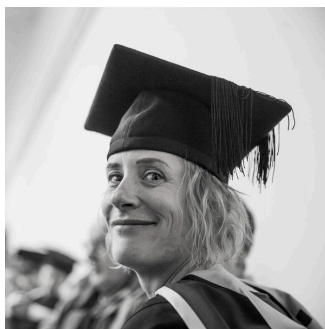




Dear Colleagues,

In this issue, we are delighted to announce another past pupil's success in earning the post of CEO at a disability service provider. Applications are being received for our online Level 5 disability focussed course for Autumn 2025, as well as our disabilities focussed level 8 Honours degree. We have the latest update on applications for our CORU approved BA in Social Care. You will also find the latest podcast information for your 'wellness' practices this month. We end this short newsletter with the latest CPD course information for you. Thank you for reading.



### Calling all Social Care graduates - opportunity to earn your Honours Level 8 degree, starting in September 2025.

The BA (Honours) in Applied Social Studies (Disability Service Management) programme aims to provide learners with specialised knowledge and understanding that enables them to manage and lead effectively in the context of ongoing and future developments in the services and supports offered to people with disabilities in Ireland.

Please view all the Honours course details [HERE](#)

### Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice (online, L5 award) is now enrolling for a September intake.

As some of you know, for many years educational providers struggled with offering a professional qualification at level 5 through a completely online model of delivery. The learner profile made it challenging and the technology wasn't fully available to students to inspire and motivate them to fully engage with an online course delivery. That's all changed now and the OTC is receiving



plenty of applications from eager students wishing to upskill for positions in the disability sector.

Please view all the L5 course details [HERE](#).

### BA in Social Care: Applications Update

The College will conduct interviews for the remaining places on our BA in Social Care, in Dublin on July 11th. Applicants may be able to avail of cancellation places later in July. However it's looking very likely that the course will be full for this year, after the interviews.



### OTC Graduate, James Traynor, CEO of St. Aidan's Services

James heads up the busy residential, day service, respite, preschool and elderly care services of St. Aidan's Services in Gorey, Wexford.

James graduated with a social care degree back in 2015 and continued with the College earning a management qualification in 2017. Using these person-centred qualifications, he rose through the ranks.

"The College's flexibility and support enabled me to complete my course. The fundamentals I learned at the OTC have remained integral to my practice throughout this time. I highly recommend the College to anyone considering a career in this sector."

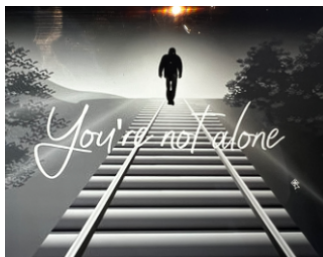


### Monthly Wellness podcast:

*"Ability is what you are capable of doing, motivation determines what you do and attitude determines how well you do it"* Lou Holtz.

It's important to recognise first that it is normal to feel overwhelmed and lack drive but this does not have to mean an end to your motivation. Hitting that wall should not be what stops you or defines you.

Our informative and supportive monthly podcast can be heard [HERE](#)



### CPD options: Upcoming Continuing Professional Development courses

Perfect for PICs! New management microcredential course - the [Certificate in Human Service Manager Skills](#) - is now open for applications.

This is a short online course that is perfect for those in, or seeking PIC or PPIM roles, and meets the HIQA compliance standard requiring that all frontline managers possess a management qualification. As you would expect from the OTC, this course is delivered by tutors with actual frontline experience and the course assignments tackle issues that students are likely to face in the workplace.

### Course features:

- Delivered online and totally flexible
- Only two online zoom workshops to attend throughout the course
- Flexible, user-friendly online interface for daily interactions
- Price per participant for this two-module, QQI award is €645. Apply now! All course details can be found [HERE](#)



**Please do not delay. The last 3 courses sold out!**

**The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!**



Best wishes,  
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