



The Limerick City Gallery of Art at Pery Square

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Art gallery: new Corpo proposals

By DEARBHLA LOOBY

LIMERICK Corporation are to examine proposals by City Gallery of Art curator Paul O'Reilly to have the facility open on Sundays.

The art gallery at Pery Square has recently been renovated and the curator has no doubts but that if it were open on Sunday afternoons big crowds would be attracted.

"It is important to open the facility on Sunday but it will cost a bit of money," he told this week's Cultural and Sporting Policy Committee of the Corporation.

He said that staff would have to be paid more than double time and they could not work two Sunday's in a row.

Mr O'Reilly said that all the main galleries in Ireland opened on Sun-



Mayor Jack Bourke: proud of Limerick (LL)

days, and it was time for Limerick to follow suit.

Mayor Bourke, earlier at the meeting said that the decision by the curator to bring some of the permanent collection to exhibit at the RHA Gallagher Gallery in Dublin was proving a huge success.

Cllr Bourke went to the opening of the Limerick arts show in Dublin and said that the people of the capital were astonished with the quality of the permanent Limerick collection.

"It is a splendid way to show off Limerick in a cultural way in the Dublin City Centre," he added. "The gallery is next to the Dail if anyone is in Dublin I would advise them to visit."

Mr O'Reilly disagreed with a suggestion from Mayor Bourke that the could try and close on the Limerick City Gallery

of Art on Monday and open on Sunday instead.

The curator felt the facility should be open seven days a week.

"It is very desirable that the gallery be open on Sunday and we should get a costing done on it," suggest Cllr Jan O'Sullivan.

Chairman of the committee, Cllr Larry Cross agreed that officials should look into the matter.

Finn Fail's Cllr John Cronin felt it was important to have it open on Sunday so that those who worked during the week could bring their families to the gallery, if they so wished.

Mr O'Reilly completed the debate by confirming that he had already put in as part of his budget for the year, a submission to have the gallery opened on Sunday's.

Nursing students to get increase

By LAURA RYAN

LIMERICK nursing students are to receive a £75 increase in their maintenance grant and a range of increased financial supports.

Nursing students will also receive an increase of £50 in their textbook allowance and a £30 increase in uniform allowance.

Certain student nurses will also benefit from a £10 increase in their weekly allowance of £20 when they have to go on placements away from their normal hospital base.

Those who qualify for

the weekly allowance will also get a free travel pass.

The announcement was made yesterday by Minister of State for Health and Children, Frank Fahey.

He said he hoped that the recruitment drive which is currently underway together with the increase in student grants would result in even higher levels of interest in nursing as a profession.

The estimated cost of the package of improvements in the current year is £430,000.

The annual maintenance grant will now be increased to 33,325 with effect from April 1.

Two Limerick artists to appear on RTE

By DEARBHLA LOOBY

TWO young Limerick based artists will be featured on RTE's arts programme 'Cursai Ealaine' this Thursday.

Michael Fortune's feature is a culmination of two earlier satirical works; 'Obsessions' a real-life television documentary, based on a day in the life of a North Wexford man obsessed with the Wexford border and the performance work 'Living Culture' which centres around the fictional campaign to set up a Republic of North Wexford.

A common trade mark of Michael's work is his exploration of various aspects of local and national cultural identity in a satirical and subversive manner.

Aileen Lambert revisits 'Tulach a'tSolais' the 1798 commemorative monu-

ment on Oulart Hill, Co. Wexford. Her vocal and rhythmic patterns were composed on site as an audio response to the monument and the site.

Cursai Ealaine is on RTE 1 on Thursday at 7.30pm

Expert at meeting

THE Mid-West branch of the Parkinson's Association will feature one of Ireland's leading neurologists at its next meeting on Sunday, January 30.

Dr Timothy Lynch, consultant neurologist at Dublin's Mater Hospital, has recently returned from America where he specialised in movement disorders and in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease.

He will be actively involved in treatment and surgery for Parkinson's Disease in Beaumont Hospital.

The meeting takes place in the Good Shepherd Convent, Pennywell Road between 3pm to 5pm.

Admission is free. For further details, contact 228316.

Anglers

THE Limerick and District Anglers' Association AGM will be held at the King's Island Community Centre next Monday, January 31, at 8pm. All are welcome.

Youth volunteers receive awards

By IAIN DEMPSEY

TWO Limerick youth volunteers were presented with awards for their achievements over the past year.

Declan Real, originally from Limerick city, and Peggy Joyce, from Castleconnell, both received awards at the launch of the three year plan for Limerick Youth Service.

Joan Bowles, director of Limerick Youth Service, said: "The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge and profile the contribution made by volunteers to the work of the National Youth Federation at local, regional and national levels."

"The awards are not about competition or some volunteers being better than others but to celebrate the achievements of individual volunteers. In the first year of the awards, two of our most senior leaders were nominated by their clubs initially and



Peggy Joyce (second from right) proudly holds her award. Also pictured are (left to right) Kathleen Madden, Marie Hilton, Billy Connolly, Fr Kieran Blake, Peggy Joyce and Mairead O'Flaherty

endorsed by Limerick Youth Service."

Declan Real has been involved in Clonlara Youth Club since its inception in 1985 and has actively participated in the work of the youth service for many years. In 1995 he received a Diploma in Youth and Community Work from UCC.

Peggy Joyce has been active in her community

in Castleconnell for many years.

She has played a key role in the local Civil Defence, Credit Union and the Hall Committee. Peggy has been a senior leader in the Youth Club for over 10 years and during this time has had contact with many young people in the area who have benefited from her skills and experience. She has

completed a Certificate in Youth and Community Work.

Sr Bowles added: "Overall Peggy and Declan had made a major contribution to their own local areas as well as to Limerick Youth Service and the National Youth Federation. We salute their achievements and congratulate both of them."

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