

## Dissemination Workshop with Stakeholders

Meath Partnership hosted two separate dissemination workshops for the Digital Latin Quarter (DLQ) project on February 2nd and February 9th, 2012.

The first workshop, held in Kells, was attended by youth professionals who all work locally with early school leavers and youth-at-risk.

Following a short welcome to the dissemination workshop by Meath Partnership, all present were invited to introduce themselves and their organisations. Following this, Meath Partnership then delivered the standard presentation about Digital Latin Quarter, explaining the project aims, concepts and providing some background information on all project partners. Opportunities for both youth work professionals and youth at risk were outlined and the key project outputs described.

The presentation was well received by all participants in the workshop, with many showing great interest and enthusiasm for getting involved in the project over the 20 months which remained in the initiative at that time.

## DLQ ACT Curriculum Agreed

At the third partner meeting of the Digital Latin Quarter Project in Helsinki in July, the project consortium agreed the content and structure for DLQ's new innovative training curriculum titled A.C.T. This training programme reflects the real life roles to be found within the International digital media sector across the categories of Administration, Creative and Technical.

The ACT curriculum has been developed based on an in-depth study of the key skills, roles and competences needed within the digital media industry and it will ultimately build and strengthen the key competences of young people over a 12 month period.

Through the ACT programme, young people involved in the project will get the opportunity to test their skills and aptitude in a variety of roles with their crew members in order to produce a range of short media pieces from interviews, vox pox, panel discussions, drama and documentaries.

The ACT curriculum will be available to both tutors and students participating in the DLQ Training Programme and will build the skills of all involved from a personal self development view point right through to the more intricate skills of sound and lighting engineering!

## Development Sub-Group Meetings

The first development sub-group meeting took place in Vilnius, Lithuania.

This meeting was important in allowing partners to assess project progress and to get together and design some of the ACT curriculum and learning resources that are pivotal to the development stage of DLQ.

At this meeting it was also decided to move the development sub-group meeting 2 forward from January 2013 to July 2012.

The second meeting was hosted by Innoventum Oy in Helsinki in July and allowed the project consortium to build on their momentum from the first meeting in March to get to work designing the curriculum and the Digital Media Skills and Opportunities Road-Map and other learning resources ahead of schedule.

The curriculum will be tested and piloted among Research Control Groups in the coming months.

## 'eFuture' – Inspiring the Next Generation

Minister of State for Training and Skills Ciarán Cannon TD launched e-Skills week 2012 at the 'eFuture – Inspiring the Next Generation' event in the Clock Tower Building at the Department of Education and Skills. The DLQ team in Meath Partnership was in attendance at this event to introduce the Digital Latin Project and the opportunities this project presents for young people in Ireland. The event aimed to promote and support young people in embracing new technologies showcasing examples of how everyone can access e-skills as door openers to jobs in Ireland and Europe.

A number of young people delivered presentations at this event outlining the benefits they encountered participating in IT courses over the past year. Useful insights on engagement strategies were noted with a high level of interest in film making opportunities. The event highlighted the importance of acquiring IT skills for today's

youth estimating that 90% of all jobs will require a basic level of e-skills by 2015. It is crucial that we address this need and encourage all our young people to embrace technology.

The e-future event proved hugely successful in terms of networking for the DLQ project with a high level of interest and queries arising throughout the morning.

Linkages were formed with projects in Dublin aiming to achieve similar results to that of the DLQ project. The morning session allowed for information sharing and ideas generations with like minded groups. A high level of interest was expressed from Youthreach centres in engaging with the project suggesting the project deliver a presentation to the National Youthreach meeting in February 2013.



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Developing the digital media  
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