

ZERO (NUL, NOLLA, NULL, NOLL) STRANMILLIS WASTE TO LANDFILL!

As part of the Stranmillis Eco Campus Initiative, a group of the committee members recently visited the RiverRidge waste processing centre in Portadown.

The centre processes some of the general waste from Stranmillis campus along with the waste of a number of other clients including local councils. The dry mixed recyclable waste generated on campus is taken to the RiverRidge facility in Garvagh.

During an informative tour the committee were shown the processes through which metals and other materials such as plastics and cardboard with recycle value were removed from the waste, with the residual material being shredded and blended to make industrial fuel, known as 'refuse-derived fuel (RDF)'. The RDF is used in a gasification power station in Belfast which supplies electricity to the Bombardier aerospace factory. The ash which is produced after the fuel has been burnt can be used as aggregate for road works.

Food waste from the Stranmillis kitchens is currently collected separately, also by RiverRidge, and composted, while the College's garden waste is composted here on campus.

The combination of the waste recycling and RDF generation means that no waste from Stranmillis goes to landfill!

Nul, Nolla, Null, Noll? In recognition of our current International Students, these words are Danish, Finish, German and Spanish for Zero!



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Launch of new online Master of Teaching Programme

The newly launched online MTeach programme offers a blend of learning opportunities for the developing teacher or leader in education who aims to advance their practices while working. Modules for 2019/2020 include: Reflective Teacher as Action Researcher and Addressing Underachievement. We were delighted to welcome a new cohort to this innovative programme this year and wish them every success with their studies. For more information on any of our Masters' Programmes please email masters@stran.ac.uk

The new intake for study is September 2020.



CPD: Continuing Professional Development

We have had many exciting CPD courses over the last semester, commencing with a new course: 'Advanced Certificate for Theatre in Schools' (ACTS). This course gave students the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence required to create and present a full-scale theatrical production in a school. ACTS focuses not only upon the theory, but upon the ability to successfully deliver live theatre in schools. Some courses for Semester 2 include: Post Qualifying Leadership, Forest Schools and Transforming a School through Learning and Teaching. For more information on booking the next ACTS course or any of our CPD courses visit the Stranmillis Eshop or email cpd@stran.ac.uk

Widening Participation

Stranmillis was delighted to welcome hundreds of children from local primary schools in Semester 1 through our Widening Participation Programme.

Some of our WP projects included: Coding with Ian Simmons; Alice in Social Land Drama Production with Year 3 Drama Specialists; Health, Physical Activity and Sport projects with primary and post primary children; Reading Hubs, Maths Week, Mental Health Awareness and RE projects; and Early Years playful learning opportunities with PGCE students.

We are delighted to work on these events with a new team of student ambassadors. The College supports these volunteering opportunities through degree enhancement and students are up-skilled as ambassadors during the events.



Shaping Education

New Year, New Website: www.stran.ac.uk

The College is delighted to announce that the first phase of our new website is now up and running. The new mobile device-responsive site features a new look, simpler navigation and new search features (including an open access research section). Whether you are looking for information on the College, courses (undergraduate, postgraduate, professional learning or lifelong learning short courses), research, accommodation or meeting and event venues, the new website is a great first port of call. Visit us at stran.ac.uk.



Graduates inspire budding student researchers

'What has research ever done for us?' asked Dr Andrew Brown, the keynote speaker at our 2019 Student Research Conference. The answer, as four recent graduates impressively demonstrated to an audience of current students about to undertake their research projects, is quite a lot! Their presentations covered a broad range of current educational issues including social media, physical activity and mental health in adolescents (Emma Jefferson), teachers' perspectives on healthy eating in schools (Paul Edmonds), teachers' perspectives on the inclusion of children with autism in the mainstream classroom (Amy Woods) and the view of male practitioners in nurturing the development of children in the Early Years and Foundation Stage (Adam Willis).



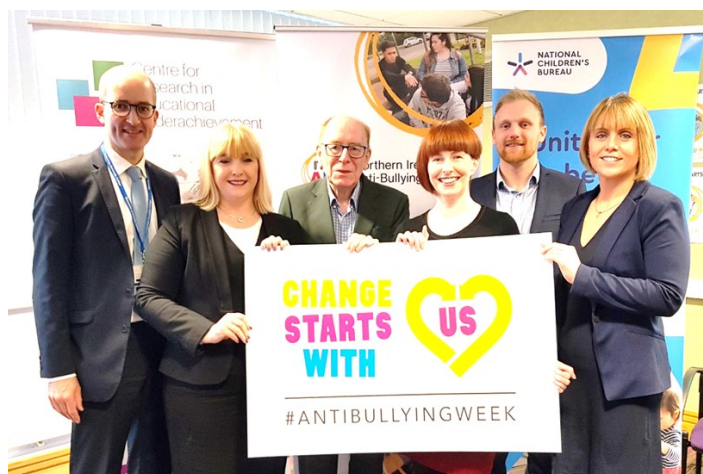
STRAN TV

In association with the Students' Union, the College recently launched Stran TV, a new digital communication platform, produced by our students, to keep students, staff and the college community up to date with what is going on in College.

The Stran TV team was delighted to have Snow Patrol's Gary Lightbody as one of the first guests on the new channel. To keep up to date, follow us on facebook [@StranTVbelfast](https://www.facebook.com/StranTVbelfast).



Tackling bullying in schools: Reviewing the evidence



As part of 2019 Anti-Bullying Week, the College hosted a research seminar and workshop 'Tackling Bullying in Schools: What Works?'. The event was organised in conjunction with the National Children's Bureau (NCB) Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum (NIABF).

The keynote address by Goldsmiths' anti-bullying expert, Professor Peter K Smith, reviewed the evidence of what works in schools to reduce bullying. This was followed by a panel discussion with Professor Smith, Gillian Cuthbert of the Education Authority, Dr Noel Purdy, Director of Research at Stranmillis University College, Deirdre McAliskey, NCB Assistant Director and Daniel Warwick, Bloomfield Primary School. The discussion was chaired by NCB's Northern Ireland Director, Celine McStravick. To find out more about Anti-Bullying Week, and to find activity resources for primary and secondary school-aged young people, visit the dedicated website here: <http://www.endbullying.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

Unlocking Potential

An Audience with.....



Marie Jones

5.11.19

Entertaining, intelligent, informative and intergenerational learning at its best, with in depth, live interviews, unseen film footage, humour and education throughout. The evenings provide opportunities for audience participation with Q & A sessions and, in some cases, book signings. Each of the powerful guests, from the worlds of film, television, music, sport and business possess a desire to give back to their local community through education and each has a different story to tell about their adventures from school pupil to adulthood.



Gary Lightbody

18.12.19



Marie Heaney

7.11.19



Lady Mary Peters

24.10.19

Next in the chair is Sir John Gillen, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, who was responsible for the Gillen Report which aimed to make the legal procedures in serious sexual offences more equitable than is currently the case. To secure a place on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 18:30pm please email lifelong@stran.ac.uk or phone 02890384345.



Sir John Gillen

23.1.20

Building Futures