



## **The Constitution of the Educational Developers in Ireland Network (EDIN)**

### **1. NAME**

The name Educational Developers in Ireland Network – EDIN is adopted as the name of the network

### **2. ADDRESS**

The address of EDIN will be that of the Secretary (through website)

### **3. MISSION**

To support, enhance and influence the field of academic development and practice through informing policy and practice in teaching and learning in higher education and collaborating research and dissemination of resources. EDIN values creative critical collaboration and professional approaches to support teaching and learning.

### **4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **4.1 Aims**

The aims of EDIN are to:

- I. Support the educational developers in higher education in Ireland in their professional role in enhancing teaching and learning
- II. Provide informed advice and expertise to individuals and institutions on Higher Education policy and practice in teaching and learning
- III. Value and cultivate creative collaboration and professional approaches in order to support teaching and learning through a community of practice.

#### **4.2 Objectives:**

The objectives of EDIN are to:

- a) Provide opportunities to facilitate discussion and exchange of expertise for professional development.
- b) Support ongoing professional development with respect to international and national good practice.
- c) Inform policy and practice in teaching and learning in Higher Education through collaborative expertise.
- d) Promote relevant research and its dissemination in educational development within Higher Education.
- e) Foster creative approaches to teaching and learning.
- f) Continue to develop a culture of reflective and critical practice as educational developers.
- g) Work with other organisations in developing teaching and learning in Higher Education

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of EDIN shall be open to those who hold a central role in developing or providing support for teaching and learning development in a Higher Education institute in Ireland

Membership of EDIN shall be open to all Higher Education institutes in Ireland. Each Institutional Member shall be entitled to one vote whenever a ballot is called for. This may be cast at meetings by a delegated representative

## **6. STRUCTURE**

Responsibility for the network is vested in the Annual General Meeting. Responsibility for the day to day management of the network is conferred upon elected officers and members who collectively comprise a committee.

### **6.1 Committee**

The committee shall consist of the following membership

- ✚ Chair
- ✚ Vice - Chair
- ✚ Hon. Secretary
- ✚ Hon. Treasurer
- ✚ 3 members

Membership of the committee shall have sectoral and geographical representation. The Committee shall have power to co-opt two additional members.

The position of vice- chair shall automatically become chair in the following year. In the event of an officer's position becoming vacant before an AGM, the committee may nominate a replacement from within the existing committee

### **6.2 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at least once a year in May. Officers of the committee will be elected at the AGM and will take office with immediate effect.

### **6.3 Meetings**

Meetings of the network will take place at least three times a year, including the AGM