What is UniTY?

UniTY aims to provide innovative educational opportunities to Transition Year students, residing in communities in Dublin, some with low tradition of progression to higher education.

The programme was designed to increase engagement in education and to raise motivation and career aspirations.

The UniTY Programme is specifically designed for Transition Year students, centred on curriculum which is largely technology based.

Who UniTY works with

The UniTY Programme is delivered to 400 students from 6 DCU Access Link Schools.

This number will increase to 1,000 students per annum in 20 Schools from September 2016.

UniTY also provides CPD for 160 teachers per annum.

What began as a pilot in 1 link school is now in 6 link schools, with a curriculum designed with internal and external collaborators, such as Industry Professionals and the Institute of Education.

What does UniTY involve?

A curriculum which is delivered in schools, supported by DCU Access:

· 16 hours on Leadership Curriculum
· 8 hours on Employability Skills
· 20 hours of Multimedia and Social Innovation
· 20 hours of SMART Skills and Coding
· 16 hours of Student Empowerment and Life Skills Training

What the students think

"It was the best thing about 4th Year and I would do it all over again, 100%" (C.F.)

"Filming my video and editing it was brilliant" (R.K.)

"It was different to what you would normally do in 4th year, so it was a great experience" (M.D.)

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