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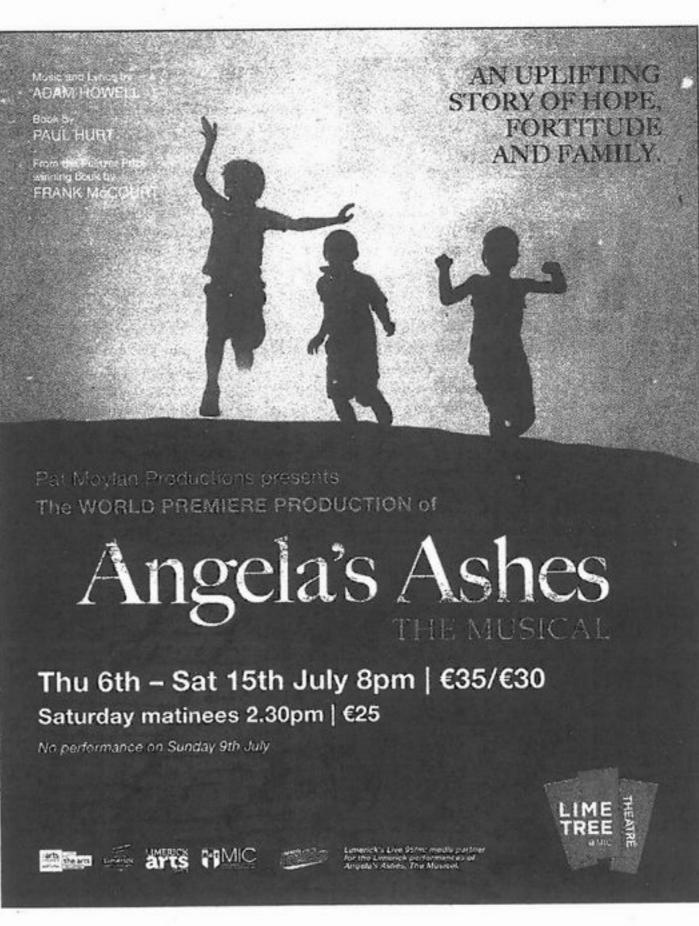
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Rather than going straight to a master's course, UL graduates tend to enter employment and look at upskilling mid-career. "Their skills are very applied and relevant," said Ms. Ledwith.

Dr. Orlaith Borthwick, Programme Manager of the Mid-West Action Plan, has predicted an extra 23,000 jobs for the region before 2020. This equates to 700 jobs per month or 160 per week.

And, according to the recently published IrishJobs.ie Job Index, Limerick is booming. Orla Moran, General Manager of IrishJobs.ie commented: "One of the key findings in the Job Index was that Limerick has overtaken Dublin in terms of its vacancy rate. While statistics show that Dublin has 4.76 vacancies per 1,000 employed persons, Limerick boasted an impressive 5.22 vacancies. This is reflective of an increase in investment and job creation in the Munster city over the past year."



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