

DIGITAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

DEC25



SETU, Atrium, Cork Road, Waterford, Ireland
December 9-10, 2025



Day 1: Tuesday 9th December 2025 – Auditorium, Cork Road Campus, Waterford

Theme: Surf2Turf: Navigating Digital Transformation in Education, Life below water and Life on land

9:00am	Registration, Coffee & Networking
9:30	Opening Welcome Prof. Paddy Prendergast , Research Professor at Trinity College Dublin, SETU Governing Body Chairperson
09:45	Sponsor Spotlight: EU-CONEXUS SETU, BRICKFIELD, FeedbackFruits, Canvas
10:00	Workshops 1
11:00	Break - refreshments
11:15	Panel A: Student vs Lecturer Panel Debate Chair: David Denieffe, VP Operations, SETU
12:00	Paper Presentations Stream 1
13:00	Sustainability-themed Lunch in Atrium Christmas Carols in Auditorium Poster Competition Judging
14:00	Keynote Kirra Pendergast , Strategic Advisor online safety Governance & Policy Founder Safe on Social & Ctrl+Shft Title: Human Digital Risk Management Across Smart Education in the Age of Digital Chaos
15:00	Panel B: European Universities Initiative: advancing the digitalisation of Higher Education Chair: Dr Helen Murphy, SETU's EU-CONEXUS Executive Lead and Head of Faculty of Education and Lifelong Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Kinsella, SETU/ EU-CONEXUS • Anthony Johnston, TUS/ RUN-EU • Sylvia Gallagher, Trinity/ CHARM-EU • Michael Hall, MTU/INGENIUM
16:00	Break - refreshments
16:15	Workshops 2
17:15	DECIMAS Quick Fire Presentations
18:00	Closing remarks
19:00	Pre-drinks and Conference Dinner @Tower Hotel




Day 2: Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Auditorium, Cork Road Campus, Waterford

8:30am	Registration, Coffee & Networking
9:00	Opening Welcome Dr Helen Murphy Head of Faculty of Education and Lifelong Learning
9:15	Guest Speaker Prof. Gary Burnett Loughborough University, UK Title: Ready Student One: Will immersive learning transform education?
10:10	5-minute break
10:15	HEI Presidents' Panel Chair: Ambassador David Donoghue European University Alliances – Empowering European Citizenship and Human Survival through SDG-Driven Collaboration; Education, Communities and Partnerships (SDG4, SDG11 and SDG17). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Veronica Campbell, SETU • Prof. Vincent Cunnane, TUS • Prof. Maggie Cusack, MTU • Dr Orla Flynn, ATU
11:15	Poster Prizes & Digital Education Awards Break - refreshments
11:30	Paper Presentations Stream 2
12:30	Christmas-themed Lunch in Gallery
13:15	Guest Speaker - Prof Gerard Dooly , Co-director at the Centre for Robotics & Intelligent Systems, University Limerick Title: From Seafloor to Smartphone: Digital Mapping, Marine Robotics, and Citizen Science for Coastal Literacy
14:00	Paper Presentations Stream 3
15:00	Workshops 3
16:00	Conference Close – Closing remarks – Chairs – announcement for DEC26

