

# New College Lanarkshire ERASMUS+ NEWS & UPDATES

## STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

In October 2018, staff members were encouraged to register to take part in Erasmus+ opportunities after the College secured funding from Erasmus+ to offer colleagues a number of international opportunities.

Whether through training or vocational education, staff were encouraged to access opportunities within schools, institutions and organisations across Europe to discover new ways of working and supporting their professional development.

## GALWAY STUDENTS DEVELOP FOOTBALL SKILLS AT NCL

A group of Sports students from Ireland honed their football skills and knowledge in a two-week-long visit to New College Lanarkshire in November 2019.

Twelve students from Galway Technical Institute (GTI) divided their time between undergoing intensive training sessions at our Broadwood Campus in Cumbernauld with watching behind-the-scenes coaching at top-flight clubs.

The visit was part of the Erasmus+ exchange initiative to encourage the acquisition of both academic and intercultural skills through a structured educational programme abroad.

The packed itinerary included a visit to Rangers FC's Auchenhowie training ground where they watched the club's under-17s side train; a visit to watch Partick Thistle train at the University of Glasgow; a tour of Clyde FC's facilities at Broadwood Stadium; and observing coaching sessions in the football academy at Braidhurst High School in Motherwell.

Read more [here](#).



## ATTENDANCE OF TRANSNATIONAL CYBER SECURITY PROJECT



Paul Holmes, Lecturer in the Faculty of Computing and Creative Industries, travelled to Tallinn, Estonia in December 2018 to attend the initial meeting of a transnational cyber security project.

Funded by Erasmus+, the project will span two years with the aim of developing a suite of cyber security learning materials to address the needs of the growing sector.

The meeting was attended by partners from Northern Ireland, Spain, Estonia, the Netherlands and Finland.

Paul said: "The trip to Tallinn was great. Working with educators from across the EU was very exciting and visiting the historic old town was also very interesting."

## BEAUTY EXCHANGE STUDENTS BID AU REVOIR

Erasmus exchange students from partner institution, Lycée Professionnel Privé La Fontaine in France, completed an exchange programme at the College in January 2019.

Madeline Viret and Candice Parizot completed a Beauty Therapy and English for Speakers of Other Languages course at the Coatbridge Campus as part of the Erasmus Mobility programme.

Curriculum & Quality Leader, Jacquie McGarvey, said: "Madeline and Candice adapted very well at the College, integrating well with the other students.

"They were a pleasure to have and work with. They embarked upon this journey themselves, organising their accommodation, travel arrangements with a limited command of English, which was a fantastic achievement for two 17 year-old young women.

"We wish them the very best of luck for their future."



## DENTAL STUDENT MAKES MOVE TO MALTA AFTER ERASMUS EXPERIENCE

A former student made the next step in her Dental Nursing career by moving to Malta – thanks to a work experience placement she excelled in during her time at New College Lanarkshire.

Sarah Murphy, 34 from Cambuslang, completed the Level 6 Higher National Certificate in Dental Nursing at the College's Coatbridge Campus – learning the theoretical and practical skills required for dental nursing in the state-of-the-art training facilities.

As part of the programme, Sarah was selected to attend an educational study trip in Malta where she completed a two-week work placement at Mint Health and Dental in Triq Birbal.

Funded by Erasmus, study trips aim to encourage students to put their skills into practice, enhance confidence and encourage international best practice. Students have the chance to complete a work placement while enjoying cultural trips and experiences.

Sarah excelled in her placement and impressed her employers with her knowledge, confidence and skills. She kept in touch with the owner of the practice, who advised her of a vacancy and invited her to apply. Sarah was successful in her application and has now moved to Malta to progress her career.

Read more [here](#).



## NCL SECURES ERASMUS+ FUNDING FOR EUROPEAN WORK PLACEMENTS UNTIL 2021

Over 500 students at New College Lanarkshire are set to benefit from overseas work placement opportunities thanks to Erasmus+ funding being approved by Ecorys UK.

The funding has been approved until 2021 giving students the chance to visit, work and experience the culture in countries including France, Spain, Italy, Malta, Finland, Lithuania, Austria and Cyprus.

Read more [here](#).

# RYAN REFLECTS ON MALTA EXPERIENCE

Web Development and Digital Design student, Ryan Chalmers, has documented his experiences of his recent Erasmus trip to Malta in the Malta Independent and the Malta Information Technology Agency website.

Read more [here](#).

## STUDENTS HELP ENDANGERED MARINE TURTLES IN MALTA



Students from New College Lanarkshire have gained first-hand experience of helping rescued marine turtles during an Erasmus+ work placement in Malta.

NQ Animal Biology and Conservation students from our Coatbridge Campus took part in a two-week-long placement at Nature Trust Malta earlier this summer.

They worked at the Marine Conservation Unit in Marsaxlokk where they cared for rescued marine turtles, most of which had become entangled in fishing nets or plastic debris, or suffered injuries caused by fishing hooks.

The Nature Trust Malta programme aims to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured turtles. The centre is home to turtles ranging from approximately 30cm to almost two metres long.

The three NCL students selected gained a variety of practical skills, such as how to clean tanks, prepare food and feed the turtles. They also learned about the importance of providing turtles with vitamin supplements, and how to apply medication.

The three species of marine turtles found around Malta's coastline – the Loggerhead turtle, the Green turtle and the Leatherback turtle – are now listed as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Read more [here](#).

