

# Bulletin Board



## TBG Learning – On the Road to Success

World-class supply chain company NYK Logistics (UK) has extended its programme with TBG Learning following a very successful two-year pilot at the Land Rover production plant in Solihull. So far, 86 workers at the Solihull plant and a further 43 workers at Burnaston Cross Dock in Derby, have benefited from TBG Learning's apprenticeship (18 to 24-year-olds) and "Train to Gain" (for workers aged 25 plus) programmes. *Pictured above* are members of the Blue Shift team at NYK Logistics at Burnaston Cross Dock, Derby.



## Rehab Lotteries "Cars and Cash"

Congratulations to Billy Mahon from Moydrum Road, Garrycastle, on winning a brand new Renault Clio in the Rehab Lotteries "Cars and Cash" scratchcard game. There are still two more cars to be won, so don't forget to get your ticket from any Rehab Lottery outlet nationwide. *Pictured above* from left to right are: Sean White, Managing Director, Sean White Car Sales, Athlone; Joanne Eakins, Sales Manager, Rehab Lotteries; and Billy Mahon winner from Garrycastle, Athlone.



## On the Inside Track

Ahmed Foyes, *pictured left*, recently completed "Inside Track", an apprenticeship programme run by TBG Learning and Camden Council in London. Since completing his apprenticeship, Foyes has won a full-time job in the property services department at the Council and recently started a degree course in building surveying. TBG Learning has announced that this highly-successful programme will be extended for a second year.

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### NLN Tralee in Brussels

Margaret Cosgrove and Dan O'Shea from the Applied Information Technology (AIT) programme in NLN Tralee, with Prionsias De Rossa MEP in Brussels. Margaret and Dan went to Brussels for the 1 Million 4 Disability event in October, which featured speakers from the World Disability Federation. Dan said, "It was a very enjoyable trip and we met so many people from all over Europe with whom we had a lot in common. A great visit and well worth doing."

### Momentum Showcase

Leader of the Scottish Labour Party and MSP for Paisley North, Wendy Alexander, *pictured below* in early October at a showcase and DVD launch for Momentum's "Starting Point" programme. The six-week programme is specifically designed to assist people with mental health difficulties in Paisley and Renfrewshire to move forward with their lives.



### South America Trek

Rehab walkers in front of the spectacular Iguaza Falls during their sponsored trek to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay. Rehab's next trip is to Australia in November. Check out [www.rehab.ie](http://www.rehab.ie) for more information.



## Golden Spider Award 2007

RehabBingo.com won the award for Best Entertainment and Games Website at the Golden Spider Awards in November.

*Pictured left* are the winning team: (left to right) Shauna Perry and Irene Gahan of RehabBingo.com with Pauline Crowley and John McGuire of Rehab Group.



## Michael Leads the Way

Congratulations to Michael Smith, a service-user at Dundalk Sheltered Workshop who graduated from Dundalk Institute of Technology with a Certificate in Leadership presented by President McAleese in September.



## Santa Ski

Momentum's Santa Ski Challenge took place at Xscape, Braehead, Glasgow, on the 9th December. The fundraising event offered participants the opportunity to ski 25 runs (5km) dressed as Santa in two hours either by downhill skiing or snowboarding. The slopes were a sea of red and white as multiple Santas whizzed about. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



## Park House Talents Exhibited

Artist Marjorie Graham (left) with Olga Lizarde at the opening of the "Saoirse" Art Exhibition in Dun Laoghaire Town Hall which celebrated the creative talents of artists with disabilities from Park House Day Activity Centre. The exhibition formed part of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Social Inclusion Week.

**The 2007 Rehab Group Long Service Awards** took place in Sligo, Dublin and Cork in October. The awards were presented by Rehab Group Chief Executive, Angela Kerins, and representatives of the management teams in each region: Lucianne Bird, Peter McKeivitt, Kevin Clancy, Bob Rowat, Tom McGarry, Bill Stuart, Richard Jordan, Laura Keane and Joe O'Brien. Awards were presented for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years' service to employees from all around the country across all Group divisions. Congratulations to all the recipients!



**2007 Dublin 10 years**  
(left to right): Gary Merrigan, Angela Kerins, Joanne Eakins, Keith Poole and Bernadette Boyle



**2007 Cork 15 years**  
(left to right) Angela Kerins, Colman Whelton and Aoife Ryan



**2007 Sligo 20 years**  
(left to right) Damien Bagge, Sean D'arcy, Peter McKeivitt, Maureen Fallon, Angela Kerins, Sylvia Dolan, Tom Flanagan, Ann Joyce and Bernie Mann



**2007 Cork 25 years**  
Angela Kerins with Pauline Hayes



**2007 Sligo 25 years**  
Anne Gray with Angela Kerins



**2007 Dublin 25 years**  
(left to right): Kay Keelan, Angela Kerins and Frank McDonnell

## Autumn Graduations

Congratulations to all the National Learning Network students who received their certificates recently.



### Bray Certification

Joe O'Brien, National Learning Network Director of Operations, Cllr Brid Collins, Cathaoirleach, Bray Town Council, Minister of State, Dick Roche TD and George Nikov who graduated from National Learning Network Bray in November



### Portlaoise Certification

The Mayor of Portlaoise Town Council, Cllr Rotimi Adebari with graduates of National Learning Network Portlaoise who received their certificates in October



### Sligo Certification

Learners from National Learning Network Sligo's "Turas" programme with Minister of State, Jimmy Devins TD (back row, third from right), National Learning Network staff and invited guests at the centre's recent certification ceremony



#### Galway Certification

Learners from National Learning Network Galway's "Employer-Based Training" and "Transitions" programmes at the presentation of certificates in The Menlo Park Hotel. *Pictured* (front row) are Paul Murphy, Councillor Daniel Callinan, Deputy Mayor of Galway City; Anne Higgins (FETAC), Richard Casburn (Area Manager, National Learning Network) and Emer Morrell; (back row) Ivor Kelly, David Walsh, Jonathan Griffin, Darragh Dolan, Michael Conboy, John Diamond, Christopher Glynn, Andrew Corrigan, Martin Diskin and Bernadine Concannon. Photo by Michael Dillon/Dillon Photography.



#### Monaghan Certification

Learners from National Learning Network Monaghan's "Employer-Based Training" programme. *Pictured* (front row) are Veronica McNally and James Keenan of FÁS, Minister John Browne who presented the certificates, John Rooney of National Learning Network; Siobhán McCabe of FETAC and Miriam McQuaid of National Learning Network; (back row) Evin Murray, Anne McCrudden, Sean Hughes, Monica Treanor, Kathleen McCoy, Elizabeth Gartland, Marie Duffy, Catherine Cawley, Patricia Markey, and Maureen Gannon, National Learning Network.



#### Carrick-on-Shannon Certification

Learners from National Learning Network Carrick-on-Shannon's "Kickstart" programme *pictured* with Councillor Damien Brennan, Cathaoirleach of Leitrim County Council, National Learning Network staff and invited guests at the centre's recent certification ceremony.



#### Letterkenny Certification

Graduates of National Learning Network's "Prospects" course were among the learners from centres at Letterkenny and Killybegs who recently received certificates from Mary Coughlan TD, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (front row, third from right). Also *pictured* are National Learning Network staff and invited guests.