

GET ACTIVE EVENT

New College Durham hosted a one-day Get Active event in September. Over 1,000 people attended and the college was buzzing with a wide range of sporting and physical activities on offer, from a climbing wall, archery and football, to street dance, cheerleading and rowing. The main aim of the day was to raise the profile of sport and physical activity across the college and to widen participation of all students, with activity opportunities specifically designed to appeal to young people. Highlights of the day included a number of students from Technology who were seen participating in some Circus Skills, as well as numerous students trying tasters sessions in martial arts and Bodypump by Rachel Morgan. Rachel demonstrated some creative, exciting choreography during the day. Alongside this were displays and advice on keeping fit and the opportunity to undergo free fitness testing by the college's Step2Fitness team. The day culminated with a speech from Donna Knowles, the college FESCO who commented that we need to find more innovative ways of engaging young people in sport and physical activity, and this can be achieved by rethinking some of the activities and environments that young people experience. It is important that young people are encouraged into an active and healthy lifestyle by taking part in various activities such as the ones offered at the Event. New College Durham and its staff strive to play their part in providing a welcoming modern environment where all students, regardless of their ability feel valued. The day was kindly supported by Durham Leisureworks, and Durham PCT.



LECTURING PORTUGUESE STYLE



The Sports department at New College Durham was recently, as part of the ERASMUS project, host to three visiting Sports lecturers' from Portugal's Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra. During their two day visit Sergio, Antonio and Francisco shadowed sessions with our own Foundation Degree students, delivered a presentation about sports' provision in their own institution and put the English students through their paces in a very Portuguese physical fitness training session. As a result of this recent visit there will hopefully be an opportunity for our own Foundation Degree Sport students to participate in an exchange programme entailing outdoor and adventurous activities in Portugal later this year.

MAKING A RACKET

As part of a drive to increase participation in badminton, and encourage leadership amongst young people, two of the BTEC L3 Sports students and a member of staff were put through their paces on a Level 1 badminton leadership course. Owen (right of picture) and Jonathon (left of picture) are already using their new found skills by hosting a weekly lunchtime badminton club here at the college. Further details of this, and other clubs that are available for learners, can be found on the notice boards in the Sports and Music building.



MOTIVATIONAL TALK INSPIRES STUDENTS



Steve Cunningham, the highly sought-after inspirational speaker, who has been described by Sir Geoff Hurst MBE as "the most inspirational man he has ever known" met our Sport, Travel and Catering Students, where he captivated them with his deeply-moving story that was endearing, witty, humorous, entertaining and painfully honest. A genuine speaker, it was quickly made clear that Steve feels no disability in his total lack of sight, but takes

pride in sharing the vision, which many sighted fail to recognise. Working with smaller groups, Steve, who holds world records on land, water and in the air, strived to motivate both our high achievers, and others who may be disaffected. Discussing the importance of aspirations, determination and courage; he outlined the importance of engaging with life, and the determination to make the best of their abilities. Students were left with a lasting impression from the afternoons' events and it was clear that none were left untouched by the day's events.



New College Durham

IN THE LOOP

MARCH 2011

School of Sport, Tourism and Public Services



Students have engaged in a number of exciting and educational activities this term which has enriched their learning experience with a global theme. This term has seen students experience and learn about different countries, customs and their cultures through a range of overseas trips, visits, placements, interacting with French students and receiving lectures from visiting Portuguese teaching staff. The school continues to engage with local employers to ensure that course content and delivery is current and to develop future placements for students.

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LOCAL EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT



Students starting the second year Foundation Degree programme were welcomed back in the lecture theatre by an introductory talk from the Marriott Hotel Group. In fact, Levels 2, 3 and the Foundation Degree Year 1 students attended what is hoped to be the beginning of an engaging collaboration with this prestigious employer.

Three managers from the local cluster of Marriott Hotels discussed the history of the group, the Marriott philosophy and the global employment opportunities available to Marriott employees. Already tutors and managers have arranged for follow up activities in customer service, hospitality and interview techniques, and, as last year, Marriott have offered excellent work placement opportunities for the second year Foundation Degree students. The Travel and Tourism tutors look forward to working with the managers of Marriott and to jointly delivering sessions to students.

FRENCH CONNECTION



Following an idea conceived by David Taylor and Lesley Collinson, French and British second year degree students worked on a collaborative project to engender closer working relationships. The aim of the project, explained by David, was to find mutual similarities; and to find differences between the French and English cultures; as well as engendering collaboration between two

student groups. The students were given time to discuss cultural differences across a range of subject areas and to present their findings to the group – some interesting discussions and points of view took place over issues such as movies, family life, employment opportunities, food and holidays to name but a few.

A prize was given for the most outstanding entry, and it was decided that the group discussing globalisation and future employment would receive an invitation for dinner at Le Nouveau Restaurant.

The British students were in a minority: often one British student to 3 French students; however that did not prevent in-depth discussions on the topics at hand. Overall, the experiment was deemed successful as students felt quite at ease making new acquaintances and discussing cultural differences. A big THANK YOU from David and Lesley to everyone who participated.

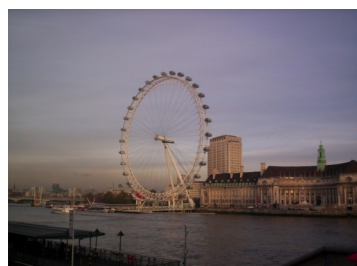


SKI EXTRAVAGANZA

Between 26 Feb and 06 March, 15 students from the Public Services took part in the annual ski team visit to Pila in the Aosta, Italy. The students were from a broad range of courses across the programme, and ranging in ability from complete beginners to super advanced (Shaun), even snowboarders were allowed to attend. The snow conditions were fantastic and all involved progressed in their ability, with the intermediate skiers ending up doing jumps in the snow park. A special mention must be made to Shaun Hagan as a possible skiing scholarship candidate to become a skiing instructor, and Dan Hughes for his ability to wipe-out a member of staff (in great style) and a fellow student.



TRAVEL STUDENTS VISIT LONDON



A group of over 40 Travel & Tourism students and staff braved the snow and ice to travel to London on the 30th November 2010 for 2 nights. Despite a delay in the journey we left a snow covered Durham Railway station and travelled on East Coast Trains to London Kings Cross, when we arrived it was cold but no snow. The students spent the next 3 days taking part in a variety of activities including ice skating at the Natural History Museums, a visit to Madame Tussauds, The Tower Bridge Experience, The London Eye,



watching the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace and shopping on Oxford Street. Two of the students who went to see the stars attending the film premiere of the Chronicles of Narnia - Voyage of the Dawn Treader actually got the chance to walk the red carpet when they were handed tickets by someone in the crowd! The highlight of the visit for many was the chance to watch a West End show, the evening performance of Billy Elliott was enjoyed by all.

STUDENT PROFILE—LIAM AYTON



Liam Ayton who is 17 years old and studying on the Level 2 Diploma in Public Services, represented Durham City and New College Durham at the Durham County Schools Cross Country Championships held at Meadowfield on Saturday 15 January 2011. He managed to finish 4th out of a competitive field of over 40 top athletes from around the county and has now qualified for the next round which is the inter-counties to be held on 5 February 2011. We wish him lots of luck and hope he does us proud.

Liam is a very keen and enthusiastic student and came on to the course to boost his confidence and to gain valuable skills and qualities to be able to gain entry to the Army. Liam would like to progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Public Services and eventually apply to the Army as an officer. He has ambitions to train and compete for the British Army.

HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT'S CADETS

Jessica Tait, who is currently on her second year of the National Certificate In Public Services, has been awarded the honour of being selected as one of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets. The Lord-Lieutenant is the Queen's representative in the County. He is a person of standing and influence in the community and dates from the first appointment by King Henry VIII in 1549. The Lieutenant for the region is Sir Paul Nicholson and as the Queen's representative he must meet members of the Royal Family when they formally visit the County and he has the responsibility of presenting medals and awards on behalf of the Queen. As a Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet Jessica will act as an assistant for the Lord-Lieutenant and assist him with his duties when required. Cadets are selected from those whom it is considered have made an outstanding contribution to the aims and spirit of their respective Cadet Forces. It is said to demonstrate being smart, confident, punctual, honest and totally dependable! Jessica received her accolade and duties at a presentation evening held at the Bradford Armoury in January.

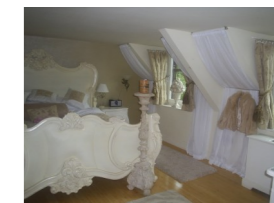


HOTEL WITH A DIFFERENCE



Two students in the LNER room the train door is the door to the bathroom.

Recently Level 3 Hospitality Supervision & Leadership students visited the Fallen Angel Hotel in Durham to view a Hotel with a twist. The hotel is one of only two hotels in Durham which has individual themed rooms, these range from a rail carriage, Cruella De Ville, a green room, where the carpet is grass, a cinema room where you can watch films on a big screen, a bridal suite, and a love room all in red. The students found this a very informative visit, to the hotel looking at the styles of rooms, the booking information, room service and house keeping and restaurant services. The Fallen Angel Hotel, like all hotels has facilities open to none residents i.e. the restaurant for coffee, lunches and dinners. Students have to understand that in business terms hotels must be flexible and competitive to survive in the



The Bridal Suite



The Love Room

DURHAM VENISON AND GAME

New College Level 3 Professional Cookery students visited Durham Venison & Game at Newton Aycliffe as a requirement of their course. The students were involved in preparing fur and feathered game as part of their qualification, Durham Venison and Game staff gave the students first hand instructions in preparing the furred game, rabbits and deer and feathered game, pigeons.



Student Michael Lund preparing shot rabbits, Michael is pulling the skin from the rabbit before cutting into portions for sale to the public.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS

The Hospitality and Catering Department has excelled in student placements this year. The highlight being a placement at "7 Star" Chalet Eugenia, in Klosters, Switzerland. Chalet Eugenia is a truly magnificent building. It was built by Baroness Thyssen-Bornemisza in the resort's early years and has remained the winter residence of the same family ever since. Three students have been on placement in Switzerland, they have already cooked for some very distinguished guests including our own Prince Andrew and the Crown Prince of Abu-dhabi. The experience and training the students have received from the Executive Chef David and Head Chef Rodger has been exceptional and truly unique to this standard and style of service. It would have taken up to 5-8 years in some cases to get this type of experience. Most chefs would never have the privilege of having this type of guest to showcase their skills too.

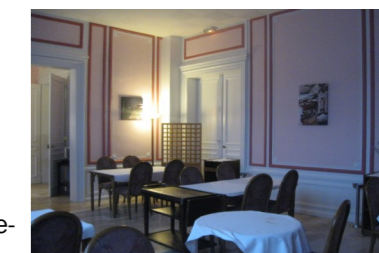


PARTNERSHIP VISIT TO AMIENS



The Hotel du Lycee restaurant reception and bar

New College Durham Hospitality & Catering staff were invited by Durham County Council International Office to take part in an up and coming partnerships scheme. The partnership was proposed between Amiens in Northern France and New College Durham. Staff were delighted to be offered the opportunity to attend the signing ceremony in Amiens. As part of this ceremony one member of staff along with one student went over to Amiens and took part in discussions with the local college, who run their own hotel in the centre of Amiens. This began the setting up of a partnership where student and staff can participate



The Hotel du Lycee Restaurant, which is run on a compatible basis as New College Restaurant is open every lunch time and four nights per week for dinners. The student day starts at 07.00 hrs and can finish as late as 23.00 hrs depending on the function. Classroom sessions are run on the same basis as catering programmes at New College Durham.

in a staff/student 'exchange'. On the Wednesday night of the visit New College Lecturer Paul Richardson and student Kate Maher produced the menu and the dinner for the local councillors, members of the education department and local dignitaries with support from local students and Lecturers. The trip was a success with the partnership now being put in place with the Hotel du Lycee in Amiens. New College has since hosted a visit from the town of Amiens when a delegation of education staff came for lunch and a tour of the College facilities.