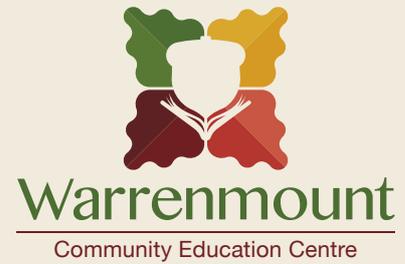


Centre History

2010 to 2014



2010

Milestones

- Aontas CEN definition of Community Education adopted
- Closing of Little Acorns & creation of the Garden Space
- Untimely passing of Annette Long (RIP)
- Get a Grip on IT computer course for older learners continues
- One member of staff completes NUI Maynooth Masters in Education while another (Lia) attends NUI Maynooth for her Masters
- Development of Life Skills to Work Skills providing a Major Award in Employability Skills
- Beginning of the Arts Club course
- Learners Day on Blended Learning
- Warrenmount adopts the Write On platform for levels 2 & 3
- New member of staff – Audrey McCann
- European Neighbours Day
- Visit to the Google Office
- Local History visit to Marsh's Library



Closing of Little Acorns



Arts Club



Creation of the Garden Space



Visit to the Google Office

Milestone

In 2011 was an eventful year in which our building was renovated and during this we operated out of a temporary building. We were fortunate to get a space very nearby and this made the transition quite a bit easier. It did mean that it was not possible to run some classes because of space restrictions. We would like to thank Liberties College for providing a temporary space and also to our staff and CE participants who put so much hard work into making the move as smooth as possible.

2011 also saw the untimely passing of Pat McNerney RIP who gave so much to the Centre through her 7 year involvement on the Board of Directors. Pat worked tirelessly for the community for many years and she is sorely missed by the organisations she was involved with.

Despite the challenges around the building renovation, work at the Centre continued without too much disruption. We successfully piloted and assessed new FETAC Major Awards in Employability Skills and Information & Communications Technology Skills at Level 3. We also successfully piloted the Buddy Reading Group and the 'I-Can-Do Digital Media' online course.

The Centre applied successfully to Leargas for a European Project – Exploring Routes to Learning. This Grundtvig Project involves partners from Scotland, Austria, Mallorca, Portugal, Finland and Estonia. The project will run until Summer 2013 when the final meeting will take place here in Dublin.

We strengthened our links with FIT (Fast Track to Information Technology) and AONTAS with Warrenmount learners taking part in the Aontas Research Project (Sowing the Seeds of Change). Three of our learners were featured on the Aontas, NFO Roller Banner

On the technical front we purchased 12 new laptops and a lapcabby for use in classes and installed a new Broadband & Phone system from UPC.



Building being renovated
September 2011



Lia teaching Book Keeping
in the temporary building



Life Skills to Work Skills learners



Antonio and Ausma
on Work Experience



Aontas Banner



Participants doing Food Safety Training



Learners Sharon and Gavin
with Inez Aontas Researcher

2012

2012 began on a very busy note as we moved back into our renovated building and began the registration of learners, timetabling of courses, etc for the new term. Staff, tutors, volunteers and learners were thrilled to be back even though there was much to do in the newly renovated building. February saw the 'I Love to Learn' Bus stop at Warrenmount for lunch as part of the Adult Learners' Festival and we hosted a Leargas Study Visit as representatives from Germany, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Finland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Iceland came to see our Centre where Liz in the Cafe treated them to a lunch and Pauline and Stephen gave a short presentation. The visit was a huge success and Warrenmount Centre was praised by all who attended. The Centre was also praised by the External FETAC Authenticator for the high standard of portfolios assessed.



The external of the renovated Centre

As the normal work of the Centre went on there were many developments both internal and external. A 3rd Lap Cabby and an additional 13 laptops were purchased to meet the increasing demand for computer and internet access for classes. We also purchased another Interactive Whiteboard for the Nagle Room. Warrenmount Centre is now a 'state of the art' Community Education Centre with whiteboards, laptops and broadband (wired and wireless) available in every room in the building.

The developments in technology are not the only milestones that came our way in 2012. They are just a small part of the jigsaw that makes up our Centre. On the Management level work began on the Governance Code and a 3 year Strategic Plan. These developments will map out the future activities of the Centre and are necessary for our compliance under the upcoming Charities Bill.

Another exciting development came in the form of Warrenmount Centre Library which was opened by Mary Kennedy in April. We ran the Benefit 3 'First Steps to IT' course a number of times with over 50 learners taking part. We also launched a Computer Buddy programme and validated 2 new Major Awards - Level 4 Information & Communications Technology Skills and Level 5 Early Childhood Care and Education.

2012 also saw many changes to the National 'Infrastructure' of Education with the introduction of SOLAS and the QQI to the Irish education landscape. Staff from Warrenmount continued to actively engage with the consultation processes for these new organisations to ensure that community education continues to exist in a form that benefits our learners, our community and our country.

The Exploring Routes to Learning Project began building steam as we took part in our first ever video conference and launched the Exploring Routes to Learning Website. In addition six learners, tutors and staff from Warrenmount travelled to Portugal as part of this project.

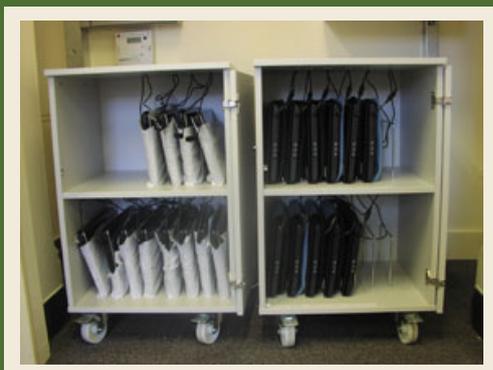
Also on the European level one Warrenmount learner was featured in the 'European Lifelong Learner' magazine and one of our Literacy learners and her tutor were interviewed on a Near FM radio programme.



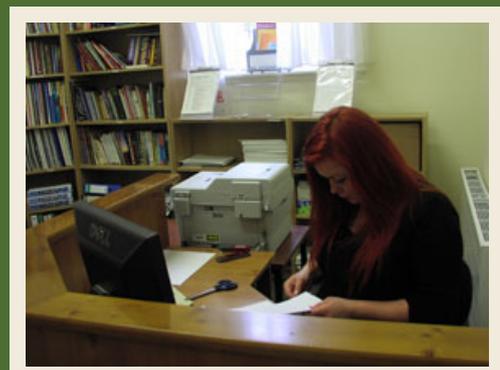
I Love to Learn Bus



State of the art



Lap Cabby 2 & 3



Iwona in the Library



First Steps to IT



Buddy Readers



Learners in Portugal with staff members

2013

January 2013, Warrenmount Centre re-opened, ready to face the challenges of the year with its own. The new Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 is in place. We will focus on our four objectives: promote quality community education, ensure a respectful, safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment, and influence adult community education in various levels from local to European level and promoting Warrenmount CED Centre for its excellence in adult community education.

Work on the Governance Code begun in 2012 has progressed and is almost at compliance stage. We continue to provide relevant programmes and courses in spite of a reduction in funding, we have further development in the Garden Project and a very successful final meeting of ERL- EU Project.

Final ERL Meeting

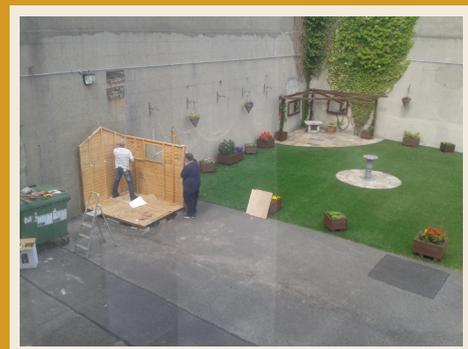
In May 2013 our partners from Scotland, Austria, Finland, Estonia, Portugal and Majorca (Spain) joined us in one-day conference, titled 'An Cruinniú' that took place in Warrenmount Community Education Centre. We were honoured to host this, the final stop on a European voyage of discovery. An Cruinniú was captured on video which may be viewed on the project website. www.exploringroutestolearning.eu, which is the Project Website that was embraced with great enthusiasm by Lia and Waldemar.



EU Computer Visit to the Titanic



Leargas Visit



Moving the old shed

Buddy Reading Programme in the Spotlight

In 2013 we had an increase in volunteers for the Buddy Reading/Literacy group to about 12 to 15, we are proud that some of them are former or current learners. During Literacy Week (23rd –27th September) Warrenmount Centre organised a Literacy walking trail around part of Dublin. In total, about 25 learners and 10 volunteer buddy readers enjoyed a stroll to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Marsh's Library and St. Patrick's Park.

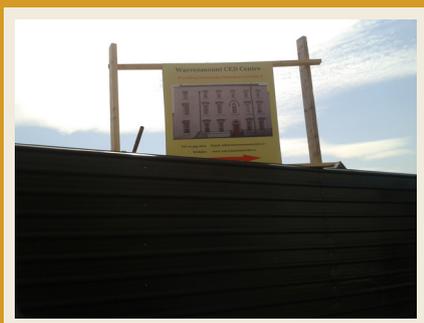
The idea is to help people think about their literacy in today's world outside the class room. We answered quiz questions based on the written word you see around you in the street. The trail was inspired by ones created in Waterford by Margaret Howard from Waterford VEC. Our Volunteer Buddy Reader Marie and her student were depicted in the Volunteers Ireland calendar. We participated in the Volunteer Ireland competition with a lovely picture showing one of our volunteer helping one of our learners to read. Marie was thrilled when we she saw her picture for January 2014.

Garden Project

The Garden Project further developed to include a poly tunnel erected in June Apples and Plums are part of our Garden, Michael Doyle shared his expertise with our learners .We now have two apple trees and a plum tree.

Coffee Morning for Harold's Cross Hospice

On September 19th Liz hosted a coffee morning fundraiser for Harold's Cross Hospice, tutors, staff and learners enjoyed coffee and scones and donated to the hospice cause.



New Sign



Polytunnel



Love to Learn Bus Aontas ALF Week

Learners Profile

In November Waldemar took part of the Learners Stories One Step Up by AONTAS with the support of Steering Committee. The aim of this website is to promote adult learning opportunities, a Freephone Helpline, and a calendar of learning events. We are delighted that our centre was cased here and many people can learn about the importance of learning in the community environment.

<http://www.onestepup.ie/learnerstories/>

December Highlights

In December we had a great celebration in company of Learners, Tutors, Volunteers and friends.

Inez Bailey, Director of NALA gave the certificates

to learners that have accomplished FETAC Level 2, 3 and 4 Awards. Look at the picture here <http://blog.warrenmountcentre.ie/award-presentation-2013/>

In order to keep excellence in our courses, we also acquired new laptops to replace ten old PCs in the Computer Room and a new whiteboard was installed in the Beech Room to update this room to the best standards.

More to tell

Again this year we ran Benefit 4 programme 54 learners took part in this basic computer programme. They are now ready to begin ICT FETAC Level 3 and 4 during 2014.

