

GradLink Mentoring Programme School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Unsure what to do after College? Need help with your CV or LinkedIn Profile? Or would you like to find out more about a particular job or sector?

Then the *GradLink Mentoring Programme* might be just what you are looking for. Join us at the launch event to find out more.

Date: Thursday 27 October, 2016

Time: 6.30-9.00pm

Venue: MacNeill Lecture Theatre,

Hamilton Building

& Global Room reception

What is Mentoring?

The *GradLink Mentoring Programme* aims to help students in their personal and career development by establishing supportive mentoring relationships with alumni. Students benefit enormously from the exchange of ideas with graduates who can share their wealth of experience.

Where do graduate mentors work?

This year's mentors work in fields as diverse as finance, banking, business, technology, consulting, public relations and public service, with organisations including:



Expenditure and Reform



What types of topics can be covered?

Topics of interest to students in the past include:

- Exploring particular job roles and sectors
- Deciding on what to do after College
- Reviewing a CV/ LinkedIn profile
- Practicing job interviews, professional communication and networking
- Finding unadvertised jobs

Who is this programme for?

Junior Sophister students studying one or more subjects in the departments of economics, philosophy, political science and/or sociology are encouraged to participate.

How do I sign up?

To find out more or to register for the launch event please visit www.tcd.ie/ssp/alumni/gradlink

GradLink at a Glance

1. GradLink Launch Event

- Approximately 30 graduates will give an overview of their career and what they have to offer as a mentor.
- Students meet mentors at an informal reception to find out more about their career and expertise.
- Students who are interested in being mentored complete details of their preferred mentor choices.
- Following the event students are matched with graduates based on the students' requests.

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Followed by a reception in the Global Room, beside Academic Registry

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2. Mentor Matching Meetings

- Students find out which mentor they have been assigned.
- The Careers Advisory Service advises students on how to make the most of the programme.

Wednesday Nov 2nd Thursday Nov 3rd

Global Room, beside Academic Registry

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3. Introduction to Mentors

- Mentors and student mentees are introduced by email by the School's Global Officer.
- Students should contact their mentor to schedule the first meeting ideally before Christmas.
- If there are a number of mentees assigned to a graduate, a lead mentee will co-ordinate meetings between the group and the mentor.

Via email by week of November 7

4. Mentor Meetings

- Participating in *GradLink* involves meeting your mentor two to three times over the year.
- It is recommended that you schedule two follow-up meetings between January and May/June 2016.
- To facilitate these meetings space will available in Trinity's Global Room on the dates listed.
- November 16, 2016 from 5-9pm
- December 14, 2016 from 5-9pm
- February 1, 2016 from 6-9pm
- March 1, 2017 from 5-9pm
- April 5, 2017 from 6-9pm
- May 3, 2017 from 5-9pm

"I would recommend the GradLink programme to any student who is not sure what they want to do when they finish college, or are not sure what employment opportunities are available to them once they graduate." – Sociology and Social Policy student

"Amazing Programme! Thank you for introducing me to my mentor. She has been extremely helpful in re-jigging my CV, recommending employment opportunities, helping me to write cover letters, prepping me for interviews etc." – **BESS student**