

# Press Release

## **LIT and Thomond Park announce Partnership**

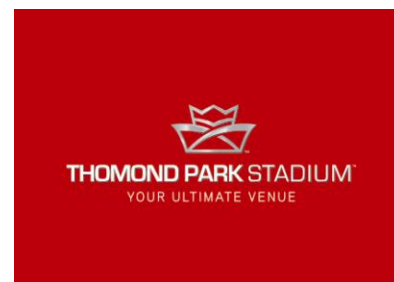
Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) and Thomond Park have entered into a partnership which will enhance collaboration between the higher education provider and the iconic rugby stadium.

The Stadium Director of Thomond Park, John Cantwell and President of LIT, Dr Maria Hinfelaar signed a Memorandum of Understanding which takes the collaboration between the two organisations to the next level. Given their close proximity, LIT and Thomond Park already have in place a number of existing arrangements with regard to match days, and this new agreement will seek to extend this collaboration to academic areas.

A number of key and immediate areas of collaboration have already been identified such as: guest lectures, field trips, student internships or placements, active learning assignments and student or staff volunteering.

Speaking at the signing of the MOU with Thomond Park, Dr Maria Hinfelaar, President of LIT said, "This agreement will build on the existing relationship of collaboration between LIT and Thomond Park, in light of our co-location as a major sporting venue and a major educational institution in Limerick city it is mutually beneficial for us to develop synergies. Discipline areas within LIT that are likely to benefit from the Thomond Park agreement are students from Business and Humanities, Video and Sound Technology and the LIT Sports Services."

There is enthusiasm in both organisations for the partnership and both LIT and Thomond Park have designated a liaison officer to develop and coordinate specific activities and programmes of collaboration.



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John Cantwell, Thomond Park Stadium Director welcomed the new agreement with LIT, “On behalf of Thomond Park Stadium, I am delighted to enter into this expanded agreement with LIT as it represents a positive commitment from both organisations to work together to develop new and mutually beneficial initiatives. Our agreement is structured to deliver benefits for both through integrated programmes involving education, sport, and business”

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Thomond Park Stadium Director John Cantwell and LIT President Dr Maria Hinfelaar pictured at Thomond Park after signing an agreement which will see the two organisations collaborate in a number of mutually beneficial initiatives.

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