
Presentation from Limerick, Ireland –

‘Open Distance Learning’

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National Position

Limerick, Ireland

Northern Ireland
Learning Limerick Steering Group

• Led by the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Limerick City and County Council, and PAUL Partnership, it is made up of statutory, local development, business, and community and voluntary sector partners that have a role in learning in Limerick.

• Annual Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival - over 200 events held across the city and county; includes international seminar event.

• The 10th Festival in September 2020 will be a ‘virtual one’.

• Memorandum of Understanding signed between lead partners.

• All-Ireland Network – Limerick, Cork, Belfast, Dublin and Derry.

• LearningLimerick.ie website launched.

• Learning Neighbourhoods project commenced.

• Learning Ambassadors project launched.
Open Distance Learning

COVID-19 – Distance Education Response from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
COVID 19 - The Rush Online

More than 10 fold increase in use of MS TEAMS
(Over 3000 daily users)

2 fold increase in users accessing our Moodle VLE
Initial Learner Engagement

- Very Limited
- Some Engagement
- Mixed – Significant variance in extent of engagement
- Good
- Excellent
Social Learning: Reaching Community Based Learners

Welcome
Click on tiles to visit content posted by tutors

HEALTH AND WELLBEING
View content from our Health and Wellbeing tutors

ARTS AND CRAFTS
View content from our Arts and Crafts tutors
Online Course in Infection Prevention and Control

• Free online course in direct response to national need.
• 3-week course with skills to prevent and control infection in a variety of healthcare settings.
• Learners must already hold a Major Award at Level 4 or higher in Healthcare Support, Health Service Skills or Nursing Studies.
## DESI: EU Digital Economy and Society Index 2019
### Irelands Performance – Indicator 2: Human Capital

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Inter-Agency focus on Digital Inclusion/Exclusion

Smart Limerick: Building Ireland’s First Digital City (2017 – 2020)


SMART Limerick Working Groups

1. Citizen Engagement
2. Data
3. Digital Inclusion
4. Energy
Digital Inclusion Working Group:

• Developing a better understanding of what it means to be ‘digitally included’ or ‘digitally excluded’
  • Qualitative research ongoing with Tavistock Institute into the nature and experience of digital exclusion among at-risk target groups
  • First phase of primary research completed prior to Covid 19
  • Second phase to be completed post lockdown restrictions
  • Significant learning from current crisis to be captured

• Identify collaborative initiatives and leverage resources

• Identifying digital inclusion pathways for all that facilitate social inclusion and economic participation

• Sharing knowledge gained at local, national and international levels to raise awareness and influence policy
Thank You