
MINUTES OF 18TH MEETING OF THE *TRANSFORM-EDU* PROJECT [Draft 1]

Held on Friday 30th April, 2021 at 15:00 Hrs, On MS Teams

Present:

[WP1] Philip Owende (Chair) Cormac MacMahon (Taking Minutes)

[WP2] Jen Harvey, Barry Ryan

[WS3.1] Cormac McMahon, Andy Maguire

[WS3.2] Aiden Carthy, Miriam O'Regan

[WS3.3] Phil Mulvaney

[WS3.4] Ronan Keaskin, Martha Burton

[WS 4.1] David Gaul; Miriam O'Donoghue

[WS4.2] Margaret Kinsella; Larry McNutt

[WS 4.3] Kevin O'Rourke

[WP5] Brian Bowe; Philip Owende

[WP6] Sandra Thompson

Apologies:

[WS 3.1] Mick McKeever

[WS3.4] Ronan Keaskin

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Adopted

Emphasis of meeting to prepare for workstream workshops on Transform-EDU outputs and communication, given that the project is moving into the last 12 months of funding [PWO].

1. Minutes of 17th Transform-EDU Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes Adopted with minor amendments

* Note that Bartha Burton is on WS3.4 with Ronan Keaskon

* note correction to Miriam's name- should be Miriam O'Regan

* Miriam O'Donghue on WP6.

* Cormac McMahon+ to make amendments to meeting minutes.

2. Work Package Outline of Deliverables & Brief Discussion

[WP1]

Further meetings with individual work-package and work-stream leaders to take place before next monthly meeting to examine opportunities for project impact [CMcM].

Given that we are moving into the final 12 months of funding, focus to shift to aligning outputs and impacts to four areas in the mainstreaming plan – TU Dublin policy on TL, vision for TLR in TU Dublin, sustainability strategies for all elements of student-centered learning; post project implementation plan and a robust QA-QE framework for TL. [PWO]

On dissemination, several dissemination opportunities were proposed. A webinar proposed on sharing general progress of Transform-EDU [AC / PM]. Jen highlighted the multiple synergies between current projects and suggested that a webinar across all project might be a natural consolidation into SATLE 2. Sandra intending to organize STLR showcase.

Valuing Ireland's Teaching and Learning (VITAL) Week 2021 is being organised by the National Forum for 8th- 12th November. It will involve students, staff and policy partners across the sector sharing best practice. This might be a timely opportunity for Transform-EDU [LMcN]

A website is currently under development at www.transformedu.ie and workpackages are invited to contribute using the events capture and [news item](#) forms here.

[WP2 – see monthly report]

CMcM met WP2 leaders to discuss contractual issues re: PG studentship. IT equipment has been ordered for the student concerned so that she can complete her work remotely [PWO].

PWO has escalated WP PG student contract issue to Diarmuid O'Callaghan and Bronagh Elliot for consideration.

MPhil student, Ellen Kampinga is currently at draft literature review stage and about to start field work (moving to the data gathering phase) which will involve a number of interviews focus groups, documentary analysis of programme validation document.

[WS 3.1 – see monthly report]

TU Dublin has now over 1500 students and 50 faculty across TU Dublin. The SULITEST activities have been submitted to SDSN AP as a case-study and CoP is being hosted on www.sdgliteracy.ie

Many thanks to Dr. Connolly, CEO of the IWEA, who gave an excellent presentation on decarbonising the Irish energy sector on 27th April. Preparations underway to run PS2021 Sustainability Summer School – 26th May to 4th June.

Little, J. and Taur, T., 2020. Outreach and Sustainability: Drivers of a New Timber Technology Degree Programme. 15(1), p.4.

[WS3.2 – see monthly report]

A survey of employers has been launched. The survey is assessing employers attitudes towards the value they place on graduates possessing social and emotional skills.

A submission has been made to the [Island Of Ireland Symposium](#) 2021.

Workshops in mindfulness and emotional intelligence have been delivered to 1ST 2ND year students respectively over the semester.

[WS3.3]

The PG researcher continues to progress in her work on auditing of community engagement in South Dublin. A request for an extension has been submitted.

The new module has been approved through the QA processes: it is hoped to pilot delivery of the module in September.

Focus has been on placed on identifying project. PM currently working with South Dublin Partnership and South Dublin County Council to scope appropriate projects.

[WS 3.4]

Virtual delivery hampering progress somewhat.

Cormac, Ronan and Martha met to scope out proposal call for funding for events related to TL in the coming academic year. The intention is to close the call on Wednesday 9th June 2021 for several events to be run in Semester 1.

[WS 4.1]

An ePortfolio workshop with staff on the Blanchardstown Campus is planned for late May. Links with other projects (e.g. EUT+) continue to be explored, as are links with other projects across TU Dublin. [KoR]

Epigeum modules are now available on an opt-in basis to all students and staff via the VLE (Moodle and Brightspace) at each of our three campuses. It is currently being promoted by TUDSU as part of an Academic Integrity initiative they are undertaking across the university. Plans for a full roll-out in September 2021 in progress.

The student dashboard has been piloted in one school, with good uptake and generally positive feedback from students. The dashboard may be refined following participant feedback and the aim is to have it deployed in at least seven other schools across all three campuses from September 2021.

Academic Integrity modules to be possibly included in 1st Year Student Experience and Critical Skills for Success.

Kevin, Cormac and Philip had discussion on possible alignment with WS4.1 with EUT+, which has a workpackage focused on ePortfolios and student reflection.

[WS 4.2]

LMcN and MK currently working on potential UD / EDI collaboration.

MK and LMcN to present at UD 2021 conference in June at Aalto University 9- 11th June.

Student voice – initiated 2021 3 x workshops with Colm Keegan (Spoken Word Artist) for TU Dublin CDM students. This has been a major benefit to students. Planning to create a printed booklet with 50 student pieces.

The European University Alliance EUT+ has prioritized UDL as a work-package priority – work-package development in progress under WP” “Europe for All”.

MK contributing to the new Hackathon a STEM event requiring a redesign of a hand sanitizer unit.

[WS4.3 – see monthly report]

Kevin to provide ePortfolio training to Blanchardstown staff in May 2021 – focus on ePortfoliohub, basic principles and sample use cases.

Technical work to enable the student dashboard roll-out continues. Seven schools across all three campuses having agreed to join the pilot in semester 2. School of Hospitality has requested dashboard ASAP. Modification to the data provision from Moodle being explored by Ennovation.

Academic Integrity modules now available on all three VLE platforms - some technical modifications have been undertaken to improve usability in response to feedback from pilot before Christmas.

[WP5 – see monthly report]

Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Quality Framework have now been completed with a first draft of all QA policies and procedures being the subject of consultation through focus groups.

The following draft processes have been circulated for consultation – programme validation, management of quality enhancement, making changes to programmes and modules, annual quality enhancement, programme review, school review, faculty review, quality of enhancements of programmes not leading to TUI Dublin awards.

[WP6 – see monthly report]

Initiating the migration of the STLR plugin to Tallaght with Miriam O'Donoghue and Eoin Campbell. Working with IT consultants to develop a plan for the sustainable development of the STLR plugin. Briefing staff on STLR in Tallaght in the department of Accounting, Finance & Professional Studies in the coming weeks. Therese Fitzgerald, programme officer, Access to Apprenticeships is bringing STLR onboard in September 2020.

Received approval from the President's Group to locate the STLR webpage on the TU Dublin website. CDM student is migrating their design to the marketing team. STLR Export presentation sent to all students.

Finalising the terms of reference for the STLR steering committee.

Collaborating with Miriam O'Regan to STLR tag work readiness module under Transform Edu work package

3. AOB

None Reported

Date for next meeting (Last Friday Each Month): May 28, 2021 (15:00 to 16:30 Hrs)

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