



Dear Colleagues,



We are not at the final stages of wrapping gifts just yet but we are getting closer! Speaking of gifts, a truly memorable gift that we get to experience each year is our graduation day celebrations. The highlight of our academic year, this year proved to be yet another special day for so many graduates, families and friends. **Richard Flanagan, Mites King and Anthony Scully** (shown above) were the recipients of the Student of the Year awards at the ceremony held at the RDS Concert Hall on November 23rd. Congratulations to them and all of the graduates across many courses within the social care and management disciplines. More information can be read [HERE](#)

We are also delighted to announce the recent launch of an innovative project to provide online resources for children and families availing of disability services in Dublin. The initiative titled 'CDNT (Childrens Disability Network Team) Online Resources for Children and Families' has been developed in collaboration with four key agencies:



- Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Central Remedial Clinic (CRC)
- AVISTA
- St. Michael's House

What makes the project unique is that the resources have been evaluated by clinicians to ensure that they reflect best practice. Read more [HERE](#)

Applied Management course options: application deadlines approaching!

Please note your final chance to join our 6-module, QQI accredited management course, the **Certificate in Applied Management** (CAM)



is approaching next week. Give yourself some extra time to learn and practice your new management skills between January and August 2025.

All course details can be found [HERE](#)

Don't have time for a lengthy commitment, then our new management micro-credential course should be considered. The [Certificate in Human Service Manager Skills](#) (HSMS) is a two-module Special Purpose QQI Award at Level 6. This course highlights two foundational management modules dealing with Leadership and Quality. All course details can be found [HERE](#)

Both of the courses mentioned above are perfect for those in PIC or PPIM roles, and meet the HIQA compliance standard requiring that all frontline managers possess a management qualification. As you would expect from the OTC, these courses are delivered by tutors with actual frontline experience and the course assignments tackle issues that students are likely to face in the workplace.

Please be reminded, the last two HSMS courses sold out!

Application deadlines:

- Online applications for the 6-module CAM course are due by: **Dec 16th**
- Online applications for the 2-module HSMS course are due by: **Jan 15th**



Continuing Professional Development (CPD) short course options:

Certificate in Empowerment and Advocacy

We are seeking expressions of interest for a Spring 2025 commencement. [Click here](#) for all course information and schedule.



Certificate in Training & Development - starts February 2025

(the previous Train the Trainer qualification) [Click here](#) for all course information and schedule.



Certificate in Supported Employment - starts February 2025

[Click here](#) for all course information and schedule.



Certificate in Patient Safety Complaints Advocacy

we are seeking expressions of interest for a February 2025 commencement.

[Click here](#) for all course information and schedule.



The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!

Best wishes,
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