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THE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER



Could you benefit from visiting a European business or another European College/ University for a week?

Would you like to attend workshops, seminars, conferences, or undertake work-shadowing or secondment in Europe?

Would you be able to compare practice and experience with staff at a European HEI in order to improve your working life?

The College has secured Erasmus Staff Training funds for teaching and non teaching staff to spend a week developing their skills in another European institution or enterprise. It's a great opportunity to teach or work in another EU country and get to know the workings of their educational system. Learn new ideas and best practices to bring back to the College, develop

your international network and enhance your language skills. You will also acquire first-hand experience to share with students and colleagues who may be interested in Erasmus. We have worked hard to make sure a range of opportunities are available for staff. Staff training visits must be undertaken with other organisations which hold an Erasmus Charter and have a signed bi-lateral agreement with the College. Agreements have been signed with four other institutions in a range of EU countries (see table below).

If you are interested, you should agree the purpose of your trip with your CMAC Representative, before completing an application form, available from the Corporate Development Team. A deadline of **13th March 2009**, as discussed at recent information sessions, has been set for staff training applications.

To receive an application form, or for further information, please contact Shona, Corporate Development Manager on ext. 2276 or email spettigrew@coatbridge.ac.uk

Current Erasmus Partners:

Organisation	Country	Agreement Period	Area of Co-operation
Utena College	Lithuania	2009 - 2010	Dental / Care
ITEC-Boisfluey	France	2009 - 2010	Business and Management
University of Oradia	Romania	2009 - 2010	Computer Science, Corporate Development
Vilnius Kolegia	Lithuania	2009 - 2011	Hairdressing, Beauty, Performing Arts, Business

In Negotiation:

Organisation	Country	Agreement Period	Area of Co-operation
Aksaray University	Turkey	TBA	TBA

CURRENT PROJECTS

CPP

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) brings together the major public and voluntary sector agencies in the local area and has a responsibility for taking forward the development and implementation of the Community Plan in North Lanarkshire. The activities within the CPP have been designed to ensure a strategic fit with national, local and partner strategies and complement the objectives of the new draft North Lanarkshire Community Plan 2008 - 2012.

The College current CPP activity consists of:

- Full-time college courses - Hairdressing, Healthcare, Beauty, Social Care, Childcare
- Part-time Taster programme – in-house and St Phillips Secure Unit
- Men into Childcare
- Schools Vocational Programme



CONTACT DATABASE

We have developed relationships with a range of organisations at local, national and international levels and holds all information in a database of contacts. This resource is available to anyone interested in starting a new venture but have no established contacts. If you are seeking partners for a particular initiative, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will be happy to help you if possible.

In addition, we are currently seeking to establish Erasmus partnerships with as many organisations as possible. This will increase the opportunities available to those interested in making a visit to another organisation. If you have links to any other Colleges or Universities in EU member states, please let us know and we will explore any possibility of partnership under the Erasmus programme.

If you have any contacts locally, nationally or internationally you would like to share and add to our database, please contact Julie McShane on ext. 2349 or email jmcshane@coatbridge.ac.uk

LEARNING FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR MIGRANTS

Learning for Employment for Migrants is an ESF funded project that began in September 2008 to design, develop and pilot new material and course content in three phases:

- Design and development of new learning content for ESOL with Computing and ESOL with Business.
- Design and development of complementary guidance and support materials tailored to both the vocational area and language needs of the beneficiaries.
- Piloting of materials.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Angela McCormack on amccormack@coatbridge.ac.uk

FORENSICS IS FUN (STEMNET)

Forensics is Fun is an innovative six-week rolling programme of activities which uses forensics as a hook to engage and inspire young people aged 11-14 to pursue science subjects. The programme is currently being delivered after school hours in St. Margaret's High School, Airdrie and is soon to be delivered in St. Andrew's High School, Coatbridge.

GRANTfinder (www.grantfinder.co.uk)

GRANTfinder is a user-friendly funding database carrying details in excess of 4,000 UK and EU grants, loans, venture capital and advisory programmes – a useful source of information that is constantly growing and continuously updated.

The College has subscribed to GRANTfinder and it is available to any staff member who would like to use its resources. If you are interested, please contact the Corporate Development Team.

WELCOME

Alastair McGhee will be joining the College on 9th March 2009 as Corporate Development Executive, responsible for all commercial activities. If you would like to discuss commercial opportunities contact Alastair at amcgee@coatbridge.ac.uk

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

'High School, The Musical' was a short summer holiday programme funded by the Scottish Arts Council which offered young people from disadvantaged areas the opportunity to create their own musical theatre production with the support of professional tutors. The theme proved to be extremely popular with local youngsters, with over 130 participants taking part.

At the end of the workshops, where young people learned new dance, drama and music skills, two performances were held in the College theatre for family and friends to attend. Both performances were sell-outs and radio station Lanarkshire 107 attending to publicise activities.

SCOTTISH MODERN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

The Dental section are celebrating after being awarded the 'Scottish Modern Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2008' by Skills Development Scotland. The awards ceremony took place in November 2008 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh, where the award winners were congratulated and commended for demonstrating initiative, enterprise and outstanding commitment.

The prestigious award was presented by Fiona Hyslop, MSP and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, and was given to the Dental team in recognition of the high standards they have achieved as a training provider for dental nurses. It highlights the dental departments hard work and demonstrates how much they have grown and developed in recent years.



Funding from the National Training Programme allows the Dental section to provide the opportunity for individuals from diverse and socially deprived backgrounds to study for the Modern Apprenticeship. The Modern Apprenticeship training is delivered to individuals who are currently employed as dental nurses, either in general or private dental practices.

The College has significant experience in delivering the National Training Programmes funded by Skills Development Scotland and are looking forward to the fifth successive year.

NOTES N HOPES

At Scotland's Colleges Annual Awards in November 2008 at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, the College was awarded 'Highly Commended' for the Partnership Award in recognition of innovative and the success of the Note n Hopes project delivered within St Philips Secure Unit, Plains.

Now in their ninth year, these awards are open to all of Scotland's 43 colleges and provide a valuable opportunity to gain recognition for a range of developments and initiatives.



'Notes n Hopes' was a 1 year music initiative project delivered in partnership with St Philips with the assistance of a grant from the Scottish Arts Council. The innovative programme gave vulnerable young men the opportunity to gain skills in music production and helped with their rehabilitation back into society.

Staff, local dignitaries, educational professionals, family and friends joined the young men at a "Sharing" of the outstanding work they produced.

Feedback

We would welcome any comments or suggestions you may have on how to improve the newsletter, or queries you may have regarding content.

Please contact Julie McShane, jmcshane@coatbridge.ac.uk with your feedback.

Those involved were overwhelmed as they saw their work brought to life and for many this was the first opportunity their families had the chance to celebrate something positive in their lives.

Activities have now been adapted to become incorporated into the ESF supported North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership project. Activities will continue to be delivered in a similar format until March 2010, at which point, further funding will be sought from additional sources.

SCOTTISH DENTAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2008

College student Catherine McCracken has been presented with the Scottish Student Dental Nurse Achievement Award for 2008.

The award is in its second year and on both occasions the sought after title has gone to a Coatbridge College student.

The prestigious award was presented to Catherine in recognition of her achievements throughout her time at the College.

Catherine completed the Modern Apprenticeship NVQ Level 3 Programme in Dental Nursing in June 2008 and has gone on to work as a Dental Nurse in West Calder.



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