



Community Engagement Showcase: Ireland

Irish Heritage School, Service Based Learning Engagement.

Community partners: Dr Stephen Mandal and Dr Denis Shine.

Project Description:

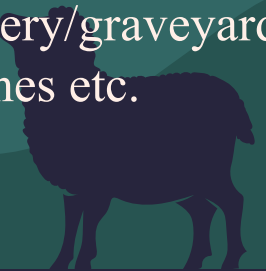
Which community partner(s) did you work with and what did you do?

- Irish Heritage School



What were the objectives of the program or project?

- Made a trail(6km), that was more walkable
- Yard games
 - Large scale board and throwing games used for fundraising events
- Garden planters
 - Made community planters for Eim Grove could plant some vegetables in!
- Maintenance on a local monastery/graveyard
 - Cleaning up leaves, branches etc.





Some photos of our team!



Experiential Learning Program or Project Highlights

How many students, faculty, staff worked on this program/project?

- 24 students in total
- 2 Teachers, Dr. Simpson and Dr. Miller
- The Irish Heritage School! Stephen, Dennis and Team!

What were some accomplishments?

- Making the Trail walkable again!
- Helping the community be able to restore pieces of their community back



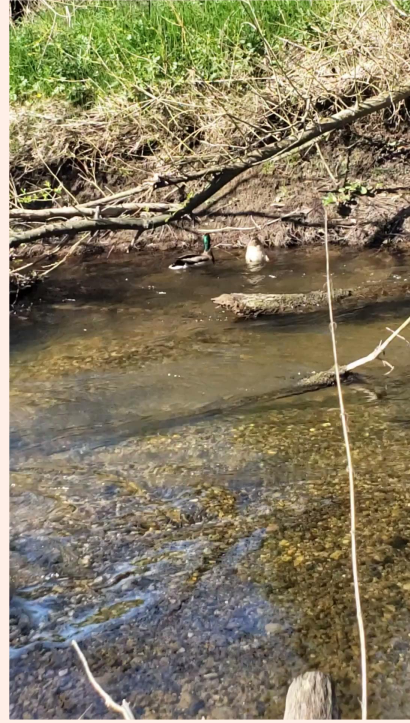
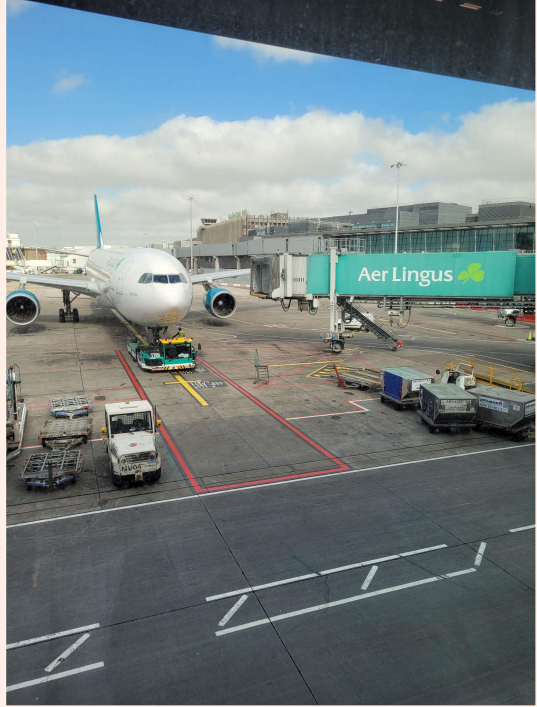
Promoting Student Success in College and Career

HOW your experiential learning work developed students' career-ready skills and aptitudes.

- Teamwork
- Navigation
- Being Conscious of Self
- Manual Labor
- Participation



Promoting Student Success in College and Career cont.



HOW the experiential learning activity supported student success in their transition to career.

- Travel
- Autonomy
- Personal Arrangements
- Community Impact
- Enjoyment



Community Impact:

What was the impact of this partnership/project on the community?
(Include any relevant quotes from community partners)

Art & Tools Committee

- Community Game Activities
- Urban Planting
- Humanitarian Support
- Creative Unity



Cleaning up Camcor Walk

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- eco-tourism boost



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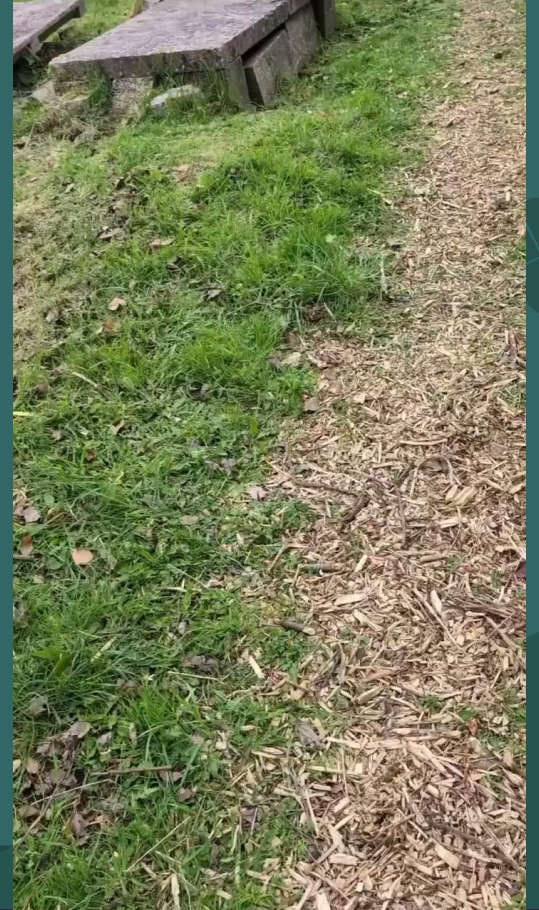
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Community Impact (Continued):

St Brendan's Monastery Clean Up

- Heritage preservation
- Historic restoration
- Educational resource



Campus Community Impact:

What was the impact of this partnership/project on Sac State students, faculty, and staff?

- How community works!
- Being able to see history from a book to in person
- Understanding how each project will help them!
- A lasting legacy between Sac State and Birr



Irish Heritage School

Project Description:

- Planters
 - Used for community gardens.
 - Reconnecting people to growing traditions
 - Health benefits
- Games
 - Used for philanthropic and community events
- Trail Cleanup
 - Encouraging long-term ecotourism
- Monastery Cleanup
 - Encouraging long-term heritage tourism

Experiential Learning Program or Project Highlights:

- 24 students. 2 Professors. 5 Community leaders from Birr

Promoting Student Success in College and Career:

- The experience from the Irish Heritage School was an exercise in the GE Honors programs values in service learning.
- This trip was a lesson in work autonomy and time management.
 - Each student was responsible for their own tasks and communicating with their team
- Gained hands-on experience with historic preservation
- Established important cross cultural relationships between Sac State and Birr's Irish Heritage School

Community Impact:

- Community fundraising and unity activities
- Ecotourism
- Heritage tourism
 - Economic community benefits



Campus Community Impact:

- Students returned to the states with a renewed sense of community.
- We worked in teams across the city, each with a focus on a different project.

More Pictures from the Trip!

