

4th Annual Peer Assisted Learning Symposium

Student Led Learning: Supporting the 1st Year Experience

12th and 13th of May, 2010 in
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

Agenda

	Title	Speakers
Wednesday May 12th		
5.00-6.00pm	Registration & Welcome Reception in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway.	
6.00-8.00pm	Networking Dinner in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway.	
Thursday May 13th		
9.00- 9.30am, Café Foyer, Front Reception, GMIT.	Registration & Refreshments	
9.30 - 9.45am, Theatre 994, GMIT	Welcome Address	Marion Coy, President, GMIT.
9.45 - 10.45am, Theatre 994	Keynote Address: “Learning to Change, Changing to Learn” <i>(see abstract below)</i>	Cathy Unite, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
10.45- 11.00am, Café Foyer	Refreshments	
PAL Programme Development and Implementation:		
11.00 - 11.45am, Theatre 994	Open Surgery: Tackling the challenges in implementing peer assisted student support.	Marcia Ody and Will Carey, University of Manchester.
11.45 - 12.15pm, Theatre 994	Promoting Peer Learning within the Shannon Consortium and Beyond	Catherine Bracken and Hussain Mahdi, Regional Peer Supported Learning Centre, University of Limerick
12.15 - 12.30pm, Theatre 994	Addressing Academic & Social Challenges of First Year Students with Peer Learning in Modern Languages in TCD	Katrin Eberbach, Trinity College Dublin
12.30 - 12.45pm, Theatre 994	PAL Pilot Project in BA International Business & Languages in DIT	Odette Gabaudan, Dublin Institute of Technology.

12.45- 1.00pm, Theatre 994	Q&A	
1.00 – 2.00pm, Café Foyer	LUNCH	
PAL Evaluation Experiences:		
2.00-2.30pm, Theatre 994	First Year Experience of a PAL Programme deployed in two Institutes of Technology in Ireland.	Carina Ginty, GMIT, Nuala Harding, AIT and PAL/PASS Student Leaders from both institutes.
2.30pm – 3.00pm, Theatre 994	Improving First Year Student Performance and Retention by using peer-tutoring at the University of Granada (Spain)	Jose L. Arco, Francisco D. Fernández & Maribel Miñaca, University of Granada (Spain).
3.00-3.30pm, Theatre 994	Insight and Evaluation: Celebrating 9 Years of Peer-Supported Learning Groups at University of Limerick.	Hussain Mahdi, University of Limerick.
3.30 – 3.45pm, Theatre 994	Q&A	
3.45 - 4.00pm, Theatre 994	Closing Address	Dr. Joe Ryan, Registrar, AIT.

Cathy Unite, SI and VSI Coordinator, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Keynote Address: "Learning to Change, Changing to Learn"

Abstract:

Since the development of Supplemental Instruction (SI) at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in 1973, the model has emerged from its early beginnings in the American Mid-West to become an internationally recognised academic peer support program that continues to influence global scholarship and education.

The presenter will address the core components of the SI model, reflect on how the program has contributed to student success, explore international adaptations, with particular reference to the South African perspective, and consider future directions for peer support in 21st Century learning.

Core concepts: Revisiting Fundamentals; Promoting Student Success; Exploring Adaptations; and Envisioning 21st Century Learning.

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