



Dear Colleagues,

In this issue, we are delighted to announce the launch of our online Level 5 disability focussed course for Autumn 2025. We also highlight the nomination of a past pupil, Cathy Chiduzza, for a business person of the year award within Network Ireland. Her story is inspiring! We have the latest update on applications for our CORU approved BA in Social Care. We include the latest podcast information for your 'wellness' practices this month. In addition to all that, we have the latest CPD course information for you, especially our final short management course of the current academic year, which is compliant with HIQA regulations. Thank you for reading.

The OTC has cracked the nut! Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice 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. The technology wasn't fully available to students to inspire and motivate them to fully engage with an online course and achieve their goals. Well, the OTC has spent the last year fine tuning a level 5 online course with a number of established disability service providers, and I can firmly say that the result of this incredibly involved process is that the College has truly cracked the nut!

We are now taking applications for our QQI accredited Level 5 course starting in September. Please view all course details [HERE](#).

BA in Social Care: Applications Update



The College is currently receiving acceptances of places made to 75 applicants who successfully interviewed on May 16th. These offers will be reviewed on June 5th, and if any places are still available, the College will reopen the application centre temporarily to allow for further applications for final in person interviews taking place in Dublin on July 11th.

Anyone interested in receiving an update next week can reply to me on this email and be put on the enquiry list, if not already on it.

All **BA in Social Care** course details can be found [HERE](#)

- Fees: €5,696 per annum
- CORU approved
- full time degree delivered flexibly - online (approx 85%) with in person workshops (approx 15%)

Wellness



Breath is what gives us Life. From our first breath at birth to our last exhale at death our breath is with us. The way we breathe plays a central role in our body's response to stress and anxiety throughout our life. Our breathing can tell us a lot about the quality of our health and wellbeing, as we move in our bodies from a state of pleasure, peace and joy to that of fear, stress and anxiety.

For all our students and colleagues who are seeking support and guidance around the area of wellness and wellbeing, please click on today's podcast link [HERE](#).

OTC Graduate, Cathy Chiduzi, is nominated for a Network Ireland award. It is an inspiring story.

Cathy has been shortlisted for the Network Ireland, Business Woman of the Year (Louth Network), where winners will proceed to the National Network Ireland awards on the 26th September 2025.

Cathy spent 4 years with the OTC and gained both a level 7 and a level 8 degree qualification during her time with the College.



Cathy's success story spans a life before, during and after her time with the College. Her story clearly demonstrates the vital link between educational qualifications and learning, and being able to recognise and maximise opportunities for growth and development in our social care sector.

Click [HERE](#) for Cathy's story.

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 €599

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

Online applications are due by June 9th. Please do not delay.
The last course sold out!



The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!

Best wishes,
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