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CORK
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LEARNING
FESTIVAL

Féile Foghlama Feadh an tSaoil Chorcaí

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Welcome to the 14th Cork Lifelong Learning Festival.

This year's festival is the largest in its 14 years, with over 600 events taking place across the city & beyond. It is an event that has brought our city to the attention of people in countries throughout the world. As Leona English of UNESCO said during her visit to the festival last year: "This is the biggest event in Europe this week...it's a pleasure and an honour to be part of this festival, which is known far and wide."

None of this could happen without the support of the event organisers & generous sponsors, and involves a huge voluntary effort.

2017 can be considered a year of learning in Cork. It is a year that will have ripples throughout the island & beyond, connecting us with the global learning community who we will welcome to our city in September.

Developing a culture of learning in Cork began back in 2002 when the City Council adopted a strategy called Imagine Our Future - part of that strategy was to make Cork a City of Learning. We are well on our way to achieving that vision, something which is being recognised internationally.

The events this year build on the UNESCO Learning City Award received by the city in 2015, one of only three cities in Europe & 12 worldwide to be recognised in this way. In September this year our city will welcome delegates from across the globe to UNESCO's 3rd International Conference on Learning Cities. This international recognition of how much Cork has achieved as a learning city is based on the festival's success & other initiatives it has inspired.

As well as the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival, now in its seventh year & also taking place this week, our festival has inspired others to follow us in celebrating & encouraging lifelong learning.

In 2016 alone Wyndham in Victoria, Australia and Burnaby on the Pacific Coast of Canada started their own festivals & acknowledge that they were inspired to do so by ours.

We must not forget that developing Cork as a learning city is aimed at improving the lives of our citizens, by reducing inequality & social exclusion. It is also about encouraging investment into Cork & its region, and therefore increasing employment.

On behalf of the people of Cork, I wish to formally acknowledge the contribution made by every single person, year after year, in making this festival such a success.

During festival week there are hundreds of events of all kinds taking place, and all free, and all highlighting & celebrating the hundreds of opportunities there are for learning, whatever your age, interest or ability.

I urge you, as the festival's motto says, to investigate, participate & celebrate all those opportunities during festival week.

Cllr Des Cahill

Lord Mayor of Cork, Festival Patron



Teachtaireacht ón Ardmhéara, An Comhairleoir Denis Cahill.

Fáilte chuig an 14ú Féile Chorcaí um Fhoghlaim feadh an tSaoil . Seo an fhéile is mó go dtí seo, le níos mó ná 600 imeachtaí ar siúl ar fud na cathrach. Ní haon ionadh é mar sin go ndúirt Leona English ó UNESCO tráth gurb í “an fhéile is mó san Eoraip” a bhí ar siúl an tseachtain áirithe sin.

Gan amhras ní bheadh aon fhéile ann gan an tacaíocht a fuarthas ó na heagraíochtaí agus ó na hurraithe flaithúla, agus gan an obair dheonach a chuitear isteach inti.

Thosaigh cultúr foghlama i gCorcaigh i 2002 nuair a chuir Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí plean le cheile dár teideal “Samhlaigh ár dTodhchaí”.An chuspóir a bhí ag an bplean ná cathair foghlama a dhéanamh as Corcaigh.

Tá an fhís seo ag teacht chun cinn anois agus aitheantas idirnáisiúnta bainte amach, rud a thosaigh le bronnadh an ghradaim “Cathair Foghlama UNESCO”ar Chorcaigh i 2015.Aithníonn an gradam seo buanna Chorcaí mar chathair foghlama.

Spreag an fhéile seo cathracha eile ar nós Luimneach, Wyndham san Astráil agus Burnaby i gCeanada chun a bheith ina gcathracha foghlama.

Is é príomhchuspóir Chorcaí mar chathair foghlama ná saol ár saoránach a fheabhsú trí míchothromas agus eisiaim sóisialta a mhaolú agus trí infheistíocht agus fostaíocht a mheadú.

Aithním, thar cheann phobal Chorcaí, rannpháirtíocht ó mhórán daoine i ndul chun cinn na féile, agus molaim daoibh bheith páirteach ann agus taitneamh a bhaint as na himeachtaí éagsúla a bheidh ar fáil i rith na seachtaine.

An Comhairleoir Denis Cahill,
Ardmhéara Chorcaí, Patrún na Féile

A chairde,

Welcome to our annual lifelong learning festival, it is our 14th festival & one that occurs in a milestone year for learning in our city.

2017 will be remembered as the year that Cork hosts the 3rd UNESCO International Conference on Learning Cities, and the festival is one of the main reasons that Cork was chosen for this honour.

We are very proud in Cork that we have been trailblazers in Ireland & internationally, in celebrating all that learning contributes to our lives, whatever our age, with this festival.

We are also very proud that Cork is receiving international recognition for the efforts it is making to develop into a Learning City. UNESCO recognition is significant not just for our city, but for Ireland, as it communicates our successes in education & lifelong learning to a worldwide audience.

With our Learning City partners, Cork ETB are proud to be champions for the achievement of this vision – with Cork City Council, CIT and UCC as signatories of a formal Memorandum of Understanding on Learning, joined this year by the HSE and the NAPD.

Our progress is due to the combined efforts of all involved, especially those who have made the festival such a success from humble beginnings in 2004 to an event which this year offers over 600 events of all kinds, for all ages & interests.

As Chief Executive of Cork Education & Training Board, it is heartening to see that events during festival week reflect our contribution as an organisation to lifelong learning; each sector from Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Further Education, Adult Basic Education, Community Education, and Training all appear in the pages of this programme. Our efforts are open to all citizens & to all organisations who have an interest in or any involvement in learning.

I encourage as many of you as possible, even those who are busy with organising their own events, to get out & participate in as many events as possible during the week. It is a unique opportunity to try something new, to meet others involved in learning, and to enjoy the experience.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of all of the people who make the festival happen, our co-ordinator Tina Neylon, the steering committee chaired by Willie McAuliffe, the sponsors & partners of the festival - but most of all the people on the ground in the various organisations and communities of the city and surrounding areas.

Comhghairdeachas arís.

Ted Owens

Chief Executive, Cork Education & Training Board

A chairde,

Fáilte chuig ár bhféile um Foghlaim feadh an tSaoil, atá anois ar an bhfód le 14 bliain.

I mbliana , 2017, beidh an 3ú Chomhdháil Idirnaisiúnta UNESCO na gCathracha Foghlama ar siúl i gCorcaigh, agus is mar thoradh ar an bhféile seo atá a leithéid de chomhdháil ag teacht chugainn.

Aitheantas iontach atá anseo ó UNESCO ar na hiarrachtaí go léir ata déanta i ndul chun chinn na féile foghlama i gCorcaigh.

Is abhair mórtais domsa, i mo ról mar Phríomhfheidhmeannach Bhord Oideachais agus Traenála Chorcaí , go bhfuil ár neagrais féin, ó réimse na hOige go Foghlaim sa Phobal, le feiscint sa chláir. Molaim daoibh uile dul amach agus bheith páirteach sna himeachtaí éagsúla, agus taitneamh a bhaint astu.

Is mian liom moladh a thabhairt dár gcomhdaitheoir, Tina Neylon, dár gCathaoirleach Willie McAuliffe, dár n-urraithe, dár gcomhpháirtithe san fhéile , dos na heagraíochtaí agus do gach éinne sa phobal a oibríonn go dian chun an fhéile seo a chur chun cinn.

Is libhse an fhéile seo; Is bhur n-éacht atá inti.

Comhghairdeas arís

Ted Owens

Príomhfheidhmeannach Bhord Oideachais agus Traenála Chorcaí

CORK LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL



The festival promotes and celebrates learning in all its forms and encourages take up among all age groups, particularly those who may not usually participate in learning.

Déanann an Fhéile seo foghlaim i ngach cruth a chothú agus a cheiliúradh agus spreagann sé rannpháirtíocht i ngach aoisghrúpa, go mór mhór iad san nach nglacann páirt go h-iondúil i ndeiseanna foghlaim



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Maximum number indicated where spaces limited. Events listed by starting time.

- Use the prefix 021 if phoning from outside the Cork area.

GET CONNECTED WITH CORK LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL ONLINE!



Follow us on Twitter – www.twitter.com/learning_fest
Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/corklifelongfestival

Special thanks to Christine Nolan, Access Office, CIT, for managing the festival's Social Media & to Michelle Whooley for her assistance.

All details correct at time of going to press. The organisers cannot accept any responsibility for losses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of events.

A contact phone number or email appears with each event to allow you to check or to book if requested to do so. You can also use it after the festival to enquire about learning opportunities year round.

CORK LEARNING CITY & GLOBAL LEARNING VILLAGE

2017 is a milestone year in our progress as a Learning City. UNESCO's third International Learning Cities Conference will be hosted, for the first time in Europe, in Cork City Hall from 18 to 20 September with opportunities for everyone to be part of this exciting world event.

The selection of Cork followed a successful bid lead by Cork City Council with other Learning City partners – Cork ETB, CIT, UCC & a wide range of supporters. Following conferences in Beijing in 2013 & Mexico in 2015, the selection of Cork is a great honour, reflecting the value placed by UNESCO on our track record of learning.

Our Lifelong Learning Festival, known the world over, is the key reason for this. It lead directly to the UNESCO Learning City Award in 2015 & the selection of Cork to host the Global Conference in 2017. So all of you who have made the festival what it is over the years have earned this for Cork & you can be proud that your contribution is recognised globally.

This 14th festival is the biggest ever with over 600 events, a significant milestone as it proves that a Learning Festival as a celebratory event has a huge impact & is also sustainable – both part of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

We will have a new website CorkLearningCity.ie shortly. It will be a learning portal for all, young & young at heart. Our long term plans as a learning city are currently being developed & we welcome inputs from you all; through the website or in a series of workshops being run this Spring.

As well as our flagship learning festival, a recent initiative is the 'Learning Neighbourhoods' concept we have been implementing & learning from. This is an idea developed by & shared with us by Peter Kearns from Australia when Director of PASCAL. Following the success of the pilot phase of Learning Neighbourhoods in Ballyphehane & Knocknaheeny in 2016, they have been joined by Mayfield & Togher. The vision is to have other neighbourhoods doing likewise in the future & connecting with similar learning communities worldwide.

So, whether it is through participation in the festival, in a learning neighbourhood, or in any learning activity at home, in your workplace, community, school, crèche, adult education centre, sports club, in a college or in a community centre – you are part of this ongoing success story, this is your learning city, and you can be proud!

Denis Barrett
Cork Learning City Co-Ordinator

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NORTH – SOUTH

Since 2010 when the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival formally twinned with Féile an Phobail in Belfast, projects started by the two festivals continue year round. Relationships between organisations & individuals, and between different communities, flourish through their involvement in a range of activities including: mural painting, building currachs & learning to row; taking part in marathons in Belfast & Cork.



MURALS

Strolling along the Blackrock Walkway you'll see murals painted by the Mahon Community Development Project's Men's Art Group, working under the guidance of visiting mural artists from Belfast. The first mural they created is next to the CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory just as you leave the car park; at the old Blackrock Station platform you can see the most recent.

In the city centre at Horgan's Quay there's a mural commemorating the Titanic, painted by young unemployed men from Belfast & Mahon in 2012, working together.

During festival week the Lord Mayor of Cork Councillor Des Cahill will be unveiling a plaque at the first mural painted by the group. For details email learningcity@corkcity.ie or see social media.



CURRACHS

Meitheal Mara & Pádraig Ó Duinnín continue their association with Féile an Phobail, where Youth Worker Kevin Morrison runs a boat building project & helps organise visits by young people from both communities in the north to Cork.

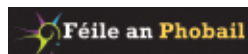


OCEAN TO CITY & CORK CITY MARATHON

Young people from the north travel to Cork with the currachs they have built to take part in the Ocean to City Rowing Race, organised by Meitheal Mara. Teams of runners from Cork, brought together by Bernard Twomey of the HSE Health Action Zone, take part in the Belfast City Marathon; while Kevin Morrison from Féile an Phobail brings a team to participate in Cork City Marathon.



Cross-border & cross-community initiatives are supported by the festival, Féile an Phobail, Co-operation Ireland's Cork branch & Cork City Council.



BELFAST FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

The Cork festival has started to build a relationship with the Belfast Festival of Learning, which ran for the second year last month. It's organised by the Belfast Strategic Partnership (BSP), established by the Public Health Agency, Belfast City Council & Belfast Health & Social Care Trust. The aim of the BSP is "to champion and lead the case for tackling life inequalities across all communities in the Belfast area."

See www.makinglifebettertogether.com for more information.



ALL ABOARD 2017

All Aboard 2017 is a national initiative co-run by The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning in Higher Education and Ireland's higher education institutions.

During the week April 3 to 7, which coincides with the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival, national & regional events take place which are designed to build confidence in Ireland's digital skills for learning.

Any organisation with an interest in developing their digital skills for learning, regardless of skill level, was invited to come on board All Aboard 2017.

Visit www.allaboard2017.ie to see the events. It provides an A-Z guide on all aspects of the programme & features easy to use, downloadable resources.

CIT

CIT GOES VIRTUAL



CIT ACCESS SERVICE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Running from Monday April 3 to Friday April 7

Each day at 10am & Noon

CIT Access Service students take part in #MyCollegeExperience and #MyCollegeTips campaigns by posting a photograph & a brief memory or tips about their time in college on CIT Access Service's social media.

Each day at 11am & 2pm

CIT Access Students from the college's Linked Schools Programme, Science For Life, Disability Support Service & Mature Students, share their stories of how they navigated their way through college. Videos of CIT students sharing their personal story/experience released via CIT Access Twitter & Facebook.

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TUESDAY APRIL 4

9am – 2pm – Guest speakers give cookery demonstrations

& 2.50pm – 5pm – Q & A – students put questions to panel

*Tourism & Hospitality Department,
Cork Institute of Technology*

LIVE BROADCAST

CULINARY CAREER PATHS SEMINAR - CHEF DEMONSTRATIONS

This seminar demonstrates to CIT's culinary students some of the possibilities open to them as careers in the hospitality industry. Six guest speakers, who have used their culinary training to travel different paths, share their experiences. Through their hard work & ability, they have each arrived at points in their career where, for the moment, they are successful & happy with what they have achieved.

Each speaker has a strong culinary background. To best showcase this, each gives a 30 minute cookery demonstration, simultaneously broadcast live on the internet & in certain areas throughout the college. These demonstrations are followed in the afternoon by a question and answer session, where students put their questions to the panel, also broadcast live.

It is hoped by sharing their experiences, passion & drive at this seminar that it will encourage the students to see the possibilities that lie before them.

The event is jointly sponsored by Cork Institute of Technology and Failte Ireland

This event is fully booked, however anyone interested is encouraged to log on to the live streaming event on the website. Details of how to access this event will be published on the College website under "Culinary Career Paths Seminar" See <http://www.cit.ie/>

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