

# Enabling Academic Transitions through Professional Development (EAT-PD)

Professional Development Opportunities  
for New and Early Career Staff



*Are you relatively new to teaching, less than 3 years, and interested in exploring different teaching strategies to enhance your students' learning experience?*

## Who is this programme for?

**MTU and early career staff who have been teaching for 3 years or less (or some equivalent) and are interested in:**

- Developing their competencies in the classroom
- Integrating proven, high quality teaching strategies into their regular teaching practice
- Improving their teaching practice using collaboration, research-informed active learning techniques to enhance student engagement and self-reflection

## How long will it take?

- EAT-PD runs for 15 weeks over a single semester on Thursdays from 13:00 – 14:00
- Successful applicants will have their **assigned teaching load reduced by 1 hour for 15 weeks** (once approved by Head of Department / Function).

## What is in it for you?

- An opportunity to enhance your teaching and learning practice through structured learning activities and informal discussions with colleagues
- An opportunity to build your professional network by meeting and working with early career staff from across the university
- Opportunity to gain industry recognition via Advance HE's Associate Fellowship accreditation

# EAT-PD Structure

Week No.	Indicative Outline
Week 1	<b>Active Learning Literature</b>
Week 2	
Week 3	<b>Respect &amp; Diversity</b>
Week 4	<b>Active Learning - Individual Strategies</b>
Week 5	<b>Active Learning - Group Strategies</b>
Week 6	<b>Module Enhancement Plans</b>
Week 7	<b>Active Learning - Team Based Learning</b>
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	<b>Feedback</b>
Week 11	<b>Writing Workshop &amp; Discussions to facilitate completion of Reflection</b>
Week 12	
Week 13	
Week 14	
Week 15	<b>Course Completed – submit reflection to Advance HE</b>

## Further Information:

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# Testimonials:



**ANA  
HICKEY**

The EAT-PD course taught me different evidence-based solutions and strengthened my confidence to try different active learning techniques in class.



**BRIAN  
CLIFFE**

I feel I have made a few subtle but key adjustments in my own lecturing approach and how I design and deliver lectures / learning experiences.



**CLIONA  
MOYNIHAN**

Learning from the TLU team about innovative teaching strategies, diversity and inclusivity has helped shape my teaching style and approach.



**SAM  
JERMYN**

The EAT-PD programme was invaluable as it afforded me the opportunity to engage with my own domain specifically and consider how I currently teach.