

PEER SUPPORT

CREATORS, EVALUATORS AND COMMUNICATORS OF KNOWLEDGE

• Encourage Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) to draw upon their personal university journeys to guide students assigned to them

• Students communicate their unique personal lived experiences and knowledge

INDEPENDENT AND CREATIVE THINKERS

Structured to promote teamwork and collaboration with an expectation that PSLs display independence and initiative in their role

- Wide variety of events and initiatives that are led by the PSLs:
 - PITstop (Peer Information Table)

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- social integration events for 1st Year and International students
- recruitment drives
- interviews

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• focus groups

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

- Programme based on social responsibility
- Entirely reliant upon the premise that UCC students are willing to give back to the university community
- New entrants receive support and guidance
- Community-based system that requires commitment to benefit the wider community
- Each PSL has a social responsibility to help the next student transition in and through

FLUENT

DIGITALLY

- Much of a PSL's ongoing interaction with students takes place in a digital space
- PSLs receive training on online tone and conduct from the UCC Skills Centre

EFFECTIVE, GLOBAL CITIZENS WHO RECOGNISE AND CHALLENGE INEQUALITY

- Designed as to be an inclusive programme - open to students of all backgrounds
 - PSL base is diverse
- Training includes a session from the EDI Unit regarding unconscious bias and treating all students equally
 - Inclusive and diverse representation on the Steering Committee:
 - Mature Students Representative
 - Students with Disabilities Representative
 - International Students Representative



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