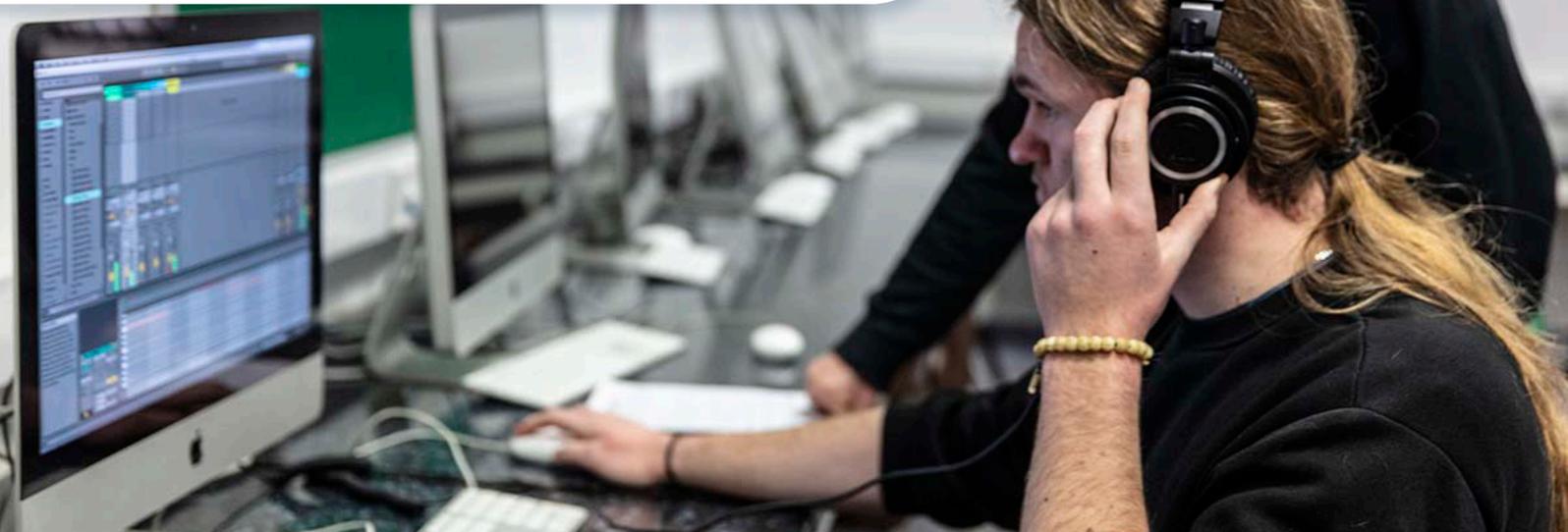


Case Study – Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute Mac Lab Refresh

New iMac Lab Increases Quality of Learning Standards
in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

'It is important to keep abreast of modern techniques and standards in industry particularly for education where the aim is to simulate real life experience. The investment in our Mac Lab gives students valuable experience of using technology and digital tools they will need to use in the workplace. The return for us is enormous from a teaching and learning perspective.'

Eoghan Ó Murchadha,
Principal of Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute



Enhanced Learning Opportunities in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

With over 1000 students between their day and night schools and a strong reputation for excellence in its training courses, Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute have continually strived to equip their students with the very best technology on the market to give a first class educational experience to their students, as Eoghan Ó Murchadha explains:

"Our choice of Mac was based on the policy of our college to provide the best quality hardware and software available to us in order to accurately simulate industry experience for our students. Mac is the machine of choice by creatives across a range of industries and it is only natural that we mirror that to provide the best experience for our students."

The impact of embedding Mac into the college's media courses has been transformative Patrick Wall, Head of the Music Department tell us:

"The positivity generated by a programme when you are confident you are providing the highest standard of technology available helps embed the idea that anything is possible, thereby embellishing the creative spirit. Our students have the opportunity to use Apple's Logic Pro X alongside other industry-standard digital audio workstation software like Ableton Live and Pro Tools. Being able to use this software adds an extra dimension of reality and productivity to students' experience."

Benefits of the iMac Lab Refresh Scheme

Eoghan Ó Murchadha

For Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, replicating real life industry experience and building the skills their students require has always been a key priority. In order to do this, the college recognised the need to choose the top industry technology, Apple iMac and Apple media software, and to refresh this technology to ensure that it is continually up to date.



Eoghan Ó Murchadha

Since refreshing their Mac Lab earlier in the academic year, Eoghan has witnessed a significant increase in student engagement and productivity as well as an overall enhancement of the teaching and learning experience:

“The effect on student engagement and productivity has been evident. The upgrade has allowed us to move to the latest versions of all software and has allowed our students to expand their creative horizons and take on cross-media work. Where previously the students focused upon sound and music related projects, they now have the ability to create video soundtracks including original music, dialogue recorded in the studio, and sampled sound effects, all perfectly synchronised.”

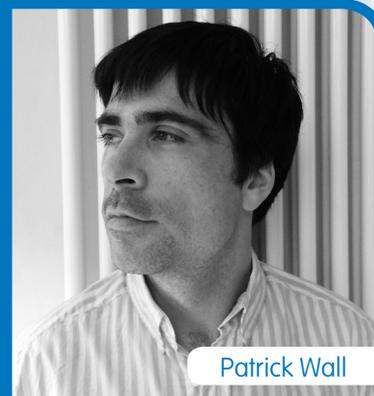
Patrick confirms that the new iMac lab has changed the way teaching and learning happens and has increased efficiency and productivity amongst staff and students:

“The power and flexibility of our new Macs allows students to use advanced software features and specialised hardware without any compatibility or capability issues. The Macs’ built-in AirDrop feature allows students and teacher to easily share audio files, DAW sessions etc wirelessly between computers – a huge enhancement to the teaching and learning experience.”

Getting the Best Value from your Investment

Patrick Wall

When looking to invest in a complete Mac Lab Refresh, the college gave careful consideration to the getting the best value out of their investment and were delighted with the savings that they could make with Wriggle’s Mac Lab Refresh Scheme:



Patrick Wall

“Our patron DDLETB has a long standing relationship with Wriggle which has obviously stood the test of time due to the professionalism and quality of their service. Our own experience has also been a positive one. The Mac Lab project was a significant spend by the college but the value for money provided by Wriggle saved the college enough in overhead costs to be able to invest the savings in additional extended warranty. Given the value of the project this was an unexpected benefit. It is an obvious move to ‘insure’ your assets with the relevant experts. Another important area we invested in was Jamf Mac Management which keeps our student’s data safe while giving us complete control to push apps to our Macs as needed. Our college now has peace of mind on top of full confidence in our new technology.”