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Welcome to the March- April issue of our newsletter. There has been plenty happening in the Learner Support and Engagement Service (LSES) in the last two months.

The 2025-2026 Learner Survey closed for the Adult Education Service (AES) on April 24. The AES was the last sphere to complete the survey. Processing the responses for the other spheres is well advanced. (P4)

On March 18 and 19 Lorraine and Alan attended AHEAD's Altitude Conference. Lorraine, who has recently joined the board of AHEAD, asked Lisa Shields from City of Dublin FET College Rathmines to share her presentation on using UDL in a multi-cultural classroom. (P15)

We had a great day in Croke Park on March 25. The newsletter enjoys something of a bird's eye view of the outstanding work going across City of Dublin ETB, but seeing many of these gathered in one room was very impressive. It was also lovely to meet so many students from our post-primary schools.(P4)

While Lorraine, Alan, Annie, Karl and I were on our stand in Croke Park, Audrey was in Bilbao with six student council members (including Alexandra) leading an Erasmus + Network of Networks visit. The trip was a great success. (Pps 10-15)

In this issue we have details of several events taking place in centres in May which are open to the public. We know our list is far from comprehensive. If your centre has an event you would like to promote, you can do it through College Connect. Just send your flyer or poster to either [anne.mackey@cdetb.ie](mailto:anne.mackey@cdetb.ie) or [alan.byrne@cdetb.ie](mailto:alan.byrne@cdetb.ie) with College Connect in the subject line. We'd also be delighted to report on the events in our May newsletter. Send your text, photos and video to [john.poole@cdetb.ie](mailto:john.poole@cdetb.ie) or [learnersupports@cdetb.ie](mailto:learnersupports@cdetb.ie) by May 21

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- Liberties Musical
- Dhúlaigh Art and Design Showcase, Fashion Show, Film & Animation Screening
- Pearse Graduate Photography Exhibition
- Ballyfermot Illustration, Animation and Graphic Design Exhibition

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## Erasmus + Student Council Trip

**Audrey** reports back on the very successful trip she made to Bilbao with six City of Dublin FET College Student Council members where they explored what it means to be an EU citizen.

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## UDL: Breaking Down Barriers in the Multi-cultural Classroom

City of Dublin FET College Rathmines's **Lisa Shields** shares the presentation she made at **AHEAD's Altitude Conference**.

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## Storybook Mams

**Una Gildea** from the **Education to Prison Service** celebrates a decade of a project that helps forge bonds between women in **Dóchas** and their children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces.

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## The Belgrove Cup 2026

City of Dublin FET College Rathmines's **Aidan Roche** turns sports reporter to bring us all the excitement from this year's **Belgrove Cup**.

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## Pre-loved Gems and Green Goals

**Luke Crampton**, Marketing student in **City of Dublin FET College Rathmines**, writes about his centre's highly successful pop-up thrift shop in support of Oxfam.

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## Cathal Brugha Aspires to Green Flag

**Mary Attridge-Jones** is studying Environmental and Biodiversity Studies (EBS) in **City of Dublin FET College Cathal Brugha**. Mary is secretary of the Green Team which is working towards achieving a Green Flag for their centre.

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## Lord Mayor Praises Dhúlaigh Students Podcast

The media department at **City of Dublin FET College Dhúlaigh** has partnered with local community radio station **Near 90.3FM** to launch an exciting new podcast series, **Mad About Media**.

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## Dhúlaigh Students Nominated for National Student Media Awards 2026

Several City of Dublin FET College Dhúlaigh students have been shortlisted for the National Student Media Awards (Smedias) 2026, recognising excellence in Irish student media.

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## Share Your Words 2026

We have the winners of our Annual Share Your Words competition which celebrates International Mother Language Day.

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