



# Student Led Learning National Symposium:

What Works... retention, student engagement and learners transition to Further and Higher Education

**VENUE: Griffith College, Conference Centre**  
South Circular Road, Dublin 8, Ireland  
**Thursday, 11 June 2015**  
**08:30 to 16:00**



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## Programme

**8.30am Registration and refreshments**

**9.00am Opening**

Dr Joseph Ryan, Academic Registrar, Athlone Institute of Technology and board member of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

### Introduction

Professor Sarah Moore, Chair of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

**9.15am Keynote One Title: 'Student Transition, Retention and Success'**

Professor Liz Thomas, Director of the What works? Student retention and success change programme. Research Project of HEAUK.

*Further information at:*

<http://www.lizthomasassociates.co.uk/about.html>



**10.00am Transitions Project One: 'Student Non-Completion',**

*Project Leader:* Dr Niamh Moore-Cherry, University College Dublin.

*Presenter:* Dr Elaine Burroughs, University College Dublin.

**10.20am Transitions Project Two: 'Teaching for Transitions: A review of teaching for transitions related teaching and learning activity and research'**

*Project Leader and Presenter:* Dr Bettie Higgs, University College Cork.

**10.40am Q & A Panel**, chaired by Dr Carina Ginty, Student Led Learning (SLL) and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.

**11.00am Refreshments**

**11.20am Keynote Two Title: 'Transitions in Further Education – A Case Study'**

Mr Pat Maunsell, Irish Colleges of Further Education. *Further information at:* <http://www.lcfe.ie/About-Us/Director-s-Welcome.aspx>



**12.00pm Transitions Project Three: 'Transition from Second Level and Further Education to Third Level'.**

*Project Leader:* Dr Eleanor Denny, Trinity College Dublin.

*Presenter:* Ms Geraldine Brosnan, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick.

**12.20pm Transitions Project Four: 'An Investigation of the Impact of Learner Support Initiatives on Retention in ICT Programmes'.**

*Project Leaders and Presenters:* Dr Abdulhussain E. Mahdi and Dr. Michael English, University of Limerick.

**12.50pm Q&A Panel**, chaired by Ms Nuala Harding, SLL and Athlone Institute of Technology.

**1.00pm Lunch and Networking**

**2.00pm Afternoon Session**

Introduction, Dr Terry Maguire, Director of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

### Student Led Learning (SLL) Projects 2014-2015:

#### • Students in Transition Video Journey

*SLL Project Team:*

Dr Carina Ginty, SLL and GMIT, Cliona O'Kelly, SLL & Limerick College of Further Education, Catherine Walsh, SLL and the Institute of Guidance Counsellors Ireland, Fiona O'Riordan, SLL and Griffith College Dublin, Nuala Harding, SLL and AIT, Marese Bermingham, SLL and CIT, Laura Keane, SLL and WIT, Maura Murphy, SLL and UL, Ann Heelin, SLL and AHEAD, Louise Staunton, SLL and ICOS and Catherine O'Connor SLL and Trinity College Dublin.

#### • SLL Peer Learning eGuidebook, Student Leader Training Video and the SLL Website ([www.lin.ie/sll](http://www.lin.ie/sll))

*SLL Project Team:* Dr Carina Ginty and Evelyn Moylan, SLL and GMIT, Nuala Harding and Dr Brian Murphy SLL and AIT.

#### • Cracking the College Code Webinar Series

*SLL Project Team:* Catherine O'Connor SLL and Trinity College Dublin, Nuala Harding, SLL and AIT and Dr Carina Ginty, SLL and GMIT.

#### • First 6 Weeks Framework

*SLL Project Team:* Marese Bermingham, SLL and CIT, Laura Keane, SLL and WIT, Rebecca Roper, SLL and IADT and Maura Murphy, SLL and UL.

**2.40pm Keynote Three Title: 'How can we further develop the role of students in enhancing the Student Learning Experience?'**

Ms Eve Lewis, Head of sparqs (student participation in quality Scotland) the agency putting students at the heart of decisions being made about quality and governance of the learning experience. *Further information at:* [www.sparqs.ac.uk/staff.php](http://www.sparqs.ac.uk/staff.php)



**3.25pm Panel discussion with students** facilitated by Eve Lewis.

**4.00pm Closing Remarks**

Dr Barry O'Connor, Registrar and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Cork Institute of Technology.



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