

# ***Teaching Grandmothers to suck eggs: Engaging academics in professional development***

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## **Welcome to the Learning, Teaching & Technology Centre (LTTC)**



The DIT Learning, Teaching & Technology Centre (LTTC) is located at 14 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.

In January 2009, the LTTC was formed with the amalgamation of the Learning & Teaching Centre (LTC) and the Learning, Technology Team (LTT).

The remit of the LTTC is to provide professional development opportunities for academic staff through a suite of postgraduate programmes in third level learning and teaching, as well as providing training workshops and consultancy supports to Departments, Schools and Faculties on matters related to pedagogies, programme design, assessment strategies and student support.

## Sample of LTTC workshops

MOOCs: The what, the why and a little of the how

Wikis in education: Learning with the webcourses wiki

"Reflection can't be assessed - can it?"  
Developing and assessing student reflection

Assessments, assignments and the grade centre in webcourses

Exploring the potential of ePortfolios for student learning

"Is it on the exam?" Practical tips for changing assessment practice

Delivering effective webinars

Web 2.0: Social media in education

The assessment challenge: Aligning learning outcomes, teaching-learning strategies and assessment practices

Demystify the process: Academic writing and the First Year Student

Lecture capture with Echo360: What it is and how to do it

Advanced webcourses

Articulate: creating elearning resources using Articulate Studio

How to help your students think: An introduction to PBL

Developing a hybrid module

Mobile learning with webcourses

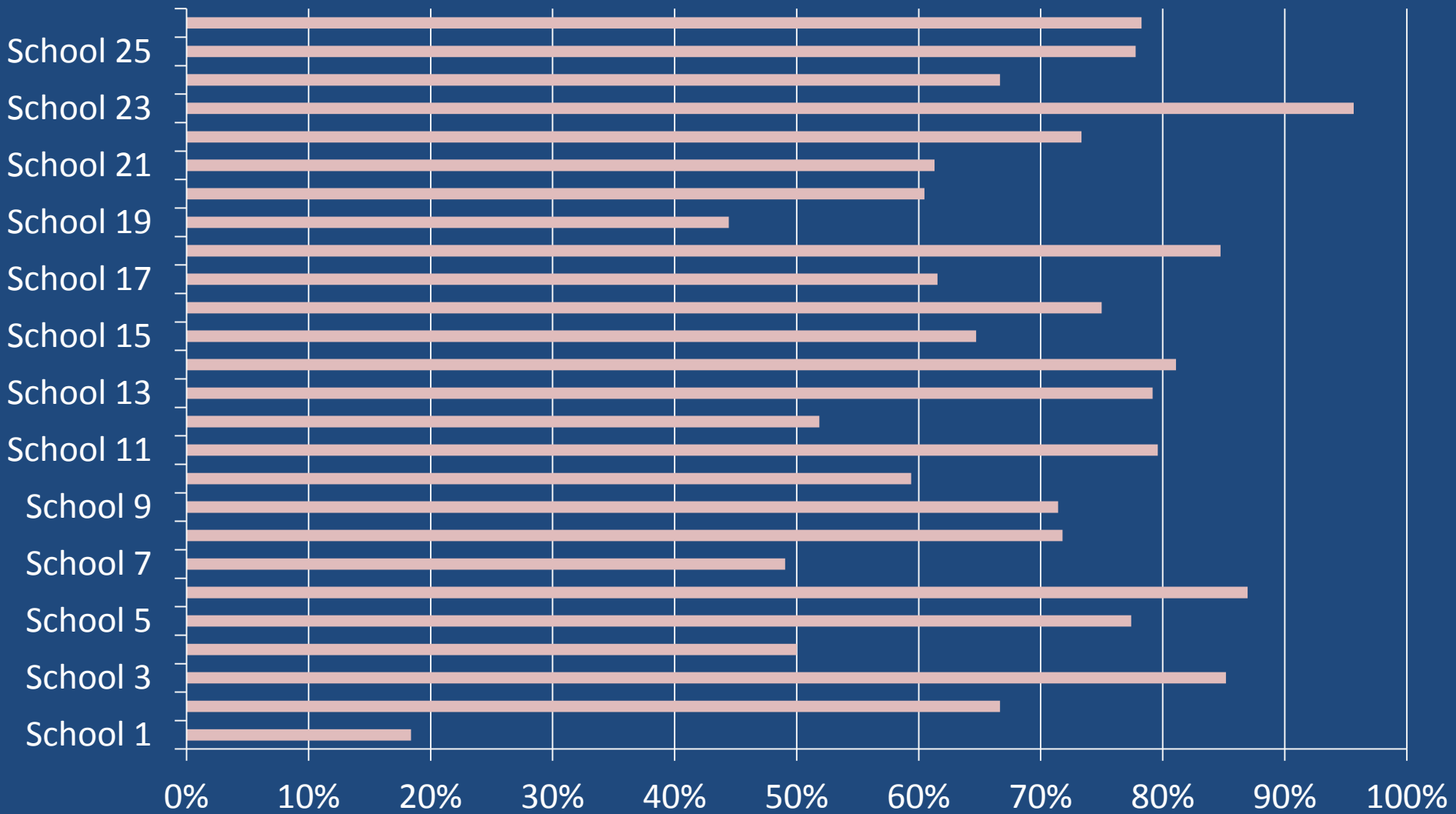
## LTTC academic development workshops - key statistics, 2008-2013

- 115 individual workshops /events developed, full list at [www.dit.ie/lttc](http://www.dit.ie/lttc)
- 363 workshops offered
- 3479 attendances at these workshops
- 1,062 individual DIT staff have engaged with the LTTC through workshops and other events in this period, 809 of these are academic staff
- 43% of attendees have attended 3 or more LTTC workshops / events
- 68% of all DIT academic staff at 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2013 had attended a workshop or other LTTC academic development event



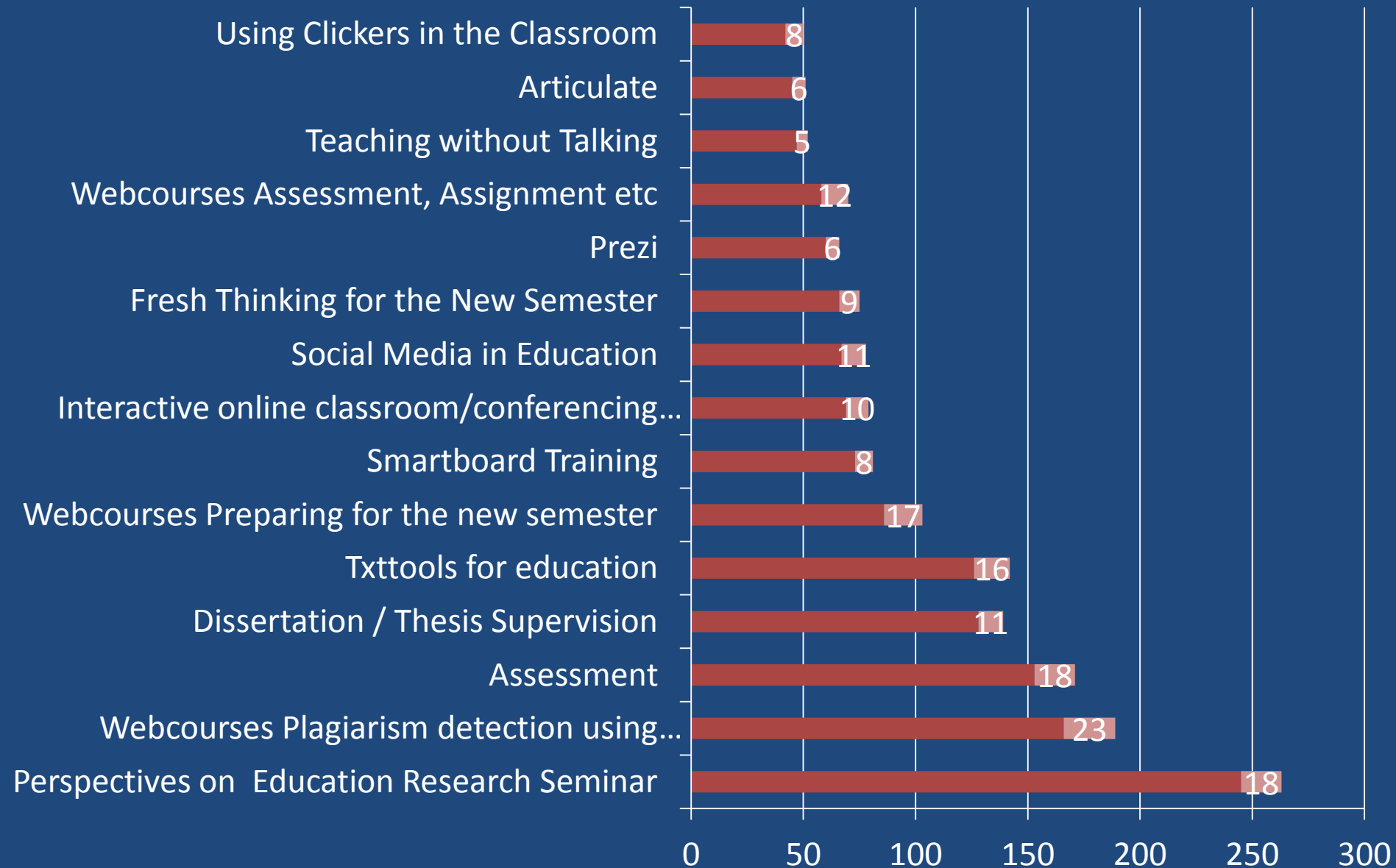
# DIT academic staff engagement

## % of academic staff by School who have attended an LTTC workshop/event 2008-2013



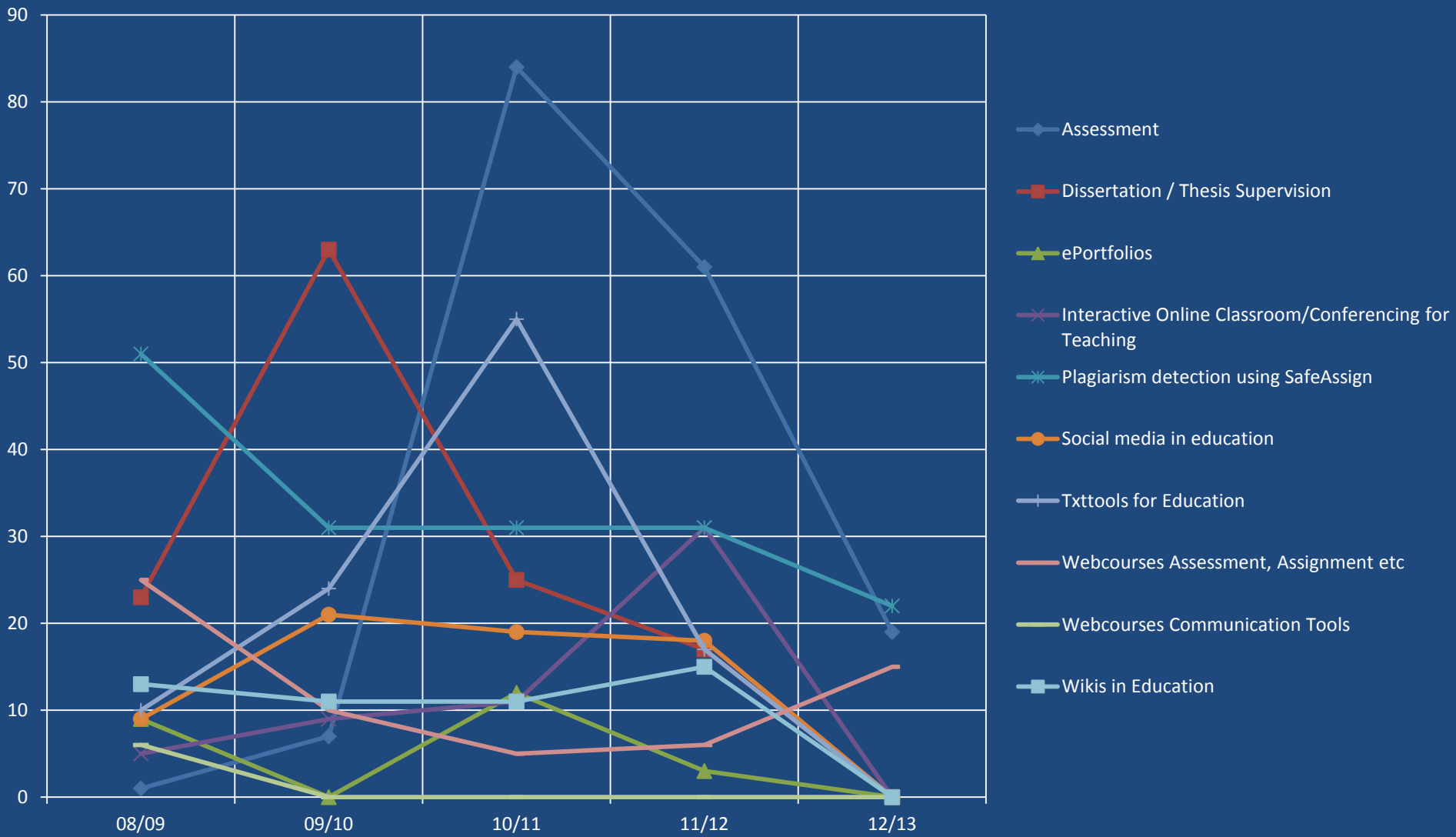
# Workshop attendances 2008-13

## Top 15 workshops by attendance\*



# Workshop attendance by year

(sample of workshop types)





## Workshop feedback

- workshop feedback gathered after each workshop
- Anonymous, online using Free Online Surveys
- A key factor in shaping our workshop offering
- Workshops must live up to their expectations
  
- Feedback we like:  
*“The lecturer was excellent, the seminar was well structured and delivered. It reflected very well on DIT.”*
  
- Feedback that we act on:  
*“Sorry to be negative, but I feel the pace was not pitched at people with no prior knowledge. Many Thanks.”*

# Conclusion

- Vast amount of data available to us in a searchable format
- What can we do with this now?
- Suggestions!

