

Awards and Achievements

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College pledges to challenge mental health stigma

New College Lanarkshire has pledged to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination in partnership with Stigma Free Lanarkshire – the first educational establishment to do so.

Principal, Martin McGuire joined Chair of the Lanarkshire Regional Board, Linda McTavish in making a college-wide commitment to listening and learning from those who have experience of mental health problems to bring about real change.

They were joined by Jenny Hutton, Interim Public Mental Health and Wellbeing Development Manager of NHS Lanarkshire and Lanarkshire Recovery Network, in signing the pledge on Wednesday 31 January in 101 Park Street, Coatbridge Campus, coinciding with the College's annual Health and Wellbeing Week, promoting all things health-related to staff and students.

Stigma Free Lanarkshire, in partnership with the national programme, See Me, brings people together to help influence change, and passionate about challenging mental health stigma and discrimination and determined to stop it.

Students' Association wins NUS Award

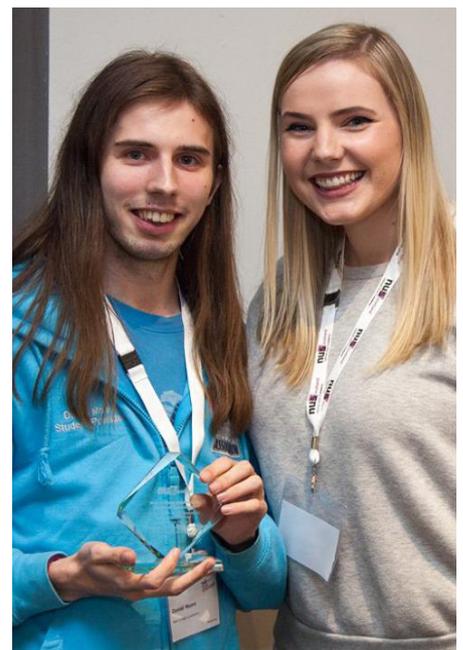
New College Lanarkshire's Students' Association picked up an unexpected award from the National Union of Students (NUS).

Student President, Daniel Moore and voluntary officer Louise Ferguson attended the NUS Scotland Zone Conference at the Grassmarket Apex Hotel in Edinburgh for a day of presentations and workshops, including sessions on student rights on mental health, gender quotas, Brexit, and college student association funding.

During the closing remarks, it was announced that New College Lanarkshire gathered the most 100% attendance survey responses and they were awarded a trophy for this achievement.

The survey in November targeted NQ students and those not studying at a higher level and asked those students what they thought about the 100% attendance policy and whether they would like NUS to lobby Parliament to remove it.

A total of 440 New College Lanarkshire students completed the survey - an impressive 190 more responses than the runner-up.





College in running for trio of marketing awards

New College Lanarkshire is once again in the running for three awards in a marketing competition between Scotland's further education colleges.

The College has been short-listed for its exemplary work in marketing and communications at the 2018 College Development Network (CDN) Marketing Awards.

The CDN Marketing Awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the excellent marketing and communication practice taking place in Scotland's 25 further education colleges.

Having won three golds and one silver award last year, the College hopes to continue its success in the shortlisted categories of Communications and PR and Customer Experience.

The shortlisted entries include:

- Communications & PR campaign on student Betsy Crosbie's journey with WorldSkills
- Communications & PR campaign on Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2017
- Customer Experience campaign about the revamp of the student funding service and the introduction of NCL's funding pigs



Staff breakfast raises almost £1k for homeless charity

Staff from New College Lanarkshires enjoyed an end-of-term charity breakfast which raised almost £1,000 for a local homelessness charity.

Members of staff from across the College's six campuses celebrated the end of 2017 with a charity big breakfast, raising £988.87 for Simon Community Scotland.

Held in the Coatbridge, Cumbernauld and Motherwell campuses, the fundraiser attracted hundreds of staff members who generously donated to the organisation in return for the breakfast.

They were also offered information on the services provided by Simon Community Scotland and how their donations would help.