

CEO of Shannon Group, said, "We are disappointed with Ryanair's decision to cut Shannon services to Bristol, East Midlands and Ibiza from January 2020. In light of the slowdown in the global economy and the uncertainty of Brexit, this is a particularly challenging time for global aviation. In the last week alone, we have seen the closure and suspension of flights by three European airlines."

She said that Ryanair will continue to be very important to

partners to explore opportunities to attract new Shannon services." No-one from Ryanair was available for comment on Wednesday evening.

In July, Ryanair announced that delays to deliveries of the Boeing 737 Max aircraft meant it would have to scale back plans for expansion in 2020. However, despite this, the airline announced new routes for both Cork and Dublin this week, while overall the capacity of passengers to and from Ireland is going up by 1%.

premier office accommodation, while there are four sites almost ready for the development of further office buildings. A building on the campus, which is owned by AXA, is not included in the transaction.

In a statement on Wednesday, Westpark Shannon said it "is a profitable going concern, is a vibrant business community consisting of up to 50 companies employing up to 2,000 people".

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Sixteen Brothers of Charity workers graduate

SIXTEEN support workers employed by the Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, all working in the Clare services, recently received a QQI Level 5 Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice at a graduation ceremony in The Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis.

While the Brothers of Charity Services Clare hosted the training programme, it was delivered by the Open Training College, a Quality Approved third level institute of education. The college offers accredited courses primarily to staff working in disability and not-for-profit human services in Ireland.

The key objectives of the course were to:

- Provide recognised and accredited training for staff working in front line support roles;
- Educate, empower and support frontline staff to promote and implement best practice in the provision of person-centred services to people with intellectual disability;
- Provide organisations with an effective and flexible model of training and development for

staff in front-line support roles.

The course, which commenced in September 2017, consisted of eight programme modules (six mandatory modules and two electives), which met the learning outcomes of the Major Level 5 award of the Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice.

The programme was designed to address the needs of support workers operating in services for people with intellectual disability and introduced the learner to best practice in key areas of service delivery, including empowerment, advocacy, teaching, learning and community inclusion. The development of personal and professional skills of the individual learner was a key feature of all modules.

In addition, learners were offered the opportunity to develop specific knowledge and skills in an area relevant to their individual job role through a choice of carefully considered and designed elective modules.

On completion of the course in November 2018, learners confirmed the content was rel-



At the QQI Level 5 Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice graduation ceremony in Ennis were, from left, Michael Hennessy (National Chief Executive Brothers of Charity Services Ireland), Martina Rynne (Clare Services Manager Brothers of Charity), Claire Hopkins (Open Training College Course Director), graduates Angela Harty, Sinéad O'Neill, Sean Morgan, Frank McNamara, Michael McInerney, Robert Milsted, Mairéad Commene, Bronwen Lyons, Claire Carroll and Ethna Fitzgerald, Mary Rowan (training and development officer, Brothers of Charity Services) and Tracy Warner (Open Training College course co-ordinator and tutor).

evant to their job and that job performance had improved as a result of attending the course. Improved skills, competencies

and creativity has resulted in enhanced support to people with intellectual disabilities living in communities. Continuous learning and

self-reflection for staff, who are engaged in enabling people with intellectual disabilities to be in and part of their community, is

key and this course has proven to be important in that regard. The graduates, staff and individuals been supported, are enthusiastic

about the experience this learning opportunity has provided and will see the benefits long into the future.