

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Speaker: **Dr. Mary Quirke & Ms. Tracy Galvin**

Date: **2nd April 2025**

Location: **Corinthia St. George's Bay, St. Julian's**

Discover the power of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in this interactive session! Participants will not only gain a deeper appreciation of the subject, but also explore its transformative impact on inclusive education and effective learning strategies. This session will bring UDL principles to life, equipping attendees with practical tools to implement in their own professional or educational settings.

PROGRAMME

14:45 - 15:30

**REGISTRATION & COMPLIMENTARY
REFRESHMENTS**

15:30 - 17:30

UDL WORKSHOP BY GUEST SPEAKERS



DR. MARY QUIRKE

Dr. Mary Quirke is a researcher, educator, and advocate specialising in inclusive education, UDL, and equitable career transitions. She holds a PhD from Trinity College Dublin (TCD), where her research focuses on UDL, learner voice, and pathways to employment, particularly for individuals with disabilities. With extensive experience in Further and Higher Education, vocational training, and workplace inclusion, she has contributed to national and European projects promoting inclusive learning and employment.

As a former Associate Director of AHEAD, she played a pivotal role in the WAM programme, which empowers graduates with disabilities to transition into employment. Additionally, she helped to establish the LINK European network for UDL.

Currently, Mary is a Research Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, where she leads impactful studies on specialist training and ESOL learning in Ireland. In addition, she co-leads the professional development team for INCLUDE, a global UDL network, and remains an active researcher and advocate in the field of inclusive education.



MS. TRACY GALVIN

Ms. Tracy Galvin is an academic at Ulster University specializing in teacher education, academic practice, and inclusive curriculum design. With a background as a secondary school teacher and a decade of experience in teacher education, she focuses on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), particularly through the lens of UDL.

A Senior Fellow of both the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA) and the Staff and Educational Development Association (SFSEDA), Tracy also mentors and assesses within these organizations. She is currently completing her PhD at Ulster University, furthering her research into inclusive education and UDL.

Beyond her institutional role, Tracy co-leads the research working group within INCLUDE, an international network dedicated to advancing Universal Design in education. Through her research, mentorship, and leadership, she actively promotes inclusive and accessible learning in higher education.