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## Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2026. We hope the unrelenting rain hasn't been having too negative an impact on morale at your centre.

Here in Winstead, the building had to close for over a week due to flooding in the basement, so we are well aware of the additional challenges the weather can pose.

Recognising this, we extended the Learner Survey closing date for learners in full-time settings until Sunday March 1.

The survey for learners in the Adult Education Service is currently being finalized and will be with centres shortly.

As you will have no doubt noticed by now, for the first issue of volume four we have had a radical makeover. Our new look is thanks to Alexandra Cioarec, our dynamic intern from City of Dublin FET College Cathal Brugha whom you met in the November-December issue.

And this is not the only news on the communications front. Alexandra's fellow intern, Karl Whelan, has been busy on our Instagram account where you can now follow us at [@learnersupportandengagement](https://www.instagram.com/learnersupportandengagement)

We will be in Croke Park on March 25 for the City of Dublin ETB Showcase Day. Make sure to drop by our stand to say hello. Among other things we will be presenting some of the preliminary findings from the Learner Survey.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Continuing the Mother Language theme, **City of Dublin FET College Whitehall** student **Dana Sorokina**, reflects on the importance of her mother language, Latvian.

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## City of Dublin FET College Ballyfermot Wellness Week

The centre held its inaugural Wellness Week earlier in the month. **Aideen Lyster**, recently appointed Deputy Principal, has been in touch to tell us about the event.

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## A Taste of College

**Karen Granville** and **Jaqui Mythen** took a group of Adult Education Learners from **City of Dublin FET College Barry Road, Finglas** and **Knock House Cabra** to visit TU

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## A Week in the Life of a Busy Learner

In advance of [World Down Syndrome Day](#), (March 21) **Marie Reilly**, Adult Literacy Organiser, **City of Dublin FET College Crumlin**, profiles **Emily Behan**, a learner with excellent taste in music.

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