



The Constitution of the Educational Developers in Ireland Network (EDIN)

1. NAME

The name Educational Developers in Ireland Network – EDIN is adopted as the name of the network.

2. ADDRESS

The address of EDIN will be that of the Secretary (through website).

3. MISSION

To support, enhance and influence the field of educational¹ development and practice, through informing policy and practice in learning and teaching in higher education in Ireland, through collaborating on research and through the creation and dissemination of resources. EDIN values creative, critical, collaborative and professional approaches to supporting learning and teaching.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

4.1 Aims

The aims of EDIN are to:

- 1) Support the educational developers in higher education in Ireland in their professional role in enhancing learning and teaching.
- 2) Provide leadership, informed advice and expertise to individuals and institutions on higher education policy and practice in learning and teaching.
- 3) Value and cultivate creative collaboration and professional approaches in order to support learning and teaching through a community of practice.

4.2 Objectives:

The objectives of EDIN are to:

- α) Provide opportunities to facilitate discussion and exchange of expertise for professional development.
- β) Support ongoing professional development with respect to international and national good practice.
- χ) Inform policy and practice in teaching and learning in higher education through collaborative expertise.

¹ The term educational development is intended to be inclusive of academic development activities, also.

- δ) Promote relevant research and its dissemination in educational development within higher education.
- ε) Foster creative approaches to learning and teaching.
- φ) Continue to develop a culture of reflective and critical practice as educational developers.
- γ) Work with other organisations in developing learning and teaching in higher education.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of EDIN shall be open to those who hold a central role in developing or providing support for learning and teaching development in higher education in Ireland

6. STRUCTURE

Responsibility for the network is vested in the Annual General Meeting. Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the network is conferred upon elected officers and members who collectively comprise a committee.

6.1 Committee

The Committee shall consist of the following membership

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Treasurer
- Communications Officer
- 3 plus members

Membership of the Committee will aim for sectoral and geographical representation. The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members.

The position of Chair and Vice-Chair should have a two-year term after which the Vice-Chair shall automatically become Chair. All other Committee membership shall also have a term of two years.

In the event of an officer's position becoming vacant before an AGM, the Committee may nominate a replacement from within the existing committee.

6.2 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at least once a year before the end of June. Officers of the Committee will be elected at the AGM and will take office with immediate effect.

6.3 Meetings

Meetings of the network will take place at least three times a year, including the AGM.