



LEARNING TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT NEWSLETTER



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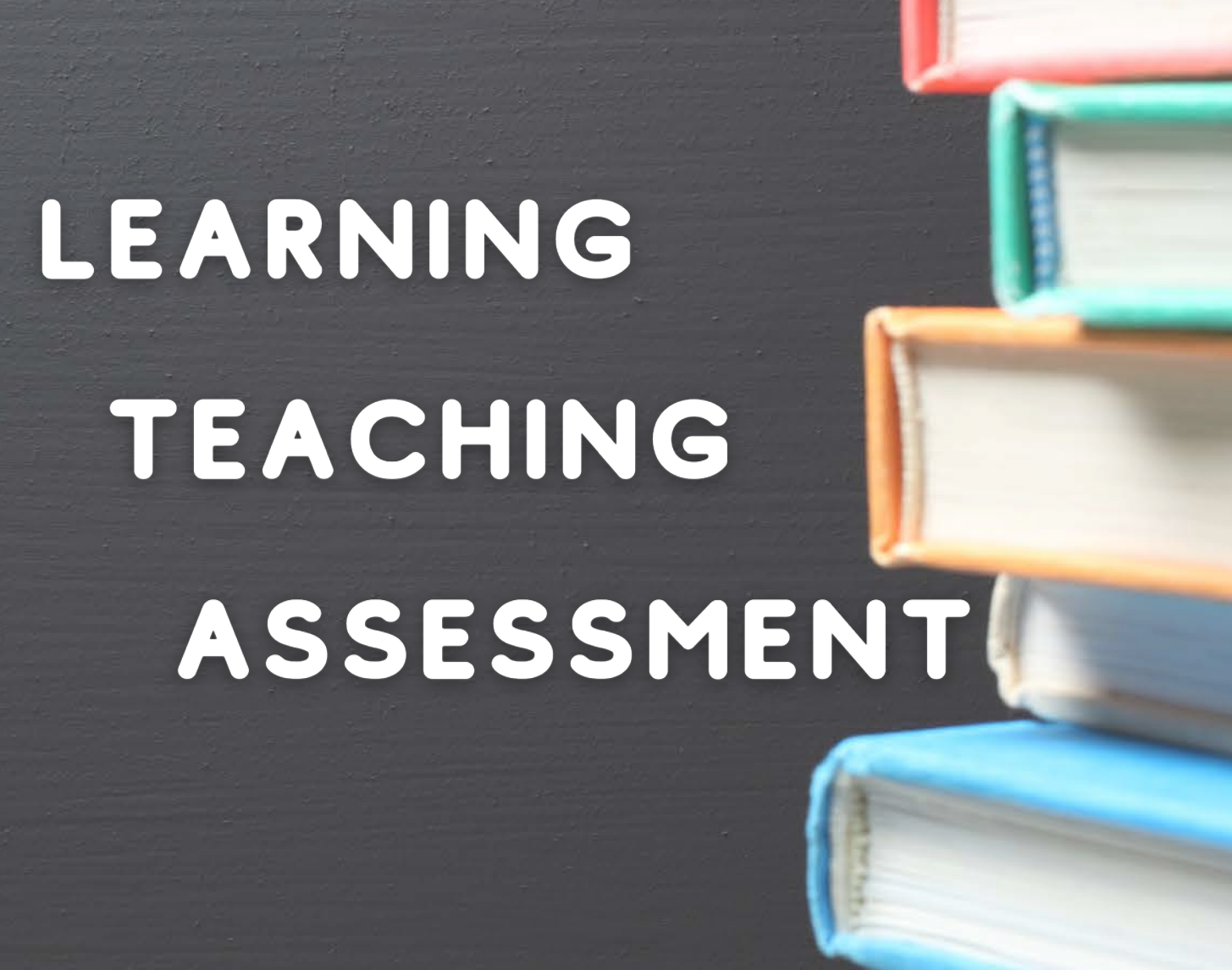
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first Learning, Teaching and Assessment Newsletter, where we will be highlighting all things Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LT&A), from news and events to Academic CPD and changes and enhancements to the LT&A environment.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like included in our monthly update.

Thank you.



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ACADEMIC CPD

Academic CPD Page



The team has opened a new Academic CPD page on Moodle, which is different from the staff Training Page.

The Academic CPD page holds On Demand content on teaching, learning and assessment topics, whereas the training page contains more how-to technical support and advice. This past semester the team, with the help from faculty, have put together several On Demand units, including recordings of roundtable discussions, on the following topics;

- Rubrics
- Feedback
- Active Learning
- Moderation
- Creating On-Demand content (to be released)
- Copyright and teaching content (to be released)
- Programme approach to Assessment (to be released)

Click here to access this page: <https://elearning.dbs.ie/course/view.php?id=13397>

The team is currently reviewing academic CPD for next semester.

Thank you to faculty who helped us put together this On Demand content and to the online development team, specifically academic developer Bernadette Higgins.

Please let any member of the team, the LT&A Committee or your Course Director/Faculty Manager aware of any areas of CPD that interest you.



National Forum Short Courses

DBS will facilitate two National Forum Short Courses this summer.

1. **EnTICE**, which is about engaging students through active learning, and **Getting Started with Online Teaching (GSOT)**.

These courses, which are aligned with the National Forum's Professional Development Framework, last six weeks and require approximately 25 hours of participant effort, which includes attendance at weekly seminars and the assessment. Those who complete a short course and assessment are rewarded with a National Forum Digital Badge, which is recognised throughout the Irish HE sector.

These courses have a limited number of places on them. There will be an information session on June 15th about the courses, which will run parallel from the last week in June to the end of July.

For more information please contact tony.murphy@dbs.ie



2. **AdvanceHE**

Over a dozen members of faculty are pursuing applications for AdvanceHE fellowships through DBS.

We have applicants working toward Associate Fellowships, Fellowships and Senior Fellowships.

As well as the potential to apply for fellowships, DBS's membership of AdvanceHE affords us access to a number of resources (<https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/>)

Should you want to know more about AdvanceHE or the fellowship tract, please contact tony.murphy@dbs.ie.



CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS: ZOOM ROOMS

Zoom Rooms

Zoom Rooms is a combination of software and hardware designed to facilitate an enhanced Hybrid teaching experience.

A wide screen TV, with a Neat Bar (a grey bar underneath the TV, which contains a microphone, speakers and tracking camera), has been installed in seven classrooms in DBS.

A tablet to operate the camera and speakers has also been installed in the rooms to complete the hardware side of zoom rooms.



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The online learners who are logging in via zoom are displayed on the Widescreen TV in front of the lecturer.

The microphone in the Neat Bar picks up all the sound in the room, whether the sound is coming from the front or back of the room, or whether or not the person speaking has their back to the microphone.

The tracking camera follows the movement of the lecturer. In large classrooms, The TV screen and Neat Bar are installed about a third of the way down the classroom, which means the lecturer can move around the top third of the room while still being tracked by the camera.

In smaller rooms and labs, the TV screen is at the back of the room, so online learners have a clear view of the class and the lecturer is free to move around and stay in shot. A full guide to using zoom rooms will be published shortly.

We have live tested zoom rooms with two lecturers and their classes and a currently live testing it with four more lecturers, after which zoom rooms will be rolled out to any lecturers timetabled to use zoom room classrooms.

For more information on zoom rooms, please contact isabel.ashburner@dbs.ie

DBS has the capacity to equip 17 classrooms between Aungier Street and Castle House, all of which should be fully operational by September.

Fifth Floor in Castle House classrooms

We are currently working with Facilities and Academic Operations to investigate alternative furniture arrangements for the new classrooms on the fifth floor in Castle House. Some of the options under consideration include Nodes (also known as the Dalek option), stackable flip chairs and tables and Clusters around a Screen.

EVENTS

There are several LT&A events and webinars during June.



9th June: Múineadh na Gaeilge ar an tríú leibhéal

10th June: The CEFR in Language Teaching

10th June: The Next Steps for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Advance HE's Inaugural Conference in Ireland

10th June: Developing Enabling Policies for Digital and Open Teaching and Learning

15th June: Accomplishing Change in Teaching and Learning Regimes

15th June: Cohort-based PhD Programmes in Ireland: Reflections, Learnings, and the Future

15th June: Exploring the Role of Contemplative Pedagogy in Inspiring Education Practice and Student Engagement - Educator and Student Perspectives

17th June: Showcasing a Tiered Public Health Occupational Therapy Approach to Supporting Student Participation, Health, Wellbeing and Success in Higher Education

22nd June: Re-imagining Impact as Evidencing Value in Teaching and Learning

FUNDING CALLS.

THERE ARE TWO LIVE CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL FORUM FUNDING...

There is an open call for contributions to Valuing Ireland's Teaching & Learning' (VIT&L) this coming November.



VIT&L Week, which takes place on 08-12 November, will involve students, staff, senior managers and policy partners through a mix of in-person and online events in which good practice and scholarship will be shared, strategic discussions will be held, excellence will be recognised, and the sector will come together to consider how to realise the promise of a valued and informed teaching and learning culture in Irish higher education. See the [VIT&L web site](#) for more information.

The call for funding to host a National Forum Seminar during 2021/22 closes on the 25th June. More information is available from the [National Forum's Website](#).

Subscribe for updates on [National Forum news and events](#).

LT&A IN PRACTICE



We would like to profile positive, innovative and interesting learning, teaching or assessment case studies from DBS faculty.

Would you be willing to submit a brief description in any format (video, audio, text, image collage), of an LTorA practice.

Please contact tony.murphy@dbs.ie if you have a teaching or assessment strategy that you would like to see highlighted.

NEW TEAM



There have been some changes to the Academic Support and Online Development Team in recent months.

Please let me introduce you to the current team.

- Isabel Ashburner - Learning Technologist and Team Lead
- Bernadette Higgins - Academic Developer
- Ronnie Doyle - Online Development Projects Coordinator
- Dave Mackey - AV Technician
- Shilpa Suresh Chathoth - Instructional Designer
- Dave Chernick - Instructional Designer