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Preparing our community of learners to find new and
marketable solution to the challenges of tomorrow?”

Foreword from the Chief Executive



On behalf of Donegal ETB, I welcome you to our third Annual Awards Ceremony for 2015. This year we received a record number of entries and we are delighted that our schools, colleges and centres have chosen to enter various projects as part of the awards process. The awards submitted show and demonstrate the huge amount of education that is happening in Donegal ETB outside of the classroom setting. It highlights the important relationships that take place between students, learners, trainees and staff on a regular and continuous basis.

I congratulate all participants from the various projects who are here today to receive their certificates. I also congratulate the various winners in each award category. I know from the adjudicating panels that it was difficult to choose winners; such was the excellent quality of the projects submitted. I commend all students, learners and trainees on the quality of your work and pay tribute to the excellent team of dedicated staff members we have throughout Donegal ETB. We have been to the forefront of improving quality in education through a range of initiatives, most notably being the restorative practices and instructional leadership in our schools and centres.

The past year has seen one of considerable change in Donegal ETB as we have integrated the former FAS training provision into Donegal ETB. We are delighted that the transition has been relatively smooth and look forward to developing new structures over the next few years to ensure that we continue to provide a quality further education and training sector. The continued co-operation and understanding of the staff in implementing change across our work programme has been invaluable.

Despite the decrease in resources and the challenging fiscal situation, our goal within Donegal ETB remains constant, to 'excel in the delivery of quality education and training to enable positive outcomes for all our stakeholders here in Donegal'. During 2015, we are making significant progress in updating our website and using facebook/twitter as a valuable social media forum to circulate important information and to receive feedback and comments.

I would like to record a special word of thanks to our awards committee who have contributed so much to the process. Finally, I wish to thank all the members of the Donegal Education and Training Board and I hope that our function today will give them a valuable insight into the range and depth of initiatives ongoing within the organisation

Mr Shaun Purcell

Chief Executive Donegal ETB

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS



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Abbey Vocational School Tumbler Bat Mobile	This project was undertaken as part of the Leaving Certificate Engineering examination in 2014. It comprises of a working model for a tumbler type bat mobile of the students own design and a portfolio which includes research, working drawings and evaluation of the final model. The craftsmanship, design and attention to detail in this project is exceptional and it was awarded the best project at higher level Leaving Certificate Engineering in 2014.
Abbey Vocational School Abbeys Got Talent	'Abbeys got talent' was designed to showcase the school's talent. It was organised with auditions open to all student and all talents. Examples included musicians, acapella, singers, bands, dancers and magicians. Considerable assistance was needed to organise such a big event and two students put in exceptional work in designing and producing the competitor's photographs. These were then incorporated into the event poster which helped with the advertising and eventual success of the show.
Abbey Vocational School Promotion of STEM/Steam Throughout Science Week 2014	Science2Life provide high quality and engaging STEM shows for schools. The science department booked the Science2Life show and a local venue in Donegal Town. The department invited 6 class students from the local primary schools. On the day 4 year groups from the Abbey Vocational attended 3 shows and a 4th show accommodated the local primary schools.
Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiarmada, Arainn Mhor How Clean Is Your School	Surfaces were swabbed using cotton swabs to determine the amount of bacteria in different areas of the school. The study also determined the best way to dry hands by testing the effectiveness of different methods. Students learned how to use aseptic techniques, make agar and how to sterilize surfaces.
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir Seachtain na Matamaitice 2014/2015	Transition Year students organised a host of events to promote mathematics in the school. Events included "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" quiz complete with a 'Chris Tarrant'. Levels were split for junior and leaving and other students formed the audience. The week also included a quiz and in-class games as well as a range of other activities to promote mathematics as an enjoyable and fun experience.
Moville Community College To Investigate if the Shape of an Egg Affects the Hatch Rate in Chickens	This student has had an interest in chickens from a young age and this project was inspired by his fascination. He separated his chickens eggs into 'regular' shaped and 'irregular'. He concluded that 'regular' shaped eggs had a higher success rate of hatching, this could save poultry breeders time and money while trying to obtain a more successful number of hatched eggs.
Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiarmada, Arainn Mhor Action Research Project in Mathematics	This teacher undertook an action research project in maths as part of her maths diploma. She wanted to improve performance in the class and foster a positive attitude towards maths. She focused on the 3rd year group, with parents' consent she assessed students to ascertain their learning styles and an audio recorded focus group was independently conducted. Lessons were planned in accordance with students learning styles and personal interests. The research focussed on the gap between low and high achievers and the results were overwhelmingly positive.

HEALTHY LIVING AND WELL BEING

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Abbey Vocational School Sports Leadership	Sports leadership is a practical qualification in which students must demonstrate their ability to lead others in sport/activities. Some of the Abbey Vocational School Transition Year students were afforded the opportunity to take part. The course has both theory and practical elements and students are assessed on their ability by the course co-ordinator. Some students are using this experience to get involved with other sporting organisations.
Abbey Vocational School Abbey Vocational School 1000km challenge	The project involves every student from 1st to 4th year. The 4th year students organised the event. Each student will run or walk 2km. The objective is that the school will surpass a target of 1000km.
Abbey Vocational School Sky Sport Project	This programme is supported by Sky and is available to all schools in the country. 'Living for sport' is their tag line as they try to promote participation in sport. The school athletics are involved in the programme. Michael mc Killop is a mentor for the program and has come to the school to promote the 6 keys to success in sport and in school.
Adult Education Centre, Milford Reminisce Therapy for Those Within Our Care	Reminisce therapy enables the older person to 'reminisce' and the care worker to listen. VTOS nursing students in Milford decided to do the same in Ramelton Community Hospital. A room in the hospital was transported back to the 1950s. The project was a huge success and is to be recreated in the private nursing home in Milford.
Buncrana and Glengad Youthreach Feel Good Fortnight	'Feel-good fortnight' is a time to share, celebrate and enjoy all that is good healthy and positive. It involves doing positive acts which generate positive feelings and attract positive life experiences. The 'Free Wee Library Project' involved building 2 small libraries which are now on display in Buncrana town for the public to borrow from. The forest of good intention is where many inspiring, feel good comments were attached to the trees in the local park, the end result being a magical thought provoking wonderland. As part of the random acts of kindness, they made lots of goodies and handed them out to strangers on the main street.
Errigal College, Letterkenny T25 Fitness Initiative	Errigal College has taken on another challenge to address our students' fitness levels. Initially focusing on 1st and 2nd years and the students who participated in Sky Sports last year, this challenge involves an initial fitness test, a six week programme of aerobic fitness and another fitness test at the end. However, the challenge took on a life of its own with the gym packed for every session with students from all year groups. At the half-way mark in the challenge, we have up to 100 participants - 40% of the school's students! And that figure does not include the SNAs and teachers who have also opted to join in. The fitness sessions involve following the "Sean T's Focus T25" dvd, which promises 1 hour's training in 25 minutes of high intensity exercise.

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Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir Aonach Sláinte agus Folláine I nGairmscoil Chú Uladh	<p>The Coiste Sláinte of Gairmscoil Chú Uladh organised and held a Health and Wellness Fair on the Wednesday 28th January 2015. The fair was advertised in the parish newsletters and in local newspapers to encourage all parents and people from the local community to attend. The fair began with excellent informative and motivational speeches from the 12 guests speakers.</p>
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir An Bratach Scoile Ghníomhaí	<p>The Active School Flag (ASF) programme is a Department of Education and Skills initiative which recognises schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. Tríd an bpoiséis seo faigheann scoilleanna an seans aitheantais ceart a fhaáil ar son an obair seach chrcalam uilig atá déanta I scoileanna. Bíonn an gradam bronnata faoi ceirthe ceannteidil, oideahas fisiciúil, gníomhaíocht fisiciúil, rannpháirtíocht agus seachtain gníomahaí scoile.</p>
Moville Community College and Magh Ene College LGBT Pilot Scheme	<p>Moville Community College undertook to participate in the BelongTo Pilot Scheme for LGBT awareness. The staff alongside Magh Éne College formed the pilot schools. Two staff members participated in training. They rallied staff by involving the SPHE Co-ordinator to arrange lesson plans. The Art Department worked on specific Art projects to promote the objectives of the programme. All staff were involved in training on LGBT issues provided by Belong and this has had a huge impact in promoting awareness.</p>
Youthreach Programme (County) Youthreach Annual Masterchef Final	<p>Our annual Masterchef final for 2014 (fourth annual final) took place on 16th October 2014. Teams of two from each Centre competed to create a main course and dessert on a budget of €20. The competition this year was judged by Education Officer Anne McHugh and Highland Radio's Breakfast Show host DJ John Breslin.</p> <p>The 2014 teams were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gortahork: Rosin Duggan & Sinead Doran - (Winners) 2. Buncrana: James Leidham & Craig Brogan - (Runners Up) 3. Ballyshannon: Alan McBrearty & Chelsea Duffy 4. Glengad: Shaun Callaghan & Aine Mc Laughlin 5. Letterkenny: Ryan Gormley & Shane Valentine 6. Lifford: Aine McMahon and Josh Mc Bride

GREEN PROJECT

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Coláiste Chineál Eoghain, Buncrana Ice breakers: Smaointe Maith Amháin	<p>'One Good Idea' is a schools based environmental project co-ordinated by Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI). It challenges you to pick an energy saving topic, promote it via a public campaign and finally present the findings at a Dragon's Den style final in Dublin. Icebreakers aim to save energy by using the fridge, freezer more efficiently in the home/workplace by educating the public on appropriate storage temperatures for a range of foods leading to a reduced demand for fridges.</p>
Errigal College, Letterkenny Bicycle Recycling Project	<p>While carrying out a Sky Sports challenge, staff at Errigal College concluded that a lot of students don't own a bicycle and in some cases, have never owned one. The school has a strong green ethos and in pursuing another green flag for transport, undertook a sustainability challenge involving bicycles. The school appealed to the public for bicycles that were no longer in use with a view to restoring them. It was hoped that they would eventually be used for bicycle hire to promote eco-tourism. However, because of insurance concerns, the aim is now to provide bicycles at a very low cost. The bicycles are currently being offered for sale and students are paying in instalments. The bicycles that cannot be of use are being put to a variety of creative uses from flower stands to art installations.</p>
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir An Rón Síodúil (The Silky Seal)	<p>This project was inspired by a story in the Read DL project. The book was Donegal Folk Tales. Students decided to make a huge piece of art from used materials, old rubbish or recycled materials. The first years loved the story 'The Silkie Seal' and students decided to have an art competition where all the first year art classes imagined what this seal would look like. A vote took place and the favourite design chosen. The whole school took part in gathering the materials and using these materials a huge mixed media piece based on the silky seal was created.</p>
Community Education Programme OURganic Gardens - Community Gardening in Donegal	<p>OURganic Gardens is a collective of community gardens in Donegal - run by Joanne Butler and with over 100 members it brings a network of gardens together to connect and learn collectively -last year she ran four garden courses and this year as well as running a Fetac course in growing vegetables she will be running courses in Letterkenny , Dunfanaghy , Dore and Ranafast - the courses incorporate growing natural vegetables, looking at environmental issues and engaging participants in a social and friendly atmosphere - OURganic gardens promotes co-operative gardening both at home and in the community gardens - bringing food back to how it should be ,local , co-operative & sustainable.</p>

INCLUSIVE PROJECT

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Abbey Vocational School Community care	Each student in Transition Year was asked to pick an area within their community where they would like to volunteer. While completing their service a diary of their work would be kept. Students got a chance to enhance their communication skills, gained vital experience beneficial to job applications and made links with the local community.
Abbey Vocational School 'Silent Night' Our School World	As part of School Carol Service 2014 almost 20 students of different nationalities spoke the words of 'Silent Night' in their native tongue while the choir sang and then hummed a beautiful arrangement of the carol (in English and then in Irish) the accompanying choir of 80 students sang in harmony. They were accompanied by students on guitar as each student spoke their flag was raised, when all the countries had been represented, all the flags were raised. This was preceded by a senior student explaining the origin of the carol which has become a unifying symbol worldwide.
Abbey Vocational School Mock Interviews Adult Education Centre, Donegal Town "Open to Change"	All Leaving Certificate students present for a mock interview. The event is run in association with the events association, the community and the school. This year all Leaving Certificate students participated. Over one hundred professionals from the community interviewed the students. All students had to present a C.V for the event. They also attended interview technique training prior to the event. Students also had to attire themselves appropriately for the event. The VTOS and FIT collaboration piloted in Donegal Town is a targeted and tailored approach to developing courses, recruitment, screening, career guidance, review meetings, work experience along with after course care for students on the VTOS programme. The desired outcome is to deliver greater career prospects for the students entering the work place. FIT's (Fasttrack to IT) involvement brings a greater industry prospective to the course type and content delivered by VTOS in Donegal Town.
Adult Education Centre, Milford Donegal Ethnicity-Social Inclusion	The development of this project is a direct response to the FETAC Level 5 Module: Social Studies. The module descriptor is essentially based on 'Sociology'; and the study of 'ethnic minority groups' is one of the key learning outcomes, that constitute the module. Learning outcomes 1-4 are addressed by this project: The Learners have an opportunity to practically implement concepts such as: 'Understanding sociology and its impact on society as a whole. The concept of 'socialisation' and the impact that socialisation has on the wider society. Understanding the concept of 'Social stratification' and how the social strata of society can be subdivided by race and ethnicity. The learners further learn of 'discrimination' and the negative impact that discrimination has on society.
Deele College, Raphoe Strictly Come Dancing	Students at Deele College currently do not have a canteen, and a survey showed that students were strongly in favour of having a canteen. They decided to run a "Strictly Come Dancing" to help raise funds and the school community of Deele College were involved; staff, pupils, past pupils, parents and suppliers to the school. Training took a number of months and the night was held in December, raising the substantial sum of €14, 500.

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<p>Donegal ETB Contract Training Letterkenny Co. Donegal Home Help FETAC Level 5 Education Programme</p>	<p>The HSE, CAWT (Co-operation and Working Together) and Donegal ETB are delivering a part-time programme for HSE Home Help staff who wish to gain further qualifications. They complete two Fetac Level 5 modules (Care of the Elderly and Care skills) over a 12 week period. In September 2014 two courses were delivered in Letterkenny and Stranorlar and in January 2015 another two courses commenced in Letterkenny and Carndonagh. By March 2015 a total of 53 HSE staff will have gained these valuable qualifications.</p>
<p>Errigal College, Letterkenny Hampers for St Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>Every year at Christmas time, Errigal College has a proud tradition of sourcing and putting together hampers for the society of St Vincent de Paul, to give help to families and people in need. All students and staff bring in items for the hampers and they are put together in time for our annual carol service, when they are formally presented to a representative from St Vincent de Paul.</p>
<p>Finn Valley College, Stranorlar Finn Valley College Young Entrepreneurs Programme 2014</p>	<p>This was a programme to promote enterprise development in primary education whereby the business teacher, Ashlean Mc Geehan and her seven business students visited and mentored approx. 140 school students in the Finn Valley. As well as finding out what life is like as entrepreneurs students competed in a Dragons Den style competition.</p>
<p>Letterkenny Youthreach Inclusive Communities</p>	<p>In 2014 Letterkenny Youthreach undertook two significant activity days aimed at engaging learners and staff from Youthreach and neighbouring school Little Angels, in a series of Arts, crafts, sporting, educational and cookery activities. The activities were designed and planned by Youthreach learners for the children of Little Angels school. The project helped Youthreach learners reach out to the community in a way that shows the centre and the learners in a positive way. The activities developed team work and communication skills, while benefiting children with special needs.</p>
<p>Moville Community College Transition Year Development Education Programme</p>	<p>Moville Community College has many external links with Irish Aid (we are part of the Worldwide Global school programme), National Youth Council (One World Week and Creating Awareness Around European Year of Development), Change Makers (Local Adult Initiative), Moville Resource Centre (Fairtrade Project) and Self Help Africa/ Millennium Goal Book Project (Patsy Toland). This year, TY students have successfully run "One World Week". The theme of the week was "Connecting, Respecting and Empowering". The students celebrated the many cultures in the school and country through quotes at assembly, projects on display in the corridors, music workshops and an International Food Fair in the school GP room. The Food Fair really highlighted the many different cultures in our College. We are actively promoting Fair Trade.</p>
<p>Mulroy College School Completion Programme project with Foroige Mentoring Programme for 2nd years Students</p>	<p>As part of the pastoral care group Mulroy College came up with the possibility of creating a mentoring programme for the students where they would have an adult that links in with them and supports them. The students contacted Foroige who have worked with the College on setting up a pilot project for the first time in Ireland. The team adjusted their Big Brother Big Sister project, selected members from the local community that would be appropriate as mentors. A structured programme has been devised where the adult meets with the student once a week in school, completes an activity and has time to engage and talk. The model has come from a mentoring programme has been running through the business partnership programme with senior students.</p>

ARTS AND CULTURE

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Abbey Vocational School The Young American Workshops	The young Americans are focused on providing music education and performance opportunities to young people around the world, the international music outreach tours promote the importance of music education by bringing music workshop to students around the world. The young Americans arrived in Donegal Town and met the families that would be hosting them. The workshops began the next day with 184 participants, all students took part in the workshops and put on a show on the final night.
Abbey Vocational School 'Focused on the Finish Line'	This photograph was taken as part of a photo journalism module that was completed with Transition Year students in English. It was entered into the national PressPass competition in December.
Abbey Vocational School 'Juno and the Paycock'	Students completed a production of 'Juno and the Paycock', one of Ireland's most beloved O'Casey plays. They rehearsed for a six week period and performed their production at the 'Briary Gap' Transition Year drama competition in January in Mullingar Arts Centre. They were commended on their performance and the staging of the production.
Abbey Vocational School Selfie Generation - Feature Article	This feature article was completed by a Transition Year student for a journalism module. This article was submitted for the 'features' category of the 'press pass' competition, a national initiative which encourages Transition Year students to explore various modes of print media.
Abbey Vocational School Cross-Stitch Irish Dancing Shoe	Beautifully framed picture of an Irish dancing shoe. The picture is completed in cross-stitch and includes a variety of stitches, colours and threads. Design portrays a 'soft' Irish dancing shoe pointed towards the floor in preparation for dance. The project is also accompanied by a very detailed colourful support study brief, this is a fabulous piece of work for a 3rd year student.
Abbey Vocational School Production of the set for 'Oklahoma'	Designing and constructing the set for the school musical "Oklahoma" this involved designing 3 main props and backdrops. These props included a house (external) a barn and the inside of a cabin. The backdrops included views of cornfields in the distance. After designing and constructing, these props and backdrops all had to be painted to a high standard.
Abbey Vocational School The Abbeys Got Talent	This Project was initially devised as a fundraiser but evolved into much more. From 30+ entrants, twelve were selected through audition format to progress to the grand finale. Each finalist was assigned a management team who looked after promoting their finalist. They acquired sponsorship and promoted them using posters and t-shirts. Finalists performed in the school and ocean FM broadcast live from the school on the day.
Abbey Vocational School Oklahoma! Musical	The Abbey VS hosted an Oklahoma Musical production in Nov 2014. This involved students in every area of the production, leading and supporting roles on stage, orchestra, backstage, management, front of house management, hair, make up, photography, costume, refreshments, ticket-sellers, mini-business company presentations, set design and advertising.
Coláiste Phobail Cholmcille Ar nealaíona	Le trí bliana anuas tá go leor duaiseanna bainte amach acu seo i scríbhneoireacht chruthaitheach, i ndéantús clár raidió, i scannánaíocht agus in amhránaíocht agus i gceol. Tá gearrscéalta agus agallaimh beirte agus dánta a bhain duaiseanna réigiúnacha agus náisiúnta amach scríofa acu chomh maith le baint a bheith acu i scríobh agus in léiriú trí chlár raidió agus fiseáin ghairide. Glacann siad páirt i bhFeis Jimmy Mhary Bhillie gach bliain-amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós- agus is baill den chóir (nua-aimseartha) iad beirt acu. Is boscadóir é Thomas agus bualann Lauren an consairtín agus an bosca fosta. Rinneadh beirt acu a thaifead mar chuid den tionscadal Amhrán na creige.

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Deele College, Raphoe 50th Anniversary Carnival Celebration	The aim of this project was to celebrate 50 years of Deele College in a creative and dynamic way. There was a 1960s themed carnival parade, which set off from the school, with all staff and students dressed in 1960s outfits. The parade ran through the town and this allowed the wider community and local primary school to participate. The parade culminated with a performance in 'The Diamond' Raphoe.
Deele College, Raphoe Make a Book	The JCSP class of 2B put together a collection of their short stories, poems and short plays into the form of a childrens book. The work is made up of all their own original work and ideas. They came up with the stories based on the theme of animals. This project allowed the students to use their imagination and creativity, it also had a learning base to it.
Deele College, Raphoe Donegal Young Poets	This project consists of two poems written by two young students. The first poem "Alone with Company" by James Duffy is an excellent piece of literature, the title alone is very creative and interesting. It immediately raises ones curiosity. It has depth and feelings and is an excellent piece of work. The second poem "The Hurling Match" by Matthew Noonan is a poem that conveys the feelings of a hurling mad, young poet. It is simple/effective and captures emotions and tenseness.
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir Dramaíocht "The Field"	Transition Years with acting experience took part in a play in the Balor theatre in Ballybofey. "The Field" was adapted into a 20 minute play and much of the arts were explored within the play as students included singing, Irish dancing and drama within the twenty minutes. The students overcame fears such as public speaking.
Learning for Living Cultural Awareness Booklets	In the Cultural Heritage and Awareness of Tourism Level 3 course, students learn to develop their skills in English, Mathematics, Word Processing, Internet Skills, Event Participation and Tourism Awareness in the context of investigating the cultural heritage of where they live, what attracts tourists, and what the experience of being a tourist is like. As part of the coursework the classes in Inishowen have produced two small booklets filled with variety, recounting local folklore, stories of the students' own childhoods and an introduction to some local interesting and beautiful locations.
Moville Community College Artfest	Ciara Kay entered the Credit Union art competition in October 2014 on the theme Art fest. The competition is about encouraging and rewarding self-expression, creativity and imagination among young artists. Ciara created a beautiful piece of art that consisted of a poster consisting of a variety of famous paintings, combining art and art history. Ciara's entry has been very successful winning 1st in locals, 1st in regionals and has now gone on to nationals.
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir Comenius Tell Me Your Story	In the project "tell me your story" students from 8 different European countries worked together on a storytelling project. The project took over two years 2013/2015 within that time students from each school visited the different countries that took part. Before visiting a country the host country choose a story that the visitors could tell in any way they choose. Chú Uladh used animation and posted their film on YouTube, upon completion of the project the students gained an understanding of different people, cultures and countries.

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Abbey Vocational School Memorial Tree	The 5th year LCVP group organised a memorial tree for the school. Ribbons and letters of explanation were sent out to each family. Personal notes to deceased family members were written on the ribbons and returned to school. All ribbons were collected and attached to a 'tree' and displayed in the assembly area. The society of St Vincent de Paul was researched by the class and chosen as the recipient of the money donated (€280.00).
Abbey Vocational School The Abbey Staff Discount Card	The project is dedicated to promoting business in Donegal rather than online or elsewhere. A discount card is being introduced to all staff in the Abbey Vocational School. The card will offer staff discounts from many shops around Donegal Town. It will save the staff money and keep the revenue and jobs in our locality. The card costs €5 and is valid for one year. The card is effective, hassle free and staff show the card at participating businesses while purchasing their products to avail of the discount.
Abbey Vocational School Christmas Craft Fair	A Christmas craft fair on 17th December. This involved business and enterprise students (approx. 250 students) who set up 40 mini companies offering a variety of goods for sale. All 40 companies took a stand at the market. 2 sales people/students each time manned the camps and were involved in selling. The Lord Mayor of Donegal Town - Patricia O'Callaghan and Mary McGettigan from the Chamber of Commerce went around each stand and selected 4 prize winners many students were doing their mini-company as part of their LCVP portfolio.
Deele College, Raphoe Christmas Craft Fair and Carol Service	The Transition Year students held a very successful craft-fair and carol service. The project raised money to further their transition year activities in the school. The students made all the products themselves from scratch with the help of some teachers. They sold tickets for Christmas hampers and decorated the whole school. All monies raised went towards funding the transition year activities, helping students to help themselves.
Mulroy College, Milford Donegal ETB's Enterprise Day	This project engages over 300 young people in Donegal in enterprise and innovation. Experts from the field of business in Donegal voluntarily gave their time to work with students for a day creating a product and pitching their ideas to a panel of judges.
Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiarmada, Arainn Mhor TY Christmas Fair	The TY group in Gairmscoil Mhic Dhiarmada are very privileged to be representing their school on an annual trip to Lourdes by sending one of the students. This year they decided to try fundraising to send two. The TY students decided that they would hold a Christmas Fair in the school and produce the products in their Business, Woodwork, Science and Home Economics Classes.

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<p>Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Béal An Átha Móir</p> <p>Mionchuideachta an Idirbhliain</p>	<p>The Transition Year class put together a company called “Fun with Learning”. They began publishing a book for children aged between 6-11, inside the book there are picture colour games to play while at the same time the children are learning Irish. The book is done completely by the Transition Year students and no book of this type exists currently in Ireland.</p>
<p>Learning for Living</p> <p>Computer Operator Wizard (COW)</p>	<p>Computer Operator Wizard (COW) was developed to meet the learning needs of the farming community. 21st century farmers have been increasingly pushed to record, communicate and transact on-line. COW is the first dedicated, user friendly resource for the farming community. This resource was developed by Geraldine O' Haire and is a step by step guide to negotiate and communicate through this on-line world.</p>
<p>Moville Community College</p> <p>Dragons Den for 1st year students</p>	<p>This was an initiative by the 4th year Business Class to encourage a sense of enterprise among 1st year students in Moville Community College. The event was held in the GP hall of the school in December 2014. Each member of the class had their role to play, from advertising to being the host. The event involved students coming up with ideas that possibly could be developed into a business. Prior to the event, information was given to 1st students about the event which included suggested categories to encourage participation. Once the groups were selected to go through to the final, they had to prepare their pitch to the dragons. The dragons were local business people and had the responsibility of selecting the overall winner.</p>

PROMOTION OF IRISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



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Abbey Vocational School Club Spraoi - Ceol agus Damhsa	The dancers have co-ordinated and created their own unique dance routines not only to traditional Irish music but also modified routines to suit modern contemporary music. The singing and music group sing modern contemporary song and traditional Irish songs. The English modern songs are translated into Irish. Through translating the songs, the music is relevant to the students.
Abbey Vocational School Irish Play/ Dramaíocht	Both Molly Keane and Mary Ellen Doherty volunteered to translate a play to Irish and to adapt and reconstruct the play, the play is for junior cert., students perform in their own time they also did the casting/auditions and help direct the play through the medium of the Irish language. Molly and Mary Ellen are currently working on plays to be performed during 'Seachtain na Gaeilge'
Coláiste Ailigh, Leitir Ceanainn Club Óige Cholaiste Ailigh	The Club Óige Project was set up in 2014 that provides a learning incentive through fun activities in the Irish language. Under direction from senior students, children from local primary schools come in for two hours on one Saturday of every month to take part in fun activities all through Irish.
Coláiste Phobail Cholmcille Cothrom na Féinne	As na dualgais a bhíonn ag Eoghan iarrtar air Gaeilge a chur ar shuíomh an Bhoird chomh maith le leagan Gaeilge a chur ar fáil d'fhoirmeacha agus mar sin de, go háirithe do na scoileanna ina ndéantar gnó fríd an Ghaeilge. Caithfidh sé eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar altanna Gaeilge a chuirtear isteach. Is obair leanúnach ata i gceist; cuirim i gcás bhí air leagan leasaithe den fhoirm seo a chur ar fáil le seachtain anuas. Ach ní aistriúchán lom a bhíonn i gceist le rialacha Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla a chomhlíonadh; cuireann sé saothar air féin na leagan is saibhre, deise a sholáthar. Chomh maith leis sin déanann sé iarracht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sna hoifigí am ar bith a mbíonn deis aige. Bíonn sé fial, flaitiúil lena chuid ama agus a chuid chomhairle agus tá cuid mhór cuidiúithe tugtha aige ó thosaigh sé ag obair don ETB (VEC).
Coláiste Phobail Cholmcille Daingniu an Dúchais	Mar chuid dá chuid oibre sa scoil déanann Pól iarracht muid a spreagadh chun dúil a bheith againn sa Ghaeilge agus le meas a bheith againn uirthi. Cuireann sé dua air féin smaoineamh ar dhóigheanna difriúla le craic agus spórt a chur ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge. Mar shampla; gach coicis tagann na scoláirí le chéile le cuid de na múinteoirí agus imrímid cártaí nó scrabble as Gaeilge. Amanna eile cuireann Pól tráth na gceisteanna ar siúl dúinn.
Coláiste Phobail Bhun an Phobail Suíomh Idirlíon na Gaeilge	www.mccgaeilge.com is a website to serve the students in the school. The website was set up ten years ago and a lot of work has been done on it since. It includes pages for Junior Certificate resources, Leaving Certificate resources, essays, verbs, nouns and other information. Is suíomh idirlín í www.mccgaeilge.com (App. 1) a fhreastalaíonn ar riachtanais na ndaltaí sa scoil. Bhunaigh mé an suíomh deich mbliana ó shin agus tá cuid mhór oibre déanta agam air ó shin. Tá seacht leathanach ag dul leis -
Moville Community College Second Year Gaeltacht Trip	This new project was designed to encourage students to attend the Gaeltacht. A short three day course is being organised to give students an opportunity to sample the Gaeltacht experience in Gaith Dobhair, Co. Donegal. This project is also designed to further promote spoken Irish in MCC with the Irish oral exam being worth 40% at junior and senior level.

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Abbey Vocational School 'Once Upon a Time' Glass Slipper Cushion	The project as part of the Junior Certificate Home Economics Project incorporates two craft techniques; applique and embroidery, and shows a sense of accuracy and attention to detail. The applique demonstrates an understanding of the basic principles of design and the application of the design principles in the construction and selection of fabrics. It also demonstrates an understanding of science and technology in relation to fabrics and fibres.
Abbey Vocational School Coder Dojo	The Coder Dojo group meet once a week and students are taught how to write computer programmes using a variety of languages including java, scratch and HTML. The group is supervised by parents and the four tutors are all past pupils who are in 1st year in the LYIT studying computer programming/games development. Every week the four tutors come back to Cranna and teach the students what they have learned in college. The students, parents and tutors love it and there is no cost involved and the tutors give up their time willingly. The students get an idea of what a computer course involves and they can make an informed choice about whether it is for them or not.
Abbey Vocational School Re-imagining King Lear	Patrycja Garczarek is a polish student who has produced a cartoon strip version of King Lear which manages to stay true to the text and bring a fresh perspective at the same time. This is all the more extraordinary when one considers that she is an E.A.L (English as Additional Language) student. Patrycja, as part of a homework assignment began summarising the plot of King Lear. She has rendered all main events in a unique comic book format. This is a wonderful piece of work made all the more admirable given that Patrycja's first language is Polish. Each Act has been broken down into individual frames, where Patrycja's interpretation of events- while staying true to the original, it puts a modern day twist on the language.
Abbey Vocational School LCA Christmas Card Task/MS Donegal	LCA1 students organised a competition amongst students to design Christmas cards which will subsequently be printed and sold in aid of the local charity, MS Donegal, students managed all aspects of the project and raised awareness for Multiple Sclerosis.
Abbey Vocational School Mentoring of 1st Year Students	The Student Council initiated a mentoring type Buddy System for 1st year students. They assigned TY students to act as mentors and offer advice to their younger counterparts. The Transition Year students met up with their assigned 1st year students during the form class period and would discuss any relevant issues and offer advice on school matters, where necessary, TY students could make contact with form teachers or school management if more serious issues arose.
Abbey Vocational School Young Americans	In January the school hosted the 'Young Americans' a charitable organisation dedicated to the promotion of understanding and goodwill among young people through music, dance and performance/drama.
Abbey Vocational School More Abbey Days	'More Abbey Days' is a book of previously unpublished photographs of past pupils of the Abbey. The pictures span a period of 10 years in the school's history (1975-1985), when photographs were rarely taken. It's an important record of both the school and the community.

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Adult Education Centre, Milford Blackboard with online tutorials	<p>This project was developed from the ethos of Adult Learning; learners are responsible for their own learning. Being an Adult Learner, it is not always possible to attend class and if they do miss class this project means they don't miss out on learning. Therefore the learners are part of a virtual learning environment. Each student gets a unique I.D and password. The teacher uploads the lessons on a daily basis and it can be accessed by the learners. Teachers also upload videos of classroom recordings of that day's lesson. The virtual learning environment is EDMODO and is being used by the VTOS nursing students in the adult education centre.</p>
Coláiste Ailigh, Leitir Ceanainn Staidéar ar an Darcadh atá ag Diaoirí I dreo na Gardaí	<p>Le dearcadh daoine óga ó cheithre chineál scoile in oirthear Dhún na nGall i dtaobh an Gharda Síochána agus le hiniúchadh a dhéanamh ar an taithí atá ag an óige i dtaobh deileáil le baill den gharda. A Study on the opinion of teenagers on the Gardaí from four different schools in east Donegal explore the experience of dealing with members of the Gardaí.</p>
Gairmscoil Mhic Diarmada, Arainn Mhor Andrew Early of Arranmore Island - World War 1 Hero	<p>This project came about from the reading of the novel 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, which is based on World War 1. This is a very topical subject as it is a hundred years since it began and it is continually in the media in one form or another. The class recapped on the origins and developments of the war. During the research in the Dungloe Library the students found a book entitled 'County Donegal Book of Honour'. The class discovered that three men from Arranmore Island had fought in WW1. Having consulted with the Early family the students found that Andrew Early was Paul's great uncle and they proceeded to send an invite to Paul's grandfather, Andrew's nephew, to come in and talk to the class about the stories he was told of his uncle.</p>
Learning for Living Integration of Development Education with Supporting Teaching and Assessment Resources	<p>Donegal ETB's Learning for Living programme developed a Level 3 Communications Workbook that integrates development education topics and themes to Level 3 of the National Framework of Qualifications. This workbook supports students to develop skills, knowledge and competence and also gain an understanding of the impact of globalisation on populations and environments. The Booklet is of great importance and relevance as a learning resource and in the delivery of all Communications Modules.</p>
Moville Community College Shave or Dye Event	<p>Last year Clodagh Mulhern was a first year student, she approached the Principal asking for permission to dye her hair for Today FM's event 'Shave or Dye'. The Principal took an interest in the event and made it a first year event. Clodagh wanted to dye her hair in memory of her grandmother who died from cancer. Clodagh got to organising the event with the help from her teacher. The event was a huge success and raised a staggering €6,600 for the Irish Cancer Society, another one is being planned for this year.</p>