

Symposium on MERGERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, 12th February 2016 10.30am to 4.00pm
St. Laurence's DIT, Grangegorman, Dublin 7

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- 10.30am** **Opening remarks**
Maggie Ryan, IMPACT Industrial Relations Facilitator for the TU4D
- 10.40am** **Welcome address**
Professor Brian Norton, President of DIT
- 10.50am** **Trade Unions and Innovation in Education**
Kevin Callinan, Deputy General Secretary, IMPACT
- 11.10am** **Mergers – Objectives and Processes to Date**
Tom Boland, CEO, Higher Education Authority
- 11.30am** **Break**
- 11.45am** **Panel One: Creating the Future Together**
Tim Daly, Munster Technological University
Dr. Mike Murphy, Technological University for Dublin
Helle Rahbek Thomsen, University College of Northern Denmark
Kirstin Ravn Bundgaard, University College of Northern Denmark
Facilitated by Orlaith Carmody, MediaTraining.ie
- 1.00pm** **Lunch**
- 1.30pm** **Facilitatory, Inhibitory and Critical Success Factors for Mergers in Higher Education**
Alison Kenneally, Head of Department of Humanities, IT Carlow
- 2.00pm** **A Student Perspective: Their Experience through Change**
Kevin Donoghue, President, Union of Students in Ireland
- 2.15pm** **Panel Two: Learning from Experience**
Gina O'Brien, Chairperson, Education Division, IMPACT
Shane Lambert, Industrial Relations Officer, Civil Service Division, IMPACT
Aase Pedersen, Aarhus University, Denmark
Anna Louise Plaskett, Aarhus University, Denmark
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- 3.45pm** **Closing remarks**
Stella Griffin, Assistant General Secretary, IMPACT