

Workstream 3.4: Integrating Cross-Disciplinary Events

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While core disciplines underpin knowledge and build subject expertise, interdisciplinary learning is important to prepare students for employment roles. In the Transform-Edu project, opportunities for cross-disciplinary offering will be addressed under organised TL events. The objectives of work stream WS3.4 were:

- (a) To determine elements that could be offered as part of cross-disciplinary TL events.
- (b) Generate a pipeline of inter-disciplinary events to provide innovative opportunities for extracurricular experience in interdisciplinary projects and teamwork.

Objectives	Key Achievements
To determine elements that could be offered as part of cross-disciplinary TL events.	A consultation process to identify the key parameters for successful cross-disciplinary TL events was completed in 2020. A questionnaire was designed and administered in 2020 and revised 2021. The data was analysed and findings shared in late 2020. Hence, we completed the development of modalities for generating a pipeline of interdisciplinary events.
Generate list of inter-disciplinary events to provide innovative opportunities for extracurricular experience in interdisciplinary projects or teams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six inaugural events selected in a pilot competition and on the bases of interpretation of Transformative Learning context, long-term sustainability, and potential for replication. Events lined for Semester 1, 2021-22 included: Self-Care and the Fashion Industry; From a Research Ideas to Publication; Professional Practice and Work Experience Forum; Women in STEM (WiSTEM) Societies Championship; Diversity Corner; FinBiz Sustainability Webinar Series (see details at: WS-3-4-cross-disciplinary-events). • A further University Wide call for event proposals with seed funding of €200 per successful event raised the profile of Transform EDU and awareness of the concept of a transformative learning events among staff and students • In total, Transform-EDU sponsored 14 transformative learning events. The STLR tagged events were documented or recorded and outcomes disseminated on Transform-EDU website.

Workstream Impact and Continuity

Events were selected by their Co-Curricular, Extra Curricular, Interdisciplinary and Cross campus features and balancing staff and student events. Through this approach, Transformative Learning events are now recognised by academic schools, staff, and students. Awareness of the transformative nature of some events has increased, and annual events are offered as part of STLR Implementation in WP6.

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