



# College Awards

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# Learner Awards

Well done to all our students and staff this academic year whose hard work and talent has been recognised in the following competitions.




## Sport

**BTEC Learner of the Year for Sport** Gold awarded to **Stephanie McCluskey**, BTEC Level 3 Sports and Exercise Science Extended Diploma.

**Boxing Association National Championship.**

Level 2 Fitness Instructing & Belfast Met Boxing Academy student, **Jordan Woods**, was Junior Novice Champion of All Ireland at the Irish Athletic Third Level Boxing Association National Championship.



## Travel and Tourism

**Northern Ireland Travel and Tourism Awards**

Travel Student of the Year was awarded to **Chloe Gordon**, Level 5 Foundation Degree in International Travel & Tourism Management.



## Hospitality

**Chef Olympiad, India**

**Robert Anderson**, NVQ Level 3 Diploma student in Professional Cookery won Bronze for Sustainability.



## Barbering

Barbering student **Lauryn Curran**, Level 2 Barbering student, won Apprentice Barber 2020 at City & Guilds MHFed International Barbering Competition.

**Ryan Burns**, Level 2 Barbering won the 'L'Oreal Colour Trophy College' award.



## Creative and Digital

**RTS NI Awards 2020**

HND Creative Media 2nd year students won Best Comedy & Entertainment; **Michael Murray Draine**, **Stacey Burns**, **Jack Devlin**, **Ronan Karicos**, **Mark Hanna**, **Callum Russell** and **Dylan Kane**.

Best News category received Highly Commended for **Raffaella Carter**.



## NI Colleges Media Awards

**HND Creative Media students**

**Moving Image Fiction winners:**

Won by **Dylan Hagan**; 2nd **Michael Murray-Draine**; 3rd place **Nathan Long**. Highly Commended **Ronan Karicos**.

**Factual award**, 3rd place **John Dixon**.

**Animation award**, 3rd place **David McCabe**; Highly Commended **Adam Dougan**.

**Music Video award**, 3rd place **Ronan Karicos**.



## Skills and Apprenticeships

**World Skills UK 2019**

Level 3 apprentice **Fraser Armstrong** took Gold winning 1st place in the Demonstration Skills: Electronic Security Systems finals.

Level 3 Cyber Security students **Jamie Wilson** & **Cameron McKnight** and Industrial Electronics Level 3 student **Erjon Berisha** were awarded Bronze medals. **Erjon Berisha** & **Cameron McKnight** have been selected for the World Skills UK talent programme and will have the chance to compete at Worldskills Shanghai 2021.

Level 3 Carpentry student **Thomas Ellison** was placed as Highly Commended.

**NI Apprenticeship Awards 2020**

Higher Level apprentice **Will Bradley** employed by BT and training with Belfast Met was joint winner of the Higher Level Apprentice Award.

**Public, People, Managers Associate Apprentice of the Year**

Won by **Aaron Hawthorne** Higher Level Apprentice in Accounting with employer NI Audit Office.



## Other Awards

**ICE Quest Technician Scholarship at the Pitch 200 NI Final** – won by **Timothy McGaughey**, first year Foundation Degree student and Engineering Apprentice at Moor Centre.

**Tayto NI fashion competition** at the Clondeboye Camerata Music Festival - Year 2 HND Fashion students **Donal O'Kane** and **Nikola Adamzyck** were awarded joint 1st place bursary winners, and **Katie Birch** was 2nd and named Facebook winner. **Elena Dignoti** 3rd place, and **Grace Grimley** was named 'Best in Show'.

**Blush Boutique Design competition**

Won by **Yanna Scott**, BSc Hons in Fashion Production and Business student's winning design to be made by designer Kevan Jon.

**International Women's Day poster competition** won by **Megan McIlwaine**, Creative Digital Media Level 3 student.

**Prince's Trust Homesense Young Achiever of the Year Award**, won by **Annie Burke**, City and Guilds Level 2 & 3 Diploma for Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills, ABC Level 2 Certificate Cake Decoration.

**Innovation Awards**

**La Irie** achieved Bronze Level Innovator status – she has been working with Belfast Met to learn new skills to create a new range of food-based products.

**Career Ready UK Awards**

**Ailin Attarzadeh** won both N.I. and UK Career Ready Student of the Year 2020 awards.

**Open College Network Annual Awards**

Two Level 2 Personal Success and Wellbeing Futures Project participants were Highly Commended - FE Learner of the Year for **Ethan Gould**, and Health & Wellbeing Learner of the Year for **Philip Marten**.

# 10 Learner Good News Stories



## Staff Awards

### Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show, Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and Design student **Ethan Neill's** painting was selected out of over 17,700 entries.

### Tour Guiding Level 4 Student Achievement Awards

Belfast Met College awards presented to joint winners **Aidan Crean** and **Christine Donnelly**.

### Prodigy Learning 12 Days of Certification

Day 10 winner **Joshua Bloomfield** from FdSc Accounting for achieving the highest score in MOS exam.

### BTEC Tutor of the Year Award 2020

Silver awarded to Centre for Supported Learning staff **Clare Corey**, Programme Co-ordinator and Lecturer and **Richard Spiller**, Lecturer and Routeways Programme Co-ordinator.

### HE Advance Fellowship

Senior Fellowship awarded to **Stuart Dickinson**.

### Chef Olympiad, India

**Daniel Mallon**, lecturer in Professional Cookery, won Gold for International Dish at the International Young Chef Olympiad.

### Creative and Cultural Skills Awards NI

Visual Effects tutor **Darren Porter** won Tutor of the Year Award.

Northern Ireland Education and Industry Collaborative Project Award, Highly Commended **Alan McCracken** and **Thomas Scott**, Belfast Metropolitan College, and **Harry Hamilton**, **Flash Harry**.

### Open College Network Annual Awards

Futures Project Manager **Jamie Maze** nominated for Inspiring Tutor of the Year, was Highly Commended.

### Sport NI Sportmaker Awards

Belfast Met Boxing Academy Coach **Gerry Storey** MBE received a Coaching Chain Award, presented by Olympic Boxer **Paddy Barnes** to acknowledge the people who contributed to his success at Olympic Level.

### CIPD NI Awards Outstanding Human Resources Student of the Year.

**Rebecca Scallon**, CIPD Level 5 in Human Resource Management and **Simona Fisichella**, Level 5 CIPD Learning and Development Studies both short listed.

### Apprenticeship of the Year Awards 2020

Level 3 apprentice **Hannah Sproule** employed by Citi was nominated as Apprentice of the Year.

### League Cup Semi-Final at Seaview

Belfast Met Part-Time Level 3 Sports Journalism students attended the League Cup Semi-Final at Seaview to write a match report and conduct interviews

### Ulster Schools' and All Ireland Cross Country Championships

GCE Chemistry and Biology, and Level 3 GCE Digital Technology student **Conal McClean** took 1st place in the Senior Boys 6km race at the Ulster School's final to qualify for the finals and came 2nd in the All Ireland Schools Championship.

### Women's Football Team Signing

Level 3 Fitness Instructing and Personal Training student **Khloe Cooper** is signed to Glentoran Women's Football Team.

### Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Restart a Heart Day

Level 2 Health & Social Care students hosted a CPR event alongside the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service as part of the annual "Restart a Heart Day" initiative.

# 10 Corporate Good News Stories

## Queen's Anniversary Prize

A UK-wide award recognising excellence, innovation and public benefit in work carried out by UK colleges and universities. The award is in recognition of its excellence in Further Education training in Information and Communications Technology ICT.

Belfast Met and Queen's University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which details ways of greater co-operation including joint student activities and projects, knowledge exchange, collaboration on widening participation including the Pathway Opportunities Programme and Junior Academy, and working together to meet regional skills development needs aligned to the Belfast City Region Deal.

## NI Apprenticeship Awards 2020

Large Employer Innovation Award was won by Citi in partnership with Belfast Met.

## NI Colleges Media Awards 2020

Belfast Met received the most learner awards this year.

## Education Award at the GNI Awards 2019

Belfast Met nominated as finalist for the Inclusive Education Award.

## Belfast Telegraph IT Awards 2019

The Bring IT On NI team were finalists in the 'Best not-for-profit IT project of the Year'.

## TES Awards

Shortlisted as **Specialist Provider of the Year** for the Centre for Supported Learning - awards postponed due to Covid.

## The Kennedy Education Centre Achievement Award 2019

Awarded to Belfast Met Centre for Supported Learning. The centre, led by this visionary management team, delivers with commitment and passion, innovative, excellent and high quality FE solutions from Entry level to level 1 for SEND students with a qualification success rate of 99%.

## Other Corporate News

Belfast Met became the new Educational Partner for Women in Business NI, to collaborate on growing a diverse new economy through inclusive growth.

Belfast Met opened its state-of-the-art Aviation Suite in August 2019 on Castlereagh Campus, the only training facility of its kind on the island of Ireland, for our Ground Operations & Cabin Crew students.

Belfast Met Journalism students forged a working partnership with the prestigious Centre for Global Peace Journalism in the USA after they were visited by the Centre's Director, Professor Steven Youngblood.

# 7 Assured Skills Achievements



Department for the Economy launched a new Assured Skills Academy with US insurance company Aflac in partnership with Belfast Met, **offering 20 training places for graduates in any discipline.**



**Belfast Met delivered three FinTrU Financial Services Assured Skills Academy** in collaboration Ulster University and one FinTrU legal academy.



**25 Academy participants graduated in June from the world's first ever Microsoft Cyber Academy.** Belfast Met teaching and support staff delivered this fantastic Academy online over 12 weeks during the lockdown. During this academy new qualifications were delivered in Azure Cloud and Cyber.



**One Deloitte academy was delivered** covering Enterprise Transformation/Service Now.



PA Consulting Engineering Assured Skills Academy learners received practical, real-world software engineering training with a guaranteed job interview on successful completion.



The Department for the Economy and PwC announced more than 600 high quality Assured Skills Academy training places, to develop £4.4m pre-employment training project to upskill individuals through Assured Skills Academies to compete for 600 exciting new jobs at PwC as part of significant growth for the firm in Northern Ireland. The first academy was PwC's Future Business Skills Academy which has now been successfully delivered twice as well as two Data & Analytics academies.



**Over 100 apprentices were recruited** for an 18 months training programme in partnership with Belfast Met by Openreach.

# 17 Other Good News Stories

## NI Apprenticeship Week

During the first DfE funded NI Apprenticeship Week, Belfast Met organised speakers for the 'Let's Talk About Apprenticeships' event at Belfast City Hall.

## College aids the Covid 19 pandemic

Belfast Met provided training support for the Cooneen Group's new machinists who were recruited to help meet the demand for PPE during Covid.

Belfast Met loaned their 3D printers to Axial to make PPE face shields and made PPE donations to aid the Covid pandemic.

Belfast Met staff, students and graduates have been working tirelessly during the pandemic on the frontline and sewing face masks and scrubs for healthcare workers across the province.

DfE funded the free Skills for Industry programme - essential skills training and support for people that are economically inactive.

## Skills Focus

Economy NI announced £1.7m in funding to deliver Skills Focus training to people impacted by Covid-19. Belfast provided courses in IT, Health and Social Care, BIM, Leadership Management and Marketing.

Skills Focus courses in Microsoft Office Essentials and Cisco Cyber Security open to private companies with less than 250 employees to help upskill staff from home during lockdown.

## Centre for Economic Development and Social Inclusion

Belfast Met led online digital transformation project for the construction sector to be utilized by Croatian vocational schools for online training during Covid.

Hydrogen webinar on the GenComm Project (Interreg North-West Europe GenComm); Programme Manager Paul McCormack presented webinar on hydrogen from the perspective of providing energy security for remote communities, 'Hydrogen – Getting the Green Light, Driving the Green Economy, Driving Europe's Green Economy.

Belfast Met leads on a collaborative EU project to address the digital skills gap Belfast Met From Internet of Things to Artificial Intelligence (IoT to AI) to address the digital skills gap by providing upskilling pathways for employees and learners. IoT to AI is supported by the European Commission through the Erasmus+ programme, Strategic partnership for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices.

Belfast Met leads on Erasmus+ project "Exploring Blended Learning approaches for Vocational Educational Training". The Blend4vet.eu project embeds a new flexible blended learning practice (online and face to face training), with six partners across five countries; City of Dublin of Education Training Board, Ireland, Koning Willem 1 College, Netherlands, H2 Learning, Ireland, Usurbilgo Lanbide Eskola, Basque Region and Tartu College, Estonia.

## Other News

E3 campus celebrated Belfast Met's first cohort of learners at the Institute of Leadership and Management for achieving their Level 3 Award during lockdown.

Belfast Met has been involved in a public service model for prison Learning & Skills since its inception in 2014. The collaborative approach has delivered significant results for learners, which has been acknowledged by the Justice Minister and the Education Training Inspectorate. In the more recent period and despite the COVID 19 challenges, the prison delivery team established Virtual Learning programmes in June 2020, with 283 students engaged at Hydebank Wood College and 789 students within Maghaberry Prison.

ESOL team and all college and community partners continue to support those most in need throughout this difficult time and during Refugee Week 2020.

Belfast Met contributes a Northern Ireland perspective with CBI NI in the Commission of the College of Future Report - People, Productivity and Place: A New Vision for Colleges.

Belfast Met announced a partnership with the Irish Football Association Foundation to expand its highly successful Football Academy. Belfast Met Football Academy students can undertake an IFA Foundation Coach Education Programme, alongside its existing Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport (equivalent of 3 A-Levels).

Belfast Met is one of 13 partners involved with developing zero emissions ferries led by Artemis Tech Ltd that will create an initial 125 research and development jobs, and leading to more than 1,000 in the region over the next 10 years and will revolutionise the future of maritime transport.



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