Honorary Conferrings

Four distinguished individuals were recognised by NUI Maynooth at a ceremony on campus on Wednesday, 8 June.

NUI Maynooth conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering on Eddie O'Connor, one of Ireland's most successful entrepreneurs. He is founder and Chief Executive of Mainstream Renewable Power, a global leader in wind and solar power energy which is now Europe's leading offshore wind developer. Eddie has been at the forefront of Irish business for more than a quarter of a century and was central to the deregulation of the energy market and State sector businesses in Ireland.

Mary Cullen, a local woman, conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Literature is one of the pioneers of women's history in Ireland, a strong advocate of women's rights. She is one of the first generation of Irish feminists and has published several books on the topic. Mary joined the Department of History in Maynooth in 1967 and played a key role in developing the Department into a world-class History Department until she retired in 1994.

Maynooth Chamber Choir Celebrates 25 Years

The Maynooth Chamber Choir celebrated its silver anniversary on Sunday, 8 May with a gala concert attended by President McAlleese as Guest of Honour.

The Chamber Choir, consisting of 22 students from NUI Maynooth and St Patrick's College Maynooth was conducted by Aengus Ó Maoláin, a graduate of music at the University, and President of the Maynooth Student's Union.

Speaking after the performance, President McAlleese congratulated the Choir on their twenty five years and, quoting Yeats, noted that that the choir's dedication and passion for music epitomised “education not filling the pail, but lighting a fire.”

Dr John O'Keefe, inaugural conductor of the Choir and current Director of Choral Groups at NUI Maynooth, noted that “membership of the choir offers students the chance of choral experience at a very high level and to date over 250 graduates of the choir have gone on to take their place in many of Ireland's premier choral groups, including Anúna and the National Chamber Choir.”

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Human Resource Notes

PRESIDENTIAL RETIREMENT LUNCH

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The lunch marked the recent retirements of the following from the staff of the University College:

- Dr Barry Broyhill, Department of Music;
- Professor Phelim O’Shea, Department of Geography;
- Ms Brian Casey, Power House;
- Ms Elaine O’Shea, Finance Office;
- Ms Rosemary McHugh, Kilkenny City Library;
- Ms Anne Crawford, University Office;
- Ms Anne Murphy, Department of Computer Science;
- Ms Joanne Murphy, Department of Geography;
- Ms Brian O’Shea, Department of English;
- Dr Mairead McCaffrey, Adult Community Education;
- Ms Mary Keane, Student Services;
- Ms Mary Keane, Library;
- Dr Mairead O’Shea, Department of Sociology;
- Ms Anne O’Shea, Finance Office;
- Dr Colin McCauley, University of Ireland;
- Ms Angela Lucey, Department of English;
- Mr Ed Murdock, Mediation Services;
- Mr James Ryan, Registrar’s Office;
- Ms Eileen O’Riordan, Department of Adult and Community Education;
- Ms Sarah O’Riordan, Library;
- Ms Siobhan O’Riordan, Department of Biology;
- Ms Marie Tuite, Machine Room, North Campus;
- Professor Dennis Pringle, Department of Geography;
- Ms Siobhan Ryan, Fees and Grants Office.

The lunch was also attended by colleagues with 25 years service in the University:
- Dr Brian O’Connor, Department of Mathematical Physics;
- Ms Bevila Akers, Computer Centre;
- Ms Deirdre Murphy, Language Centre;
- Ms Joan O’Hare, Fees and Grants Office.

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