

# Awards and Achievements

**AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2017**

New College  
Lanarkshire



Skillsset for life



## College recognised for excellence by Quality Scotland

New College Lanarkshire achieved the first stage of Quality Scotland's Levels of Excellence programme – a recognition scheme acknowledged all over Europe for organisations that are high-performing, have a culture of excellence, and are dedicated to continuous improvement.

The award recognises successful efforts by the College to implement excellence and good practice, and offers the benefits of a structured approach to identifying organisational strengths and areas for improvement.

Following assessment of three college quality projects the College achieved success in the Committed to Excellence category of the programme.

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## Liam wins trio of medals at Special Olympics

Liam Nolan won two golds and one bronze medal at the 10th National Summer Games, which were held in August in Sheffield.

He was one of 2,600 athletes drawn from 20 regions of the UK to compete in a range of sports including athletics, cycling, football, golf, tennis and swimming.

A second-year student of Skills for Life at the Cumbernauld Campus, he sprinted his way to glory with gold medals for the men's 200m and 4x400m relay as well as a third-place finish in shot put.

The 22-year-old from Larbert has been classified by UK Athletics and can now be selected to compete at international events including the 2020 Paralympics in Japan.



## Student fairytale comes true

Keen writer and artist Elizabeth Langford has had a book of her fairy stories published – which she hopes will be the first of many!

The second-year student of Raising Your Potential in the Faculty of Supported Learning was given the book by her family for her birthday.

Entitled 'The Scheherazade Fairy Dragon', it brings together her self-penned tales with photographs and images she has gathered from different websites.

Elizabeth, 23, who lives in Milton of Campsie, has also produced a number of fairy-inspired artworks during her time studying at our Cumbernauld Campus.



## NCL to send most competitors in UK to WorldSkills 2017

The finest apprentices and students were announced as competitors at the upcoming WorldSkills UK competitions – with 18 of those from New College Lanarkshire!

The students have been selected as the top performers in their chosen skills from National Qualifiers held across the UK, and will now go on to compete in front of 70,000 spectators at the UK final held at The Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham from 16-18 November.

The group of 18 is the highest amount of competitors attending from any one organisation in the UK – adding to New College Lanarkshire's existing title of Best in UK.

Already in the top percentage of skilled students in the UK, the students will compete against 500 of the UK's finest to get the number one spot in their chosen skill – which may make them eligible for selection to represent the nation at WorldSkills Kazan, Russia 2019.



## Students provide backing vocals for Hue & Cry

Two HND Music students from New College Lanarkshire feature on a new album from music legends, Hue & Cry.

Rebeka O'Rorke from Wishaw and Regan Talbot from Glenboig feature as backing vocalists on 'Pocketful Of Stones', which was released on 1 September.

The pair, who have just started the HND Music course following completion of the HNC, joined their lecturer Yvonne Tipping and vocalist Ryan J Burns on eight tracks of the upcoming record.

Their vocal skills were called upon by the iconic brothers after lecturer Yvonne, also known in the industry as Tippi, recommended them for the job after working as a backing vocalist with Hue and Cry for the past seven years.

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## Student shortlisted for CDN Award

Carolann Burns has been shortlisted for the Student Citizenship Award at the 2017 College Development Network Awards after leading a successful project to get more girls into the technical side of the Music and Sound Production industry.

The 39-year-old from Riddrie developed 'That's Sound', an innovative industry-facing project which has encouraged and inspired young girls to get into an industry where there is a recognised gender imbalance.



Carolann started the project while carrying out the BA Commercial Sound Production programme at the College's Cumbernauld campus, which is delivered in partnership with the University of the West of Scotland. The aim of the project was to help develop her employability skills and increase her industry network – but for Carolann the project became so much more than that.

With the mission statement, "Bringing balance to audio across the spectrum, encouraging girls to study and work in sound", Carolann organised a workshop attended by 130 school children aged 10-16, which included talks from industry professionals, live performances from female musicians and sound production workshops.

Partnering with staff and students from New College Lanarkshire, along with the support of those from University of the West of Scotland and Glasgow Kelvin College, Carolann's event received mass praise from pupils, teachers and industry professionals alike.

Carolann has also built a dedicated website for the project, featuring information about working in the industry, courses and case studies.



## **International success for WorldSkills champion**

**New College Lanarkshire student and WorldSkills UK champion Betsy Crosbie competed in the world's largest skills competition – bringing home a Medallion for Excellence.**

Betsy Crosbie, 21 from East Kilbride competed against the best students and apprentices of Mechanical Engineering: Computer Aided Design (CAD) from across the world at the WorldSkills Final in Abu Dhabi from 14 – 19 October.

Having already competed and succeeded in WorldSkills UK 2016 and EuroSkills Gothenburgh 2016, Betsy has already proven herself as a leader in the skill – capable of competing with the world's best in the industry to achieve global recognition.

Competing against 24 other competitors from Spain to Switzerland, Kazakhstan to Korea, Betsy was one of only two females in the competition and the sole representative in her category from UK.

Held every two years, WorldSkills sees around 1,200 young people, aged 18-25, from all over 50 nations come together to compete for medals in more than 50 different skills areas, including Electrical Installation, Welding, Web Design, Cooking and Bricklaying.

Betsy competed in Abu Dhabi with 33 of her fellow Team UK members – who had beat off thousands of apprentices and students in regional heats, a national final, a Team UK selection process and months of intensive training.