

# PROSPECTUS RÉAMHEOLAIRE 2017 2018

## Interesting facts about LYIT

9/10

students rate their overall experience at LYIT as good or excellent (ISSE, 2016)

91%

of students at LYIT have either returned to further study or gained employment within 4 months of graduation

60%

of LYIT graduates are working in Donegal

150%

increase in student enrolment since the mid-90s

50

International Partner Institutions

2

Campuses in County Donegal:  
Letterkenny and Killybegs

50

Entry Level Programmes

10

Masters Programmes

42%

School leavers in Donegal who attend LYIT



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of Technology

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Part One of this LYIT prospectus gives you a general introduction to the college with an overview of our location, facilities, student activities and services. Part Two presents a concise overview of the undergraduate courses we offer whilst Part Three outlines the postgraduate courses we offer. Once you have shortlisted a number of courses which interest you, follow up the leads we give you and consult our website, [www.lyit.ie](http://www.lyit.ie), for more extensive information. If you are unsure of anything, seek the advice of your Guidance Counsellor or call LYIT.

Having selected the course or courses for which you might like to apply, Part Four presents detailed information on application procedures, as well as details of fees, grants and scholarships.

We also hope you'll enjoy our LYIT stories. These profiles of students, graduates and staff illustrate the diversity of the college, a place where many paths converge.



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Courses listed are correct at time of going to press. All courses undergo periodic re-evaluations. In the course of these reviews, adjustments may be made to course content to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of students, employers and professional associations. In addition, new courses are constantly under development. It is possible that new course approvals may arise between issues of the prospectus. Any changes that occur after this document is printed, whether to existing courses or in terms of new course offerings, will be listed on our website, [www.lyit.ie](http://www.lyit.ie). Applicants are advised to re-check the course listings and details on our website and note any changes or updates before completing their application or accepting an offer.





# FOREWORD

## Réamhrá

LYIT is an organisation that likes to move with the times. We realise our role in providing opportunities for all of those who study with us; we have to be proactive in developing a suite of courses that give the best opportunity to progress in life.

Higher education is seen as a means to a better life. While recognising things have been difficult over the last number of years, it is important that we remain positive and that we exploit opportunities that will arise. Higher education provides the means to navigate difficult waters and at LYIT we will not be found wanting. The Institute is currently implementing a Strategic Plan that will see the Institute and its community move into a more positive stage of development. We have emerged from the

recession with our ambitions intact and we are extremely positive about our future.

There is more to college than attending lectures and at LYIT we are proud of the community spirit that has developed on campus whether in Letterkenny or Killybegs that makes us different from other third level institutions. I encourage you to become a part of this community spirit and to join us on the stimulating journey of change that we've set in motion.

We look forward to welcoming you to LYIT.

**Paul Hannigan**

President







# PART ONE

OECD reports show that people who attend Higher Education earn more over the course of their lifetime. So, choose LYIT and give your life and career a fabulous head start. We offer an exciting and fun environment that encourages strong academic learning and the great practical experience that employers need.





# WHY COME TO LYIT?

## Cén fáth a dtiocfá go LYIT?

### Welcome to LYIT

It isn't hard to see why LYIT is attracting more students than ever. Our highly qualified teaching staff ensure academic excellence in a wide range of exciting courses while our long standing partnerships with leading employers mean our graduates have a head start in the jobs market. Our vibrant campus atmosphere is enjoyed by a diverse mix of students, drawn by our welcoming ethos and rich cultural and social life.

### Home from home

With 4,000 students and 350 staff we're big enough to offer the highest quality facilities and a wide range of courses but small enough to create a warm and friendly environment for all our students.

### Exciting future

Because of our strong links with schools, we have been able to develop courses which

excite, attract and fulfill students while our close working relationships with employers ensures our graduates are at the head of the queue when it comes to the jobs market.

### Choice of courses

We are proud of the variety and quality of our courses. Exciting and innovative, they cover disciplines such as engineering, science, computing, nursing, health and social studies, design, business, tourism, culinary arts, law and humanities. Ranging in duration from one to four years, they lead to awards that are recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications. Each course is tailored to specific job opportunities and combines academic theory with practical skills development.

### Progress with pride

For many students we are the ideal gateway to the highest levels of education, regardless of where they start. At LYIT

70% of our full-time student cohort are grant recipients, allowing students from all backgrounds, abilities and disabilities to achieve their educational goals and find relevant employment in their own region. With awards available from Level 6 (Higher Certificate) right up to Level 10 (PhD), LYIT is ideally placed to help students progress through all the stages of higher education.

## Gateway to the top

Many of our students sign up initially for a three-year course, leading to a bachelor degree (Level 7). The majority of students who complete a Level 7 degree opt to return for a fourth year to gain an honours degree. In recent years increasing numbers of our graduates have also been progressing to higher, postgraduate studies here at LYIT in order to achieve masters or doctoral degrees.

## Skilled staff

Forty percent of our staff have or are completing PhDs, while many have postgrad qualifications in teaching skills in higher education. Just as important – our graduates constantly tell us – is the informal and friendly relationship between lecturers and students, creating the relaxed and creative atmosphere that is so crucial to learning.

## Employer friendly

Our student numbers, full and part time, have increased by 30% since 2011/12. That's a remarkable achievement in its own right. But that figure doesn't tell the whole story. The rise in part time students is 170%, a growth directly related to the job creation of Foreign Direct Investment companies in Donegal over the last three years. Of 900 students studying part-time courses, some 70% are on industry-related courses.

## Working with business

We're leading the way in collaborating with employers to ensure our graduates have the skill sets for every area of industry. We work with employers to ensure our courses anticipate the needs of business well into the future. That's why so many of our graduates find top quality jobs when they leave.

## Research and innovation

We're constantly developing and improving our research facilities. Last year we opened the North West Regional Science Park on campus, one of the largest incubation centres on the island of Ireland. Along with 35 businesses, it houses the state-of-the-art Technology Gateway Centre, WiSAR, where we host collaborative research initiatives.

## Welcoming the world

We're the college of choice for Donegal based students – far more choose to study with us than any other college. But we also have students from all over Ireland and are deeply proud that students from over 30 countries travel such long distances each year to make LYIT their home. With many mature students on campus as well we have an exciting mix of ages, cultures and interests.

## Working with business

In one sense you never really leave LYIT. Even when you graduate you'll find you remain part of our ever-expanding extended family. We remain in touch with all our graduates and are keen to find out how they are getting on. They are our ambassadors around the world, promoting our Institute and highlighting the way for our current students to find exciting study and career opportunities.

# CAMPUS & FACILITIES

Campas & Áiseanna



## Campus

We have two modern campuses in very central locations, Letterkenny and Killybegs. Seventy-five percent of our facilities are less than 20 years old and most of the remainder have been updated in recent years. Our buildings and equipment are top of the range. The standard of design and maintenance of buildings and grounds is exceptionally high. As a result LYIT is an attractive place to study.

There are lots of teaching rooms specifically designed and equipped for particular purposes. For instance, clinical skills suites for

nursing that mimic a hospital situation, design and audio visual studios, science, engineering, computer and language laboratories. All of these will provide you with facilities you require up until you graduate. We have state-of-the-art equipment and audio-visual projection facilities in all general purpose teaching areas, lecture theatres and the library. We've also ensured there are plenty of special access facilities for students with disabilities.

For those of you wishing to pursue further postgraduate opportunities, research facilities have recently been developed and it is anticipated that there will be further additions in the near future.

Outside of the teaching spaces you'll find other useful facilities, including meeting spaces, performance areas, chill-out space, recreation rooms, and several dining areas and cafes serving a wide variety of food and beverages including barista coffee. Facilities are also available for consultation with a wide range of student services providers: medical, counselling, careers, learning support unit, etc.

Other useful facilities include a bank branch with ATM, oratory, shop, vending, reprographics and postal facilities.

The on-campus sports facilities are excellent and comprise an all-weather, floodlit pitch, a huge hall equipped with retractable seating and gear for all sorts of sports – including a climbing wall. There's also a large, airy, fully equipped gym, changing and shower facilities. Ample cycle and car parking is provided on campus. Electric car charging points and new bus stops are welcome. Come visit us on Open Day to see for yourself.

## The Library

The ultra-modern library offers high-tech learning spaces including a suite of PCs, WiFi and individual study spaces that can accommodate 400 students. Six group study rooms are available for groups that wish to discuss academic topics in a private area. Two of the group study rooms contain the latest multimedia equipment that may be used for research purposes and rehearsing for presentations. There is a wide range of up-to-date books, specialist journals and state-of-the-art electronic resources to support the education and research needs of both staff and students. A Library Bulletin is available online from the library website to help everyone make the best use of these resources. Library training courses are provided to help all students with their research and you'll find that the expert library staff at the information desk are always ready to assist you.



## Books

Over 60,000 books are available to students, consisting of hardcopies of books and eBooks, and the collection is constantly updated. Most of the books reflect the academic courses taught but there are considerable sections devoted to cultural activities, the Irish language, history, sport and literature in several languages.

## Journals/Newspapers

An extensive collection of print and eJournals are available. The journal collection is frequently revised to meet students' needs. We subscribe to a number of Irish broadsheets and to Donegal newspapers.

## Online Resources/eResources

Many of the library resources are available online – offering students the flexibility of round the clock, worldwide access to resources.

The eResource collections include:

- eBooks.
- eJournals.
- Full text peer-reviewed databases containing articles from specialist academic journals.
- Online reference manager.
- CUAL containing theses, articles and conference proceedings.
- My library.
- Online training tutorials.

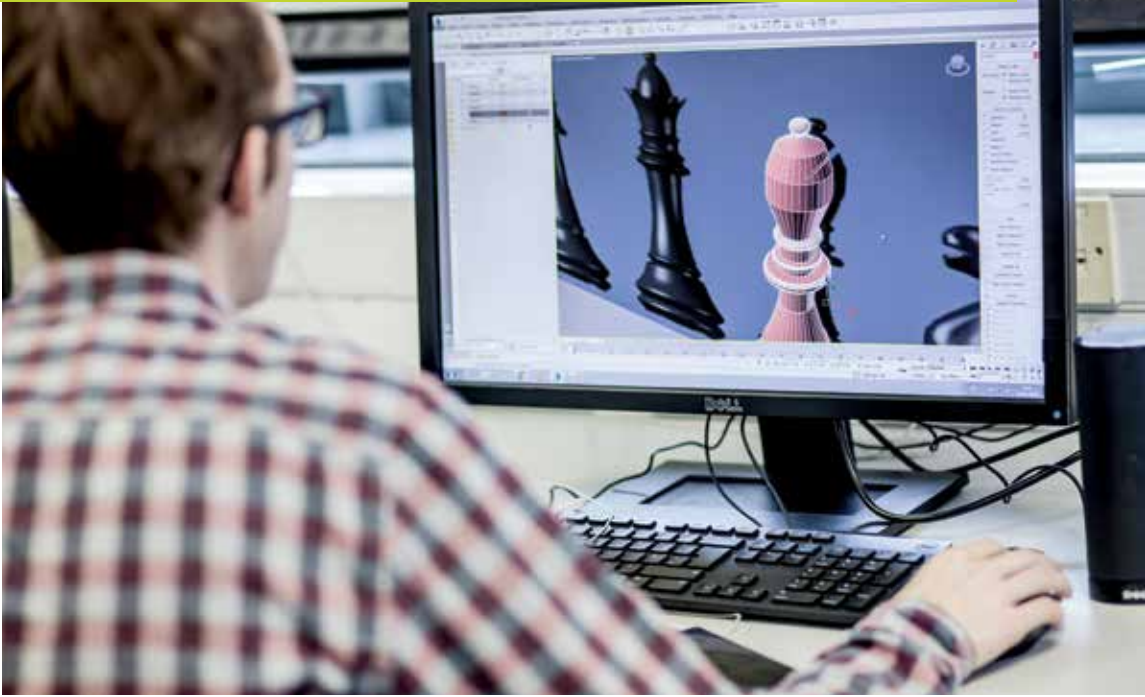
Visit our website at <http://library1.lyit.ie> for further information.











## Computer Facilities

Access to computer facilities concerns all students, not just those undertaking computing courses. Computers have become an essential tool in every field of study and in all modern technical positions; literacy in computing has become a fundamental requirement of the workplace. LYIT provides services that will allow you to grow in computer competence, regardless of the course you are following.

No prior knowledge of computing is assumed or required. We provide all incoming students with basic induction in the usage of computers and an introduction to our services and facilities. More than anything else, this grounding in computer usage will help you learn how to learn, how to search and find information easily from other colleges and universities around the world, and how to communicate with others regardless of their geographical location. Information is the key. Our library and computing facilities combine to allow students all over the Institute to have access to all kinds of information, stored both in our

own library, and in other colleges around the country and, indeed, around the world.

Our Letterkenny campus has 800 computers available for student use across 28 specialist laboratories. Our Design facility includes 170 Apple computers in 12 specialised studios. A dedicated computer area is included in our library to allow computer access to 100 computers.

Our Killybegs campus has computers available for student use across 3 specialist laboratories. Also computers are available in a dedicated suite at the library at Killybegs. Full WiFi coverage is available on both campuses, supporting laptop users.

The equipment used by students is state-of-the-art and our network is one of the most advanced in the country, offering full video and multimedia support. A wide range of application packages and programming tools are available.

Computer room and design studio opening hours extend late into the evenings and Saturdays to maximise access to computers.



# SPORTS AT LYIT

Spóirt ag LYIT



The Institute has a very busy sports programme run throughout the academic year in association in association with Student Sport Ireland, the GAA and the FAI. In addition to these bodies Badminton and Rugby through the assistance of Student Sport Ireland, are developing in the Institute.

The sports programme is run by Paddy Gallagher, Sports Officer, who is happy to assist in providing you with the required

information in getting involved in the competitive sports programme. The Sports Centre manager is Helen Kennedy who, together with a team of dedicated staff, maintain and provide a high quality of facilities and programmes in fitness. Assistance and guidance is provided to students of all abilities in their recreational requirements. Exercise classes for all are offered morning, lunchtime and evening.

### Facilities include

- On-campus, floodlit pitch and indoor training facility.
- Multi-purpose sports centre with the latest equipment, including a large activity hall with bleacher seating, handball wall, shower and changing facilities.
- A modern fitness suite with fully trained staff to provide personal instruction and classes such as Spin-Fit, Step Aerobics, Pilates, Yoga, Bootcamp, Dance and Circuit Training.
- Health and fitness advice, recreation courses and wheelchair sports are also organised as well as staff/student games, intervarsity competitions and community activities.

## Sports Scholarships

### Full-Time Sports Scholarships

At present the value of the Full-time Sports Scholarship is €1,400 awarded to full-time students in the Institute.

In 2016-2017 the Institute awarded 20 full-time sports scholarships.

### New Entrant Sports Scholarships

At present the value of a New Entrant Scholarship is €1,000, awarded at registration to the selected candidates.

All successful scholars have been selected based on their ability to develop in their chosen sport in parallel with their academic progress.







## Some of our recent sporting successes

- Soccer Men:** The team has been playing in Division 1 of the Colleges and Universities Football League for many years. Last year the team finished joint top of the table and were runners-up in the CUFL League Final. The soccer team also reached the semi-final stages in the UMBRO Cup which is the premier challenge cup competition for third level institutes in Ireland. With a complement of Intermediate and League of Ireland players on the panel, the quest for new talent does not stop. To our existing training programme, we have introduced fitness testing for the benefit of our playing panel.
- Boxing:** The Institute has competed in the national IATBA championships and had 2 winners in the 2016 event. As we encourage and support boxing, our efforts have been rewarded with a place on the Irish team for both a male and a female student in 2016. They were part of the squad that represented Irish Colleges in London in June 2016.
- Gaelic Football (Men):** In football the men's GAA team has witnessed a resurgence in talent and in organisation in 2015-16, the team continue to progress in standing with the welcome addition of some more Sports Scholars to the squad.
- Gaelic Football (Ladies):** If you are interested in playing GAA in LYIT, then this is a most opportune time for any ladies player to join our club. LYIT are the current holders of the Donaghy Cup, which they won in Dublin in March 2016. The group have Sports Scholarship winners in their ranks also and we continue to grow and develop in this emerging sport in the Institute.
- Hurling:** The sport has re-emerged to a strong position in the 2015-16 academic year and with several intercounty players in the ranks. The team are the current holders of the Corn Mac Diarmada, a national competition trophy which was successfully contested by our hurlers in 2016.
- Badminton:** LYIT has bridged the sporting gap between non-competitive badminton to that of a competition team playing in the Student Sport Ireland league. This development took place for the first time, in the 2015-16 academic year. The club can be proud of their standing in the league table this year, having finished second overall and reaching a quarter final placing in the Badminton championship play-offs. The club has been motivated by a regular intake of new members and have top class facilities in our sports hall, on campus, to ensure their place in future national competition.
- Basketball:** We welcome the arrival of a new Basketball Development Officer on campus, who will guide future teams in the Institute in both regional and national programmes. The Basketball Club in LYIT has also benefitted from the Sports Scholarship programme in operation in the Institute. Training for all teams takes place in our sports hall, on campus, and this provides a meeting point for all basketball panelists for the coming academic year.
- Rugby:** The team trains at the Letterkenny Rugby Club grounds and have the option of getting involved with the club in their league programme. Should any individual wish to do so, the Institute is affiliated to the rugby intervarsity league and play competitively throughout the country.



# STUDENT LIFE

Saol Mac Léinn



## The Students' Union (SU)

The SU is for you – all full-time registered students automatically become members of the union. Active participation in the SU is encouraged. Each year the students elect 3 sabbatical officers to act on their behalf. Each class group also selects a Class Representative to deal with issues specific to their academic classes. Representatives from the SU sit on the Governing Body and Academic Council and work with the

academic, welfare and support staff of the Institute on behalf of all students. They ensure fair treatment for students at all times and work with staff to find new ways to continually enhance student life at LYIT. The SU at LYIT has its own constitution and, by agreement with college management, also has control over a devolved budget for which it is accountable. The SU is affiliated to USI, the Union of Students in Ireland.



## Student Clubs and Societies

Developing as a person – learning teamwork, enjoying a great social life, striving for success outside the lecture theatre, learning about how the world works – all these are very important ways to enrich your student experience. That's why we encourage our students to get involved in sport, clubs, societies, intervarsity competitions and student politics. When you take part in something enjoyable, stimulating and challenging, you discover talents you never knew you had and make great life-long friends in the process – all impressive qualities that employers look for in well-rounded people.

As we believe so strongly in the importance of developing the whole person and creating a vibrant and varied social life, student clubs and societies are given generous budgets to support their activities.

During Freshers' Week you can join as many clubs as you like, free of charge. Here's a small sample of some of the clubs available:

- **Watersports:** Canoe Club
- **Culture:** International Society
- **Technology:** Android App Society, Ethical Hacking Society
- **Politics:** Law Society, LGBT, Public Speaking Society
- **Charity:** Gaisce Society
- **Other:** Choir Club, Climbing Club, Badminton Society

If you have a particular interest or skill and can't find a club to suit you, you can set up your own new club. Provided you have a clear idea of what you want to achieve and can identify 10 people who'd like to join, you can put your idea forward for approval. If approved, the SU will provide you with administrative help and financial support to get your club off the ground.



Extra-curricular activity is not only encouraged, it is rewarded. One of the social highlights of the student year is the Student Awards Night. This is an Oscar-style, red carpet event; a gala dinner with formal dress at which we recognise and honour the achievement of students outside the classroom.

LYIT is affiliated to the Board of Irish College Societies (BICS) and winners from the LYIT awards go on to represent LYIT at the BICS national award ceremony each year. This national body recognises the civic, charity, community and voluntary work undertaken by students at third level.



# STUDENT WELFARE & SUPPORTS

Leas & Tacaíochtaí Mac Léinn



At registration, you'll be given a student handbook which provides the inside track on support services and lots of very useful information on how to survive and thrive in college. Student support services include:

**Health Service:** This is free to all full-time registered students and consists of a full-time nurse and a daily doctor's surgery.

**Counselling Service:** The Student Counselling Service is provided by an accredited Counsellor and is free to all registered students.

**Chaplaincy:** The college has a team of chaplains, representing several denominations.

**Childcare support:** Crèche subsidy is available to support students with young families. Students that qualify for this subsidy can get all relevant information from the Students' Union welfare officer.

**Career and further study advice:** The Careers Service helps you to make informed choices and identify occupations that would suit your interests, personality and



qualification, and is available to all students and recent graduates of LYIT. Each year the Careers Office implements a series of initiatives to promote employability of our students and graduates. These include workshops, seminars, Careersbrief newsletter (published once per semester), and the annual Careers and Postgraduate Studies Fair.

You will be up to date with the latest information regarding graduate vacancies, internships, key closing dates for courses, events, interesting blogs, videos etc. using a variety of methods including our Careers Facebook page, Careersbrief, email and Blackboard.

We invite key employers, recent graduates and representatives from professional bodies to give presentations on their career development which will help you in your career planning. Close contacts are maintained with the CoLab, an in-house incubation centre for business and start-up enterprises.

The careers service conducts an annual survey of its graduates. Key findings from this include the following:

- 93% of students who chose to further progress their studies from Level 7 courses opted to remain at LYIT.

- 14% of level 8 graduates went on to pursue postgraduate studies.
- 58% of graduates who obtained employment remained in Donegal.
- 79% of graduates who obtained employment secured positions relevant to their qualification.

#### **The Curve – Tailored Learning at LYIT:**

The Curve is responsible for Learning Support and Lifelong Learning. LYIT is fully committed to developing and promoting initiatives which seek to counter socio-economic and learning disadvantage. The Curve provides specific advice and support to a diverse range of students, including:

- **Students with disabilities:** Students with a physical, sensory, or multiple disability or a specific learning difficulty are provided with specialist support. Student supports are based on an assessment of need, meeting qualifying criteria and availability of resources. Students can avail of supports such as assistive technology, learning support, examination support and personal supports. Staff in The Curve can also screen students in relation to specific learning difficulties and assist in referral for psycho-educational assessment. Applicants who feel they



may require support should tick the appropriate box on the CAO application form and submit the completed Supplementary Information Form together with supporting documentation to the CAO by the date requested. Students should contact Roisin (roisin.mccormack@lyit.ie or 074 918 6172) in advance of commencing their course or as early as possible in the academic year so that supports can be put in place.

- Mature students (aged 23 years or older): LYIT welcomes mature learners and the number of mature students undertaking degree programmes continues to grow. We provide a range of services to assist mature students begin or return to higher education, such as advice and information on academic, personal and practical issues.
- Students from ethnic minorities: The Curve welcomes enquiries from students; from underrepresented ethnic minorities and aims to assist students access higher education.
- Students from low income families: The Curve helps less well-off families and those with no tradition of third level study or those from areas of high unemployment to access higher

education. This includes financial aid such as the Student Assistance Fund. This limited fund may be available to students who are experiencing financial hardship and is advertised on the student notice boards. If you think you may qualify, you must complete an application form and have an interview with the Access & Lifelong Learning Co-Ordinator, the Chaplain and the Student Welfare Officer to determine your eligibility. Qualifying students will be required to provide proof of expenditure.

- Lifelong Learning: For a complete listing of part-time lifelong learning programmes, please refer to LYIT website: [www.lyit.ie/part-timecourses](http://www.lyit.ie/part-timecourses). LYIT offers a range of accredited courses (including the very popular Certificate in Preparatory Studies for Higher Education) every September. The programmes on offer are reviewed and updated regularly and reflect the changing demands for learning in the community and industry. The Curve also co-ordinates all Springboard programmes for people who are unemployed and want to re-skill. For more detail visit [www.lyit.ie](http://www.lyit.ie) or contact Brian (brian.mcgonagle@lyit.ie or 074 918 6170).





# ACCOMMODATION

## Lóistín



Letterkenny and Killybegs have a good variety of inexpensive accommodation close to campus, so you can enjoy the buzz of student life without breaking the bank. There is no on-campus accommodation but finding pleasant and affordable student accommodation is not an issue in Letterkenny or Killybegs. There are options for digs, and houses to rent on a shared basis, and in Letterkenny there are also apartments specifically built for the student market. The Institute is quite central and there is plenty of accommodation within 10 minutes' walk of each of the campuses.

The Students' Union compiles and updates a list of Letterkenny accommodation each year. Each landlord included on this list has complied fully with the standards set by the SU for accommodation and is registered with the Private Residencies Tenancies Board (PRTB). The list is sent out automatically to students who receive an offer from LYIT and is also available online from August of each year. Students seeking others to share houses or apartments frequently advertise via the college notice boards and via social media platforms. Students are urged to contact the SU directly when seeking



accommodation in the area. Choosing the right accommodation is a difficult yet very important decision. Before making any commitment, contact the SU for impartial and informative advice.

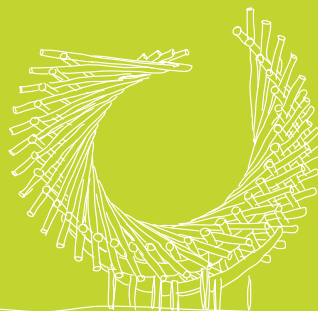
Prices and quality vary. Our advice is to consider several options before making a final decision, it is wise to shop around when making this decision. You should, of course, talk to other students or graduates for recommendations on accommodation. Prices are likely to be more expensive in newer or more up-market accommodation, for first lettings, or where smaller numbers are sharing the costs. The rates below are sample weekly rates. They are given as a rough guideline only.

- Apartments: approx. €55–€75 rent per person sharing. (Heating, electricity, etc. extra).
- House (4-bed semi, 6 sharing): approx. €45–€65 rent each. (Heating, electricity, etc. extra).
- Digs – 5 days (Monday to Friday – depart each Friday) €100 per week which includes meals, light, heat and often Wi-Fi.

SU officers are available to answer questions regarding accommodation each day during normal office hours, or by appointment (074 918 6820).

We advise that you seek out accommodation in good time and to take careful note of the terms and conditions under which accommodation is offered. The student handbook, which is available to all those who receive an offer at LYIT, gives some additional advice as well as tips on searching for accommodation, tenancy agreements, etc.





# LOCATION

Suíomh



County Donegal is truly beautiful with spectacular mountains, coastline and beaches, rivers and lakes, Glenveagh National Park etc. All of this provides endless opportunities for a wide range of outdoor activities. There's definitely something for everyone who loves the great outdoors – from sailing to hill-walking, from surfing, to deep-sea diving, from a gallop on a beach to a gentle walk. The Clubs & Societies are there to help you make the most of it all – and at minimal cost.

Donegal also offers good employment prospects to graduates and has a good record of retaining its own graduates. The college keeps in close touch with local industry and employers via the Development and Careers Offices as well as via the Heads of School. We make sure our courses meet their needs.





We are located on 2 thriving campuses in Co. Donegal at Letterkenny and Killybegs. See our map below to view the distance in kilometres to both our campuses from certain locations in Ireland.

Location	Distances in Kms to Letterkenny	Distance in Kms to Killybegs
Belfast	145	205
Castlebar	194	176
Cavan	135	139
Cork	492	432
Derry	35	105
Dublin	237	254
Galway	249	231
Limerick	334	317
Monaghan	110	147
Omagh	57	95
Sligo	112	94





## Letterkenny

Letterkenny is a very lively town, offering excellent shopping and nightlife and great opportunities for sport, culture and fun. There are plenty of much-loved student haunts: pubs, music venues, nightclubs and restaurants. In addition you'll find:

- 8-screen cinema with 1,400 seats.
- An Grianán, a 383 seat theatre, 5 minutes' walk from the college.
- Regional Cultural Centre, 5 minutes' walk

from the college, incorporating an art gallery, auditorium with 146 seats and full cinema facilities, 3 multi-purpose workshops, 2 dedicated digital media suites and 2 small music rehearsal rooms.

- Aura Leisure Complex a large indoor & outdoor sports and leisure complex with 25m pool, tartan track, gym etc.
- Arena 7 Entertainment Complex with 10-pin bowling, children's play area, etc.
- Several hotels with pools and sports facilities open to membership.
- Community Centre with indoor and outdoor sports facilities.
- A range of commercial sports venues, including Pitch & Putt, Bowling, Go-Karting, etc.
- Various Sports Clubs & Facilities including Golf, Tennis, GAA, Rugby, Athletics, etc.

## Killybegs

Ireland's premier fishing port is rich in tradition and heritage. Its picturesque location boasts spectacular scenery and harbour views. Killybegs offers a wide range of activities with an abundance of fine restaurants and an exciting nightlife.





# GETTING AROUND

## Córas Iompair



Letterkenny and Killybegs have great transport links so you'll find it easy to get here and to find your way around town, whether by car, taxi or on foot.

### Roads

Driving time from Dublin, Athlone or Galway is 3-4 hours, depending on traffic and time of day. Derry is approx. 30 minutes' drive from Letterkenny and 1 hour 30 minutes from Killybegs, while Belfast is approx. two or three hours respectively.

### Bus

Several bus companies operate daily services. The main campus is only about 5 minutes' walk from the Bus Éireann Depot and the drop-off point for most of the private bus companies.

In Killybegs the drop-off point for Bus Éireann and most private bus companies is about 5 to 10 minutes' walk from the campus. Some of Bus Éireann's scheduled departures leave from outside the School of Tourism.

Dublin to Letterkenny: This route serves Dublin Airport and also the towns of Ardee, Carrickmacross, Monaghan, Omagh, Strabane and Lifford. The main operators are Bus Éireann and John McGinley Coach Travel. The Dublin to Letterkenny, and many other services stop at the Port Road outside the main college gate.

Dublin to Killybegs: Bus Éireann, in association with McGeehan Coaches, operate this route. It serves Dublin Airport and the towns of Navan, Kells, Cavan, Enniskillen, Ballyshannon, Donegal Town, Mountcharles and Dunkineely.

Galway to Letterkenny/Killybegs: This route serves the towns of Tuam, Claremorris, Ireland West Airport Knock, Sligo, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Donegal Town and Ballybofey/

Stranorlar. The main operators are Bus Éireann & Bus Feda Coaches. Private bus companies from other towns in the west (e.g. Westport, Castlebar, Ballina) arrange their schedules to link up with these.

Within Donegal: Several operators link various parts of Donegal to Letterkenny and Killybegs, including McGeehan Coaches, North West Busways and Bus Éireann.

### Contact details for the major operators

#### Bus

**Bus Éireann:**

074 912 1309

[www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

**Bus Feda:**

074 954 8114

[www.busfeda.ie](http://www.busfeda.ie)

**John McGinley:**

074 913 5201

[www.johnmcginley.com](http://www.johnmcginley.com)

**McGeehan Coaches:**

074 954 6150

[www.mcgeehancoaches.com](http://www.mcgeehancoaches.com)

**North West Busways:**

074 938 2116

[www.foylecoaches.com](http://www.foylecoaches.com)

#### Rail

There is no rail service to Donegal.

The nearest rail connection points are:

- **Derry** (33 kms), with a bus connection to Letterkenny via Bus Éireann, or
- **Sligo** (112 kms), with a bus connection to Letterkenny via Bus Éireann or Bus Feda Coaches.

#### Air

LYIT's main campus is within comfortable reach of five airports:

**City of Derry** (approx. 50 kms)

[www.cityofderryairport.com](http://www.cityofderryairport.com)

**Donegal Airport in Carrickfinn**

(approx. 60 kms)

[www.donegalairport.ie](http://www.donegalairport.ie)

**Belfast International Airport**

(approx. 130 kms)

[www.belfastairport.com](http://www.belfastairport.com)

**Ireland West Airport, Mayo**

(approx. 165 kms)

[www.irelandwestairport.com](http://www.irelandwestairport.com)

**Dublin Airport** (approx. 230 kms)

[www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com)





## AN GHAELTACHT

Anseo in Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leitir Ceanainn, táimid i gcónaí ag iarraidh dul chun tosaigh a dhéanamh i gcomhthéacs na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta. Tá an Ghaeilge aitheanta inár bplean straitéiseach mar cheann de théamaí straitéiseacha ar a mbeidh an Institiúid ag díriú sna blianta amach romhainn. Mar Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chontae Dhún na nGall, creideann muid go bhfuil páirt ar leith againne i dtaca le forbairt Ghaeltacht Dhún na nGall a chothú ar na bealaí seo a leanas:

- Machnamh a dhéanamh ar shásanna a bheadh dírithe ar úsáid níos leitheadaí a bhaint as an Ghaeilge i saol an champais.
- Cláracha a chur ar fáil i nGaeltacht Dhún na nGall, i gcomhar straitéiseach, b'fhéidir, le páirtnéirí oideachasúla eile áit ar bith a mbeadh a leithéid fóirsteanach, ar mhaithe le tacú le forbairt an cheantair.
- Dóigheanna a scrúdú inar féidir cúrsaí a ofráil, go hiomlán nó i bpáirt, trí mheán na Gaeilge.
- Gníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha a chur chun cinn laistigh agus lasmuigh den Institiúid.
- Cuidiú le forbairt eacnamaíoch, shóisialta agus chultúrtha réigiún na Gaeltachta.



## Cúrsaí & Mic Léinn

Sa Roinn Dlí agus Daonnachtaí tá forbairt déanta ar thrí chlár nua ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge mar mhionábhar:

- Bachelor of Arts in Law with Irish, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law with Irish
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business with Irish

Faoi láthair tá an deis ag foghlaimeoirí modúl roghnach i nGaeilge a ghlacadh i gclár roghnaithe sa Scoil Ghnó.

Chomh maith leis sin, ofrálann muid cúrsaí Gaeilge páirtaimseartha go rialta faoinár gClár d'Oideachas Leanúnach. Trínár gclár d'fhorbairt foirne, spreagann muid an fhoireann chun freastal ar chúrsaí Gaeilge neamhfhoirmeálta (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge) le linn uaireanta oibre agus ar an dóigh sin a scileanna a chumasú.

## Nascanna Gnó leis an Ghaeltacht

Bíonn muid ag comhoibriú le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta i dtaca le taithí oibre a sholáthar dár gcuid mac léinn nuair is féidir. Lena chois sin oibríonn muid go dlúth le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta ar thionscnaimh éagsúla ar mhaithe le tacaíocht a thabhairt do thionscail sa Ghaeltacht. Mar shampla, comhoibríonn muid leo ar Chlár 'New Frontiers' i bhFiontar larchéime.

## Gníomhaíochtaí Eile Gaeilge

Tá an Institiúid ag déanamh a dícheall i gcónaí ar mhaithe le rannpháirtíocht agus spéis sa Ghaeilge a chothú trí ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla cultúrtha, caitheamh aimsire agus seach-churaclam a chur chun tosaigh. Ar na mallaibh, bhí an Institiúid rannpháirteach in imeachtaí Gaeilge macasamhail Oireachtas na Gaeilge agus An Fhéile Phan Cheilteach. Bíonn Lá na Gaeilge ar siúl ar an champas le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge gach bliain agus spreagtar mic léinn agus baill foirne le Gaeilge a labhairt agus a bheith rannpháirteach sna himeachtaí éagsúla teanga i rith an lae. Sa bhliain 2015, d'fhoilsigh an Institiúid a tríú scéim teanga faoi Alt 15 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003. Is é príomhchuspóir an Achta ná a chinntiú go mbeidh infhaighteacht níos fearr agus caighdeán níos airde de sheirbhísí poiblí ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge. Mionsonraíodh sa scéim an leibhéal seirbhíse atá ar intinn ag an Institiúid seo a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge. Tá cóip den scéim teanga atá againn san am i láthair le fáil ar an suíomh [www.lyit.ie](http://www.lyit.ie). Faoi choinne tuilleadh eolais ar sheirbhísí Gaeilge san Institiúid, cuir ríomhphost chuig [gaeilge@lyit.ie](mailto:gaeilge@lyit.ie), le do thoil.



