

# 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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