



OPENING UP EDUCATION Irish National MOOC Symposium

Friday 1st May 2015

About the Symposium

The National MOOC Symposium aims to explore some of the claims, counter-claims and unresolved debates surrounding the rapid growth of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in Education. This event is timely as there are a number of new MOOC initiatives in Ireland and some commentators still believe they reflect a metaphorical *avalanche* which is going to fundamentally transform the education system. The Symposium offers an opportunity for Irish educators to come together to share experiences, perspectives and lessons from the emerging research literature on the MOOC movement. Participants will have a chance to engage with two international keynote speakers who have considerable expertise in the area and gain insights from several local initiatives. The programme is designed to encourage interaction and valuable networking as we reflect more deeply on the opportunities and challenges that different types of MOOCs provide for opening up education.

Programme (draft)

8:45am	Registration Tea/Coffee Available	
9:20 - 9:30am	Welcome Introduction	Professor Mark Brown Why a MOOC Symposium?
9:30 - 10:20am	Keynote: Presenter:	Perspectives on Mass Pedagogy Professor Mike Sharples, UK Open University
10:20 - 10:45am	Case Study: Presenter:	Insights from a FutureLearn Experience Professor Tim Savage, Trinity College Dublin
10:45 - 11:15am	Morning Tea	
11:15 - 12:00 noon	Keynote Presenter:	MOOCs and the European Experience Dr Darco Jansen, EADTU
12:00 - 12:30pm	Interaction: Debate:	MOOC Debate That MOOCs have Failed to Open Up Education
12:30 - 1:15pm	Lunch Break	
1:15 - 1:30pm	Spotlight: Presenter:	MOOCs in the Irish Media Professor Mark Brown
1:30 - 2:00pm	Spotlight: Presenter:	MOOC Options for Ireland: Future Opportunities Dr Michael Hallissy, H2
2:00 - 2:20pm	Reflection: Presenters:	Why MOOC? Defining Institutional Drivers Professor Mark Brown and Dr. Eamon Costello
2:20 - 3:00pm	Interaction: Question:	Roundtable Discussion What Role Should MOOCs Play in Irish Education?

3:00 - 3:20pm

Afternoon Tea

3:20 - 4:00pm

Case Study: Sligo Institute of Technology

- Lean Six Sigma MOOC
- MOOCs for Transition
- Low Cost MOOC Development

Presenters: Brian Coll, Gavin Clinch, Brian Mulligan, SloT

4:00 - 4:20pm

Case Study: The Case for Moodle

Presenter: Gavin Henrick, Learning Technology Services

4:20 - 4:30pm

Case Study: The ADAPT TraMOOC

Presenter: Dr John Judge, School of Computing DCU

4:30 - 4:45pm

Closing: Key Themes and Future Initiatives

Farewell: Dr Eamon Costello

Venue: Room CG86, Henry Grattan Building
Dublin City University

Link to DCU Map: http://www4.dcu.ie/education_studies/images/campus_map.pdf

Cost: Free - Registration Essential

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/opening-up-education-irish-national-mooc-symposium-tickets-16427995577>

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