



'EYE' on IT Carlow

DEVELOPING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCES IN LEARNERS

IT Carlow is leading on a theme of the SIF 1 CONTINUE project to develop emotional competencies in learners. Developments to date include :

- Accreditation of 18 staff in EI and provision of EI competency coaching skills in ITC, ITB, IT Tallaght & IADT
- *Teaching with Emotional Intelligence* a SEDTA recognised course delivered by Prof Alan Mortiboys, Birmingham University for academic staff to develop use of emotional intelligence in teaching.
- Research study to assess the contribution of EI to 1st year learner academic performance and retention

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PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING (PBL) AT IT CARLOW

IT Carlow is joint lead with ITB on a theme of the SIF 1 CONTINUE project to pilot PBL in selected programmes in Engineering, Computing & Business.



Outputs of the project include development of problem pools, metrics and teaching methodologies appropriate to PBL

in various discipline areas.

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TEACHING & LEARNING INNOVATION FUND (TLIF)

The TLIF provided seed funding for learning and teaching developments across the institute. To this end it supported, and publicised teaching - focused projects that were defined and implemented by academic staff. 11 received awards under this initiative.



Science Student chosen to represent IT Carlow at the 50th London International Youth Science Forum 2008



Winner of the Silver Medal in the EuroSkills 2008 competition in Rotterdam

TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTRE

The Teaching and Learning Centre was established by IT Carlow to foster excellence in teaching and learning. In the last 2 years the Centre has provided a comprehensive programme of academic professional development - 33 workshops and seminars, with over 500 participants. These campus wide workshops and seminars brought lecturers together to share ideas across subjects and disciplines. They also helped lecturers to develop and improve their skills in teaching, learning and assessment

Furthermore, the DIT P.G. Cert. & Diploma in 3rd Level Learning & Teaching are being delivered in IT Carlow in outreach mode.

LIN & IT CARLOW

IT Carlow is leading the development and accreditation of a LIN funded module entitled *Formative Assessment and Feedback*. This module will introduce academic staff to research and practice in formative assessment and feedback.

LEARNING TEACHING & INITIATIVES

For more information on learning and teaching initiatives contact:
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NEWS & EVENTS

Showcase of Innovations in Teaching & Learning

In June 2008, the first *Showcase of Innovations in Teaching and Learning* took place. This showcase disseminated and shared innovative practices from the TLIF and SIF projects. The initiative aimed to foster a community of practice, centred on teaching and learning and reflection on experiences in the classroom.



Teaching & Learning Centre Staff

eLearning in IT Carlow

The NDLR has funded the appointment of an eLearning Development Officer within the Teaching & Learning Centre. The role will help the Institute to harness the power of eLearning, integrating good teaching practices with new approaches made possible by internet and other technologies.

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Research on Teaching & Learning

Two research papers were presented at AISHE by IT Carlow academics:

"Work on your ABS!" by

John Fogarty, Gina Noonan, Department Communications & Business

"Academics' and Students' Perceptions of Assessment Purposes and Practices" by

Anne Carpenter