



Shemeem O'Toole, Dr Paddy Tobin and Samantha Flaherty from GMIT at the launch of Creative Wave.



Clodagh Wade, Ciara Wade O'Dwyer and Gillian Murphy, Salthill at the launch of Creative Wave.



Right: Richard Dunphy from GMIT Letterfrack and Carrie Littlewood, Carrick-on-Suir, at Creative Wave.

Students unite to display cream of creative wares

■ Graduates stage unique collaboration of the imagination between two of GMIT's campuses

AN exhibition of work by emerging and established artists, designers, craftspeople and film-makers from two GMIT campuses is up and running at the Galway City Museum until August 27.

The exhibition, which officially opened last week, also forms part of the programme of events at this year's Galway International Arts

Festival.

Creative Wave combines the work of students, graduates and staff of GMIT's Letterfrack campus in Connemara - the Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design and Technology - and GMIT's Centre for the Creative Arts and Media (CCAM) at Wellpark Road in Galway city.

The exhibition presents a style

defined by imagination and skill and reflects how international connections and adventures have influenced the development of Galway's creative culture.

Tom Kenny, of Kenny's Gallery and Bookshop, formally opened the exhibition along with GMIT President Dr Fergal Barry, GMIT Chairman Des Mahon, students and staff, and invited guests.

Staff from both campuses have been organising this event for the past six weeks in collaboration with the Galway Museum and Galway International Arts Festival.

"Creative Wave promises to be a truly unique and exciting showcase for GMIT. It is a high quality exhibition and highlights the excellent and innovative student work produced in GMIT, the links and progression with industry and the international connectedness of our programmes. Many of those exhibiting have won national awards in their disciplines," explained Dermot O'Donovan, Head of GMIT Letterfrack.

"Creative Wave demonstrates the beautiful high quality work and the success of our students and graduates. It also reflects the energy around the upsurge in creative enterprise and international activity of GMIT graduates.

"The range and depth of creative talent on display from artists, designers and film-makers



Tom Kenny (second right) with GMIT's Dr Paddy Tobin, Dr Fergal Barry and Dermot O'Donovan, at the launch of 'Creative Wave' at Galway Museum.

Right: Muireann and Con Lohan with Sile Meehan, Salthill, at the launch of Creative Wave.



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