

Let's Bring the Elephant into the Room!

Reshaping the Inclusive Environment in Further & Higher Education

March 20th & 21st 2018 | Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

You know the old phrase 'the elephant in the room'? ...the big thing staring everyone in the face that nobody finds it easy to talk about?

As we change our focus from an add-on individual model of disability support towards a more inclusive cross-campus approach, this conference will explore the challenges of this strategic move and examine best practice approaches on the institution, faculty and student support levels. How can we ensure that we manage the transition to a more inclusive campus while maintaining support services which remain an essential part of a successful college experience for many students with disabilities? How will the roles of faculty and support staff evolve to meet the demands of a universally designed learning environment? How can we ensure that non-classroom activities like social experiences, work placement and study abroad are also universally designed?

This event aims to bring the elephants into the room and talk about them.

The Biggest Elephants

The 4 elephants we'll be examining closely at this event are:



UDL - Whose Job Is It?

- in the change to a UDL model, who does what?



Student Resilience

- as pressure on services rises, how can we promote resilience & performance?



Diagnostic Tools

- do we need them and should we use them?



Student Success

- what is success and are we setting our students up for it?

Fees

Selected contributors will receive 20% off the standard registration fees below.

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AHEAD Non - Member Rate €295



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Day1 Schedule

10:15	Registration Opens		
11:15	Welcome and Introduction Prof. Michael Shevlin (Chair of the Board of AHEAD)		
	Opening Remarks Dr. Graham Love (CEO, Higher Education Authority)		
	Launch of 'The Role of the Disability Officer and the Disability Service in Higher Education in Ireland' Dr. Patricia McCarthy, (Associate Researcher, Trinity College Dublin)		
	Elephant #1 - UDL: Whose Job Is It? - in the change to a UDL model, who does what? Frederic Fovet (University of Prince Edward Island)		
13:00	Lunch		
	Breakout Session 1 - Choose Your Path (no switching mid session please!)		
	Main Hall	Green Room	Blue Room
14:00	The Proof is in the Pudding- The Necessity of Impact Measurement when Supporting Disabled Students in HE Mr. Atif Choudhury (Diversity and Ability) & John Harding (University of Cambridge)	The top-down / bottom-up interaction between cross-campus UDL initiative and individual support services. Dr. Shira Yalon-Chamovitz & Neta Linder-Katz (Ono Academic College)	Disability Officer – what is the future? Mary Quirke (AHEAD), Dr. Patricia McCarthy & Declan Treanor (Trinity College Dublin)
14:30	Mainstreaming and Inclusion: University for all Dr. Anna Kelly & Dr. Lisa Padden (University College Dublin)	Developing inclusive practice - A Strategic Approach Ian Carter (University of Brighton)	How implementing Universal Design for Learning principles within a Teaching for Understanding pedagogical framework can provide the tools necessary to critically research record and reflect upon UDL success Dr. Marian McCarthy & Dr. Brian Butler (University College Cork)
15:00	Move to Main Hall		

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	Elephant #2 - Student Resilience - as pressure on services rises, how can we promote resilience & performance? Prof. Shane O'Mara (Director of the Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience)		
16:00	Tea/Coffee Break		
	Breakout Session 1 - Choose Your Path (no switching mid session please!)		
	Main Hall	Green Room	Blue Room
16:30	Inclusive Learning and the Provision of Reasonable Accommodations: Students Experiencing Mental Health Difficulties Kieran Lewis & Declan Treanor (Trinity College Dublin)	Executive Functioning and Learning Strategies for Third Level Helen Carroll (Dublin Institute of Technology)	Students and Graduates: What worries them? Aoife Price (Union of Students in Ireland) & Hannah Kelly (AHEAD)
17:00	Mindfulness + Reflection = Engagement Alexis Reid (Boston Child Study Center)	The Science of Happiness: Positive Psychology in International Student Guidance and Counselling Frank Haber (Jacobs University Bremen)	Reshaping Education and the Rise of Graduate Attributes: How can students with disabilities be included? Dr. Declan Reilly (Trinity College Dublin)
17:30 - 20:30	Evening Reception - Let's all go to the circus!		

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Day 2 Schedule

08:50	Registration (New Arrivals Only), Tea & Coffee		
09:25	Move Straight to Breakouts		
	Breakout Session 3 - Choose Your Path (no switching mid session please!)		
	Main Hall	Green Room	Blue Room
09:30	<p>“What about the dog in the room?” – The role of the disability service in supporting students who wish to attend college accompanied by a support animal</p> <p>Julie Tonge (University College Dublin)</p>	<p>Transforming vision into useful policy for all students in higher education</p> <p>Judith Jansen & Evelien Westerbeek van Eerten (Expert Centre handicap + studie)</p>	<p>Moving towards inclusion and universal design: The evolution of an accessible module</p> <p>Michael Mc Mahon & Catherine O Donoghue (Athlone Institute of Technology)</p>
10:00	<p>Precarious spaces or the trouble with ‘normal’ in Higher Education: Finding a theoretical approach</p> <p>Dr. Malin Ekström (Uppsala University)</p>	<p>Enough is enough! What should professional assessment of dyslexia for students in HE look like?</p> <p>Michelle Kinsella & Donald Ewing (Dyslexia Association of Ireland)</p>	<p>Exploring the Cultural Mosaic: the inclusion of students with disabilities in Bethlehem University’</p> <p>Mai Jaber (Bethlehem University)</p>
10:30	Move to Main Hall		
10:40	<p>Elephant #3 - Diagnostic Tools - do we need them and should we use them?</p> <p>Paddy Turner (Sheffield Hallam University and NADP)</p>		
11:30	Tea/Coffee		

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11:55	Move to Breakouts		
	Breakout Session 3 - Choose Your Path (no switching mid session please!)		
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12:00	Active Inclusion in FET in Ireland – From Policy to Practice through Universal Design in Education Rory O’Sullivan (Killester College of Further Education)	Digital Inclusion or Exclusion? Challenging Assumptions of Accessibility within Online Business Studies Miriam Edwards (University of Melbourne)	GDPR: What are your responsibilities under the new data protection law? Jennifer Ryan (Trinity College Dublin)
12:30	CETB Pilot: UDL in Further Education Liz Moynihan (Cork ETB)	EMASI Project: Enhancing Mobility of Access Students Ireland Sinéad Lucey (Irish Universities Association)	Will College Get Me a Job? Anne Feehily (Employment Response North West)
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Elephant #4 - Student Success - what is success and are we setting our students up for it? Annie Hoey (Former President of the Union of Students in Ireland)		
15:00	Key Conference Themes Reviewed		
15:30	Close		

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