

Press Release

Liberty IT hosts 'Recursion' – ITB's End of Year Project Showcase for Computing Thursday 18th May 2017 for Immediate Release

The Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB) is delighted to showcase their end of year project exhibition in computing on Thursday May 18th at Liberty IT's facility in Blanchardstown.

Showcasing the best of innovations in computing, the exhibition will feature student's work from final year projects on the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing. Visitors to the exhibition can expect to witness a wide range of engaging, creative projects featuring mobile application development, java development, text processing, computer vision and games development and computational intelligence.

From the courses' inauguration in 1999, ITB's computing programme has attracted an impressive cohort of creative, dynamic and talented students who are passionate about technology: Students who have a serious competence in computing and have developed the skills to allow them to contribute to today's interconnected world.

The Head of School of Informatics and Engineering at ITB, Dr Anthony Keane said of the exhibition, 'the final year projects reflect the technology of the time and as you read through the project descriptions or view them online you can't help but be amazed at the diversity of applications of current computing technology, especially in the smart devices category. I am delighted that Liberty IT have generously supported the end of year showcase 'Recursion' by hosting us at their facility and providing generous prizes for the best projects. Liberty IT already sponsor a scholarship programme at ITB and we look forward to building further links with our near neighbour'.

Felim O'Donnell Director, Liberty IT explained that having established a base in Blanchardstown just three years ago, it was important for Liberty IT to build a strong relationship with our local Higher Education Institute. Addressing the final year students he went on to say 'I would encourage all of you, no matter what road you end up travelling- whether you work for yourself, for a small company or even for a multi-national to always seek out opportunities to learn. Computing as a discipline will continue to evolve making it challenging and fun to keep up with the latest technological advances'.

Recursion is the brainchild of Stephen Sheridan, Course Coordinator for the final year of the BSc (Hons) in Computing at ITB.

According to Stephen 'the final year project is an integral part of ITB's undergraduate computing programme and gives students the opportunity to demonstrate all of the computing knowledge and skills they have acquired in their four years of study at ITB. In particular, the project gives students the chance to work on a long-term project from its initial conception right through to a final demonstration of a working system. Having the experience of a full software development life cycle is a critical skill for our computing graduates and our collaboration with Liberty IT will give students the chance to get valuable feedback and insight from industry professionals as well as experiencing a real-world software development working environment. It is always a pleasure to coordinate and supervise year four projects and the year four supervision team and myself would like to wish all our computing graduates the best of luck in their future careers and as it states in the 2017 Project Brochure "Stay in touch!"

The Recursion Student Exhibition opens on Thursday 18th May from 1pm – 4pm at Liberty IT, Blanchardstown Centre. Projects can be viewed at <http://itbreursion.com/>

- ENDS -

For further information, imagery from the exhibition please contact : Ann-Marie Sheehan, Aspire PR, Telephone : 01 8275181 / 087 2985569 or email annmarie@aspire-pr.com

ITB (Institute of Technology Blanchardstown)

ITB is located in Blanchardstown, a growing suburb of Dublin. Our modern 56 acre campus is situated in one of the key industrial, commercial, retail and pharmaceutical hubs in Ireland. ITB has been pursuing its mission of making education accessible to a diversity of learners since 1999. Our focus is on a relevant, vibrant curriculum, innovative teaching and excellent student supports.

Since it was established, ITB has been firmly embedded within its Community. ITB offers a range of practice-based, career-focused programmes to over 3500 learners through our full-time, part-time and online programmes.

ITB offers full time and part time programmes in Computing and Cyber Security at undergraduate and post graduate level.

Following publication of the National Strategy for Higher Education in January 2011, a framework for reform within the Irish Higher Education landscape has been established. Included in that framework is a different type of university for Ireland – a Technological University. Three institutions in the Dublin region – ITB, DIT and ITT - have come together to explore the benefits of structured cooperation and collaboration and to jointly seek designation as a new unitary university, providing educational opportunities that are practice-based and research-informed.

ITB, DIT and ITT established a formal alliance in October 2011 and since then colleagues from the three institutions have been working together to develop a programme of work which will culminate in the submission of a joint application for designation as a Technological University.

About Liberty IT

Marking 20 years in Belfast in 2017, Liberty IT employs over 500 people who develop a wide range of both specialist and enterprise scale applications and websites exclusively for its parent company Liberty Mutual through creativity, problem-solving and a commitment to excellence.

The team has grown year on year, enhancing expertise and diversity of work, reinforced by fantastic teamwork and a strong portfolio of products and services. Liberty IT opened a new modern office based in Blanchardstown Retail Park, Dublin in 2014 and has recently expanded onto a second floor to accommodate the growing team there.

Liberty IT's expertise in designing and implementing innovative IT solutions using both existing and emerging technologies, combined with the commitment to providing a great place to work for employees, is unwavering. Career opportunities exist in many areas, including Development, Test, DevOps, Analytics, User Experience (UX) and Infrastructure. The company has received many accolades for workplace excellence and testament to this was being accredited as an Investors in People Champion, as well as in recent years being ranked among the top UK and Ireland Workplaces by the Great Place to Work® Institute.

Visit www.liberty-it.co.uk to find out more.

www.itb.ie