



'EYE' on IT SLIGO

NEWS & EVENTS



Silver Medal
Euroskills Joinery



Imagine Cup, 2008



2008 Newstalk Student
Enterprise Competition

IT Sligo students achieving success at national and international level in 2008

ENQUIRY BASED LEARNING (EBL) AT IT SLIGO

? Many courses in IT Sligo have incorporated EBL within their programmes. Industrial Design is delivered solely by EBL in fourth year. Health and Safety courses in Science have prioritised specific EBL modules throughout the four years. Developments include: specific learning environment layouts and resources. An EBL handbook has been developed which includes: scenario templates and assessment criteria. Team leader: *Blaithin McGrath*.

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

The Educational Development Unit coordinated a series of writing clinics to support research capacity development amongst academics. Educational research paper themes being presented by IT Sligo staff at the Learning Innovation Network (LIN) conference 2008 include: *Interactive Large Group Teaching; Mentoring Tools; Personal Development Planning; Student Centred Learning Strategies using Project and Problem Based Learning*.

L2L 'LEARNING TO LEARN'

This module was developed to facilitate students' transition into third level and motivate the learner about his/her chosen field of study. The module is incorporated into the first year experience to reinforce and develop key academic skills and

prepare the student for a lifetime of learning. Team leaders: *John O Dea and Marion Dowd*

WORK BASED LEARNING

Placement resources being utilised by the

Humanities Dept. include: training modules for placement supervisors (*Irish Association of Social Care Educators*) as well as information videos for students on national and international placements.

Team leaders: *M Gilmore M. Clarke, M. Mulkeen and T.Kane*.

Custodial Care: Developed with the Irish Prison Service this course has 330 registered students. The programme is delivered by Prison Service and IT Sligo staff using team teaching and distance learning tools. Course Coordinator: *Fergus Timmons*.

LIN

IT Sligo is leading the development and accreditation of a LIN funded module titled "*Developing and Promoting Research Capacity*" in collaboration with the IoT Research Alliance. The module will specifically address managing research practice and developing academic writing skills.

LEARNING & TEACHING INITIATIVES

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IT Sligo warmly welcomes new President Terri Scott who took up her tenure on Oct 1st 2008.

Lifelong Learners: International Masonite employees participated in Ireland's first online virtual conferring ceremony

Online Learning: 30 % increase in online learning registrations. For details of techniques used go to

<http://brian.mulligan.googlepages.com>

Webcasts : Public talks are openly available at: <http://sligotalks.blogspot.com>

Science week talks will be available online in November 2008

National Digital Learning Repository (NDLR) funded 30 graphics tablets and training for academic staff to rapidly create and contribute simple learning objects to the repository.

Team leader: Brian Mulligan.

Creative Community and Social Innovation Research Centre has been established in IT Sligo. Team leaders: Chris Sparks and Perry Share.

Government Minister Jimmy Devins officially opened the IT Sligo Business Innovation



Educational Development Unit