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## We can create 6,000 education jobs – Naughten

The failure of the Government to tackle international education reform has resulted in Ireland losing 24 percent of its foreign language students in just two years, a loss to the state of over €20 million, according to Denis Naughten TD.

Deputy Naughten once again called on the Government to adopt the Fine Gael international education plan that would create 6,000 jobs and generate €900 million. "Fianna Fáil and the Greens have no clue how to address this loss. They state that they realise the importance of the sector but have done nothing to tackle

the decline in students coming to Ireland during the summer months. If they do not act, the market will disappear altogether.

"There are 40,000 non-EEA students currently studying in Ireland and Fine Gael believes that with real joined-up thinking and political leadership, Ireland's market share could be doubled within five years. We should be attracting more and more students to Ireland, not losing them at a very alarming rate. Instead of procrastinating further, I once again urge the Government to adopt our plan."



**Minister, Mayor to open children's play area in Tisrara**

Minister of State, Michael Finneran TD and the Mayor of County Roscommon, Cllr. Tony Ward, will officially open the children's play area and 750 m walking track in Tisrara Community Sports Park on next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. All are welcome.

## Angler Rory off to World Finals

■ Ashling Flanagan



The World Coarse Fishing Championships take place over the 26th and 27th of June, and once again Roscommon's Rory Dunne has been selected to be part of the Irish senior team, having taken part in the competition last year in Almeer, Holland.

The team leaves for Merida, Spain next week, where they will spend two weeks training for the event. The 25-year-old from Hawthorne Drive, Roscommon is looking forward to the event, where he will be competing against representatives from over 40 other nations.

Rory is an avid angler, and this week, speaking to *Roscommon People*, he recalled that his passion for angling began when he was just nine! He competes in competitions all over

the country every weekend, including festivals which can last up to five days, however this is the biggest competition he has been involved in. To make it on to the Irish team, Rory went through trials, of which there were five sets, with the top six competitors going forward to the World Championships. Rory goes to Spain with team members from Dublin, Newry, Galway and Mayo. The competition takes place over two days, with each competitor fishing for three hours.

Rory's brother Shane is also a successful angler, and has represented Ireland in the Celtic Cup, a competition involving teams from Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Rory would like to thank Dermot Hughes Cars, Loughs Agency and the Fisheries Board for their support.

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