INTO THE REAL WORLD: WHAT DOES THE BEST HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE FOR A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY LOOK LIKE?
Into the Real World: What does the best Higher Education experience for a student with a disability look like?

MARCH, 18TH  09:30 – 17:15
DUBLIN CASTLE CONFERENCE CENTRE

For many students with disabilities, the ‘real world’ starts in college. Inclusion in this environment comes in many forms. It’s more than what happens in the lecture hall, it’s about all aspects of higher education. This one day conference focuses on including students with disabilities in the whole college experience and will focus specifically on:

- Teaching and Learning/Assessment
- Openness to different disabilities, (dyslexia, mental health, autism, others).
- Work placement/ Professional internships /Graduate Recruitment.
- Assistive Technologies/ Solutions.
- Student Union / Clubs and Societies.
- International education/ Erasmus/ Study abroad

The conference is aimed at students and academics with an interest in teaching and learning, 3rd level disability support service professionals, students union representatives and other interested parties.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

PROF. SARAH MOORE
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Director of Access & Lifelong Learning,
University College Dublin

DR. CONOR MCGUCKIN
Trinity College Dublin

FEES

€100
STANDARD RATE

€80
AHEAD MEMBER RATE

Come and join us for what promises be an insightful and inspiring conference. To book your place or get further information, please visit www.ahead.ie/annualconference2014 or call us on (01) 7164396.

Full list of speakers is available from our Website.
9:30
REGISTRATION BEGINS
Conference Opens 10:00 with Breakouts: Select 1 Room from 10:00 - 11:30

10:00

RED ROOM
People with Intellectual Disability, Staff and Families Working Together to Improve Services

DEIRDRE CORBY
Dublin City University

BLUE ROOM
Top Characteristics that Enhance a Student’s Success

ADRIJANA BIBA-REBOLJ
University of Ljubljana

YELLOW ROOM
Universal Design for Learning and the Use of ICT Tools to Make Teaching & Learning Accessible for All Students

EVELYN CLOOSEN & KAREN LEYMAN
SIHO

GREEN ROOM
Embracing Neurodiversity in Higher Education: Overcoming Attitudinal Barriers for Students with Autism

KAREN M. DEYOU NG

11:30

COFFEE BREAK

12:00
PLENARY SESSION (MAIN HALL)
What Does the Best Disability Professional Look Like?
DR. CONOR MCGUCKIN

12:30
PLENARY SESSION (MAIN HALL)
Putting Student’s Voices at the Heart of Teaching and Learning Enhancement. A View from the National Forum
PROF. SARAH MOORE, University of Limerick

13:15
LUNCH AND POSTER VIEWING
14:05

PLENARY SESSION (MAIN HALL)

A Vision for the Future
ANNA KELLY, DIRECTOR OF ACCESS & LIFELONG LEARNING, University College Dublin

14:20

PLENARY SESSION (MAIN HALL)

What Do the Students Think?
FEEDBACK FROM THE STUDENT CAFE

Select 1 Room from 14:45 - 16:15

14:45

RED ROOM

European Action on Disability within Higher Education: The Beginning of an Inclusive Process
ROBERT AUST
University of Leipzig

Going to College at NUI Galway: Strengthening Citizenship through Inclusion in Higher Education
BREDA CASEY, ELIZABETH MCCORMACK & DR. CHRISTINE DOMEGAN
NUI Galway

Student Central: an Innovative Programme of Academic Support for Students with Mental Health Difficulties at NUI Maynooth
STEPHEN KENNEDY & ANGELA STEWART
National Learning Network

BLUE ROOM

An Example of an Inclusive Academic Support Service for Higher Education Students
SUZANNE MCCARTHY & HOLLIE BYRNE
National Learning Network Assessment Service

Fostering Mobility of Students with Disabilities in Erasmus Programmes
KENNY HO & AGNES SAROLTA FAZEKAS
Erasmus Student Network

YELLOW ROOM

Combining Current Hardware and Software Applications to Create Bespoke Comprehensive Solutions for Students with Disabilities
GILLIAN J. DUNLOP
Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

The iPad at Third Level: A Student’s Guide
MARIA LAWTON-MURRAY

GREEN ROOM

Supporting Students with Autism and Mental Health to Survive the College Experience
APARECIDA SILVA
Limerick Institute of Technology

Fostering an Inclusive Culture: A Practitioner’s View
MICHAEL McMAHON & NUALA HARDING
Athlone Institute of Technology

16:15

CONFERENCE CLOSE
Networking Drinks Reception Begins
Chance to View the Posters

17:15

RECEPTION ENDS