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4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON TEACHING & LEARNING

The Challenge of Diversity:

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INTRODUCTION

NUI Galway's 4th Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning (in Higher Education) will focus on the key issues of student diversity and how approaches to teaching, learning and assessment can take into account an increasingly diverse student population. Our emphasis will be on practical, real world solutions and we will explore international experience and best practice.

SPEAKERS

Speakers include:

- **Professor Dai Hounsell**, Professor of Higher Education, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- **Professor Alan Hurst**, Professor of Education Studies, University of Central Lancashire, England.
- **Dr. Kerri-Lee Krause**, Senior Lecturer in Higher Education, Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne, Australia.
- **Dr. Janette Ryan**, Senior Lecturer (Curriculum and Pedagogy), Faculty of Education, Monash University, Australia.
- **Dr. Liz Thomas**, Senior Adviser for Widening Participation, Higher Education Academy, UK.
- **Dr. Mary-Liz Trant**, Head of National Office for Equity of Access to Higher Education, Higher Education Authority, Dublin, Ireland.

TOPICS

Presentations and posters at the conference will encompass the following themes:

- the learning and support needs of non-traditional learners in higher education;
- the support needs of academic staff in relation to learning, teaching and assessment in the context of an increasingly diverse student body;
- the development of diverse and discipline-specific methods to support the retention and successful participation of non-traditional learners;
- models of student learning support for both traditional and non-traditional learners; and
- approaches to teaching that foster greater active learner engagement (for both traditional and non-traditional learners).

Non-traditional learners include socio-economically disadvantaged students, mature students, students with a disability, part-time students, students who are members of the Traveller community or minority ethnic groups, and international students.



REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be completed online no later than **Friday, April 28th 2006** at the conference website.

<http://www.conference.ie>

The conference fee is €100 with a reduced rate of €50 for staff of NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth and the Dublin Institute of Technology. An additional fee of €50 is payable if you wish to attend the official conference dinner.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in these or related areas to consider offering either a short presentation (15-20 minutes) or a poster. Abstracts should be submitted online before the closing date of **Friday, February 3rd 2006** at the conference website <http://www.conference.ie>