LET’S TALK ABOUT

Assessment

Exploring QQI’s Green Paper on Assessment
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<td><strong>Opening Address:</strong> Chairperson: Síona Cahill, President, Union of Students in Ireland.</td>
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<td>10.15 – 11.00</td>
<td><strong>The National Context:</strong> Dr Bryan Maguire, Director of Quality Assurance, QQI (10 mins). Dr Terry Maguire, Director, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (10 mins). Oisin Hassan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Union of Students in Ireland (10 mins). Questions and Answers (15 mins).</td>
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<td>11.00 – 11.45</td>
<td><strong>Keynote Speaker:</strong> Professor Lambert Schuwirth, Director of the Prideaux Centre for Research in Health Professions Education, Flinders University College of Medicine and Public Health, Adelaide, Australia (30 mins). Questions and Answers (15 mins).</td>
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| 11.45 – 13.00 | **Breakout parallel session:** Discussion Topics

- **Programme assessment and feedback** — Facilitator, Associate Professor, Geraldine O’Neill, Associate Professor, Educational Developer, UCD Teaching & Learning.

- **Work based assessment and feedback (to include internships, professional placements and apprenticeships)** — Facilitator, Dale Whelehan, Research Doctorate Student in Medical Education, Trinity College Dublin |
<p>| 13.00 – 13.45 | Lunch |</p>
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| 13.45 – 15.00 | Breakout parallel session:  
  **Discussion Topics**  
  • Diversifying assessment – exploring different approaches – **Facilitator, Dr Breda Kenny, Head of School of Business, Cork Institute of Technology.**  
  • Thinking about assessment in a digital world – **Facilitator, Dr James Brunton, Programme Chair – DCU Connected BA in Humanities (Psychology Major), Dublin City University.** |
| 15.10 – 15.55 | Plenary Session  
  Reports from the four session facilitators and discussion  
  Panel:  
  Síona Cahill, **President, Union of Students in Ireland**  
  Dr Bryan Maguire, **Director of Quality Assurance, QQI**  
  Dr Terry Maguire, **Director, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**  
  Oisin Hassan, **Vice President for Academic Affairs, Union of Students in Ireland**  
  Peter Cullen, **Head of Validation and Delegation, QQI**  
  Professor Lambert Schuwirth, **Director of the Prideaux Centre for Research in Health Professions Education, Flinders University College of Medicine and Public Health, Adelaide**  
  Associate Professor Geraldine O’Neill, **Associate Professor, Educational Developer, UCD Teaching & Learning.**  
  Dale Whelehan, **Research Doctorate Student in Medical Education, Trinity College Dublin**  
  Dr Breda Kenny **Head of School of Business, Cork Institute of Technology.**  
  Dr James Brunton, **Programme Chair – DCU Connected BA in Humanities (Psychology Major), Dublin City University.** |
| 15.55 – 16.00 | Close of Conference  
  Chairperson: Síona Cahill, **President, Union of Students in Ireland.** |
Professor Lambert Schuwirth

Director of the Prideaux Centre for Research in Health Professions Education, Flinders University
College of Medicine and Public Health, Adelaide, Australia

Professor, Innovative Assessment Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Professor of Medical Education, Chang Gung University, Taiwan

Professor of Medicine (education), Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences, Bethesda, USA

Lambert Schuwirth obtained his MD from Maastricht University. In 1991, he joined the Department of Educational Development and Research there, taking up various roles in student assessment: Chairman of the Inter-university and the Local Progress Test Review Committee, the OSCE Review Committee and the Case-based Testing Committee. Since the early 2000s, he has been Chair of the overall Taskforce on Assessment. He has been advisor on assessment to medical colleges in the Netherlands and the UK. In 2010, he chaired an international consensus group on educational research, the results of which were published in Medical Teacher. Since 2007, he has been a full-professor for Innovative Assessment at Maastricht University – currently as Adjunct. In 2011, he was made a Strategic Professor for Medical Education at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia and is also the Director of the Flinders University Prideaux Centre for Research in Health Professions Education.

Chairperson

Síona Cahill

Síona Cahill is the President of the Union of Students in Ireland and is from Longford. She has a BCL (International) in Civil Law and Sociology from Maynooth University. Síona sits on the board of the Higher Education Authority (HEA), as well as the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA), and has served as Vice President for Welfare & Equality in Maynooth Students' Union, and Vice President for Equality and Citizenship of USI nationally. She was recipient of an SAAI award for her campaign highlighting the needs of students with disabilities 'No labels, no limits' in 2015, and recipient of a GALA in 2017 for her work on LGBTI+ advocacy.
Dr Terry Maguire

Dr Terry Maguire is an Irish educator and senior manager who is actively committed to how teaching and learning can transform individual lives. She has worked in higher education for 30 years, 14 of which were spent in Scotland where she pioneered flexible and blended approaches to teaching and learning. She has a particular interest in both adult mathematics education and Professional Development.

Terry is currently Director of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Oisín Hassan

Oisín is the Deputy President and Vice President for Academic Affairs with the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), the national organisation representing over 374,000 on both sides of the border.

He is a graduate of Queen’s University Belfast in Law with Politics, and has begun an LLM in Law and Governance. He previously served as Vice President Equality and Diversity (2015/16) and Vice President Education (2016/17) in Queen’s University Belfast Students’ Union, before election to USI.

In his role some of his priorities include supporting the work of Students’ Union in their colleges to develop policy, enhancing the role of Class Reps, developing the role of students as partners through various initiatives, setting out a National Student Partnership Agreement, developing USI’s work more collaboratively in Further Education, and representing Irish students at a European level.

Oisín is a member of the QQI Board and the Board of National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. He also represents USI as a partner in the Irish Survey of Student Engagement (ISSE) and the National Student Engagement Programme (NStEP), as well as working with organisations across third-level on issues of education policy.

Dr Bryan Maguire

Dr Bryan Maguire is Director of Quality Assurance at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). He previously served as Director of Academic Affairs at the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC), one of QQI’s predecessor bodies. Before moving into the quality assurance agency, Dr Maguire was Head of School of Creative Technologies at Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, where he had earlier been the founding Head of Department of Learning Sciences. Dr Maguire holds a bachelor degree in psychology from University College Dublin and a PhD from the University of California, San Francisco. He previously served as Lecturer in Psychology with University of Wales, Bangor and as Development Officer in the preparation of Ireland’s National Framework of Qualifications. He has written and consulted extensively on qualifications frameworks in Ireland and throughout the world. He has been a member of European Qualifications Advisory Group and of the Bologna Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks.
Facilitators

Dr James Brunton

Dr James Brunton has a BA (Hons) in Applied Psychology from University College Cork and a PhD in Social/Organisational Psychology from Dublin City University (DCU). He is Chair of the DCU Connected BA in Humanities (Psychology Major) programme in Dublin City University. Working within DCU’s National Institute for Digital Learning, his research interests include the psychology of identity formation, socialisation/induction processes for ‘off-campus’/online distance learning students, online learning pedagogy and design, and digital assessment/feedback.

Dr Breda Kenny

Dr Breda Kenny is head of Cork Institute of Technology’s School of Business. She is responsible for the effective general management of the school and its constituent departments. She was the former Head of the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence and has over 20 years’ lecturing and research experience in entrepreneurship, international business and management. Breda has experience managing national and EU projects and research supervision to PhD level. She has been published widely in international peer reviewed journals such as R & D Management, International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behaviour and Research, Industry & Higher Education, The Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development and Small Enterprise Research. Breda obtained her PhD from the University of Limerick. Her doctoral work focused on networking capability and the international performance of High-Tech SMEs. At a European level, Breda is an elected member of the board of the European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB). In Ireland, Breda is a chair of the Campus Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Network (CEEN) Initiative. Breda has extensive industry experience and is also co-founder and director of Surecom NS Ltd, and director of the Rubicon Innovation Centre.

Associate Professor Geraldine O’Neil

Associate Professor Geraldine O’Neill is an Associate Professor and Educational Developer in UCD Teaching & Learning. She is currently leading UCD’s Assessment Enhancement Implementation Framework Project with a focus on programme assessment and feedback approaches. From 2015 to 2017, she coordinated the National Forum’s Assessment Enhancement Theme. A key aspect of this national project was the shift towards empowering students in the assessment process. Her research is in the area of curriculum design and assessment.

Dale Whelehan

Dale Whelehan is an ENQA and ESU expert in Quality Assurance. He is the former education officer at Trinity College Dublin Students’ Union. A current doctorate student in Medical Education Dale was instrumental in passing the first Student Partnership Agreement in the island of Ireland. The policy, which has been co-signed between the Students’ Union and the university, commits to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in the university as partners, with the view to ensuring that students are equal stakeholders in the learning environment. It offers the potential for students to be co-creators in curriculum design, and to have a meaningful influence in quality enhancement. Dale has
represented and spoken at events on quality in Brussels, Gdansk, Yerevan, Riga, Madrid, Bilbao and Reykjavik.