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IRISH EXAMINER WRITERS AMONGST FIRST TO RECEIVE NEW CIT MA IN JOURNALISM

Veteran Irish Examiner journalists Barry Coughlan and Eoin Edwards are among the first graduates who will be conferred with Cork Institute of Technology's MA in Journalism with New Media on Monday, 22nd October.

The students will be conferred with the new degree, which started last September, by the President of CIT, Dr Brendan Murphy, at the conferring ceremony. This will take place in the college's Bishopstown campus on Monday evening at 6.30pm.

Mr Coughlan works as a sports reporter and travel writer with the Irish Examiner. He has also published a number of books, including "The Irish Lions, 1896 – 2001" and "Rags to Riches: The story of Munster Rugby". Mr Edwards works as a sub-editor and features writer with the newspaper.

As well as teaching students the traditional skills of print and audio-visual journalism, the MA in Journalism with New Media pays particular attention to the growing importance of digital and interactive media on the practice of journalism and the impacts it is having on mass media.

The course is delivered by the Department of Media Communications, which is part of the Crawford College of Art and Design.

Head of Department Rose McGrath congratulated the first crop of students to graduate with this degree. "The aim of this programme is to produce graduates who have the essential skills for the fast-moving media environment. I wish them all the best for their future success."

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