



Postgraduate Working Group Meeting #2 October 30th 2019 USI HQ 4 - 5PM.

Itinerary

SPACE - PLACE , MIND - MATTER

1. SIPTU Launch Campaign
2. Postgraduate Symposium March 2020 plan + location hosting
3. Check-in and action review
4. Postgraduate Mental Health in relation to Recharge and Mental Health Week

Intro:

- **End of basic knowledge** on Post Grad experience - time for action now gong ahead
- **Always here to touch base on individual issues**, but time to get moving on incentives and initiatives now to **SHOW and PROVE your understanding** of this student cohort - stop the cycle.
- **Handbook** always an additional reference.
- **Who and where are your Postgrad officers, reps and Union members (allies)** - Add them to the FB group, link me with their emails, invite me on campus to PG trainings etc. Remember - no Elected Officer, **no better time** for a Postgrad Working group or selected Union representative.

1. SIPTU / USI Postgraduate Charter Launch

- Brief explainer
- Run down of how Launch went
- Importance of sharing this to all Postgrad networks
- What's next? - Use your platforms (social media), your reach (student groups and societies), and seats (at meetings, boards)

2. Postgraduate Symposium - March 2019

- Exciting stuff - run through timetable
- What can we do? **LOCATION** and **STUDENT SPEAKERS**
- Expo element - important professional introduction to this event - need this advertised in line with the Smyg. to generate interest
- Alongside the Symp date - schedule in a date weeks ahead to contact Dept. heads and Institutional tutors and lecturers - need their support

3. Check in and Action review

- **Who is doing what - set 1 aim before now and the end of the year and 1 to-do between now and Christmas.**
 - *For example* : UCC want to run a PG Working group/society by June 2019. Between Now and Christmas - send out open call, create poster looking for members of interest to distribute, appoint a lead student for the group, set date for first meeting in January.
 - *For example:* NUIG want to set up a PG specific social space by May 2019. NUIGSU to meet with Head of Estates to discuss available spaces, and meet with selected group of PG students as to how to best orientate this space going forward - ie if this used for events run by the students themselves, or as a chillout space during class hours?

4. Postgraduate Mental Health

- Sarah Hughes and Roisin O' Donovan to speak about catering campaigns such as Mental Health Week, ReCharge etc to postgraduate student groups.

Any Last questions and queries