Dublin City University
Civic Engagement Forum

Draft Minutes

Zoom Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am on
Tuesday 4th May, 2021

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin, Ruth Lynam, Natalja Matease, Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Deirdre Corby, Dylan Mangan, Samantha Fahy, Colm Kearns, Aisling McKenna, Trudy Corrigan, Caoimhe Gilmarthis, Eleanor Healion, Padraig Murphy, Siobhan Seoighe.

Apologies:
Christine O’Kelly, Ronnie Munck, Mary Rose Sweeney, Joanna Ozarowska, Una Redmond, Susan Hawkins, Veronica Crobie, Dean.

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

2. Minutes
The previous minutes were signed off by Civic Engagement Forum members. Minutes are available online at: https://www.dcu.ie/engagement/civic-engagement-forum-minutes

3. Matters Arising
N/A

4. President’s Awards for Engagement
Civic Engagement Forum members were briefed about 2021 event as follows:

- Largest number of applications we have ever had
- Thanks to the adjudication panel and well done to the staff members involved for the great amount of work in the short period of time.
- Great response to the all staff and students invitation to attend the President’s Awards for Engagement, lots of registrations received.
- Event Date: 12th May 2021
- The event will be held on Zoom, as a Zoom meeting, no recording will be available (except the Minister Joe O’Brien, TD, Minister of State for Community Development and Charities address which will be available at: https://www.dcu.ie/engagement/dcu-presidents-awards-engagement-2021 after the event).
5. Reports and updates

Samantha Fahy, Sustainability:

- DCU Climate Action Plan 2021-2026 is completed and will be launched in September.
- The record number of over 600 people participated in the DCU Marchathon and awards ceremony was held on Friday.
- Involvement in the SFI plastic challenge project.
- Upcoming carbon budgets for institutions.

Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Fintar & Scoil na Gaeilge:

- 2 Research assistants are hired for the From Passion to Action project funded by National Forum for Teaching & Learning. There might be some opportunities for collaboration.
- 2 successful workshops were delivered by Beyond Scale Erasmus+ funded project.

Padraig Murphy, School of Communications:

- STILL CONNECTING: Doing Engaged Research & Innovation Online event was launched by Campus Engage 2 weeks ago.
- A module dedicated to Engaged Research is going through a validation process.
- Ongoing initiative on tagging Engaged Research.

Trudy Corrigan, Policy & Practice:

- Centre for Community Engage - the real evidence of the interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Pedagogical openness, possibility for us to engage more (online) with the retired lecturers and professors and people who would not otherwise had a chance to do that.
- Finding ways how to embrace Community Engaged Research within school modules.
- Online Summer School on Community Engaged Research in May.

Ruth Lynam, DCU Volunteer:

- Great engagement from the students looking forward to volunteer over the summer which is usually would be very rare.
- Clubs & Socs awards are coming up on the 20th of May.
- National Volunteering week online 17th – 23rd May.

Caoimhe Gilartin, Age Friendly:

- A well-attended online event called Green Paper on Ageing was held recently.
- The annum event launching at the end on May.
- Erasmus+ project is going really well.
- AFU will participate in Dublin Learning City Festival 2021.

Deirdre Corby, DCU Ability:

- DCU Ability 3-year project got an extension and will be around until the end of the summer.
- Applying for additional funding to extend the project for 1.5 year.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the project so far.
Eleanor Healion, Faculty of Science and Health

- Eleanor welcomed the Centre for Engaged Research to Faculty of Science and Health website: https://www.dcu.ie/scienceandhealth/faculty-science-and-health-research-centres

Colm Kearns, Centre for Engaged Research, DCU

- The Centre for Engaged research website is live: https://www.dcu.ie/engaged-research
- Presented at the ADAPT’s EP café last week about Engaged Research and activities of the centre
- DCU Centre for Engaged Research, Lecture Series 2021 will be launched in Autumn

6. AOB

Next meetings dates: 12th October 2021 & 7th December 2021