

Consider Your Students – the EDTL Approach

At the heart of our EDTL Approach is the Student. The objective is that, while following our pathway of key considerations for preparing your programme and modules for effective remote teaching during COVID-19, the student will always be at the core of the decision making process. Therefore, and in line with our EDTL project aim of working with ‘Students as Partners’, student feedback is critical to the success of this approach. There are many varying and institutional specific ways of gathering student feedback, both formal and informal, and ensuring that the student voice is always at the table, and we appreciate this. On the basis that you will consider your own student feedback and questions at a local level, we aim to provide you with resources at a national level which meaningfully engage with the student and their feedback in the context of digital teaching and learning.

5 resources that will help you consider your students while planning for remote teaching.

- 1** Irish National Digital Experience (INDEX) Survey Findings, May 2020
- 2** USI Student Survey July 2020
- 3** Higher Education in Isolation Vlog Series
- 4** Trinity College Dublin Student’s Experiences during COVID-19 Video
- 5** EDTL Student Intern Article, May 2020

Consider your Students:

- Is online learning new to your students?
- Who are your students?
- What digital access do they have?
- What digital skill do they have?
- What size is the student group?



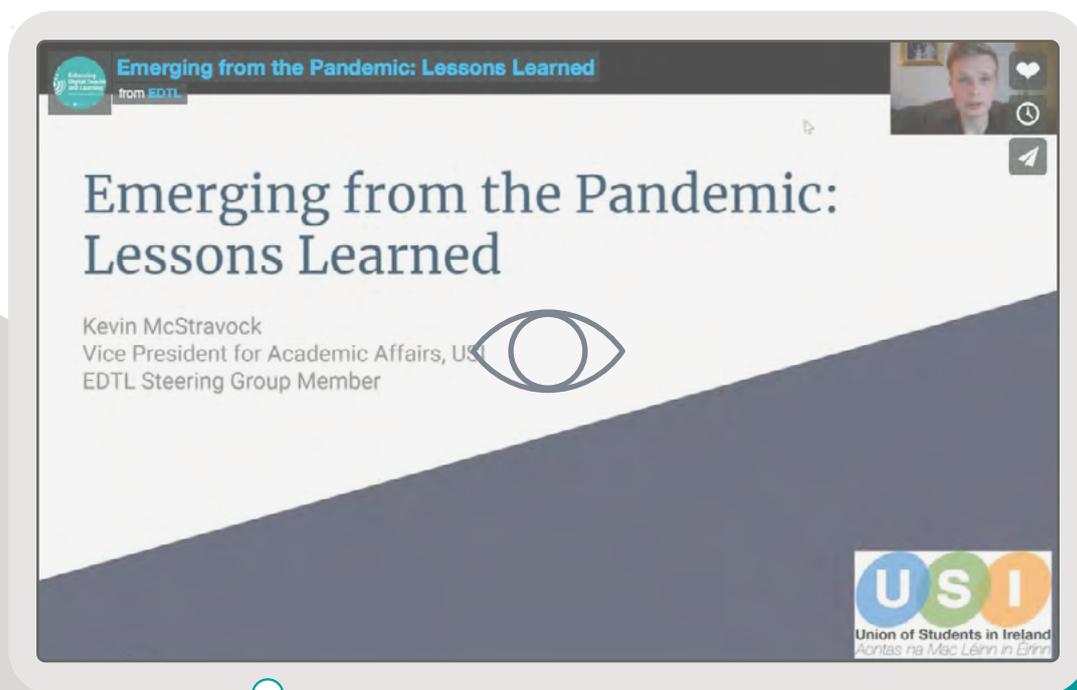
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1 | Irish National Digital Experience (INDEX) Survey Findings, May 2020

In Autumn of 2019 third-level students and staff who teach took part in the Irish National Digital Experience (INDEX) Survey. This was managed nationally by the **National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education** and coordinated within each HEI in conjunction with their Students' Unions. The findings of this national survey were released on 7 May 2020 in an online launch. The EDTL Team welcome these findings and shared our support and our vision for working with these findings as part of our project in our **May 2020 newsletter**, and in a **webinar on 8 June**. The **national report** is available, where you will find the full report and a summary document.

2 | USI Student Survey July 2020



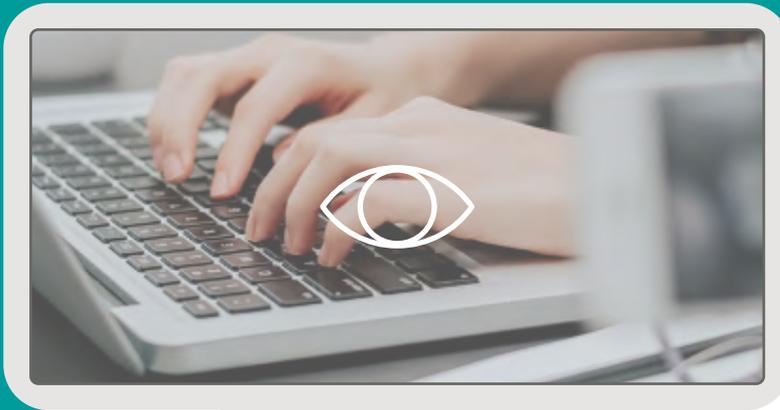
Key Message from The Union of Students in Ireland

○ **Promote regular meetings & communication with Class Representatives.**

The Education Officers within our respective Student Unions have appealed for even more communication and regular meetings with class representatives as you work remotely throughout the 2020/2021 academic year. This will enhance the student and staff experience as well as meaningfully inform the relevant Students' Unions work.



3 | Higher Education in Isolation Vlog Series



The IUA EDTL vlog series hears students and staff in Irish universities describe their experiences of online learning during COVID-19 in short video logs.

4 | Trinity College Dublin Student's Experiences during COVID-19 Video



Students discuss their experience of the move to online learning and online assessments during COVID-19. These students examine the pros and cons and speak frankly and openly about what worked, and what did not work for them. These students also put forward a set of recommendations for the future in order to enhance the educational experience of digital teaching and learning. We promote inclusive practice and therefore consideration for all your students in preparing your programme is essential.

5 | EDTL Student Intern Article, May 2020



**“One step back,
two steps
forward:
Learning how to
learn online**

A student reflection on the spring pivot ahead of the new academic year.”

Vish Gain, Student Intern with the IUA EDTL Project.