



National Student Engagement Programme

Clár Rannpháirtíochta Náisiúnta na Mac Léinn

May 2018

National Student Engagement Network

The National Student Engagement Network was launched in November 2017 in Cork Institute of Technology. The second network meeting will take place on May 8th in Letterkenny Institute of Technology under the theme 'Overcoming Challenges to Student Engagement'. Queens' University Belfast and QUB Student's Union will present their Student Partnership Framework and explain how it was developed in the keynote address. Case studies of engaging specific cohorts of students including part time students and online student will be presented. Workshops will be delivered by the Union of Students in Ireland, the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning and Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland (sparqs). There will also be sessions dedicated to some of the NStEP Projects.



National Quality Assurance Student Reviewers

The National Student QA Reviewers Pool was established by Quality and Qualifications Ireland and the Union of Students in Ireland with support from NStEP in 2017. In October the Pool received training from NStEP, QQI and USI on quality assurance in Irish Higher Education and the quality review procedures. The Pool is made up of students from 16 different HEIs but demand has been much higher than expected and many more Pool members are needed. The Call has been reopened and a training day will take place in early June. The administration of the Pool is also being developed and a guide will be issued to institutions in May who may access to Pool for internal and external reviews and programme validations.

NStEP Trainers

The call for new student trainers was issued in April and over 40 students applied from 15 different higher education institutions. The selection panel are scoring the applications and the top applicants will be interviewed. The successful applicants will join the NStEP Trainers Pool once they complete the sparqs Associate Trainer Residential in Scotland next August. Bookings for the 2018/2019 Class Rep Training Programme can be made from August 1st 2018 from the NStEP website.

Get involved with #NStEP

Join the National Student Engagement Network

The next National Network meeting will be hosted in LYIT on Tuesday May 8th. Email nstep@usi.ie to join and get a login in for the online network platform.

Share your work

Do you have initiatives to share or questions to ask the sector? NStEP is launching the Student Engagement Blog on the new website, email nstep@usi.ie for info.

Become a QA reviewer

The QA Student Reviewers Pool is recruiting. Check out the call:

studentengagement.ie
Training will be held in Dublin in early June

What's happening in your institution

Your Students' Union and Institutional Leaders can tell you what's going on across your campuses. Each college working with NStEP has a dedicated working group or committee.

Student Led Learning National Seminar

The Student Led Learning Network hosted a Seminar on April 26th in GMIT. NStEP has recently joined the SLL Network Steering Group. This seminar focused on Digital Identity and Student Engagement with a keynote from Eric Stoller and sessions with the USI, DkIT Case Study, FE Case Study and the SLL Steering Group national student engagement resources. The event was supported by the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. Check out @SLLGroup on twitter for updates.

New NStEP Website

With the many developments across the NStEP Workplan a dedicated online space was needed. The new NStEP website can be found at studentengagement.ie and will continue to develop as the projects continue and case studies are identified.

Workstream 1: National Student Training Programme

Over 1,500 Class Reps completed the Introductory Class Rep Training in 2017/2018. Final feedback reports are being circulated to institutions and the National Report will be available shortly. In March 2018 the first online training session was delivered to class reps in Hibernia college which received very positive feedback.

Workstream 2: Institutional Development

In 2018 Institutional Analysis Workshops were completed in IT Tralee, IT Sligo, DIT, Griffith College Dublin, Maynooth University and Dublin City University. Emerging themes align with the National Projects and developments in all 5 projects will be informed by the institutional analysis workshop outputs. Preparations are underway for the 2018/2019 analysis work in Carlow College, IT Carlow, IADT, Athlone IT, Limerick IT and GMIT with the first induction meetings scheduled for June.

Workstream 3: National Projects

1. The Role and Recruitment of Class Representatives
2. Programme Design and Review
3. Feedback Mechanisms and Data
4. Decision Making and Strategic Planning
5. Staff Roles and Capacity Building

The national project teams have held a number of meetings and workshops over recent months. Scoping has been completed and workplans drawn up with the goal of creating best practise guidelines for institutions, and identifying useful case studies, to be published in March 2019. Each project team is co-chaired by a staff member and student representative. Expertise from national agencies and initiatives including the Irish Survey of Student Engagement and the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning is being engaged and the project teams are also supported by sparqs.

For further information go to studentengagement.ie and follow @NStEPie on twitter for regular programme updates.



Student Led Learning (SLL) National Seminar

DIGITAL IDENTITY & ENHANCING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

VENUE:
 GMIT
LEARNING TO DRIVE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

DATE:
APRIL 26th

TIME:
9.45am - 2.00pm

9.45am	Registration
10.00am	Welcome, Dr Michael Hannon, VP Academic Affairs & Registrar, GMIT.
10.10am	Keynote: Student Digital Identity and Student Engagement in Higher Education – Eric Stoller http://ericstoller.com/blog/about-ericstoller/
10.50am	Case Study DkIT: Embedding Digital Citizenship in Educational Settings
11.15am	Break
11.30am	Insight National Student Engagement Strategies – Jimmy McGovern (USI).
12.15pm	NStEP Project Cases & Workshop Activity: Programme Design and Student Engagement and Staff Roles – Cat O'Driscoll, NStEP National Co-ordinator.
12.45pm	Case Study: Further Education Student Engagement
1.00pm	SLL Resource Suite Showcase: Developing the Student Learning Experience & Teaching – Dr. Carina Ginty (GMIT) and Nuala Harding (AIT).
1.15pm	Close and Next Step.
1.30pm	Lunch.

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For further information visit www.lin.ie/sll or contact the project leaders
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Book your place: <https://sllnationalseminar2018.eventbrite.ie>

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