



Academic Advising Project

ConnectED - Connecting Advisory Supports for Students in the School of Education

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AIM

The aims of this project are:

- to ensure all students and staff associated with the UCD initial teacher education (ITE) programmes can fully engage with the many student advising services the School of Education offers including: tutor supports; cooperating teachers in placement schools; accessing bespoke student support services; pastoral care; support for engaging with relevant professional bodies (Teaching Council, PDST, Industry, etc.); and connecting with and harnessing the potential of our alumni.
- that the advising services positively affect the student experience;
- to develop School capacity to review and improve our student advice initiatives.

OBJECTIVES

To realise these aims, the primary objective of this project is to formalise, and bring coherence to, the student advising services provided in ITE.

STRATEGY

The approach will be to provide at least three shared learning opportunities throughout the year and design, build, and evaluate an ITE student advising digital hub. To achieve this the following is proposed:

- Using a world-cafe approach, the team will bring together a diverse and representative sample of the School of Education community to map current support to the teacher education programme values and to co-construct learning outcomes for the student advising initiatives.
- Design a School of Education outreach website that will be an interface between the School and student school-based mentors
- Identify and select content suitable for a student advice digital hub
- Pilot the project and present findings of the pilot to School colleagues & wider ITE team (including students) with a view to rolling-out the student advice digital hub as appropriate
- Steering group meetings to work on evaluation of the project, produce a report, & prepare an academic article on student advising (on-going).