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Ross's Accessibility Tip of the Week: The Complete Collection



Welcome to the Trinity Inclusive Curriculum Project (Trinity-INC) Accessibility Tips of the Week Compilation!

We have compiled all 46 of "Ross's Accessibility Tips of the Week" published on the Trinity-INC social media platforms between 2022 – 2023.

Use the table of contents to navigate to a specific topic or tip. Feel free to copy any of the information from the document for use elsewhere.

Tip: Download the document as pdf and open in Adobe to easily copy the images.

Please note: the images in this document have no alternative text. This is to avoid repetition for those using screen readers. So, if you use an image from this document, please be sure to add some alt-text. Not sure how? <u>Check out our quick how-to guide on YouTube</u>

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Week 1: Alt Text

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- Make sure to include as many details of the image as possible, including colours!
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Week 2: Subtitles

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Week 5: Blackboard Ally

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Week 6: Font and Size

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Week 7: Hyperlinks

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Week 8: Pronouns

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Week 9: Student Diversity

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Week 10: Multiple Means of Assessment

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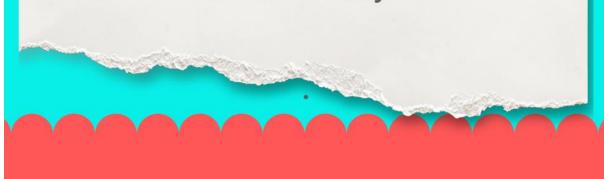


Week 11: Feedback

Seek feedback throughout a module instead of waiting until the end. This can benefit your current students in real time and allows you to see how effective the changes are. You can also use anonymous Google forms so that students can give feedback at any time. #InclusiveTrinity



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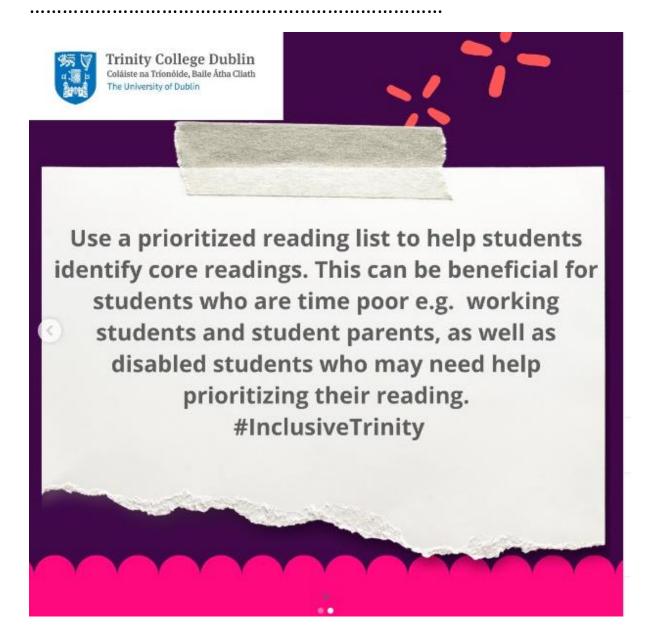
Use Blackboard Ally's accessibility checker to see how accessible your document is. This is found next to the document on Blackboard. If it's green, you're good to go. Ally also tells you how to fix accessibility issues so your material can be used by everyone. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 13: Prioritised Reading List

Use a prioritized reading list to help students identify core readings. This can be beneficial for students who are time poor e.g. working students and student parents, as well as disabled students who may need help prioritizing their reading. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 14: Multiple Means of Engagement

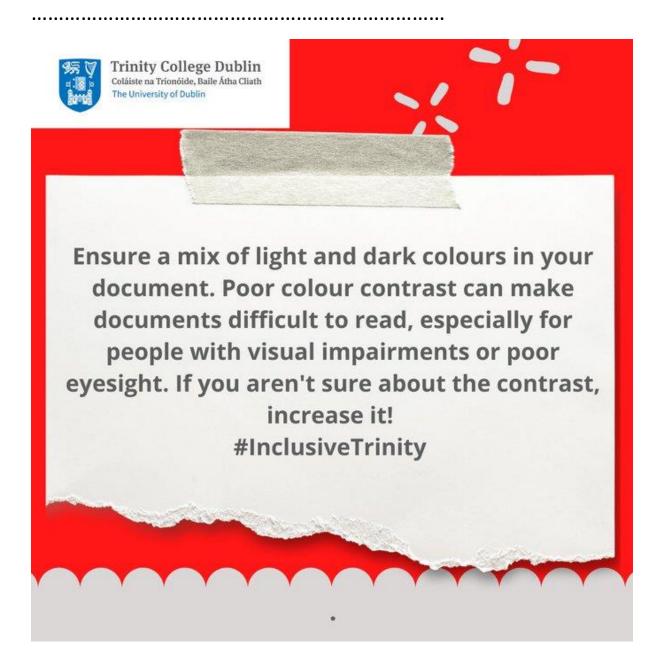
Diversify your teaching! Instead of traditional lectures, consider bringing in more interactive elements to your teaching such as group work or discussions as well as multimedia. This aids student engagement and makes for a richer learning experience. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 15: Colour Contrast

Ensure a mix of light and dark colours in your document. Poor colour contrast can make documents difficult to read, especially for people with visual impairments or poor eyesight. If you aren't sure about the contrast, increase it! #InclusiveTrinity





Week 16 Happy Holidays

As we wrap up the term, be mindful that not everyone celebrates Christmas. Opt for a more neutral greeting this year, such as "Happy Holidays!" #InclusiveTrinity





Week 17: Ask for Help

New year! New tips! This week: ask for help! Starting from this week the Ally Accessibility drop in will be on Teams, 3-4pm every Wednesday. Ross Coleman will be available to call or message on Teams to help TCD staff make materials more accessible.

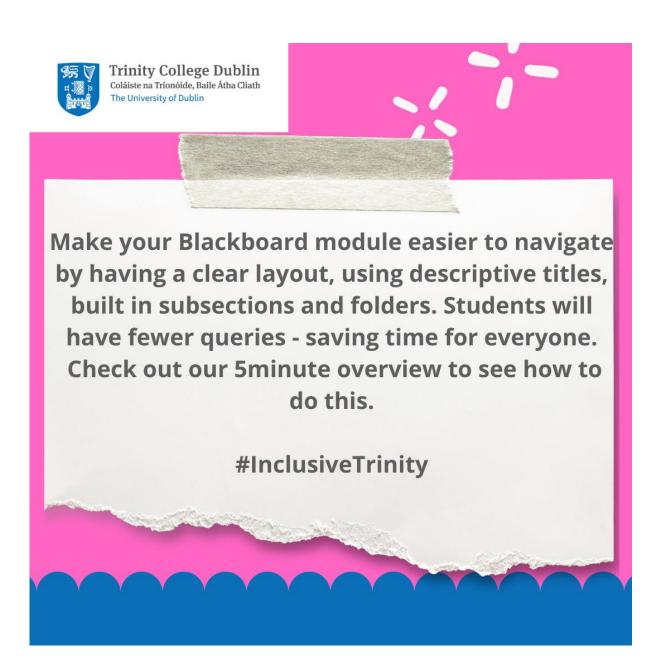
Come say hi and ask for help!





Week 18: Blackboard Layout

Make your Blackboard module easier to navigate with a clear layout, descriptive titles, and built in subsections and folders. Students will have fewer queries - saving time for everyone. <u>Check out our 5min overview to see how to do this</u>. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 19: Drop in Hours

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Week 20: Module in Inclusive Teaching Practices

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Week 21: Diverse Reading Lists

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Week 22: Inclusion Statements

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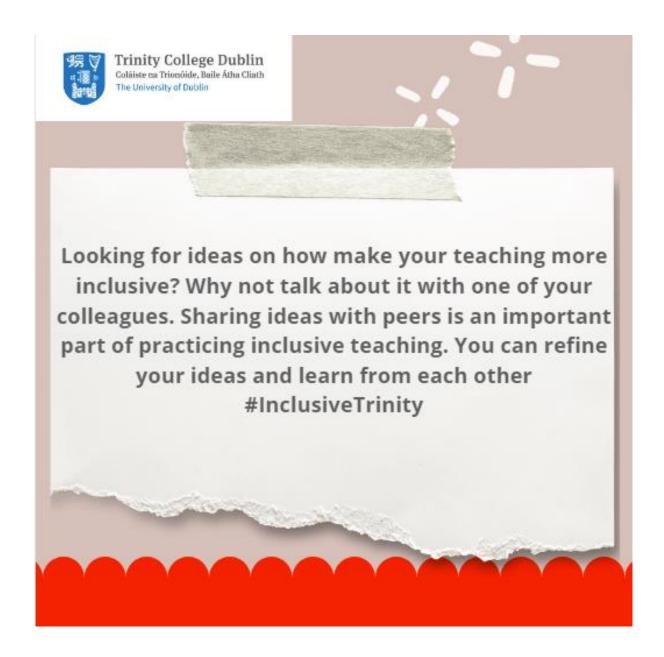
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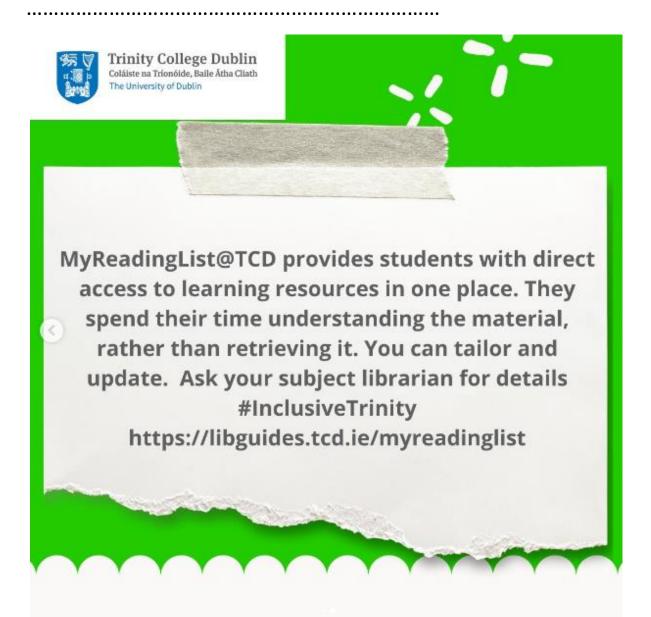
Looking for ideas on how make your teaching more inclusive? Why not talk about it with one of your colleagues. Sharing ideas with peers is an important part of practicing inclusive teaching. You can refine your ideas and learn from each other. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 24: MyReadingList@TCD

MyReadingList@TCD provides students with direct access to learning resources in one place. They spend their time understanding the material, rather than retrieving it. You can tailor and update. Ask your subject librarian for details. #InclusiveTrinity





Week 25: Seachtain na Gaeilge

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> #TrínóideIonchuimseach #InclusiveTrinity



Week 26: Email Signature

State what languages you are happy to converse through in your email signature. This may help students with English as a second language be more comfortable engaging with you. It's also inclusive for people who choose to speak Irish as their first language. #InclusiveTrinity



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Week 27: Gender Neutral Language

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Week 28: Cultural and Religious Holidays

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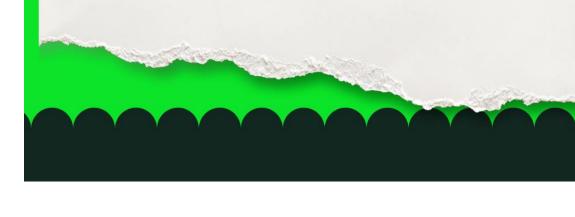
Week 29: Assistive Technology for All

Promote the use of assistive technology among all your students. Trinity has access to a wide array of free AT that can help students with notetaking, organisation and essay writing. Available to the whole Trinity community through the Disability Service website. #InclusiveTrinity



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Week 30: Flexible Deadlines

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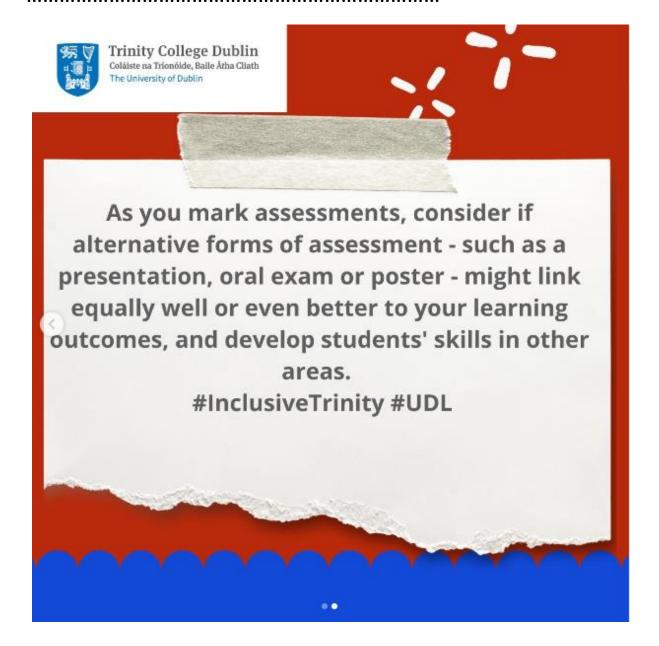
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Week 33: Alternative Forms of Assessment

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Week 34: Targeted Feedback

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Week 42: Uploading PowerPoints

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