

Welcome to the September edition of the Crannóg newsletter. We hope you had a good Summer. If you have missed any of our previous newsletters, you can catch up by visiting the Crannóg website <http://www.crannog-he.ie> and navigating to newsletters. If you no longer wish to receive newsletters, please do let us know by reply.

## ASSESSMENT OF LEARNERS AND LEARNING

In our March newsletter, we drew your attention to the QQI Green Paper on Assessment that is currently out for consultation.

Responses are welcome up to December 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. Crannóg are happy to collate a response to this document, but we would love to hear your views. We attach here a summary document (8 pages from 152) of the pertinent points contained in the [QQI document](#).

Please contact us with any responses or if you would like us to organise a discussion in your institution.

## HEA – QQI NEWS

The QQI and HEA have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding up to 2020. The organisations have committed to working together on a number of areas including access, transfer and progression; enhancement of the quality of teaching, learning and student experience and a data strategy for higher education.

You can read more on [www.hea.ie](http://www.hea.ie) and view the MOU here:

<http://hea.ie/assets/uploads/2018/08/qqi-hea-memo.pdf>

## DIGITAL EXPERIENCE OF STUDENTS

The results of a major survey undertaken by JISC in the UK of students in Further and Higher

Education, on their 'digital experience' was launched this week at the [ALT](#) (Association for Learning Technology) Conference in Manchester.

The 'at a glance' version, nicely summarises the findings:

[http://repository.jisc.ac.uk/6970/1/Digital\\_experience\\_insights\\_survey\\_2018\\_at\\_a\\_glance.pdf](http://repository.jisc.ac.uk/6970/1/Digital_experience_insights_survey_2018_at_a_glance.pdf)

It would be interesting to compare with similar data for Irish institutions, particularly with regards to identifying the extent to which there is variation in students' access to digital technologies.

In an Irish context, of course, the All Aboard project and its spin-out, 'Digital Champions', provides a wide range of supports for the effective use of digital technologies. The resources and activities are aimed at both students and staff and you are very welcome to try your hand at earning some of their digital badges! <http://www.allaboardhe.ie>

## REVERSE MENTORING – THE STUDENT VOICE

Our DCU partner has been piloting a Reverse Mentoring Initiative in DCU with Heads of Schools and Deans. A toolkit is being developed and we will soon report on how such an initiative could be rolled out in other institutions. You can hear from one of the participants in the video accessible here: <http://www.crannog-he.ie/media-library/>

EVENT – SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, the National Forum will host a symposium on **Institutional Approaches to Using Data for Enhancing Student Success**.

The event is aimed at senior institutional staff, exploring international best practice in field of developing and driving data-supported institutional strategies that empower students to achieve the maximum benefit from their time in higher education.

CALL FOR FUNDING – TEACHING AND LEARNING ENHANCEMENT FUND

The National Forum is welcoming applications for project funding under Teaching and Learning Enhancement.

The Crannóg project is funded by a previous call. The budget guide is €20k – €150k. Full details are

accessible from

<https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Call-TL-Enhancement-Fund-2018.pdf>

Closing date: October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

CALL FOR SEMINAR SERIES FUNDING – DEADLINE APPROACHING

Applications for the **2018-19 Seminar Series** are invited by October 11<sup>th</sup> 2018. Applications are invited under the themes of assessment, professional development, innovative teaching using technology, enabling policies for digital learning, and the Data-Enabled Student Success Initiative (DESSI) and student success.

The seminar series are a very useful way to encourage local discussion on important teaching and learning issues.

More information is available here: <https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/current-calls/national-seminar-series-20182019/>

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