

## MINUTES OF 19TH MEETING OF THE *TRANSFORM-EDU* PROJECT [Draft 1]

Held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at 15:00 Hrs, On MS Teams

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### Present:

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

[WP2] Jen Harvey

[WS3.1] Cormac MacMahon, Andy Maguire, Mick McKeever

[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

[WP6] Sandra Thompson

### Apologies:

[WP2] Barry Ryan

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

[WP5] Brian Bowe;

## 1. Adoption of Agenda

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Agenda Adopted

### 1. Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> Transform-EDU Meeting and Matters Arising

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- Minutes Adopted with minor amendments — proposed by Ronan Keaskin and seconded by Jen Harvey.
- Noted that Martha's name spelled incorrectly and to be amended.
- Focus of current meeting on planning for next 12 months, with emphasis on dissemination and impact.
- 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 [PO].
- Update provided by Philip Owende on contract for Ellen Kampinga. Issue of contract readiness and payments to be discussed with Diarmuid O'Callaghan and Bronagh Elliot. Noted, that Ellen hopes to be able to travel to Ireland in late August. Laptop order has been processed.

### 2. Work Package Outline of Deliverables & Brief Discussion

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#### [WP1]

- Meetings with work-package and work-stream leaders have taken place to examine opportunities for project impact. Thank you to all of the project WS and WP leads for meeting with Cormac and Philip over the past few weeks [PO].
- Valuing Ireland's Teaching & Learning (VIT&L) week confirmed for 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November. An events call due to open shortly. There is opportunity to arrange a flagship event as part of the formal activities and supplementary TU Dublin events on transformative learning <https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/vital/> [CMcM]
- The [www.transformedu.ie](http://www.transformedu.ie) website has been updated and was presented with some initial content. WP and WS leaders are invited to contribute using the events capture and [news item](#) forms here [CMcM]
- Opportunity to link to some of the related projects, such as Co-Create and Northstar projects [JH]
- Noted that some team-members of Transform EDU were presenting at PS2021 Polytechnic Summit 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June [PWO]. IT was also suggested that we explore organizing a PG student symposium before end of semester.

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### [WP2 – see monthly report]

- PWO has escalated WP PG student contract issue to Diarmuid O’Callaghan and Bronagh Elliot for consideration. MPhil student, Ellen Kampinga is planning to travel to Ireland in late August, subject to reduced travel restrictions. Ellen has commenced the field-work, undertaking a number of interviews and focus groups and is making good progress. Laptop order on order.

### [WS 3.1 – see monthly report]

- PS2021 Sustainability summer School currently under way with 40+ students from TU Dublin, Bahrain Polytechnic, UW Stout, Coventry and Purdue. Students are presenting the outputs of their project work at PS2021 3rd June.
- Dr Mick McKeever is presenting progress on the validation of a sustainability curriculum interrogator tool to systematically evaluate the embeddedness of sustainability in the curriculum. Joseph Little also presenting at Summit on contribution of Transform-EDU to new BSc Sustainable Timer Technology degree programme.
- PS2021 Summit takes place from 2nd – 5th June 2021. Sustainability stream has been scheduled with four keynote speakers, 6 paper presentations and 6 poster presentations. Dr Meredith Store, SDG Academy, Prof. John Sheffield, International Association of Hydrogen Energy, Prof. Dr. Nicole Saenger, VP Sustainability in TU Darmstadt and Dr. Mary Whitney, Director of University Sustainability, Chatham University.
- Andy Maguire and Olivia Freeman represented TU Dublin for the first time at Sulitest’s Regional National Expert Committee (RNEC), which included representatives from France, UK, Belgium, Portugal, Brazil, Canada and US.
- Education for Sustainability CPD modules being extended from food to other disciplines – business and finance, (bio) pharmaceuticals, tourism next semester. Modules currently submitted for validation.

### [WS3.2 – See Report]

- Employers’ survey: Our employer’s survey will close at the end of May. Thus far there have been 118 responses.
- Literature review: A literature review of EI and graduate employability has been completed and will be employed to inform publications and presentations in this area over the coming months.
- Advance HE Symposium: Dr Miriam O’Regan will be presenting at The Partnership for Student Success Symposium online on 23rd June. The focus of the presentation will be the initial analysis of results from our employers’ survey.

### [WS3.3 – See Report]

- Phil continuing to work on integrating the different projects that relate to civic engagement ( SHEFCE, EUt+ and Transform Edu) to support development of a university-wide structure for civic/community engagement at TU Dublin
- TU Dublin is now working in partnership with 16 other institutions on a successor to the TEFCE project, Steering Higher Education for Community Engagement (SHEFCE).
- Phil is engaging with South Dublin Partnership Company and other organisations to develop a pipeline of community development projects that students could engage with. These include: projects to develop pocket forests and stepping stone forests and pollinator gardens in the local community, including with schools and a project(s) that would allow students to research how their community has evolved e.g. how individuals/groups started initiatives that had a positive impact on their community e.g. food banks, community centres, community groups, heritage projects, cultural projects, sports clubs, youth clubs etc. Students could showcase these community projects and/or do a photography exhibition.

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#### [WS 3.4]

- Fund call to support Transformative Learning events has been issued with a view to running these events over the next academic year. Overall there has been significant interest in the funding call across all three campuses and we hope to be able to evaluate and shortlist the applications in June.

#### [WS 4.1 – See Report]

- An ePortfolio workshop for staff took place on Wednesday 26th May at 10am in conjunction with WP4.3. Lisa Donaldson, Kevin O'Rourke and Cormac MacMahon workshop addressing: what are ePortfolios? How to Assess ePortfolios? Implementing ePortfolios using Sway/Achieve@TUDublin.
- 32 Participants attended the workshop and feedback was very well received. Expressions of interest in formation of an ePortfolio CoP have been received. Amanda Dixon compiled by a short report on piloting of ePortfolios amongst SoB in Blanchardstown.

#### WS 4.2]

- Margaret Kinsella participated in UDL Conference in IT Sligo 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- The next phase of Colm Keegan's work is currently in proposal stage.
- EU+ Community of Practice in development.
- Trinity School of Education Inclusion Group Think Tank Session. Trinity School of Education PG1 Conference - Vivian Rath Belonging

#### [WS4.3 – see monthly report]

- The student dashboard will be relaunched in September 2021 with at least seven pilot schools.
- The Academic Integrity module will also be launched to all students via the VLE at that time: Epigeum has asked if a case-study can be created from our experiences of using the module.
- A successful ePortfolio workshop with staff on the Blanchardstown Campus was held earlier this week, and one is also planned at City Campus in early June.
- Links with other projects (e.g. EU+) continue to be explored, as are links with other projects across TU Dublin

#### [WP5 – see monthly report]

- A range of Quality Framework drafts have been completed and currently under consultation. See progress at: <https://www.tudublin.ie/intranet/qeconsultation/academic-quality-framework/>
- Noted that 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]

- STLR introduced to TU Dublin UCD Professional Diploma in Transversal Skills leads & Access to Apprenticeship programme lead
- Quality manual and user guide were presented to all Registrars and Quality Officers from all three campuses in TU Dublin to seek approval to place Registrars signature on Transformative Learning Transcript. Welcomed important feedback from all attendees, and approval received to do so for this cohort of students. Formalities to be addressed.
- Transformative Learning teaching and assessment strategy in progress.

#### AOB

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Date for next meeting: TBD

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