

TEACHING MATTERS

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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, we look back at the highlights of 2014 and we've added a few treats for you as well...



Celebrating 2014: Graduations



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- **Congratulations to graduates of our CPDs, Postgraduate Diploma, MSc in Applied eLearning, and MA in Higher Education!** Diploma and Master's graduations were held in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 8th November, CPD graduations took place earlier this summer.
- **New Year Resolution Solution!** There are four new CPD modules commencing in the new year – please [see our website](#) for more details.
- Applications will be open again shortly for our Diploma, MA and MSc courses for September 2015 start dates.



Celebrating 2014: Participation

- Numerous colleagues internally and externally to the DIT have joined our courses and workshops in 2014.
- Most recently, the **12 Apps of Christmas**, which ran Dec 1st - Dec 16th, had **700 participants**, both nationally and internationally, discussing 12 different mobile apps and how their integration could transform learning, teaching and assessment practices. The site can be found at <http://the12appsofchristmas.wordpress.com/> and is open now for use under the creative commons licence CC BY-NC-SA 2.0
- Our workshops list is constantly updated, and you can find details [on our website](#).



Celebrating 2014: Research

- Throughout this year, *Teaching Matters* has noted the publication of research papers by LTTC students and staff.
- Most recently you can see the published work of MSc students in the [AISHE journal](#), while other colleagues have published work in [IJAP](#) and Fellowships have been published to [Arrow](#).
- You too can get involved – a call for papers for **IJAP 2015** will shortly be issued. Please watch our website for further details.



Time for a Treat



[twas the night before Christmas...](#)

Celebrating 2014: LTTC evolving!

- In a busy year for the LTTC, we left Mount Street after 14 years to join colleagues and students at the Aungier Street campus.
- **To accompany the move, we will shortly re-launch our website – please watch that space!**



Celebrating 2014: teaching, learning and TU4D

- Throughout this year we have collaborated with colleagues in the TU4D in a wide range of teaching and learning events and initiatives.
- Our **Annual Showcase** in January 2014 included participants from ITTDublin and ITB across the programme, and colleagues joined us again in May to re-imagine the first year experience at a two-day event facilitated by **Ewan McIntosh**.
- We have since collaborated on a number of National Forum seminars and Fellows from ITTDublin joined us for the Fellowships launch in October.
- We look forward to welcoming colleagues from across the three Institutes to our next **Showcase on 14th January 2015**.



Time for a Treat



Two seasonal dishes to accompany your turkey, ham or nut roast!

Skirlie – Scottish oatmeal stuffing

50g of butter or dripping
1 onion - finely chopped
175g oatmeal (half coarse oatmeal and half pinhead oatmeal)
Salt and pepper

1. Melt the butter in a pan and add the onion, frying gently to soften.
2. Stir in the oatmeal, season and cook gently for 10 minutes.

Galway potato balls

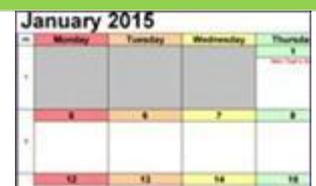
Boiled potatoes, approximately one potato per person
2 oz flour (increase slightly if large amount of potatoes)
1 onion chopped and sautéed
fresh parsley
butter

1. Mash the potatoes, mix the flour into the mashed potatoes and then add the sautéed onion.
2. Stir in the herbs and season to taste.
3. Shape the mix into dumplings about the width of the palm of your hand – careful, as the spuds might still be hot!
4. Place in an oven dish all together – no need to space them out.
5. Put a small knob of butter on top of each ball.
6. Bake in the oven at 170 degrees (160 fan) for about 30 minutes or until golden on top.
7. They may merge together but outlines should remain to help you spoon out a helping.

Happy New Year: Join us for our Annual Showcase!

The 15th Annual Showcase of Learning and Teaching Innovations will take place at the Aungier Street Campus on Wednesday 14th January 2015.

Please Save the Date!



Teaching Tip

- **This month our tip is simply to relax after the busy year – we look forward to welcoming you again in 2015 refreshed and ready for the new year.**
- **Find out more about our projects, programmes, workshops and e-learning in 2015 on [our website](#).**



Wishing you the very best for the holiday season and a happy new year!