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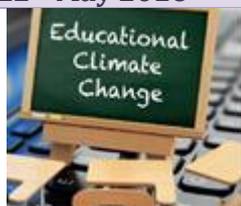
Welcome

Welcome to the *Teaching Matters* digest for April. Remember to check our main website for more information about any of the items here or on the blog, and of course you are welcome to contact us with any questions or feedback you may have.

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You can follow **our blog** to catch updates in between these digest emails. If you are using Wordpress, *Follow* the blog via your own account to get update of any of our blog posts via email.

REGISTER NOW for the 2016 Learning Innovation Showcase & LTTC Graduate Conference 12th May 2016

The 2016 Learning Innovation Showcase and LTTC Graduate Conference will take place on Thursday 12th May 2016.

THEME: *Educational Climate Change: Exploring our Learning Environments*.
Keynote speaker: Professor Norman Jackson

The programme includes lots of 'Gasta' lightning sessions with short presentations from many colleagues on innovations and strategies they are currently implementing! There will also be parallel sessions with longer presentations, discussion opportunities and posters. This is a great opportunity to hear about effective changes your colleagues are making to their teaching practice, and to informally meet colleagues from across the Institute and beyond who are interested in improving the educational experience for students. Tea/coffee and lunch is provided.

This year, we have amalgamated our **Graduate Student Conference** into the Showcase. The afternoon segment from **2 to 3pm** involves parallel sessions by current and past students on our LTTC programmes.

- Current draft programme now available!
- ***Book now! see Eventbrite***
- **Thursday 12th May 2016, 9.15am to 3.30pm at the LTTC area, 5th Floor, DIT Aungier Street**
- **Further details at http://dit.ie/lttc/workshops/showcaseofltinnovations/**

National Forum Seminar: Coordinating the Programme Team for Assessment and Feedback

The next National Forum seminar at DIT will take place at DIT Kevin St on **6th May 2016 from 9.30am to 3.30pm**, on the topic **Coordinating the Programme Team for Assessment and Feedback**. **Dr Mark Kerrigan,** Director of Learning and Teaching, Anglia Ruskin University (mapmyprogramme.com) and **Dr Alan Masson** of Blackboard Inc. will lead this event. The design of assessment and feedback across the modules and stages of a programme should look beyond the atomic assessment of individual modules and consider the overall objectives of the programme, including programme learning outcomes and graduate attributes. This seminar will examine and provide training of a number of collaborative assessment planning tools currently available, including the Greenwich University MapMyProgramme tool. There will also be an opportunity to be involved in participatory design of the next generation of tools to support programme teams in the design of their assessment and feedback activity.

Dublin e-Learning Summer School 2016

The **Dublin eLearning Summer School** is now in its 14th year and since 2003 has provided participants with a forum through which to experience, explore and learn more about both existing and emerging technologies, and to consider how best to integrate them into their teaching, learning and assessment practices. This year we aim to bring these conversations on further and consider the wider issues that can affect our ability, at both an institutional and individual level, to provide appropriate, high quality, flexible and online learning opportunities for our students. The theme is **Ethics and eLearning**, a theme that is timely as many higher education institutions increase their efforts to exist effectively and appropriately in the online space. The topics to be explored include copyright and e-learning; the effective and ethical use of learning analytics; privacy and data protection; digital footprints; and academic integrity in a digital age."

- **Dates:** Weds 22 June 2016 to Friday 24 June 2016
- **Location:** DIT Bolton Street, Dublin 1
- **Hash tag:** #elss16
- **Contributors include:** Jane Secker (LSE), Niall Sclater (Sclater Digital), Eoin O'Dell (TCD), Bernie Goldbach (LIT), Fergal Crehan (Barrister, The Hit Team), Kevin O'Rourke (National Forum), Naomi Jackson (DBS) , Claire McAvinia (DIT), Damian Gordon (DIT)
- **Who should attend? Anyone engaged with higher education and training in Ireland and beyond**
- **More details will follow in the next** *Teaching Matters* **but for information at this stage please email lttc@dit.ie**

LTTC Programmes and CPD modules 2016-2017 Entry

Applications are now being accepted for our **Postgraduate Diploma in Third Level Learning and Teaching, MSc in Applied e-Learning**, **MA in Higher Education** and **CPD modules** for 2016-2017. These exciting, innovative and award-winning programmes are tailored for today's busy academics and practitioners who are seeking to update or develop new skills and strategies that can enhance their students' learning. All programmes use student-centred methods, combining face-to-face sessions with online, interactive activities so that you can easily fit study around your work and/or other commitments. Programmes commence again in September 2016 and we will run an **online Q&A session in May** for applicants – please watch our website for more details!
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Research and Scholarly Conversations – online webinars

The next RSC Webinar will be led by **Una Beagon**, School of Civil and Structural Engineering. The title of this webinar is **Problem Based Learning to Enhance Graduate Attributes – is this the way forward?**

Una will discuss some preliminary research which has been carried out to ascertain if Problem Based Learning is an effective way to enhance Graduate Attributes. It reports on the outcome of a design project module where students were given an open ended problem – to design a bridge to span 6m over a river for use in emergency situations in Nairobi.

The webinar will take place on **Monday 16th May from 1-1.45pm**. All are welcome, and joining details will be sent out ahead of the event. Please check our website for registration details and links to recordings of previous webinars.

Perspectives in Education Seminar 5th May 2016

Grade Point Average?
All staff are invited to participate in this third *Perspectives in Education* seminar of 2016, designed to provide an opportunity for members of the DIT community to exchange ideas on issues in education and the factors which impinge on how we work as academics within DIT.

- **Thursday 5th May 2016, DIT Aungier Street, 3pm to 4.30pm**
- **Chair:** Dr Jen Harvey, LTTC, DIT
- **Guest contributors include:** Dr Julie Dunne (Food Science and Environmental Health, DIT), Dr Sinead Ryan (Veterinary Medicine, UCD)
- **BOOKING**: To ensure that there is adequate space at the venue, please reserve your place by booking online
- find out more >>

Catch up with… E-Portfolios: What Now, Where Next?

Dublin Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology Tallaght, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown and Hibernia College, with the support of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, are working together on a six-month project entitled **An ePortfolio strategy to enhance student learning and assessment, and staff professional development**. As part of the project, we hosted a **National Irish ePortfolio Forum event ePortfolios in Ireland: What Now, Where Next?** in late March. If you were unable to make this event, or you would like to see some of the parallel sessions and keynotes again, **you can now access recordings online.** Watch the website and Twitter for further details of the project and outcomes from the conference.
find out more >>

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