The Power of Work
With a Flagship Grant from The Ireland Funds, THE TRINITY CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES is ensuring that its graduates have meaningful employment opportunities.
At the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities (TCPID) people with intellectual disabilities are participating in a higher education program designed to enhance their capacity to fully participate in society as independent adults.

Thanks to a Flagship Award from The Ireland Funds, the program has been able to expand and success stories are emerging as graduates move into the work world and experience the power and pride of employment.

The program goes far beyond simply offering life skills and orientation to the college experience. A high academic standard of learning is offered and key skills which prepare graduates for various employment environments are developed. The course is accredited and as a result, for the first time ever, graduates from the program receive a Level 5 qualification which equips them to move on to further education and/or employment.

THE TRINITY CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

THE GREAT SCIENTIST JONAS SALK ONCE SAID, “THE REWARD FOR WORK WELL DONE IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO MORE.”
THE IRELAND FUNDS FLAGSHIP AWARD OF €80,000 ENABLED TCPID TO:

Support a business internship program for 12 graduates

Create guidelines on business internship programs to inform and support

Increase the number of business partnerships from 18 to 30

Develop a Graduate Internship Program extending on the two-year certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice in Trinity College Dublin. The program now includes a third year of employment internship experiences.

PARTNERS PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH TCPID INCLUDE:

Abbott Ireland
A & L Goodbody
An Post
Arthur Cox
Avolon
Bank of Ireland
Carne Group

Chartered Accountants
Cpl Resources
CRH
Dynamic
EY
FBD Insurance

Fidelity Investments
GECAS
Icon
Intel
IrishJobs.ie
Janssen Sciences Ireland
Key Capital

KPMG
The National Treasury Management Agency
Novartis
Mason Hayes & Curran

McCann FitzGerald
Ornua
PayPal
Permanent TSB
SMBC Aviation Capital
Smurfit Kappa
UDG Healthcare
In January of 2019, Niamh, Marian and Mark were among the first-ever graduates of the TCPID Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice

Niamh Biddulph
“I like to challenge myself. I like the chance to learn new skills. It’s amazing that over just a couple of years the course made me feel more positive about myself. I know I have the potential to do something.”
- Student placement & internship with Bank of Ireland
- Graduate internship with A&L Goodbody
- Graduate internship with An Post

Marian O’Rourke
“I’m from Co. Wicklow. I work at Cpl in the finance area of their Shared Services with Excel Reports, Data Review and Payroll. It has changed my life.”
- Student placement with Bank of Ireland
- Graduate internship with the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) and Cpl Resources
- Permanent contract with Cpl Resources

Mark Hogan
“Since I was a kid, it was my dream. I’d love to work in an office. I’m happy to be here in EY.”
- Student placement and graduate internship with EY
- Permanent contract with EY

VIDEO: Watch video of Mark’s experience at EY as a graduate of TCPID