



Canine Care Card

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• CANINE CARE: Kathleen Leahy is pictured with her beloved Snowdrop at the launch of the Dogs Trust Canine Care Card, a free service offered by the charity which gives peace of mind to dog owners who worry about who will look after their four-legged friend if they pass away. Details are available from Dogs Trust by calling 01-8791829 or visit dogstrust.ie. PHOTOBY MARCOSULLIVAN.

I am almost three weeks away from completing my once in a lifetime and eventful internship.

To say the very least, it has been worth the while, leaving my little footprints in the annals of what I affectionately call the White House of Republic of Ireland. But even in my closing days, I am still busy with Dáil Éireann activities.

Last week, I attended a hectic two session Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on Transport and Communications with Deputy Moynihan.

Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Mr Pat Rabbitte and other invited speakers and representatives deliberated on the topic, 'the challenges facing individuals, families and communities through responsible use of social media channels'.

The purpose of the meetings was to make recommendations to Government; promulgate laws in future to that effect, and eventually, clampdown on the ever growing cyber-bullying and online harassment (Minister Rabbitte himself has been a victim of himself recently).

Then, at the earnest request of Deputy Moynihan, I was present at the National Conference on Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), mooted by Deputy Eamon O'Cuiv, Spokesperson on Agriculture, Food and Community Affairs and attended by Fianna Fáil Leader, Michael Martin.

The conference, which took place at the Red Cow Moran Hotel, saw farmers from all walks of life frankly discuss the future of agriculture in the Republic of Ireland vis-à-vis European Union agricultural policies.

The beginning of this year through to now has been hectic for Deputy Moynihan as he has had to work round the clock in preparation for a submission of a priority question on

Dáil days diary

Dublin 15 local Ekow Agyeman Prempeh is taking part in Crosscare's Opening Power to Diversity migrant project, during which he's working on an internship with Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Moynihan. Here's his experience.



An Post in rural Ireland and a topical question on the bioenergy weed *Mis-canthus*.

As usual, I was in the Dáil gallery when Deputy Moynihan was making a passionate case for An Post overhaul in rural Ireland whereupon I proudly but occasionally had eye contact with Deputy Moynihan, as if to let him know I concurred with his submissions.

There were tense and nervous moments watching Deputy Moynihan from the side lines, for whatever reasons I cannot pin point.

As I write, I have plans to attend a Fianna Fáil meeting in Cork the following day and key on the agenda is the question of crime and its ramifications for Ireland. I am finishing hard. But there is yet more to cover.

ITB open day for students

STUDENTS thinking about CAO college options are being invited to an open evening at ITB in Dublin 15 where they can check out the wide range of courses available and have a look at the college facilities.

The open evening takes place from 5-7pm on April 11 and students will have a chance to meet lecturing staff and find out from other students what ITB has to offer.

Many students find CAO time difficult says marketing manager at ITB, Mairead Murphy, who has a few tips on making a choice.

"We know it's a stressful time for students and we would suggest that you pick the course that best suits you and your particular interests," she advises.

"It's important to remember that you are not just choosing a course - you are choosing how to spend the next three to four years of your life, so it deserves a bit of your time and attention."

ITB offers a wide range of full-time programmes and choices in-

cluding: creative digital media; computing; information security and digital forensics; horticulture; computer engineering; mechatronic engineering; energy systems and industrial automation; business; business and information technology; international business; business accounting and finance; sports management and coaching; social and community development; early childhood care and education; and applied social studies in social care.

Progression from Higher certificate to Ordinary Bachelor Degree to Honours Bachelor Degree level is possible at ITB.

On April 11 there will be an information session for Leaving Certificate and FETAC students at 5pm and an information session for mature students at 6pm on the night.

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