

BRIGHT IDEAS

Personal and professional initiatives undertaken by Library staff at NUI Maynooth during recessionary times.

Personal & Professional Development

These initiatives are aimed at engaging staff, improving staff morale, encouraging staff to exchange expertise, promoting workplace learning and promoting health and personal wellbeing.

Monthly **all staff meetings**

Sharing expertise In-house training.

● **Cycle to Work** scheme 2011.

Facilitate attendance at **conferences, courses & seminars**

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence).

● **23 Things** - Web 2.0 Online Training Program

Acknowledge/reward participation in external library activities.

● **Annual visit** to other libraries.

Funding:

To attend library courses & conferences.

For degree & diploma courses.

● **wow Walking Club.**

Kindle pilot project - Library staff given opportunity to borrow kindles before general release.

Shorter working year Scheme.

Flexitime revisited.

NUI Maynooth Staff **Wellbeing Week.**

Quizzes to offer rewards in a fun way.

Celebrations - secret Santa, end of term party.

● **The Winds of Change Workshop**
Teambuilding exercise.

Community Development - University & Beyond

This is a range of endeavours undertaken by the library to actively engage with the University, local and wider community to share our expertise and resources in recessionary times.

Work experience placements for people on FÁS courses & for students studying or wishing to study Librarianship.

Library festivals celebrating publications by staff in academic departments.

BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition entries by Maynooth Post Primary transition year students exhibited during Library Festivals.

Supporting libraries in **Sierra Leone and Liberia**

Hosting visits from a range of local community groups & schools including St John of God Pathways and the Irish Countrywomen's Association.

Fundraising events for charities:

Pink Ribbon Day - Irish Cancer Society.

Alzheimer's Tea Day - Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Maynooth PP 10K Challenge (proceeds go to sporting developments at Maynooth Post Primary School).

Supporting Maynooth Post Primary School in the establishment of a school library and through the provision of information skills training to Leaving Certificate students.

Inviting talks by national & overseas visitors.

Annual exhibition of staff & student art.



Bernadette Gardiner, Della Webb & Helen Fallon, NUI Maynooth.

