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Office of Vice-President for Learning and Teaching presents

Learning & Teaching Showcase Week

Programme of Events

7 - 11 December 2026

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Office of Vice-President for Learning and Teaching

A week of ideas, practice and conversation

Join colleagues and students for Learning & Teaching Showcase Week, led by the Office of Vice-President for Learning and Teaching. The programme features over twenty events, including keynote presentations, panel discussions, workshops, a film screening and a poster session exploring learning and teaching at UCC.

All UCC staff and students are welcome.

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Register & keep up to date

Some sessions have limited capacity and require advance booking; these are clearly identified in this schedule.

Event details are subject to change. Please check the Learning and Teaching Showcase 2026 webpage and any emails from event organisers for the latest registration information and updates. For queries, contact ovplt@ucc.ie.

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Monday 7 Dec	Tuesday 8 Dec	Wednesday 9 Dec	Thursday 10 Dec	Friday 11 Dec
10:30 | Networking & Refreshments | *Dora Allman*	**10:00** | Teaching and Learning in the Age of AI: Beyond the Hype · Professor Barry O'Sullivan | *Dora Allman*	**10:00** | President's Welcome | *WGB G05*	**10:00** | Networking & Refreshments | The Shtepps	**10:00** | Demo - Campus Teaching Technology and Facilities | *Boole 6*
10:50 | Opening Remarks | *Dora Allman*	**11:00** | Implement Collaborative Online International Learning in your teaching | Prof GianMario Besana	**10:10** | Keynote: Professor Harriet Dunbar-Morris | *WGB G05* ***REGISTER***	**10:30** | AI in Digital Education Platforms | *The Shtepps*	**10:00** | Interactive Oral Assessments: Advanced Workshop | *Venue TBC, max 25 participants*
11:00 | Student Voice Panel: What Helps Us Learn at UCC? | *Dora Allman*	**11:00** | Workshop | Supporting Teaching and Learning with the Digital Scholarship Studio | *UCC Library* - ***REGISTER***	**11:00** | Panel Discussion Response | *WGB G05*	**11:00** | The Other Side of the Story: What exam appeals and student ombudsman cases can teach us | *The Shtepps*	**11:00** | Teaching with Purpose: Why We Teach and What Matters Most - Conversations with CIRTL Teaching Fellows | *The Shtepps*
12:00 | College Teaching and Learning Panel. Perspectives from the Classroom: When Teaching Didn't Go to Plan and What We Learned | *Dora Allman*	**12:00** | Respondus Lockdown Browser Showcase | *Online* - ***REGISTER***	**12:00** | Short Talk Series with SATLE and Teaching Award Recipients | *WGB G05*	**12:00** | OVPLT Showcase | *The Shtepps*	**13:00** | Assessment Hackathon | *Aula Maxima* ***REGISTER***
13:00 | Wellbeing and the Curriculum | *Online* - ***JOIN HERE***	**14:00** | Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future. Including the launch of Sustainability in Teaching and Learning: UCC Case Studies | *Dora Allman*	**13:00** | Lunch and Poster Viewing | *WGB Atrium* ***REGISTER***	**13:00** | Special Collections as a Teaching Tool | *UCC Library, max 25 participants* ***REGISTER***	
14:00 | Accessibility on Canvas: Five Easy Wins | *Online* - REGISTER		**17:30** | Reception followed by President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Graduation Ceremony | *Aula Maxima - Invitation only*	**14:00** | Interactive Oral Assessments: Introductory Workshop | *Dora Allman* ***REGISTER***	
16:00 | Film Screening: The Librarians | Boole 1			**14:00** | Reimagining Teaching and Learning Spaces: Learning Design Jam | ***REGISTER*** *for location*	

Invitation Only **Registration Essential**

Monday | 7 December

Time	Event	Location
10:30	**Networking & Refreshments**	Dora Allman
10:50	**Opening remarks** from Prof. Paul McSweeney, Vice-President for Learning and Teaching.	Dora Allman
11:00–12:00	**Panel Session - Student Voice: What Helps Us Learn at UCC?** Chaired by Clíodhna O'Callaghan, Centre for Digital Education.	Dora Allman
12:00–13:00	**Panel Session - Perspectives from the Classroom: When Teaching Didn't Go to Plan and What We Learned** with the Heads of Teaching and Learning from UCC's four Colleges, chaired by Dr Catherine O'Mahony, CIRTL.	Dora Allman
13:00–14:00	**Presentation - Wellbeing and the Curriculum** HEA policy update and an overview of UCC's Wellbeing and the Curriculum Project 2025-2028 with Dr Eithne Hunt	Online (Join Here)
14:00–15:00	**Workshop - Accessibility on Canvas: Five Easy Wins** A session with Dr Fergal Harrington, Centre for Digital Education.	Online (Register)
16:00–17:30	**Film screening - *The Librarians*** (92 minutes) Introduced by University Librarian Liz Jolly, followed by Q&A.	Boole 1

What Helps Us Learn at UCC

Hear directly from students about the experiences and approaches that support their learning at UCC.

Panel: Student Union President – Eleanor McCahill, Student Union Education Officer – Maksym Levchenko, College of Medicine & Health Representative – Kacper Bogalecki, Student Union Entertainments Officer - Makhabbat (Mika) Shaimakhanova, 2nd-year Psychology student - Ariana Rubika and Student Union Communications Officer – Luna Fleming.

Monday 7 December | 11:00–12:00

Dora Allman, The Hub



Tuesday | 8 December

Time	Event	Location
10:00-11:00	**Lecture - Teaching and Learning in the Age of AI: Beyond the Hype** with Prof Barry O'Sullivan, School of Computer Science and Information Technology. Introduction by Prof. Paul McSweeney, OVPLT.	Dora Allman
11:00-12:00	**Workshop -** Supporting Teaching and Learning with the Digital Scholarship Studio	UCC Library (Register)
11:00-12:00	**Workshop - Design, Deliver, Connect: Implement Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) in your teaching** to develop students' intercultural awareness and global mindset with Prof GianMario Besana, Associate Provost for Global Engagement and Online Learning, DePaul University, Chicago	Shtepps
12:00–13:00	**Showcase - Respondus Lockdown Browser** Early Adopter Learnings from Semester One with Clíodhna O'Callaghan, Centre for Digital Education.	Online (Register)
14:00-16:00	**Launch - Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future** with Dr David Nyaluke, CIRTL and Dr Kieran Higgins, Ulster University. Includes the launch of Sustainability in Teaching and Learning Case Studies at UCC.	Dora Allman

Teaching and Learning for a *Sustainable Future*

Explore how sustainability can be embedded in teaching and learning at UCC. This session, with Dr David Nyaluke, CIRTL and Dr Kieran Higgins, Ulster University, will also launch Sustainability in Teaching and Learning Case Studies from UCC colleagues.

Tuesday 8 December
14:00–16:00

Dora Allman



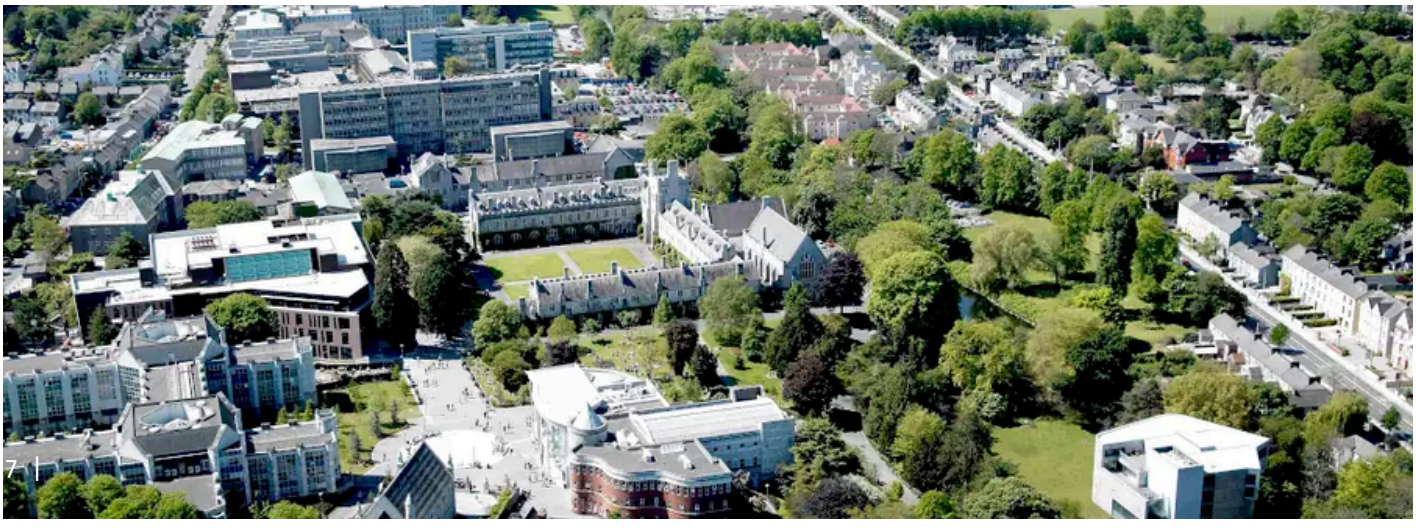
Wednesday | 9 December

Time	Event	Location
10:00	**Welcome address - Prof. John O'Halloran, President, UCC.** MC: Prof. Paul McSweeney, Vice-President for Learning and Teaching.	WGB G05
10:05–11:00	**Keynote - Being, Belonging and Becoming: Designing Higher Education for Real Lives, Lifelong Learning and Student Success** by Prof Harriet Dunbar-Morris, Chief Academic Officer and Deputy President, South East Technological University.	WGB G05 (Register)
11:00–12:00	**Keynote panel discussion -** chaired by Liz Jolly, University Librarian. Panellists: Dr Catherine O'Mahony, CIRTL Director, Dr Catherine O'Sullivan, Chair of Academic Council Learning & Teaching, Prof Paul McSweeney, Vice-President for Learning and Teaching, Prof Stephen Byrne, Deputy President and Registrar and Maksym Levchenko, Students' Union Education Officer.	WGB G05
12:00–13:00	**Short talks from past award recipients - SATLE Award** recipients Dr Marcus Claesson, Microbiology and Dr Yvonne O'Connor, BIS, and from previous Awardees of the **President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching**; Prof Gillian Murphy, Applied Psychology and Prof Mark McEntee, School of Medicine. Chaired by Dr Laura Lee.	WGB G05
13:00-14:30	**Poster Viewing & Networking Session (Lunch provided)** Peruse examplars of teaching and learning across UCC.	WGB Atrium (Register)
17:30	**Pre-Awards and Graduation Ceremony Reception -** Refreshments will be served.	Aula Maxima (Invite Only)
18:00-19:00	**President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching, followed by the annual CIRTL Graduation Ceremony.**	Aula Maxima (Invite Only)



Thursday | 10 December

Time	Event	Location
10:00–10:30	**Networking & Refreshments**	The Shtepps
10:30–11:00	**Briefing - AI in Digital Education Platforms** with Tom O'Mara, Centre for Digital Education.	The Shtepps
11:00–12:00	**In conversation - The Other Side of the Story: What Exam Appeals and Student Ombudsman Cases Can Teach Us About Learning, Teaching and Assessment** with Daniel Blackshields, Dr Maria Dempsey. Chaired by Prof Eleanor Bantry-White.	The Shtepps
12:00–13:00	**Case Studies -** A showcase of some OVPLT initiatives and tools across OVPLT that support student success at UCC.	The Shtepps
13:00-14:00	**Workshop - Special Collections as a Teaching Tool** Registration essential (max 25 participants).	Special Collections, UCC Library (Register)
14:00–15:30	**Workshop - Reimagining Teaching and Learning Spaces** A learning design jam with Dr Briony Supple, CIRTL, exploring teaching and learning spaces through a collaborative workshop. Booking essential (max 30 participants).	Register for location
14:00–16:00	**Workshop - Interactive Oral Assessments.** Introductory Workshop with Lily Girme and Dr Martina Crehan, Dublin City University Teaching Enhancement Unit.	Dora Allman (Register)



Friday | 11 December

Time	Event	Location
10:00-10:30	**Demonstration - Campus Teaching Technology and Facilities** with Brian Bugler and Kilian Murphy, IT Services, and Paul Williams, Buildings and Estates.	Boole 6
10:00–12:00	**Advanced Workshop (Invite Only) - Interactive Oral Assessments** designing and delivering interactive oral (IO) assessments with Lily Girme and Dr Martina Crehan, Dublin City University Teaching Enhancement Unit (max 25 participants).	See invite
11:00-12:00	**In Conversation - Teaching with Purpose: Why We Teach and What Matters Most** with CIRTL Teaching Fellows, Dr Mutahira Lone, Dr Jerry Reen and Dr Michelle Finnerty. Chaired by Dr Briony Supple, CIRTL.	The Shtepps
13:00-16:00	**Assessment Hackathon -** led by Dr Sarah Thelen and Dr Loretta Goff, CIRTL. Join this challenge-based hackathon exploring ways to approach assessment in the face of technological change.	Aula Maxima (Register)



OVPLT Case Studies

A showcase of some initiatives and tools across OVPLT that support student success at UCC, including:

- A presentation on the SATLE Impact Awarded ADAPT project
- A demonstration of the SATLE-funded GAP Compass dashboard
- A Careers presentation on workplace learning and graduate employability, drawing on the Placement Team and Graduate Outcomes Survey.

Chaired by Prof. Paul McSweeney

Thursday 10 December | 11:00–12:00

The Shtepps

Acknowledgements

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