

Welcome to our 6th UCD Veterinary Community EDI newsletter!

EDI stands for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion [www.ucd.ie/equality](http://www.ucd.ie/equality)

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LUCK!

Best of luck to all Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Nursing students in their autumn exams!!

In October, Bridget Hogg, Hannah Callaghan and Kate Acton, harvested the **Vets Community Vegetable Garden** and prepped it for winter. They used recycled cardboard boxes from the deliveries as a weed suppressant, and mulch, as part of an ongoing green initiative. Anyone interested in helping out this Spring, reach out to [bridget.hogg@ucd.ie](mailto:bridget.hogg@ucd.ie).



**Students** - How Sustainable is our School? The **Sustainability** Group would be very grateful for your opinion!



Did you know that there is an **Inclusive Digital Map (IDM)** of UCD? Students and Staff are invited to contribute to this fantastic resource (click 'read more' on the welcome page for the contact form) [ucd.ie/idm](http://ucd.ie/idm)



If any student or staff member would like a **Hidden Disabilities** sunflower lanyard, please reach out to [vetedias@ucd.ie](mailto:vetedias@ucd.ie)

Are you the parent, guardian or carer for a **neurodivergent** child? Join other caregivers for chats on December 9th at 11am in Vets 101. RSVP here



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The **Dean's Inclusion Award** is awarded annually to students, staff, or groups that have demonstrated outstanding behaviours in the areas of EDI. In October, Dean Rory Breathnach presented the latest award to staff who volunteered at the UCD Festival in June 2023. Feedback from neurodivergent attendees, especially children, was that the events were very welcoming and inclusive.



More on the award here: [ucd.ie/vetmed/about/athenaswan/deansinclusionaward/](https://ucd.ie/vetmed/about/athenaswan/deansinclusionaward/)



On November 19th, Cliona Skelly, Stephen Gordon and Eimear Burkley received the **Silver Athena SWAN award**, on behalf of the School, at a ceremony in Trinity College. Where can I find the **Action Plan**?



In November, Stephen Gordon and Benoit Cuq took part in the annual CHAS celebration of **International Men's Day**. Posters on the theme of 'Positive Male Role Models' were displayed on campus and can be seen online



**Staff** - have you taken part in **Dignity & Respect** workshops? The first session for Teaching Staff is on Dec. 12th. Two sessions On Feb. 12th cover both Faculty and Non-Faculty staff. Book here:

