



Call for Applications

For professional development opportunities in Community Engaged Research and Learning

DO YOU WANT TO:

- Offer your students real-world community-engaged learning
- Support local communities through curriculum-based collaboration
- Explore how to best use educational technology to support community engagement
- Generate societal impact
- Address Sustainable Development Goals with students and partners at local level
- Build your local and international network
- Enhance your and your students' skills, CV and civic awareness through peer learning
- Turn your practice into publications
- Develop a deeper understanding of the potential of your curriculum in the context of community engaged research and learning

Then apply to join the CIRCLET international learning community. We will support you to rethink your teaching to include community engaged research and learning (CERL) in the digital environment. Integrating CERL into your teaching can be mutually beneficial for students, for communities and for you.

I'm interested, so what's happening?

We invite you to apply to participate in this international community through a Learning Circle and/or an online Professional Development Module. Both initiatives are focused on supporting participants to reimagine your teaching to include community engaged research and learning (CERL), enhanced by educational technology. Both offer the opportunity to work with colleagues in other countries.

Our local and international **learning circles** will involve small peer groups of lecturers coming together on a regular basis to share learning, and explore issues and solutions – face-to-face where possible, otherwise online, or a mix. These will involve no more than 20 hours contact time and around 5-8 hours independent learning, across 2 semesters. Our **online postgraduate module** will involve 9 weekly lunchtime webinars, with regular small individual and group assignments. Around 100 learning hours (inclusive of webinars) are required for 5 ECTS.

Participants on both initiatives will be supported by the TU Dublin CIRCLET coordination team to identify and make connections with suitable community partners for CERL projects. The costs of both initiatives are fully covered by Erasmus+ project funding, so **there is no cost to you or your department/school**.

Participants can apply for a funded place at an international Learning Teaching and Training Activity in Barcelona in May 2022 (face-to-face training is preferred, but as with all our plans, it may move online if there are travel restrictions), including a writing seminar.

Deadline for applicants	9 May
Notification of outcome to applicants	8 June
Deadline for applicants to accept place	14 June
Online Module delivery	September 2021-January 2022
Learning Circle delivery	September 2021-May 2022

How do I know if I'm eligible?

- ◆ I'm interested in community engaged research and learning (CERL) as a way of teaching, and in enhancing that teaching through educational technology.
- ◆ I'm responsible for teaching and assessing a course, module or seminar where I feel there is potential to include community engaged research and learning (CERL) - anything from a first year undergraduate course to a thesis module (including PhD).
- ◆ I'm willing to commit time to participate in either the module (100 learning hours in semester 1) or the learning circle (approximately 25 learning hours across 2 semesters).

How do I apply?

Please fill in the [application form](#) by **9 May 2021**.

Your local CIRCLET co-ordinating team will shortlist applications and then the CIRCLET international co-ordinating team will make the final decisions. See the Document with Essential Information for more detail (available at www.circlet.eu).

Will I receive any formal recognition?

- ◆ Professional Development Module participants who successfully complete all assignments will receive 5 ECTS credits at postgraduate level.
- ◆ Learning Circle participants will receive certificates of participation.
- ◆ Participants can use the CIRCLET logo, for example, in your email signature.

Where can I find out more about CIRCLET?

CIRCLET is an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership project. The project aims to strengthen capacity among higher education lecturers to improve learning outcomes for students by rethinking curricula to incorporate CERL, enhanced by educational technology. Partners are: Queen's University Belfast (lead), Corvinus University of Budapest, Open University of Catalonia, TU Dublin, Vrije Universiteit Brussel. For more information, testimonials of previous participants and our video, see www.circlet.eu.

Where can I find out more about the call for applications?

- ◆ Check out our Essential Information Document available at www.circlet.eu
- ◆ Visit our live drop-in question and answer sessions online:
 - Online Module Q&A sessions (drop-in): Monday 19th April 10.30am-11.30pm (Irish time) ([Click here to join](#)) and Tuesday 4th May 12.30-1.30pm (Irish time) ([Click here to join](#)).
 - Learning Circle Q&A sessions (drop in): Tuesday 20th April 12.30-1.30pm ([Click here to join](#)) and Tuesday 4th May 2.30-3.30pm ([Click here to join](#))
- ◆ Contact your local co-ordinating team:

Dr Catherine Bates and Dr Sinead McCann are coordinating TU Dublin's involvement in this project, at the Programme for Students Learning With Communities: slwc@tudublin.ie or 087 1262 848 or 087 211 9089.

