



Cross Campus Engagement on Student-Centered Processes

Colleagues from across our Carlow, Wexford and Waterford campuses gathered in Waterford on Monday 5 December to discuss various student-centered processes across the Academic Administration areas.



It was a busy and exciting day for the 47 attendees, providing an excellent platform to meet in person, in addition to providing a structured opportunity to commence conversations on a number of our processes via the facilitated breakout sessions.

SETU Research Excellence Awards 2022

The SETU Research Excellence Awards took place recently with a public ceremony at the Cork Road campus, Waterford.

The annual awards recognise the outstanding contributions of SETU academic and research staff to high quality, innovative research that enhances the reputation of the University both locally and internationally. Read more [here](#).





Updates from across SETU programme

Corporate Affairs

- The first meeting of SETU Audit and Risk Committee took place on 8 December 2022.
- The Policy Management Framework approved by Executive Management Team has been circulated. The framework reflects SETU's expectations for policies that express the official University position in a transparent, coherent, quality assured and consistent way. Furthermore, the framework is intended to ensure policies go through the correct approval and consultation channels. The framework must be adopted for all future policies including those currently in draft. The Risk and Compliance team are available to give guidance, support and training when drafting policies. Training sessions will be provided.
- The second edition of the HR newsletter issued to all staff.

Research, Innovation and International

- SETU Research Ethics Policy was recently presented at EMT and a plan for operationalisation of the policy and structures will be returned to EMT in 2023.
- Integration of the incubation centres; ERIC and ArcLabs in-progress.
- Multiple research policies approved and in progress including Ethics and Code of Conduct .

Academic and Student

- The Academic Council Design Working Group, which is chaired by an external member, has commenced its work and held its second meeting in December.
- Preparations are underway for the second SETU conferring session which will take place in Waterford and Carlow in January.
- The SETU Postgraduate combined listing was finalised (SE) and reflected in the 2023 PAC SETU system which opened in November.
- The initial consultation phase of the VLE/LMS project, with staff and students, has concluded and the task force is entering the next phase of the project.

Identity and Branding

- The second meeting of SETU Identity and Branding Committee took place on 9 December 2022.
- Co-branding and Labelling guidelines have been developed.
- UX wireframes have been completed as part of phase 2 of the website development project. UI design phase is ongoing.
- Development of new SETU branded collateral for units, functions and faculties ongoing.





Lifelong Learning

- A Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) practice exchange event focused on sharing experience of working with RPL in Lifelong Learning in SETU took place on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 and brought together staff involved in RPL applications from lifelong learning across the University. The event included the participation of the two SETU representatives involved in the national RPL initiative and parallels were drawn on developments at national and local level.
- Work is well advanced on the new part-time prospectus for 2023/2024 which will be a single prospectus for Lifelong Learning, part-time and flexible provision across all SETU campuses.
- Work has commenced with staff from Lifelong Learning and Extended Campus to review student-centred processes across campuses with a focus on identifying and aligning the student experience.

Programme Management Office

- The PMO is working with functions and teams across SETU to finalise the HEA TUTF allocation and details of the plan for year 3 of the SETU project.
- Our Change Network hosted an in-person meeting at SETU Carlow campus in November with a large team of colleagues from Wexford, Waterford and Carlow campuses in attendance (read more [here](#)). The meeting was followed by an extensive tour of SETU Carlow campuses and a visit to Carlow town highlighting its connectivity with the University. The Change Network is a communication forum which also helps to create and support collaborations across all campuses of SETU as we move beyond the establishment phase of our new University. If you would like to participate in the Change Network, please email pmo@setu.ie
- SETU Heads of Department and Heads of Function held a very successful Strategy Day at SETU Arena as part of the Strategic Plan consultation process. This was a valuable opportunity to consider and discuss the strategic future of SETU and the region but also for managers to meet colleagues from across all campuses of SETU.
- If you wish to initiate an in-person cross-campus conversation between colleagues, teams or communities of practice the PMO are keen to support. Please email pmo@setu.ie for more information.





SETU AGRI SPARKS

Spotlight: SETU Agri Sparks 2022

The inaugural SETU Agri Sparks event took place on 20 October 2022 in Waterford. The event was modelled after Research Sparks, a collaboration between SETU's research divisions in Carlow, Waterford and Wexford that allows research-active staff to present to their colleagues on research they have conducted to date as well as future plans.

The goal of Agri Sparks was to bring together researchers, 17 in total, who are working in the Agri sector to present research and aid future collaboration between projects. Dr Geraldine Canny, Head of Research, SETU Waterford, introduced the event, and Hazel Peavoy, Senior Strategic Business Partner (AGRI), Walton Institute, SETU Waterford, acted as MC.

The event include a series of 5-minute presentations from researchers, followed by a panel discussion with Dr Stephen Whelan, SETU Wexford Programme Director; Dr Thomae Kakouli-Duarte, enviroCORE Director at SETU Carlow; Dr. Nick McCarthy, Principal Investigator at SETU Waterford's Eco-Innovation Research Centre (EIRC); and Kevin Doolin, Executive Director of Walton Institute at SETU Waterford.



Agri Sparks 2022 panel discussion

The panel discussion emphasised the importance of collaborating on research projects and sharing information that would benefit everyone at SETU. Future European funding proposals were also discussed, with the goal of partnering to attract capital to continue pushing the boundaries of Agri research and solidifying SETU's brand as an Agri research leader.



For more information on the above or to share any ideas or concerns, please contact the SETU Programme Management Office at pmo@setu.ie