Dublin City University
Civic Engagement Forum

Minutes

Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am on
Tuesday 4th February 2020 in Drumcondra Room, DCU All Hallows Campus.

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin, Deirdre Corby, Elizabeth Mathews, Jordana Corrigan, Katie Fay, Laurence van der Haegen, Mary Rose Sweeney, Natalja Matease, Realtan Ni Leannain, Ronnie Munck, Trudy Corrigan, Carol Pinkava.

Apologies:
Anne O’Connor, Anthony Burrowes, Caitriona Mordan, Carmel Andersen, Christine Farrell, Christine O’Kelly, Eithne Kennedy, Eleanor Healion, Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Joanne Ozarowska, John Kelly, Laura Grehan, Padraig Murphy, Pauline Willis, Ruth Lynam, Samantha Fahy, Siobhan Seoighe, Una Redmond, Veronica Crosbie.

1. Welcome & Introductions
Following introductions, Deiric Ó Broin (Chairperson), welcomed members of the Civic Engagement Forum.

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

Elizabeth Matthews queried if DCU in the Community Courses were open to the Deaf Community and if there was funding for an interpreter to improve accessibility. Ronnie Munck said they had been unsuccessful at securing funding but were open to working with Elizabeth to try again. together

3. Centre for Community Engaged Research
Mary Rose Sweeney briefed the meeting on the initiative and highlighted the campus-wide approached adopted.

Ronnie Munck updated the meeting on preparations for the Connected Communities conference on 23rd and 24th April 2020 in the U Building. Elizabeth Matthews added she would be able to get deaf interpreters for the event.

4. Presidents Awards for Engagement
Natalja Matease updated the forum on the President’s Awards for Engagement and the work completed to date, including the current number of applications. The guest speaker is Oisin Coughlan, a DCU graduate and Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth.
5. **Reports and Updates**

Anthony Burrowes could not attend, but wanted make the Forum to know that the initiative’s website, www.collegeconnect.ie is up and running.

Deiric Ó Broin reported on the Erasmus+ funded Beyond Scale project led by Emer Ní Bhrádaigh.

Ronnie Munck, on Ruth Lynam’s behalf, outlined the ongoing work of DCU Volunteer.

Katie Fay reported on what the relevant activities of the Students Union, including the recent partnership with Barrettstown.

Trudy Corrigan outlined her recent work in the area of intergenerational engagement and highlighted two current projects:

- Age Friendly Cities, with Dublin City Council;
- SCOTENS Project, retired teachers with new teachers.

Deirdre Corby outlined the progress of the Ability Project and updated the forum on its financial status and recent application for additional funding to the Social Innovation Fund supported by the Educational Trust, to extend the project.

Realtan Ni Leannain reported on her work to re-establish the Irish Language Coffee Morning and work with local Gaelscoileanna.

6. **AOB**

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.00 am on 7th April 2020, Glasnevin Campus.