

In July 2021, following training and assessment, 8 individuals were the first to be awarded with the CSNU in assessing: CSNU(a), Julia Almond OSNU, Kathryn Crossley OSNU, Minister Richard Cuthbert, Vanessa Follett CSNU, Moira Hawkins DSNU, Penny Hayward DSNU, Lynn Parker OSNU and Iris Wuehrich CSNU were the first candidates to complete the training and assessment to be appointed with the CSNU(a).

Now that lockdowns have relaxed, training has been able to move from online to being delivered at the Baranell Centre by Minister Judith Seaman and Minister Simon James. Judith said, "This is the first time that training has been offered in Assessment within the SNU leading to the Award of CSNU(a) in any discipline which the candidate already holds. It is an amazing new venture which will ultimately provide

more people who are trained to be able to assess at all levels and all subjects offered within the SNU. This is enabling the work of the Education & Exponents Committee to be brought into line with main stream education assessments, which furthers the value of such awards within real world activities.

It was the most varied, intensive and exciting assessment programme which I have ever produced and everyone worked very hard throughout out the seven days. Big thanks to my fellow ASNU, Minister Simon James, without whom this could not have been achieved. Big Congratulations to all those who were willing to take part in this new training culminating in the granting of their award, and I already have a waiting list for the next group of applicants."

The Baranell Centre was a hive of activity all week with a range of assessments taking place in teaching, speaking, demonstrating and spirit art, with Tracey Mattheuman

(Teacher Training Coordinator) ensuring the schedule ran smoothly. Some individuals were being assessed to gain further awards during the week, as well as being assessed for their CSNU(a). Centre Manager Seamus Davies did a great job of ensuring that the centre was completely Covid-19 compliant meaning that those present could enjoy being in the physical presence of one another safely.

Overall the week was a great success with many achievements accomplished and the appointment of new Assessors helps to pave the way for future candidates to be able to achieve their aspirations within the SNU award structure.

For more details about the CSNU(a) contact Christine Thompson CSNU, Secretary of the Education & Exponents Committee on expo.sec@snu.org.uk

Assessment is at the heart of SNU awards, all those who wish to undertake an award need to be assessed by appropriately experienced and qualified Assessors who use specific criteria to make an assessment on theoretical knowledge and practical application/demonstration of the appropriate discipline.

Assessing the Assessors

