

**FREE Practical Information Evening  
for Students and Parents**

# **PREPARING FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE & GOING TO COLLEGE**

Hosted by People First Credit Union

**Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm**

To register: email [belinda@peoplefirstcu.ie](mailto:belinda@peoplefirstcu.ie)  
Limited places are available. Booking is essential

**BOOK  
EARLY**



Guest Speaker  
**Rory O'Connor**  
(Rory's Stories)

# Speakers:



**Guest Speaker**

This year People First CU are delighted to welcome **Rory O'Connor** or as he is better known **Rory's Stories** as our guest speaker. Rory started blogging in 2013 and since then his career has catapulted as his popularity grows through social media, stand-up comedy and writing bestselling books.

Rory will speak about "believing in yourself, taking risks, seeing opportunities and above all being happy and content with who you are".



**Sean Dunne** is the CEO of People First Credit Union. He has over 30 years' experience of working within financial services. Seán is familiar with the stresses that come from parents and students worrying about funding college education. "We are hosting this evening to educate both parents and students about how they can put financial planning into place early which will ease the burden and allow easy transition from secondary to third level". Seán will discuss:

- Student Loans
- Grant Payments & Paypal
- People First Credit Union's online



**Mary Quirke**, owner of 'Career Confidence' is a qualified Career Guidance-Counsellor with 20 years' experience. She co-authored her first book 6 years ago - 'Sorted'. Mary works closely with larger organisations such as the HSE, REHAB, FETAC and the Institute of Guidance Counsellors. Most recently she worked as Assistant Director with AHEAD - a National Body actively advocating for a future where students and graduates with disabilities. Currently Mary is studying for a PHD in Career Guidance with TCD. Mary will discuss topics:

- CAO
- Change of mind
- Options outside of going to college



**Damian Butler** is the Budgetary Advisor in UCC. He has previously work for SUSI Grant Funding and he has extensive knowledge on educational supports and funding for college life. Damian will discuss:

- SUSI Grant Funding
- Coping with college life
- Securing accommodation

