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Season's Greetings!

After a busy semester we hope that you are all looking forward to a break over the festive season. In this edition, some updates and items for the new year, but a few treats for you as well…please check your email or our website **www.dit.ie/lttc** for all links included in this digest
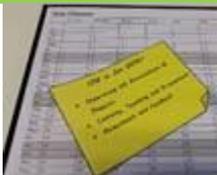
Living Knowledge Conference 7 – Call for Submissions

Living Knowledge 2016 will be hosted in DIT Aungier St and Kevin St from 22-24 June 2016. The Access and Civic Engagement Office (ACE) and the Learning, Teaching and Technology Centre (LTTC) are co-organising this major event and they are inviting submissions from anyone who would like to suggest ideas for interactive, collaborative and engaging sessions to be included in the conference programme.

The conference theme is: **Integrating community based partnership into learning and teaching for responsible research and innovation (RRI).** The closing date for submission of proposals is **January 7th 2016**.
find out more >>

Even more CPD dates for your new diary!

As we approach the end of 2015, you might be reflecting on the semester and planning for the year ahead. The LTTC have three more CPDs commencing in January 2016 which may be of interest:

- **Supervising Undergraduate Dissertations and Projects** – Wed, Jan 20th and Tuesdays March 1st, 8th & 15th. Times: 10am-1pm.
- **Learning, Teaching and Assessment** – Thursdays 10am-5pm: Jan 21st and March 31st. Online activities will engage participants throughout, as well as a micro-teaching session.
- **Assessment and Feedback** – Jan 26th, Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd. Times: 10am-1pm.
- **Trends in eLearning Technology**- Jan 26th, Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.
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Research and Scholarly Conversations – LTTC Webinar Series

The first of LTTC's new webinar series took place on Monday 23rd November, on the theme of *Technology and the Formation of Academic Practice,* presented by **Ciarán O'Leary**, Lecturer in DIT School of Computing, and College Head of Learning Development.

The Research and Scholarly Conversations series focuses on current doctoral pedagogic research and scholarship taking place across the institute. The second webinar will be presented by **Neven Bermingham** of the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism, and will take place in February 2016.
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12 Apps of Christmas goes viral!

The second instalment in the award winning series **The 12 Apps of Christmas** commenced on 1st December 2015, and at the time of writing **almost 2000 participants** have been enjoying an app a day. The project was aimed at students of all ages undertaking further education, third level education, and/or post-graduate study, and also at their tutors and lecturers. All of the apps will remain online once released for people to revisit and use – so there's always time to unwrap any that you might have missed!
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Change 1 Thing by Spring – the story so far…

The **Change 1 Thing by Spring** initiative this semester has yielded many great ideas from colleagues across the institute, as well as in ITTDublin and IT Blanchardstown. You can see a dynamic listing of ideas on the LTTC website and there's lots of time to add your own if you have not already done so.
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National Forum Seminar Series at DIT

DIT LTTC has once again been successful in securing funding from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning for its annual Seminar Series. Three seminars have been funded, and the first of these took place on 29th October, with **Dr Samantha Pugh** of the University of Leeds speaking on *Rethinking the dissertation as a way to develop and assess student research and enterprise skills in STEM disciplines*.
Two further seminars will take place in early 2016:

- *Rethinking feedback practices in higher education: a peer review perspective*, **February 16th 11am to 1pm**
- *Students as Researchers: Linking Teaching and Research Throughout the Curriculum*, **March 1st 11am to 1pm**

Booking through EventBrite will be available soon – please watch the LTTC website for further details.

Research Corner

The LTTC is delighted to note the publication of the book *Responsible sales and service of alcohol* by **James Murphy** of the School of Culinary Arts and Food Technology, who is also a graduate of our **MA in Higher Education**. The book was launched by Minister Leo Varadkar this week at DIT Cathal Brugha Street.

Orla Hanratty highlights the inaugural **Science Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)** on our blogsite. This event took place on November 13th at DIT Grangegorman. Former undergraduates from DIT, ITT Dublin and IT Blanchardstown presented their research, with graduates and current staff giving keynote addresses. Full details are available online.
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Wishing you a happy and peaceful holiday
and the very best for 2016!