

TEACHING MATTERS

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Welcome

Welcome to the *Teaching Matters* digest for March. Remember to check [our main website](#) for more information about any of the items here or on the blog, and of course you are welcome to [contact us](#) with any questions or feedback you may have.

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You can follow [our blog](#) to catch updates in between these digest emails. If you are using Wordpress, *Follow* the blog via your own account to get update of any of our blog posts via email.

Major National e-Portfolio Event, 21st-23rd March 2016 **BOOKED OUT**



Dublin Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology Tallaght, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown and Hibernia College, with the support of the [National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning](#), are working together on a six-month project entitled **An ePortfolio strategy to enhance student learning and assessment, and staff professional development**. As part of the project, we are delighted to host a **National Irish ePortfolio Forum event ePortfolios in Ireland: What Now, Where Next? from Monday 20th to Wednesday 23rd March 2016**. This three-day event at DIT Aungier St will explore themes such as ePortfolio projects, tools and platforms, assessment and reflection, and digital identity and career progression. **Attendance at this event is now fully subscribed**, but please [watch the website](#) and Twitter for further details of the project and outcomes from the conference. [find out more >>](#)

2016 Learning Innovation Showcase & LTTC Graduate Conference, 12th May 2016



Prof Norman Jackson

The 2016 Learning Innovation Showcase and LTTC Graduate Conference will run on Thursday 12th May 2016. The theme of this year's event is *Educational Climate Change: Exploring our Learning Environments*. Our confirmed keynote speaker will be **Professor Norman Jackson**, a leading expert in teaching and learning in higher education whose recent work addresses learning ecosystems and environments. You can read [more about Norman's work here](#).

We can promise attendees lots of *Gasta* lighting sessions with short presentations from very many DIT, ITTDublin and ITB colleagues on changes and strategies they are currently implementing! Please watch our website for more information, and for previous years see our [LTTC Showcase Pages](#).

LTTC Programmes 2016-2017 Entry



Applications are now being accepted for our [Postgraduate Diploma in Third Level Learning and Teaching](#), [MSc in Applied e-Learning](#) and [MA in Higher Education](#). These exciting, innovative and award-winning programmes are tailored for today's busy academics and practitioners who are seeking to update or develop new skills and strategies that can enhance their students' learning. All programmes use student-centred methods, combining face-to-face sessions with online, interactive activities so that you can easily fit study around your work and/or other commitments. Programmes commence again in September 2016.

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Perspectives in Education Seminars



The second seminar in the LTTC's **Perspectives in Education** series took place on Thursday 10th March, addressing the question *Should HE lecturers have a formal qualification in teaching?* This stemmed from [recent discussions at the Oireachtas in January](#). We were joined by graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma in Third Level Learning and Teaching, and colleagues from ITTDublin and IT Blanchardstown to discuss the issue. The next seminar takes place on **April 7th**, with the topic **Devices in the classroom – good or bad?** We will consider the increasing use by students of laptops, tablets, smartphones and more during class time. All welcome!

[find out more >>](#)

First Year Tutors Light Lunches – March/April 2016



Are you a 1st Year tutor or involved in teaching 1st years? If so, we have another 'light lunch' series you won't want to miss!

As well as lunch, you will have the opportunity to meet and chat with other first year tutors, meet face to face with members of the DIT Campus Life, Access and Student Services and get useful information on the services available to your students. There will also be the opportunity to discuss strategies for referring students to the services available, discuss good practice and identify opportunities for collaboration and synergy.

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2016 Jennifer Burke Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning



The call for nominations under the 2016 Jennifer Burke Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning is now open. The deadline for submission of nominations is **5th April 2016**. In this year's process nominations should be submitted as a five minute [GoAnimate](#) animation. For more information about the award and how to apply, [please visit the Award website](#).

Research Corner



We are delighted to note that **Odette Gabaudan**, a graduate of the MSc in Applied e-Learning, has had her research published by **ReCALL**, a high-impact factor journal focused on research in computer-assisted language learning. Congratulations to Odette!

Next National Forum Seminar: Coordinating the Programme Team for Assessment and Feedback



The next National Forum seminar at DIT will take place at DIT Kevin St on **6th May 2016 from 9.30am to 3.30pm**, on the topic **Coordinating the Programme Team for Assessment and Feedback**. **Dr Mark Kerrigan**, Director of Learning and Teaching, Anglia Ruskin University (mapmyprogramme.com) and **Dr Alan Masson** of Blackboard Inc. will lead this event.

The design of assessment and feedback across the modules and stages of a programme should look beyond the atomic assessment of individual modules and consider the overall objectives of the programme, including programme learning outcomes and graduate attributes. This seminar will examine and provide training of a number of collaborative assessment planning tools currently available, including the Greenwich University [MapMyProgramme tool](#). There will also be an opportunity to be involved in participatory design of the next generation of tools to support programme teams in the design of their assessment and feedback activity.

[further details and registration >>](#)

IJAP 2016 Call for Papers



IJAP, the LTTC online peer reviewed journal for pedagogic research and scholarship is now inviting articles for Volume No 5, June 2016.

The aim of the journal is to provide a platform to academics, researchers, scholars, professionals and postgraduate students, for publishing papers in the fields of third level learning, teaching and technology, and related areas. The deadline for paper submissions is 30th March 2016, and the journal will be launched at our Graduate Showcase event on 12th May 2016.

If you would like to discuss a contribution, please contact one of the editors:

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And Finally...



Wishing colleagues an enjoyable and restful holiday

CONTACT US!

We welcome enquiries and your feedback to lttc@dit.ie