

TEACHING MATTERS

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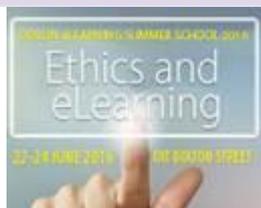
Welcome

Welcome to the *Teaching Matters* digest for May/June, our last digest for this academic year. 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.

Follow us!

We will continue to post to [our blog](#) – you can catch updates there over the summer period. If you are using Wordpress, *Follow* the blog via your own account to get update of any of our blog posts via email.

Dublin e-Learning Summer School 2016 – **registration open!**



The Dublin eLearning Summer School 2016 is now open for registration!

The 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 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 elearning; the effective and ethical use of learning analytics; privacy and data protection; digital footprints; and academic integrity in a digital age. The format is informal and discursive, and all interested colleagues from the Irish higher education sector and beyond are very welcome.

- **When & where:** The event is running over three days in DIT Bolton Street, 22 June to 24 June, from 10am to 4pm each day
- **Full programme:** [see the ELSS16 wordpress site](#)
- **REGISTRATION:** [Reserve your place online](#) or email <mailto:littc@dit.ie> with further questions

And if you can't make the event this year, keep an eye on #elss16 as we will be tweeting actively during the summer school, and will also link to relevant supporting information and interesting resources.

Living Knowledge Conference – 22-24 June in DIT



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 \(LTTTC\)](#) are co-organising this major event. The programme is now available on the conference website; <http://www.livingknowledge.org/lk7/> and includes opportunities to attend pre-conference site visits and workshops as well as a free evening public event which will be advertised at the end of May. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in community based research and community based learning as well as those already involved in this area [to register](#) for the conference where they can develop, share and co-create knowledge about community engagement and responsible research and innovation. The conference theme is: **Integrating community based partnership into learning and teaching for responsible research and innovation (RRI)**. There will be a focus on science shops, community-based research, and other knowledge exchange and creation, collaborations between local communities, civil society organisations, researchers and educators.

- The closing date for [registration](#) is **June 11th** but places are filling fast.
- To find out more, visit the conference website at <http://www.livingknowledge.org/lk7/>
- This conference is being funded by the European Commission as part of the [EnRRICH project – Enhancing Responsible Research and Innovation through Curricula in Higher Education](#).



The next issue of the LTTC's peer-reviewed **Irish Journal of Academic Practice (IJAP)** will be [published online](#) on **7th June 2016**.

This issue contains 12 wide-ranging and exciting cross-disciplinary research articles from colleagues in DIT and across higher education in Ireland. Articles report research from disciplines including design, business, food science, finance and the creative arts. Topics addressed include entrepreneurial education, student retention, e-learning and e-portfolios, laboratory skills, student engagement, screencasting to reduce cognitive load and the enhancement of work placement through reflective blogs.

[find out more >>](#)

Changes in the LTTC Team



Nicholas Codd

Welcome to our newest staff member! The LTTC would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Nicholas Codd** to the team. Nicholas graduated with a BA (Hons) in Media Production Management from BCFE – awarded by DCU. After graduating he worked as a freelance media producer with particular emphasis on producing media for web for SME's. Following this he completed a M.Sc. in Multimedia from DCU and since graduating he has worked with DCU on a number of projects providing multimedia teaching on a variety of courses. Prior to joining the LTTC as an eLearning Development Officer, Nicholas worked within the School of Communications in DCU as a Teaching Assistant / Technical Officer. Nicholas can be contacted at nicholas.codd@dit.ie and by phone at extension 7050.



Daphne Mulvey

Daphne Mulvey leaving the LTTC

After almost ten years with the LTTC Daphne Mulvey is returning to DIT Library Services in June. Daphne has been an invaluable member of elearning support and development and has been the primary point of contact for many DIT staff for Webcourses support. Comments from Webcourses users on Daphne's work include "you provide a world class service" and "you're a star" – that one very regularly!

We wish Daphne all the best in her new role and will really miss her here in the LTTC. **Good luck Daphne!**

Your Opinion Counts!



The LTTC are currently reviewing their working practice as they plan ahead for next year. All staff are invited to become involved in this exercise by completing a short anonymous questionnaire. As of 25th May, there have already been over 120 responses.

The survey only takes 5-10 minutes to complete and is available from

<http://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/CTbeR28M>

We plan to publish a summary report of your feedback on our website in June.

Research Corner



Claire McDonnell
presenting at MICER

Dr Claire McDonnell from the LTTC contributed to a Methods in Chemistry Education Research Conference on May 20th in the Royal Society of Chemistry London. There were approximately 50 participants and further information, including some advance materials posted by presenters on statistical methods and qualitative methodologies in education research, is available at <https://micerportal.wordpress.com/>



Dr Claire McAvinia from the LTTC has published *Online Learning and its Users: Lessons for Higher Education*, a book based on her doctoral research. The book re-examines the impact of learning technologies in higher education, focusing particularly on the introduction and mainstreaming of one of the most widely used, the virtual learning environment (VLE) or learning management system (LMS). Through analysis and discussion of the activities of managers, lecturers, and learners using the VLE, lessons are identified to inform future initiatives including the implementation of massive open online courses (MOOCs).

LTTC Programmes and CPD modules 2016-2017 Entry



Applications are being accepted **until 30th June** for our [Postgraduate Diploma in Third Level Learning and Teaching](#), [MSc in Applied e-Learning](#), [MA in Higher Education](#) and [CPD modules](#) commencing September 2016.

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.

[find out more >>](#)

LTTC Engagement with Academic Staff – Did You Know?



- From September 2008 to June 2015, **710 academic staff** have engaged with LTTC, including **51 HPALs**.
- These 710 staff have registered **2,787 engagements with the LTTC**, each engagement representing completion of a programme/CPD/workshop or attendance at an event.
- This indicates that almost **70% of current DIT academic staff** (non HPAL) have engaged in some form with the LTTC since 2008.
- [Join us](#) for events, programmes, workshops and projects in 2016-17!

Research and Scholarly Conversations



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?**

The webinar was rescheduled to **Monday 30th May from 1-1.45pm**. Joining details will be sent out ahead of this event. [Please check our website for registration details.](#)

Catch up with... 2016 Learning Innovation Showcase and LTTC Graduate Conference



The 2016 Learning Innovation Showcase and LTTC Graduate Conference took place on Thursday 12th May 2016, with the theme *Educational Climate Change: Exploring our Learning Environments*. Almost 80 people attended and we welcomed [Professor Norman Jackson](#) as our Keynote speaker. Norman also facilitated a workshop on curriculum design as part of the programme for the day. The [programme](#) includes lots of 'Gasta' lightning sessions with short presentations from many colleagues on innovations and strategies they are currently implementing! This year, we amalgamated our **Graduate Student Conference** into the Showcase. The afternoon segment involved parallel sessions by current and past students on our [LTTC programmes](#).

- **If you were unable to make this event, you can now catch up online** at <http://dit.ie/lttc/workshops/showcaseofinnovations/>
- **Also see the back channel on Twitter via [#ditlffc](#)**

Teaching Matters will return in September



We wish colleagues an enjoyable summer!

CONTACT US!

We welcome enquiries and your feedback to lttc@dit.ie