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EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Future of Undergraduate Technological Higher Education

Short Cycle (Level 6) & First Cycle
(Level 7 & Level 8) Qualifications

THEA Annual Colloquium

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Wednesday 8th May 2019

IT3, Berkeley Centre,
Cork Institute of Technology,
Bishopstown, Cork T12P928

Programme

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09.45 – 10.20

Registration and tea / coffee

Opening

10.30 – 10.35

Welcome | Barry O'Connor, President CIT

10.35 – 10.40

Introduction | Annie Doona, President IADT, Chair of THEA Board

10.40 – 11.00

Opening Address
Joseph Ryan, CEO THEA

Session 01

Responses to the future of undergraduate technological higher education discussion paper

11.00 – 12.30

Presentation by Sean O'Reilly, Data Analyst, THEA followed by panel and audience discussion.

Panellists

William Beausang, Head of Higher and Further Education and Training Policy DES;
Colm Downes, Access Programme Manager IUA;
Terry Maguire, Director National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning;
Claire McGee, Senior Innovation & Education Policy Executive IBEC;
Áine Ní Shé, Registrar & Vice President for Academic Affairs CIT;
Derek O' Byrne, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Registrar WIT;
Róisín O'Connell, Head of Communications THEA;
John O' Connor, Head of Qualifications & Skills Policy QQI;
Nessa White, General Secretary ETBI;

Student representative (tbc).

Facilitated by Jennifer Brennan, Director of Research,
Development & Innovation, THEA

12.30 – 12.45

Launch of CIT '*Access – The Student Voice*'

Programme

12.45 – 13.45

Lunch

Session 02

Professional Education & Skills Provision

13.50 – 14.50

Degree or bust - the maturation and saturation of the English Higher Education system

Conor Moss | Director of Education and Employer Partnerships,
Sheffield Hallam University

The Graduate Outcomes Survey. Class of 2017

Valerie Harvey | Head of Performance Evaluation HEA

Facilitated by Brendan O'Donnell, Vice-President Academic
Affairs & Registrar, IT Tralee

Session 03

Progression in Tertiary Education

14.50 – 15.50

Andrew Brownlee | Executive Director – Strategy & Knowledge SOLAS,
A perspective from the further education and
training system

CIT/ FE Colleges initiatives

Deirdre Creedon | Access Officer – CIT


Helen Ryan | Principal – Cork College of Commerce

Facilitated by Margaret Linehan, Head of School of Humanities, CIT

Closing

15:50 – 16.05

Closing remarks | Jim Murray, Director of Academic Affairs
& Deputy CEO, THEA



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