

BEYOND EMERGENCY REMOTE TEACHING: GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION IN A PANDEMIC

Maynooth University Department of Geography invites you to attend an online seminar presented by:

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Date: 8th October 2020

Time: 4pm

Location: **Online via Teams**



Since March this year, we have all been challenged to think about and engage with higher education differently. While we moved into a period of emergency remote teaching in March 2020, we are now at a point where blended and online normal is our new normal demanding new approaches but also providing opportunities to renew our programmes and our activities. This seminar will be formed around three core themes:

1. ***Optimising learning is a joint endeavour.*** What makes a good higher education experience and why geography as a discipline has a head start? How can we harness all our resources - including our students - as core partners?
2. ***Learning is a continuous process.*** Where do our modules fit within a broader Geography programme? How can we liberate ourselves from the pressure of covering all the material? Where and how can we draw on support for this steep learning curve that we as teachers are currently on?
3. ***We do not need to reinvent the wheel.*** Sharing practices is how we as educators will survive this current challenge but it may also help our students and programme thrive. Can we harness what we are learning and doing now for other goals and objectives? What are we doing now that might serve us in the long term and how can we share practice and learning from others and their experiences?

The seminar will include some practical examples of approaches to geography large group teaching and fieldwork teaching in an online/ blended environment but also encourage discussion around how the Department might use this challenge as an opportunity for reflection.



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