CEAD Student Bulletin: Autumn 2015, *Issue 1*

Hello CEAD Students,

Welcome to the academic year 2015-16. This year CEAD has been pleased to welcome growing numbers of students to our non-credit, audit, credit, Certificate (VAP, D+VI, P+DI) and Diploma courses - there are approximately 410 part-time mature students registered with CEAD this autumn.

Hopefully you have settled into class and are engaged in productive learning with your tutors and peers. At this stage you should have received your timetable. If you are taking an accredited course, assessments and feedback on your learning are scheduled during semester 1 and semester 2. Final results will be published in May or June 2016, depending on the course you have registered for. CEAD Certificate courses are at Level 6 and carry 20 ects, and the part-time Diploma is at Level 7 and carries 40 ects. NCAD is a recognised college of UCD and programmes are validated through NUI/UCD.

You should now also have your CEAD student card, which can be used to access NCAD library resources, as well as discounts from art suppliers, etc.

Library talks were provided by Gemma Bradley at the beginning of the semester, and additional presentations have been organised for Tuesday November 10th, *OR* Thursday November 12th at 5.30pm. These sessions are a follow-on from the earlier talks, and students can choose which night they wish to attend.

Moving into 2016, CEAD Open Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday February 13th, 11am-2pm. On Open Day current and potential students can learn about CEAD accredited part-time courses and talk to CEAD tutors about options for progression.

The CEAD Student Exhibition is scheduled for 30th June 2016.

CEAD office hours open to the public are 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Please feel free to contact us with all questions, feedback and suggestions relating to CEAD. Our contact details are as follows:
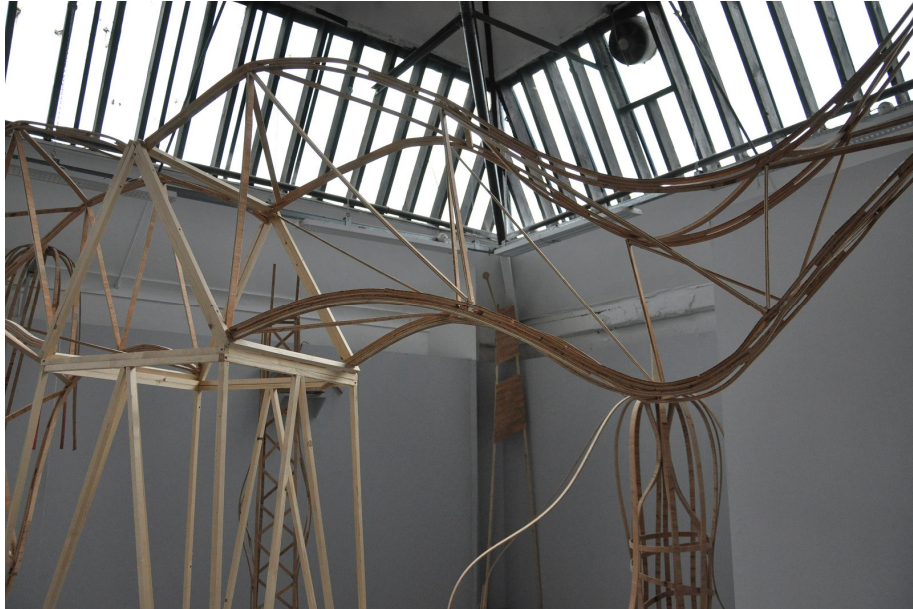
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Communicating with you:

For all notices, news, updates, etc, e-mail is our main method of communication with you. If you do not use e-mail, please let us know and we will agree an alternative means of communication.

Are you interested in progression?

Former CEAD student and recent NCAD graduate, Annette Ensor, tells about her experience as an under-graduate.

Annette Ensor's submission for the NCAD Graduate Show, 2015

My name is Ann(ette) Ensor. I lived in Co. Cavan for many years. On returning to Dublin I enrolled in the CEAD evening classes. Times were changing and CEAD introduced the accredited courses and the D+VI certificate, which was soon followed by the part - time Diploma. I decided to enrol for D+VI. I followed that year with the part-time Diploma. Here I was further challenged with making sculpture for the first time, Photoshop, f stops and a further difficult essay. However it proved to be a great grounding for the full time degree.

In 2011 I was accepted as a full time student in the 2nd year Sculpture Department for the B.F.A. The first few days and weeks were daunting. I had to come to terms with all those lovely exuberant confident young students. Thankfully there were two other mature students in the class. We were expected to design and build studio spaces and I could hardly use a hammer. We were then introduced to the workshops where we were shown how to use drills, saws, welders, angle grinders and also casting methods. We were also introduced to video and performance art and of course Visual Culture. By the end of my time in sculpture I could work with metal, wood, casting, video and performance. I could also write submissions, statements, proposals - and of course the thesis.

As a mature student I have found my years studying in N.C.A.D. to be some of the most challenging, rewarding and happy years of my life to date. I am currently undertaking a two year M.F.A at NCAD.

With best wishes for a rewarding year at CEAD, NCAD,

Nuala Hunt, Head of CEAD
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