



campus connections



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New Campus Update



Spotlight on I.T.

As the date of our big move draws ever closer, one NCI department working very hard behind the scenes is the I.T. Department. As one of the first college departments scheduled to move to our new IFSC Campus this Summer, they are responsible for making the technological transition to the new campus as smooth as possible.

Access to IT facilities in the new campus will be greatly increased. There will be a total of 340 machines accessible to students, up from the current figure of 135.

These computers will be spread throughout the College including 30 machines located in the library, 3 studio classrooms with approximately 50 machines in each, a language lab with 36 machines and a hardware teaching lab with 40 computers. To support this increase, the College will be installing a high-speed state of the art network as well as enhanced presentation facilities for the classrooms.

As part of its on-going commitment to new technologies the College also plans to install wireless network points in open areas so that students with laptops can connect to the College network outside of class.



In addition, each of the 286 NCI student residences will have a computer network point which will also be linked to the College network allowing students access to their files and the internet outside of College opening hours.

For further information on I.T. issues at our new campus, please contact Pádraig McDonagh, I.T.

Irish Cancer Society Fundraising



Daffodil Day — 23rd March 2002

Daffodil Day 2001 was the Irish Cancer Society's most successful to date as it reached its target of €2.16 million for cancer care in Ireland. We are delighted to have played a small part in helping the Irish Cancer Society reach this goal. NCI staff contributed €140.00 to this figure following a coffee and cake morning and our students also raised €190.00 on behalf of the charity. For fourteen years, the proceeds from Daffodil Day have improved the services available to people with cancer both at home and in hospital. This year will be no exception as proceeds from the day will be allocated as follows: 45% - Daffodil Funded Home Care, 17% - Night Nursing Service, 10% - Oncology Liaison, 18% - Cancer Nurse Education, and 10% - Cancer Helpline.

Upcoming — Ladies Mini Marathon

Ladies, if you are interested in further fundraising for the Irish Cancer Society, another great opportunity to do so (and get fit!) will occur on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd of June. It's time once again for the Ladies Dublin Mini Marathon.

As a further incentive, the Irish Cancer Society is offering the chance to win the holiday of a lifetime. Participants names will be entered into a draw on return of their sponsorship money. Chances of winning increase with the amount of money returned as each €50 will qualify for one ticket with a bonus ticket when you exceed €250. Your chances increase in the same way when you go from €300 to €500 and so on.

Sponsorship and t-shirt application forms are available from the Marketing Department.

ARCS Coffee Morning

NCI Alumni, Neil Gildea recently undertook a 12-day cycle trip in Cuba on behalf of ARCS Cancer Support Centre. This 200 mile round trip took Neil and 44 other cyclists from the northern tip of Trinidad in Cuba to Varadero in the south.

Neil's efforts raised a total of €4,000 for ARC, of which €162 came from NCI staff following a coffee and cakes morning that was held in March.



Neil Gildea

PRC News



(l to r) Gerry Kelly, Eastern Regional Health Authority; Cllr Anne Devitt; Minister Mary Wallace; Dr. Edwina Kelly, PRC; Joe Brady, Assistant CEO of Northern Area Health Board.

On March 20th, the PRC launched its most recent report entitled "A space to grow: Review of the Management and Operation of Refuges in the Eastern Region." This research was conducted by Geraldine Prizeman last year. The launch was held in the auditorium of Chief O'Neill's hotel and was opened by Minister of State Mary Wallace TD. Director of the Policy Research Centre, Dr. Edwina Kelly addressed the audience at the launch and outlined the research findings. Also in attendance on the day was Councillor Ann Devitt and the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Area Health Board, Mr. Joe Cahill. A full copy of this report is available in the library.

The PRC and particularly A/Prof. Helen Ruddle, was recently thanked for its work concerning the voluntary sector in Ireland. NCI participated in the transnational non-profit comparative project of the Johns Hopkins University, which measured the voluntary sector in Ireland within international norms. In a report by Brian Harvey of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust 2002 entitled "Rights and justice work in Ireland; A new base line", the PRC was attributed with improving the international knowledge-base of the voluntary sector in Ireland. Well done to the PRC!

Off-Campus

NCI's Off-Campus Department is very pleased to announce newly appointed Regional Co-ordinators to assist with the management and development of the Off-Campus programmes around the country. They are:

Representative	Centre
Mary Brodie	Sligo
Liam Collins	Wexford
Bernie Ferris	Galway
Matt Harte	Roscrea
Desmond Gargan	Drogheda
Tony Hynes	Tralee
Mary Mulhall	Kilkenny
Moyra Patterson	Carlow & Newbridge
Tom Purcell	Bray
Lorraine White	Letterkenny
Jim Long	Douglas
Brian Byrne	Dublin

CEO

Ballymun Oral History Graduation

On Thursday 7th February, the 13 students on the Ballymun Oral History Project received their 'Participatory Community Research' certificates from the National College of Ireland. The Project was set up as part of the History Project sponsored by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL). The aim of this course was to develop an oral history of Ballymun, which will eventually be managed and researched by the people living in the area.

The photograph below show the students having received their certificates from Dr Edwina Kelly of the Policy Research Centre (PRC).



End of Year Function



To mark the end of another academic year at NCI, this annual function took place in the college on **Thursday 25th of April 2002**. Beginning at 6.00pm, staff and final year students were treated to a Wine and Canapes reception in Hall 17. A draw for free admission to an NCI course at our new campus also took place on the night and the winner was Gareth Joyce, a H3 student who was present to accept his prize.

"Diversity in the Workplace" Workshop



The NCI Alumni Association in conjunction with the Alumni Office held a workshop entitled "Diversity in the Workplace" at our Ranelagh campus on 6th of April 2002. The workshop was attended by alumni, current students and the general public.

Guest speakers at the workshop spoke about their time working in Ireland and abroad, sharing their experiences of other cultures and provoking lively debate on a broad range of associated subjects.

The speakers were (l to r) Anita Walsh, Ireland; Charlotta Numinen, Finland; Paul Cleary, Ireland and Martin Bergmann, Germany.

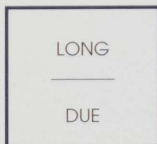
Puzzle Corner



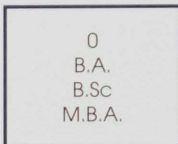
Did you know.....

....In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight".

Puzzle answers from last issue:

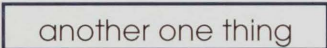
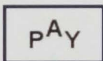


Long Overdue



3 degrees below zero

What do these mean ???



Spotlight on IFSC



Harbourmaster Pub & Restaurant

Located in the IFSC and just a stones throw away from our new campus, the Harbourmaster Pub and restaurant is a popular haunt for many people working and living in the area. Known for its high standard of international cuisine, the pub boasts a lively atmosphere due in no small part to its jazz band, large screen TV's and beer garden.

Upcoming....

• Academic Calendar 2002—2003

<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>15 Weeks</u>
Start Date	9/09/02
Orientation for 1st Years	9/09/02
Study Week	9/12/02
Exams Week	16/12/02
End Date	20/12/02
<u>Semester 2</u>	<u>15 Weeks</u>
Start Date	27/01/03
Study Week	28/04/02
Exams Week	6/05/03
End Date	10/05/03

• Date for your diary

On the 20th of June a Staff BBQ will be held in NCI, Ranelagh. Lots of food and drink with a jazz band for your entertainment !

We'll keep you posted.....

Grand National Winners

This year's Grand National took place at Cheltenham on the 6th of April 2002 and three member of staff were the lucky winners of the NCI pool. They were: Sharon Mulligan with "Bindaree", Leona Wall with "What's up Boys" and Shauna Cassidy with "Blowing Wind".



A big congratulations to Suzanne Devlin who just got engaged while on holidays in Tunisia! We wish her all the best for her forthcoming

marriage !