Educational Developers in Ireland Network (EDIN)

Who are we?
EDIN is the Educational Developers in Ireland Network. The mission of EDIN is to support, enhance and influence the field of academic development and practice. We achieve this by informing policy and practice in teaching and learning in Higher Education, by collaborating in research and dissemination of resources, and by providing professional development events for our members. EDIN values creative, critical, collaborative and professional approaches in supporting teaching and learning through our engagement with all sectors of Higher Education.

Our work this year
Our National Forum-funded project for 2016 has focused on how assessment practices are addressed in academic development: how are educational developers teaching about assessment for, of and as learning? What has proved to be most effective, and how can we develop our practice further? By sharing and documenting our own best practice, we aim to reduce duplication of effort and ensure greater impact on the development of practice by colleagues teaching in our institutions. We have focused on providing three tailored workshops, documenting these in order to provide resources for the academic development community. A small amount of funding has also been directed towards development of resources and the on-going development of our website.

Assessment for, of, and as learning
Our workshops have been linked by the themes of assessment for, of and as learning, and while primarily targeting educational developers, they have also been open to interested academic colleagues.

We welcome new members to the network – find out more on our website!

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Event Schedule 2016

- **January 29th**: Writing for Publication, Prof. Rowena Murray, hosted by DIT.
- **April 22nd**: Improving assessment strategies – a strategic approach, Ivan Moore, hosted by DCU.
- **June 20th**: The Y1Feedback Project - Findings So Far & Implications for Practice, Lisa O’Regan and Morag Munro, hosted by Griffith College Dublin.
- **June 20th**: The National Forum’s Professional Development Approach, Dr Geraldine O’Neill, hosted by Griffith College Dublin.
- **November 24th**: Implementing the Professional Development Standards, facilitated by Dr Marion Palmer, at the Ashling Hotel, Dublin.

Project Outcomes for 2016

- Supporting the professional development of academic staff in HEI's through enhancing the practice of academic developers in relation to assessment.
- Assist members in publishing and disseminating their knowledge and expertise.
- Maintaining an effective website and social media framework for communication and sharing of best practice.
- Encouraging increased and on-going professionalization of teaching.

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