

# Learning and Teaching Showcase

## 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Session 1 – Aula Maxima (10:00am – 12:15pm)

Time	Activity
10:00am	Welcome by UCC President, Prof. John O'Halloran
10:05am	Opening remarks by Vice-President of Learning & Teaching, Prof. Paul McSweeney
10:10–11:00am	<p><b>Keynote:</b> Dr. Catherine Cronin, author of <i>Higher Education for Good: Teaching and Learning Futures</i>. <a href="#">Catherine Cronin – independent open scholar</a></p> <p><b>Title:</b> <i>Higher Education towards 2030: what stories do we tell (ourselves) about who we are?</i></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> In the context of the current global polycrisis, it is clear that the assumptions and foundations of higher education are under threat. As vital as we believe our work in higher education to be - for our students, for wider society, and for the future - we face enormous challenges across all of our respective roles. Yet, as Freire (1994) reminds us, if we succumb to fatalism, “it becomes impossible to muster the strength we absolutely need for a fierce struggle that will re-create the world” ( p.8). Drawing on work by scholars from a wide range of disciplines and HE contexts globally, including <i>Higher Education for Good</i> (Czerniewicz &amp; Cronin, 2023), this keynote will explore current challenges, responses, and visions for the future of higher education. What stories do we tell ourselves about who we are – and what stories might we tell? The session will include opportunities for reflection by all participants, as preparation for the full programme L&amp;T Showcase events. References: Czerniewicz, L., &amp; Cronin, C., Eds. (2023). <i>Higher education for good: Teaching and learning futures</i>. Open Book Publishers. <a href="https://www.openbookpublishers.com/books/10.11647/obp.0363">https://www.openbookpublishers.com/books/10.11647/obp.0363</a>; Freire, P. (1994). <i>Pedagogy of hope: Reliving pedagogy of the oppressed</i>. Continuum.</p>

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Time	Activity
11:00–11:50am	<p><b>Panel Discussion:</b> <i>My Vision for Higher Education</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Prof. Stephen Byrne, Deputy President and Registrar</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Catherine O'Mahony, Director of the Centre for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL)</li> <li>• Prof. Mark McEntee, Chair Teaching and Curriculum Committee, M&amp;H</li> <li>• Dr. David Fitzgerald, Vice Head of College (Teaching and Learning), CACSSS</li> <li>• Dr. Alan Morrison, Vice Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, SEFS</li> <li>• Dr. Catherine O'Sullivan, Chair Learning and Teaching Committee, B&amp;L and Chair of the Academic Council Learning and Teaching Committee</li> <li>• Ms. Anna Hrabovska, Students' Union Education Officer</li> </ul>
11:50–12:15pm	Coffee break (refreshments provided)

### Session 2 – The Hub

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### The Hub (1:00pm – 3:45pm)

<p>1:00–2:15pm The Atrium, The Hub</p>	<p><b>Lunch &amp; Poster Viewing:</b> Interactive poster session where attendees can meet and chat over lunch with the 90 presenters of posters and learn how you might integrate their ideas in your teaching/support practice.</p> <p>(Sandwich, fruit &amp; drinks provided)</p>
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### Session 3 - The Shteppe

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<p>2:15–3:45pm</p>	<p><b>Short presentations:</b> Chaired by Ms. Liz Jolly, University Librarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Céire Broderick, CACSSS, SATLE teaching enhancement grant awardee - <i>“The Welcome Café: Lessons from Community-Engaged Learning”</i></li> <li>• Mr. Michael Murphy, CoBL, 2024 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient - <i>“Large-class Teaching: Techniques to Enhance Student Learning and Engagement”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Patricia McGrath, ACE, Office of the Vice President for Learning &amp; Teaching - <i>“Learning and Teaching Beyond the Walls of the University”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Eric Moore, SEFS, and CIRTLL Teaching Fellow - <i>“Future Proofing Learning and Teaching in Chemistry through Virtual Laboratories”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Mutahira Lone, CoMH, SATLE teaching enhancement grant awardee and CIRTLL Fellow - <i>“Redesigning Dental Anatomy: UDL at the Heart of Tooth Morphology Teaching”</i></li> </ul>
<p>3:45pm</p>	<p><b>Closing remarks:</b> Mr. Colin Lowry, Senior Manager for Teaching and Learning, Enhancement, and Digital Innovation at the Higher Education Authority (HEA)</p>

### Session 4 - Aula Maxima

Time	Activity
<p>5:30pm</p>	<p>Pre-ceremony reception &amp; refreshments</p>
<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>Presentation of President’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching</p>
<p>6:45pm</p>	<p>Graduation Ceremony (PG Certificate &amp; Diploma in Teaching &amp; Learning in Higher Education)</p>
<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>Close</p>

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