

# Ryan pleads with the Minister to Upgrade our RTC

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CITY councillor John Ryan wants a National Institute of Technology for Limerick immediately that would award degrees to RTC students.

He has been pushing for upgraded recognition of Limerick's RTC for some time.

Cllr Ryan, who is a part-time lecturer in the city's regional technical college, has called on the Minister for Education to "implement her original proposals to establish a National Institute of Technology".

This would enable the degrees awarded to RTC graduates to be on the same basis as the National University of Ireland's degrees to its member uni-



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versities.

Cllr Ryan, who is the national secretary of Aontas, the national adult education association, remarked: "I feel that the granting of Institute of Technology status to Waterford RTC alone was a mistake.

"The move has created a two-tiered system of technology education in Ireland, with RTC's like Cork and Limerick forced to lobby for their own upgrading."

He stated: "I am calling on the Minister to implement proposals she made last year to create a

National Institute of Technology."

Cllr Ryan went on: "I welcome the principle of upgrading technological education, and I accept the arguments of Cork RTC that they have more students, more degree courses and more research-and-development than Waterford, and so should receive the same status.

"However, it must be impressed upon the Minister that Limerick RTC has made great advances in the standards of its courses, and in the quality of its graduates in recent years, and so would consider itself eligible for Institute of Technology status."

Cllr Ryan concluded: "In order to prevent a situation where every RTC in the country must lobby for Institute of Technology status, the creation of a national institute must become one of the Minister's priorities before the next general election."

## Constant flow

A PEDESTRIAN crossing between Kennedy Park and Tierney's shop has been called for by Cllr Jack Bourke.

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of pedestrians across the road at this point. I hope we do not have to wait for a facility before this situation is rectified," he told City Council.

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