

# Supporting Teaching and Learning Enhancement at a National Level: An Irish Perspective

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## Who we are

The national body responsible for leading and advising on teaching and learning enhancement in Irish higher education



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# Our vision

A valued and informed teaching and learning culture in Irish higher education



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# Funding



€2.25m per year

# Key Strategic Priorities 2019–21



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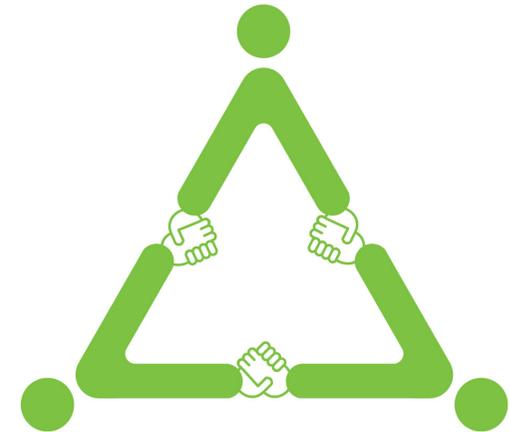
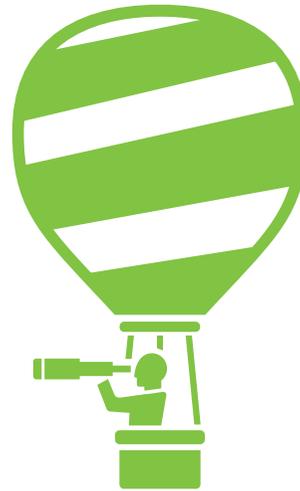
# Status

‘The National Forum is an essential component of the national-level infrastructure for higher education. Therefore the mission of the National Forum is essential for the continuous development of higher education and teaching and learning in Ireland.’

International Review, 2017

# What we have achieved to date — 1

Established frameworks for enhancement



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## What we have achieved to date — 2

- Developed structures for consultation, collaboration, funding (T&L) and recognition
- Built an evidence base (reviews and research)
- Built a resource hub for teaching and learning



# What we have achieved to date — 3

## Students

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Nominations to Teaching Hero Awards

Serving on review panels

Key member of funded project teams

National Forum Board

Student Associate Interns

Input into strategy consultation

## Staff

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National Forum Associates

Advisory groups

Conversations/Workshops

National Forum staff members

Senior management consultations  
and engagement

## How we achieved this

- By being open and transparent
- By being representative and neutral
- By being nimble (consultative, responsive, ever-changing team) (listening, persisting and sometimes **resisting**)
- By being connected at system level



# Focus and Coherence

- Through structures and frameworks
- Through enhancement themes
- By keeping outputs simple and in tune with what's needed



## Most importantly: Our ethos

We believe in our people. We believe that the potential to enhance teaching and learning already exists within the higher education sector and our role is to respect, nurture and support it.



# Policy recommendations

- To address real system-level divisions e.g. student/staff; staff/senior management; Sector/System
- Students are equal
- Recognition of all those who teach
- Ensure our policies are enabling



# Increasing the Value of Teaching and Learning

If there is one lesson we have learned, nothing is worth anything if the value of teaching and learning is not understood and recognised.



**Many thanks for listening**

**Looking forward to our discussion**

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