Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am
Tuesday 12th October 2021, Zoom.

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin, Ronaldo Munck, Ross - DCUSU VP C&C, Natalja Matease, Padraig Murphy, Aisling McKenna, Ruth Lynam, Deirdre Corby, Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Bobbie Hickey DCUSU, Patrick Shevlin.

Apologies:
Christine O'Kelly, Laurence van der Haegen, Una Redmond, Samantha Fahy, Elizabeth Mathews, Trudy Corrigan, Joanna Ozarowska.

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
The second digital event with largest numbers of nominations was held successfully and it went very smoothly
Medals have just been received from the President’s office and will be distributed to the winners asap
5. **Centre for Engaged Research**
   - The Centre for Engaged Research will be officially launched on 13th December
   - [DCU Centre for Engaged Research Lectures Series](#) are going very smoothly
   - Everybody welcome to contribute to the [Centre for Engaged Research website](#) and submit information about past and ongoing Engaged Research projects
   - A new module dedicated to Engaged Research is going very well

6. **DCU Volunteer**

   DCU Volunteer week was a massive success with the online campaigns, information about different types and nature of volunteering work and volunteering opportunities.

   Volunteering Newsletter will go out to students in the coming weeks, any information about volunteering opportunities etc. are welcome.

7. **Reports and updates**

   **Deirdre Corby, DCU Ability**

   DCU Ability have been successful with an application to the Dormant Accounts Fund - Measures to Support the Employment of People with Disabilities and have been awarded €199,973. This award will again be administered by Pobal.

   This means that DCU Ability will be able to continue for a further 16 months from September 2021 to December 2022.

   The next group of students is starting in 2 weeks and going to be online until Christmas.

   **Emer Ní Bhrádaigh, Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge**

   'From Passion to Action' is a resource hub for social innovation and social entrepreneurship education. There are different resources, podcasts and videos are publicly available at [https://www.dcu.ie/socialentrepreneurship](https://www.dcu.ie/socialentrepreneurship). Contributions for the website are welcome.

   Any queries about our Social Entrepreneurship website, contact Emer NíBhrádaigh or her colleague Donnchadh Kindlon, [https://www.dcu.ie/socialentrepreneurship/people](https://www.dcu.ie/socialentrepreneurship/people). Donnchadh has a particular interest in green/sustainability issues.

   **Padraig Murphy: DCU FH&SS**

   Prof Sharon O’Brien, Assoc Dean for Research and Padraig Murphy organised an event in Sept to respond to DHFERIS ‘Creating Our Future’ campaign and also responding to new framework consultation doc for Irish research. Community partners also took part on submission to the day. Mini report due soon and will be sent to the Dept.

   **Christine O'Kelly, Age-Friendly University**

   AFU had a very busy summer, a good few presentations. Positive Ageing Week was from 27th September - 1st October which was very successful, AFU had over 600 hundred people signed up to attend. AFU had Dr. Vânia de la Fuente WHO leads on the
Global Campaign to Combat Ageism and Prof. Mark Brown doing excellent presentations. Vânia's was on Global Campaign to Combat Ageism and Mark's was on "The challenge of Digital Equity - an age-inclusive approach".

AFU Love of Live, Long Learning Programmes are all starting this week. Which consists of Genealogy, Choir, Life Writing, Botanical Art, Series of Lectures from the School of English and Dr Tony Foley is doing a series of 3 lectures.

AFU have an International Conferences on from 1-3 November 2021 on The Future of Ageing and the Silver Economy. All welcome to register for it https://engagingageing.com/.

AFU have also have partnership up with Fingal County Council and Mark Philbin from School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health DCU to run a Cycle Without Age Programme.

8. AOB

Items to be added to the formal agenda:

- Briefing on Campus Engage
- SMART-ER Project (Padraig Murphy)

Next meeting date: 7th December 2021