

## MINUTES OF 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE *TRANSFORM-EDU* PROJECT [Draft]

Held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 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 McMahon, Mick McKeever, Andy Maguire

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

[WS3.3] Phil Mulvaney,

[WS3.4] Ronan Keaskin Martha Burton,

[WS 4.1] David Gaul;

[WP5] Philip Owende

[WP6] Sandra Thompson

**Apologies:** Fionnuala Darby, Barry Ryan, Margaret Kinsella, Brian Bowe

### 1. Adoption of Agenda

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Agenda Adopted – proposed by Martha burton and seconded by Aiden Carthy

Philip welcomed Jennifer Byrne from Dublin School of Architecture to the project. Jennifer's experience of UDL will support WS 4.2 [PWO]

A note for the record that the lunch-time *Showcase of Learning & Teaching Project Innovations*, sharing updates on various TLA project took place in late September and to be added under AOB [CMcM]

PG students invited to give brief update on progress of their research projects.

### 1. Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> Transform-EDU Meeting and Matters Arising

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- Minutes Adopted
- Minor amendment – all students to be enrolled on Academic Integrity module [PWO]
- Emphasis of meeting #21 focused on opportunities for dissemination under VIT&L week.
- Philip and Louise Dowling have submitted revised budget to reflect completion of project in June 2022.

### 2. VIT&L Week – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November

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- Application for funding from National Forum of €2500 has been granted to support our proposal for VIT&L (see below).



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- 2003 Document

- Key element is to share what has been achieved by the project – external speakers will thread in relevance across the high education sector [PWO].
- Note a condition of the funding is that cannot be used for payment to public-sector employees in Ireland [CMcM].

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- Aiden has arranged for mental health advocate, Alan O’Meara and a second speaker is being sourced [AC]
- Philip has been in touch with Thomas Lancaster on a presentation on Academic Integrity [PWO]
- Sandra waiting for confirmation from Jeff King, University of Oklahoma [ST]
- Ger Craddock and Daragh Ryder suggested as possible guest-speaker for WS4.3 Over 1200 signed up for UDL digital badge [JB] [MK]
- Cormac to follow-up with all WP and WS teams to finalise agenda for VIT&L by 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### 3. Update on PG Research

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- Wyndham presented the progress to her research. Currently focusing on the analysis of two focus groups on EQ workshops and completion of literature review
- Ellen presented the progress to her research. Currently focusing on completing literature reviews and is in the middle of her field-work. A note of welcome provided as Ellen as she has been on-site since late August. Some minor issues with respect start-date to be clarified with HR [CMcM]
- Paula to be invited to next meeting. Phil noted that Paula’s research is entering a final stage following completion of surveys of personnel from South Dublin CC, South Dublin County Partnership and South Dublin Public Participation Network. A total of 57 responses received and analysed, with more than 81 comments. Findings to be presented in November [PM].

### 4. Workstream and Workpackage Updates

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- Education for Sustainability CPD commenced in September with circa. 25 staff enrolled.
- Andy Mcguire piloted a workshop on 30th September with the PG Cert in Sustainability Leadership students on the measuring and reporting on the SDGs.
- Cormac MacMahon presented at Irish Academy Management conference on duration for Sustainable Development: Embedding Sustainability Literacy in Business School Curricula.
- WS 3.1 team met to consider how best to progress the sustainability curriculum interrogator tool. Application for PoC funding revisited.
- Workshops with final year students to commence in October. At present, workshops are taking place at Bolton Street and Aungier Street to final year engineering and business students respectively.
- The students that are attending the workshops are very engaged and very much enjoying them and feedback in terms of the usefulness of the workshops is very good.
- It is hoped that recruitment for the remaining series of workshops that will run at the end of the semester will be easier as the logistical issues caused by the return to work will have largely been resolved by then. Advertising for these sessions has already begun.
- Academic integrity module from Epigeum is now deployed within the VLE at each of our three campuses. At present, this is available on an opt-in basis for students.
- A pan-university awareness campaign, promoted by the library and SU, is planned for the week of 18 October, in line with European Academic Integrity Week which is being promoted by the QQI.
- Funding for MS PowerBI for use as data dashboards shifting from Transform-EDU to SATLE2.
- ePortfolio links with other projects (e.g. EUt+) continue being explored.
- Ms Paula Donovan to facilitate a review of the effectiveness of SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programmes) in October. This will bring together service providers and service users to review the effectiveness of programmes and identify priorities for funding for the next 3 years.
- Dr. Phil Mulvaney initiated the establishment of a Strategy & Planning Sub-committee of the LCDC.
- Active Citizenship module to be promoted among HoDs with a view to pilot delivery in January 2022.
- STLR is extending beyond the Blanchardstown campus this semester and has been installed on Tallaght’s instances of Moodle.

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## **AOB**

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- Date for next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- A note of congratulations to Jen Harvey on the successful *Showcase of Learning & Teaching Project Innovations* webinar. A number of staff from Transform-EDU attended and presented their work [CMcM]