

## Childhood stories remembered in new book



**Childhood stories:** At the launch of 'Tackies, Rushers and Peggys Leg!' from left are: Theresa McNamara, Alona Troy, chair of the LCEN, Mayor Jim Long, Maureen Sparling, Mabel Mescall and Mary Cashman. **Picture:** Brian Gavin

A NEW BOOK detailing happy childhood stories has been produced by the Limerick Community Education Network (LCEN).

Launched by local writer Maureen Sparling, 'Tackies, Rushers and Peggy's Leg! A Collection of Childhood Stories', by Limerick City Adult Learners, was put together following a successful story telling competition run by the LCEN during the Aontas Adult Learner Festival in February this year.

Adult learners were asked to

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submit their own stories of childhood memories or to retell a favourite childhood tale with originality.

Those involved in organising the competition were delighted with the number of entries and decided to put the stories together in a booklet for all to enjoy.

The Mayor, Cllr Jim Long, who spoke at the launch, was im-

pressed with the title and stories, and wished the LCEN and writers the very best with the publication.

Happiness was a feature that ran through all the stories according to Maureen Sparling, who was delighted with the fact that many of them featured tales of growing up in Limerick.

Those who attended the launch had the privilege of listening to a number of the childhood stories, which were read by the writers themselves.

# Shire hired as research VP

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EIGHT campus companies at the University of Limerick now employ 80 people and have attracted over €35 million in investment, according to newly appointed vice-president of research Dr Mary Shire.

These are apart from the more



bought by Pfizer, as well as making breakthroughs on Parkinsons' and epilepsy drugs.

Dr Shire is looking forward to the challenge of building on UL's industry links.

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