

CONNECT Newsletter

AHECS - Association of Higher Education Careers Services

AHECS is the voice of higher education careers and employability professionals across Ireland.

Representing 25 Universities, Technological Universities, Higher Education Institutes and Institutes of Technology, we enable careers teams to develop their own skills and share best practice approaches and resources.

Together, our members and partners are helping over 400,000 students to get ahead.

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Executive Committee

**MIDWEST Regional Gathering
Thursday 18th September
University of Limerick**

**Work Placement in Higher Education - shared landscape,
different approaches**

To kick off the new academic year, we would like to invite you to the next regional in-person event, hosted by the University of Limerick.

The purpose of the gathering is to support a free exchange of experiences of and insights into the world of higher education work placement. It is specifically aimed at individual AHECS members who are directly involved in the provision of work placement. Themes will include models of deployment, models of assessment, and challenges - labour market environment, institutional, student engagement.

Agenda

**Registration via booking forms issued to your Head of Service.
Closing date for registrations is 2pm, Thursday, 11th of
September 2025.**



**UNIVERSITY OF
LIMERICK**
OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH

**Cooperative
Education and
Careers Division**

SOUTHEAST Regional Gathering
Tuesday 9th December
South East Technological University Waterford

ERASMUS Projects Showcase

This event will showcase ERASMUS projects from within AHECS Member Institutions.

If you are working on something and would like to showcase it on the day please contact [Angela Collins](#) or [Colm.Cunniffe](#) before Tuesday 30th September. This is a great opportunity to share your work, spark new ideas and connect with colleagues.

Agenda to follow.



Minding Creative Minds: All-island supports for creatives across Ireland, including mental, financial, legal, and career supports.

Wednesday 15th October - 1pm - 2 pm - Microsoft Teams

Join us for an essential information session with Minding Creative Minds, an organisation providing a comprehensive suite of free and confidential support to the creative community across the island of Ireland.

This webinar will outline the range of services available to help pre-graduation and newly graduated artists to navigate the unique challenges of a creative career, including:

- **Mental Wellbeing:** Access to a 24/7 helpline, professional counselling, and Creative Arts Therapies.
- **Career Development:** Guidance, mentorship programs, and a dedicated career hub.
- **Financial & Legal Advice:** Confidential consultations with specialists on day-to-day issues.
- **Community & Events:** Monthly online forums and in-person events for networking and peer support.



IMMIGRATION PATHWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES IN IRELAND

Wednesday 5th November - 1pm - 2 pm - Microsoft Teams

We are delighted to welcome Colm Collins and Sophie Goss from Fragomen who will give some hints and tips on immigration pathways for international graduates.

FRAGOMEN

Recordings of Lunch N Learn sessions are available on the [AHECS YouTube Channel](#)

We want to hear from you...if you have suggestions for future Lunch N Learn's please send them to admin@ahecs.ie



Unlocking Untapped Potential: Early Careers Employee Advocacy in Action

The next INEUCS webinar is Tuesday 16th September. NZAGE is thrilled to host the next INEUCS webinar, shining a spotlight on a powerful yet often underused tool in early careers strategy: employee advocacy.

Join us for an inspiring session as we explore how leading New Zealand organisations are empowering their people to be passionate champions of early careers programs—both within their workplaces and across wider networks. This is a unique opportunity to showcase the innovation happening across Aotearoa to an international audience.



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Communities of Practice AI-Augmented Careers Education

This in person event will take place on **Tuesday, November 25th from 10:30 - 3:15pm in UCD** and will feature an exciting line-up of AI thought leaders and panel discussions designed to support AHECS members in their professional practice.



ROYAL
COLLEGE
OF SURGEONS
IN IRELAND

Annual All Members Event

We are delighted to be back in the wonderful Royal College of Surgeons on **Thursday 30th April 2026** for the annual all members event. More details to follow!



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Thursday 30th April 2026, the Mansion House, Dublin