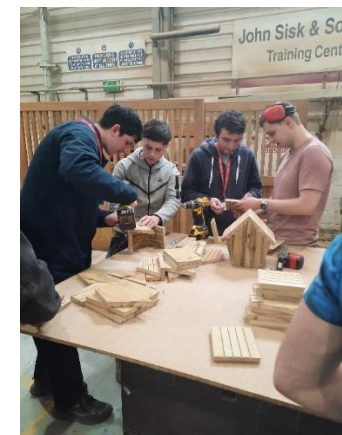
Thank you for the day out on the site and in the offices it reminded me I liked driving machinery and I really enjoyed the bird house.

Thank you for having us and thank you for your time, I really enjoyed it and I really liked making the jigsaw and the bird house.

Thank you to Sisk for teaching me how to use the machines, for giving a talk on what they do and for giving me a bag and thanks to the team for helping me make my bird house with my name

Thank you to all the team for an exciting day. I learned lots of things on the day and it was fun to build bird houses and engraving your name and the jigsaw board.

Thank you Sisk for the workshop and for the birdhouses and jigsaws with my name on it and the tour was very good. Thank you for the goodies!





Thank you all for showing us Sisk at its very best. I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and the ways in which I was able to operate machinery on a working site. The addition of meeting the Group Chief Executive Officer – Paul, was also honourable.

Thank you for the workshop. I enjoyed the experience. Also, thanks to the fabulous team in the construction site plus the team in the carpentry workshop for helping us to build the bird houses and jigsaws with our names on it.

Sisk thank you for the amazing opportunity and experience on showing us all how and what you do in the job I enjoyed making the bird house even though turned out a bit sideways.



I would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful workshop experience. I thoroughly enjoyed learning how to use the various autonomous building machines and gaining hands-on carpentry experience throughout the day.

It was a pleasure to meet the CEO and the carpentry apprentices, who were all incredibly welcoming, supportive, and helpful. I also greatly appreciated the lunch meeting and the opportunity to learn more about the work Sisk does, as well as the exciting career opportunities the company provides.

One of my favourite parts of the workshop was making the birdhouse and engraving the jigsaw piece. It was both a fun and creative experience, and one that I will remember for a long time.

Thank you again for organising such an enjoyable, educational, and inspiring workshop. I truly appreciate the opportunity and hope to take part in similar experiences in the future.





## Smurfit Westrock



### **Thank you messages for Adriana, Roberta, Elaine and all the Smurfit Westrock team**

Thank you to all the Smurfit Westrock team for all your help, It was a great experience to have interview practice. You are all very kind and helpful and made me feel very relaxed and more confident. I will be better at doing interviews in the future thank you very much,

Many thanks for a great workshop on Wednesday. I really enjoyed it. I really love my lunch. You and all your team were very kind.

Thank you very much for the lunch in the canteen, the office is lovely.

Thank you for the workshop. The mock interviews were interesting and it will help me get better at talking, and I hope it help me get a job. I loved talking about my skills. It was fun to move around and chat to others.

Everybody was so kind and friendly.

Thank you for the workshop. I enjoyed doing the interviews even with my initial nervousness. The exercise we did before the interviews really helped. Thank you so much for the certificate and the tasty food.

I just want to say a big thank you for the chance to be able to take part in a few mock interviews and also get some good information on how to do an interview. Also to top off a really good work shop the lunch was absolutely lovely.

Thank you for the wonderful certificate that you gave me. I enjoyed the interviews with your members. I also had a blast within your company, and I really enjoyed myself.

Thanks so much for the interview day in Smurfit. Thank you for the delicious lunch as well.



I loved my time in Smurfit Westrock and getting to know more about what you guys do for work and that I loved working with you all and thanks again I loved it.

Thank you for the tips for keeping calm before an interview. You were all very nice in the interviews and thanks for your advice to prepare for an interview. I really enjoyed my food in the canteen.



Thank you so much for the 2 workshops for our class. I really learned a lot from the interviews and meeting you all. I got very emotional at the lovely words before the certificates.



## Squarespace



**Thank you messages for the Squarespace team**

Thank you so much for looking after us on our recent visit to your place. I really enjoyed the visit and your hospitality. It was very kind of you to give us your time and helping us on our own website in your workplace.

Thank you very much for the workshop. Thank you for the delicious breakfast and thank you to the staff for helping us to make a web design. It was nice to do the web design about our first year in Trinity College reflections as a group and to hear everyone opinions about their experience with first year students in Trinity College.

Thank you for the for giving us a very nice breakfast and helping us make our websites.

Thanks so much for today's breakfast, creating websites and presenting them

Thank you Squarespace for the workshop, for the breakfast and the drinks. It was all so nice and the websites were very fun to do with the teamwork and little games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the opportunity to take part in the creation of a website with the help of the amazing people around us. I really enjoyed it.





Thank you for the Squarespace workshop. Thank you also for the yummy breakfast and delicious pastries! I very much enjoyed doing the workshop!

Thank you for having us and for your time. I really enjoyed it.

Thank you very much for the breakfast the games and for helping us to build the websites. I learned that I would love to work with computers.

Squarespace thank you for showing us how easy it is to set up a website and learning what you guys do as part of the team.



I would like to sincerely thank you all for your help and support during the Squarespace workshops.

I really enjoyed learning how to create and develop a Squarespace website, and I truly appreciated the guidance and encouragement you provided throughout the experience. Your support made the process both enjoyable and easy to understand.

Thank you also for organising the professional headshots and for facilitating breakfast for us. It created such a welcoming and positive atmosphere, and it made the experience even more enjoyable.

I am very grateful for the time, effort, and kindness each of you showed. It was a valuable and memorable experience that I will take a lot from.





## SciFest@TCPID Event on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026

What an incredibly special, joyful, magical day we had on Thursday May 28th at our annual **SciFest@TCPID** exhibition with the brilliant team from **Abbott**.

Thank you to the wonderful team of mentors who worked with our students to develop their projects over the past 5 weeks - **Ronan Mac Donell, Patrick O'Rourke, Oonagh Hague, Dermot Turley, Catriona Webb, Lin Xu, Kate Peters, Leanne Murphy, Upama Ghosh, Martin Gordon, Marie Sheil and Catriona O'Reilly**. Thank you to the unbelievably talented **Kelly O'Sullivan** for creating the beautiful artwork for all the project boards.



*TCPID students and staff with the team from Abbott*

The biggest thank you to **Rachelle Waters** for managing this entire project over the past few months and matching the mentors so perfectly to each of our students.



*Rachelle Waters with TCPID students*

Huge congratulations to our brilliant 11 students, **Jack, Ava, Andrew, Alex, Aidan, Aaron, Niamh, Isabel, Alan, Makayla and Conor** for all your hard work and for presenting your projects so well at the exhibition.



**Sheila Porter, George Porter, Hugo Rowsome and Aoife Wadd**, we are so proud to be a part of your SciFest CLG programme and we love doing this exhibition with you every year.



*SciFest team with TCPID students, staff, Professor Ann Devitt, Head of School of Education and Provost Linda Doyle*

Thank you to our **Provost Linda Doyle** for taking the time to come to our event and meet with our students.

The event was so special and we can't wait to do it all again in May 2027.

**Here are a few quotes from our students about the experience of working with their Abbott mentors:**

*Dear Catriona, thank you so much for all your hard work and the effort to help me on my project. I really enjoyed your jokes and laughter while I was working with you. I am very grateful for all your support and guidance, and it was lovely to get to know you.*

*Dear Ronan, many thanks for working with me on the project and for your time. I am looking forward to showing everyone our project! Many thanks again Ronan and hopefully see you soon.*

*Paddy I would really like to thank you for all your help and support on our project. It was so much fun and we worked really well together as a team. I enjoyed our chats and getting to know one another. I was so lucky to have you as my Mentor. Thank you so much Paddy.*

*Thank you Martin for being kind and helpful. I liked working with you. I liked our conversations about The Rolling Stones, and sport. I hope Liverpool do well. Doing the project made me feel useful and happy. Thank you for taking the time to help out in TCPID.*

*Thank you Lin for all your help. You are great. You are so kind and gentle you help me so much with my project and you know how much I like Asian food. You make me very happy with your help and kindness.*

*Dear Oonagh, thanks for helping me with this make up project. I really appreciate the time you gave for you and me to bond. You are a really nice person and I really appreciate the giggles and chats. You have really nice fashion. I knew me and you would be a good team! Thank you to Marie and Rachelle for choosing Oonagh as my mentor.*



A huge thank you to the very talented **Kelly O'Sullivan** from Abbott who created the beautiful artwork on each of the projects.



*Kelly O'Sullivan with TCPID students*

You can see some of the highlights from SciFest@TCPID 2026 in the video at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfTNZ9lq3cs>

During the event, the students were all presented with awards by SciFest and Abbott.

A number of the students also made heartfelt speeches about their time in Trinity and about their experience of doing their projects with their Abbott mentors.



*Niamh Gorey with Paddy O'Rourke*

You can read the Abbott TCPID SciFest@TCPID 2026 brochure here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/tcpid/assets/docs/2026/scifest-2026-booklet.pdf>



We were thrilled to have a packed room with many of our TCPID graduates and business partners who joined us for this very special event.



*Alex Vining and Dale O'Neill from Falko with Colin Farquharson EY*



*Kayleigh McMenemy, Ryanair with Siobhan Guerrine, Mr. Price*



*Provost Linda Doyle with Conor O'Donnell, Marie Devitt and Conor Quinn*



*Marie Devitt with Ruth D'Alton*



*Aaron Mellows with Catriona O'Reilly*



*Isabel Lowry with Oonagh Hague*



*Kate Peters, Aidan Martin and Marie Sheil*



*Jack Tonge with Ronan Mac Donell*



*Conor O'Donnell with Caitriona Webb*



*Ava Kiernan and Leanne Murphy*



Thank you to Sheila Porter for presenting us with a beautiful award on behalf of our TCPID team, celebrating 10 years of our SciFest@TCPID collaboration.



*Sheila Porter and Marie Devitt*

Thank you to the brilliant Abbott team for presenting us with stunning bouquets of flowers. We absolutely love working with you all!



*Abbott team presenting flowers to the TCPID team*



*Sheila Porter with Aaron Mellows*



*Sheila Porter with Jack Tonge*



*Marie Devitt and Emer Murphy*



*Jenny Banks and Conor Quinn*

We already have a date for your diaries for SciFest@TCPID 2027. This will take place on **Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2027**. Please hold the date in your diaries if you can.



## Graduate Internships

We are currently looking for your help with 11 new internships to start in September. If you would have a role available, please let me know and we can meet to discuss and plan.

We currently have internships with the following companies underway, recently finished, or due to start in the coming weeks.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for your support in providing these wonderful internship opportunities for our graduates:





## TCPID Team at Joint Houses of the Oireachtas Committee

On Thursday 21st May 2026, the TCPID were honoured to appear before the Joint Houses of the Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters and Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to contribute to discussions on Accessibility and Assistive Technology.

The meeting, chaired by Erin McGreehan TD and Maurice Quinlivan TD, provided an important opportunity to highlight the role that accessible technologies, inclusive practices, and person-centred supports play in promoting participation, independence, and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

TCPID was proud to be represented by Professor Conor Mc Guckin, Dr. Vivian Rath, Barbara Ringwood and Des Aston.

We were also pleased to join colleagues from Dunboyne College of Further Education and the University of Limerick in contributing to this important national conversation on ensuring accessibility is embedded across education, services, workplaces, and wider society.

At TCPID, we believe accessibility should be considered from the outset, not as an afterthought, so that everyone has equal opportunities to participate, learn, communicate, and thrive.

We thank the Committee members for their engagement and commitment to advancing accessibility and inclusion across Ireland.





## TCPID Students Recognised for Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the TCPID students and staff who were recognised for the incredible sporting achievements in 2026 at a reception in the Provost's House in Trinity College Dublin.

**Aaron Mellows** is a Paralympics Ireland athlete representing Ireland in table tennis and was voted Irish Paralympian of the Year!

**Ashwin Maliyakal** is representing Eastern Region in basketball at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in June, and has been selected as an Athlete Ambassador for the games

**Alex Maher and Christopher Rockett** are representing the Eastern Region and Leinster, respectively, in golf at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in June

**Makayla Bradley** is representing Leinster in gymnastics at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in June

**Sadbh Feehan** is representing Leinster in bowling at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in June and has been selected as Special Olympics Media Ambassador for the Games.



*Provost Linda Doyle and Michelle Tanner, TCD Director of Sport & Physical Activity with Sadbh Feehan, Aaron Mellows, Chris Rockett and Alex Maher*



*Michelle Tanner, TCD Director of Sport & Physical Activity with Sadbh Feehan, Aaron Mellows, Chris Rockett and Alex Maher*



## Thank you to the Trinity Student Managed Fund

A huge thank you to the Trinity Students Managed Fund for their very generous donation to the TCPID again this year.

We are so lucky to work with the students in the Trinity SMF each year. In addition to their generous financial support, the Trinity SMF teamwork with our colleague Sabh Feehan to run student a number of brilliant social events with us.

Their support for your fellow students is so wonderful and so impactful. For those who are finishing college this year, we wish you all every happiness and success in your future careers.

We look forward to continuing to work with those of you on the incoming committee next year.

Thank you to Senan, Josh, Theo, Sarah, Ben, Alex, Nazar, Alex, Olivia, Jack and all the team on behalf of the TCPID and the School of Education for everything that you do for us.



Members of Trinity Student Managed Fund donating cheque to TCPID team



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## Retirement of Professor Michael Shevlin

On Wednesday June 3rd, we had the pleasure of celebrating **Professor Michael Shevlin** at a special event marking his upcoming retirement later this summer from **Trinity College Dublin**, after an extraordinary career!

It was a joyful and heartfelt occasion, infused with the humanity, humility and vision that have defined Michael's work throughout his career and touched so many lives along the way. In true Michael style, the day was never really about him. Instead, it focused on looking forward and exploring the next steps in building a more inclusive society. Titled **'Shaping Our Future'**, the event brought together parents, students, policymakers, business partners, colleagues from the **School of Education** and many others who have shared in Michael's vision and work over the years.



*Professor Michael Shevlin surrounded by his TCPID team*

A lively panel discussion chaired by **Áine Kerr**, followed by a thought-provoking roundtable conversation facilitated by **Chris Chapman** sparked important discussions about what the next twenty years could look like for education, employment and wider society, and how we can continue creating opportunities for everyone to participate, contribute and thrive.



*Provost Linda Doyle with Professor Michael Shevlin*

Later in the afternoon, colleagues from across Michael's three decades at Trinity gathered to celebrate with him, sharing memories, laughter and appreciation for the enormous impact he has had on so many people and initiatives throughout his career.

A respected academic, a pioneer in inclusive education and employment, and a tireless champion for people with intellectual disabilities, Michael's influence can be seen in the lives of countless students, families, colleagues and businesses who have been inspired by his unwavering commitment to inclusion.



For all of us in TCPID, Michael has been much more than a colleague and leader. He has been a mentor, a source of wisdom and encouragement, and a driving force behind our vision and values. His belief in the potential of every person has shaped our programme, our team members and our work in ways that will continue long into the future. While he may be stepping away from day-to-day life in Trinity, the impact of his work, leadership and friendship will continue to be felt for many years to come.



*Professor Michael Shevlin with TCPID graduates Clíodhna O'Rourke, Niamh Biddulph and Sábh Feehan*

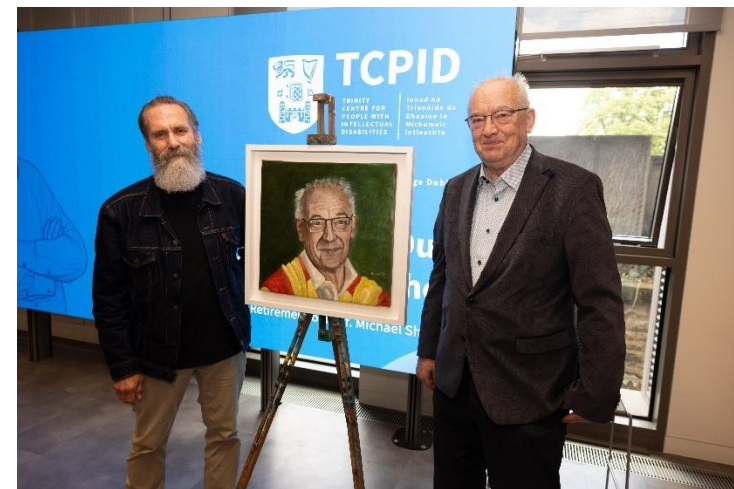
Thank you, Michael Shevlin, for your leadership, friendship and steadfast commitment to TCPID and to making society more inclusive for all. We wish you every happiness, adventure and success in the next chapter.



*Professor Michael Shevlin with Niamh Biddulph*



*Professor Michael Shevlin with Provost Linda Doyle*



*Professor Michael Shevlin being presented with a portrait painted by the very talented Dr. John Kubiak*



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## New Collaborations

We are delighted to announce another exciting new partnership.

### Kirby Group Engineering

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with **Kirby Group Engineering**.

**Kirby Group Engineering** is a family-founded firm based in Limerick with operations across Ireland, the UK, mainland Europe, the Nordics, and South Africa. The company employs over 1,900 people and provides full mechanical and electrical contracting services as well as specialist high-voltage (HV) and medium-voltage (MV) design and construction services to clients across a number of different sectors including Data Centres, Life Sciences, Industrial, and Power and Renewables.

To learn more about Kirby Group Engineering, go to [www.kirbygroup.com](http://www.kirbygroup.com)



Speaking about the partnership **Alistair Tosh, Group HR Director at Kirby Group Engineering**, said:

*“Kirby is an inclusive employer. We place people at the heart of everything we do, alongside equity of opportunity and measures to increase diversity across our industry. Through this new partnership, we will support TCPID’s investment in talent and look forward to supporting the students on their journey to the workplace. It’s initiatives like these that will ensure everyone reaches their full potential.”*



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