Dublin City University

Civic Engagement Forum

Minutes

Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 in DCU in the Community, Shangan Road, Ballymun.

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin (Chairperson), Anthony Burrowes, Carmel Andersen, Christine Farrell, Deirdre Corby, Emer Ni Bhrádaigh, Joanna Ozarowska, John Kelly, Katie Fay, Natalja Matease, Ruth Lynam, Laurence Van der Haegen.

Apologies:
Aisling McKenna, Austin Campbell, Eleanor Healion, Elizabeth Mathews, Jordana Corrigan, Mary Rose Sweeney, Padraig Murphy, Samantha Fahy, Siobhán Seoighe, Susan Hawkins, Trudy Corrigan, Una Redmond, Veronica Crosbie.

1. Welcome
Deiric Ó Broin (Chairperson & Acting Head of Civic Engagement), welcomed members of the Civic Engagement Forum and thanked DCU in the Community for hosting this meeting.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising
The minutes were proposed & agreed and available online at: https://www.dcu.ie/community/Civic-Engagement-Forum-Minutes.shtml

Ruth Lynam updated the Forum that the Volunteering Strategy document is at the final (design) stage with the Marketing department and expected to be launched in January/February 2020.

3. Reports and Updates
All attendees provided brief updates on activities in their areas and the following points were noted:
- DCU in the Community is full for all this semester courses and already almost full for the February courses.
• “Journeys - What I Know Now”, a morning of transcultural events, understanding and integration of wellbeing, presented by Dublin North, North East Recovery College, in conjunction with Akidwa, Cairdre, DCU, Pavee Point and Silver Thread, will take place on 10th January and 17th January in DCU. An invitation will be circulated soon.

• Sustainability of the North East Recovery College: looking at the sustainability channels.

• Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Updated the forum on several projects:
  (i) Entrepreneur Hub (Top floor of U Building).
  (ii) Beyond Scale (EU Erasmus+ funded programme).
  (iii) National Teaching and Learning Forum, Passion Project.
  (iv) Embedding Creativity into the Curriculum.

• Anthony Burrowes, updated the forum on:
  (i) College Connect, national launch, couple of weeks ago.
  (ii) Research with the College, Travelling Community.
  (iii) Regional work shops.

• Laurence Van der Haegen has recently joined Access Service as Access Outreach Officer.

• Ruth Lynam:
  (i) International Volunteering leaflet, it will be distributed to all new students, in their info pack, along with their hand book.
  (ii) Hosting shoe box appeal.
  (iii) Silver thread, doing a student led pod cast.
  (iv) An annual International Volunteer day celebration will take place at 6pm on 5th December 2019 in the Páirc Room of the U building on the Glasnevin Campus-
  Passion Project: Stories of Change presented by Student's Union the SpeakEasy society and Office of Civic Engagement. The evening will consist of a number of charitable/civic societies on campus telling their stories as volunteers and why they are passionate about the work they do. It will also feature student volunteers from different backgrounds across campus giving an insight into the organisations they work with.

• Christine Farrell briefed the forum about:
  (i) Barretstown, new three year partnership, students and staff went down for their Winter Wonderland.
  (ii) Christmas Clothing appeal, for inner city homeless, any spare hats, gloves, jumpers etc. place in box in the U.

• Carmel Andersen reported, that they were a year old. Looking for new ideas / suggestions, for placements.

• Deiric Ó Broin noted that Padraig Murphy wanted to let the Forum know that Tanai Lokot was appointed as a new Faculty of Humanities and Social Science Associate Dean for Engagement.
4. Connecting Communities Conference
Deiric Ó Broin informed the Civic Engagement Forum members that the conference is organised by Dublin City Council and DCU to celebrate their long-standing partnership in fostering social, economic and cultural regeneration in North Dublin. The event will take place on 23rd and 24th April and will coincide with a 10-year anniversary of establishing DCU in the Community – DCU’s community outreach and adult education centre located in Ballymun – as well as the launch of DCU’s new Centre for Community Engaged Research.

The Connecting Communities Conference aims to bring together community-based organisations and university staff and students with a view to fostering the existing community-university partnerships and developing new ones. The event will also be open to members of the public to ensure wide and diverse participation.

5. Schedule for 2020
It was proposed and agreed to hold DCU Civic Engagement Forum quarterly meetings in 2020 as follows:

- 4th February 2020
- 7th April 2020
- 6th October 2020
- 1st December 2020

6. AOB
The meeting was concluded and members of the Forum visited the Rediscovery Centre (http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie/).

Next Meeting:
4th February 2020 @ 10.00am, venue TBC.