

CONNECT Newsletter

AHECS - Association of Higher Education Careers Services

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

Representing 26 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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New Appointments

Following last weeks AGM,
we are delighted to announce the appointment of
four new Directors to the AHECS Executive
Committee commencing 1 July 2026.
Congratulations to all!



Orla O'Sullivan

**South East Technological
University Carlow and Wexford**



Ruth O'Leary

**Trinity College Dublin Business
School**



Ciara Tallon

Royal College of Surgeons



Clodagh Kerr

University College Cork



Reminder!

All member AI Workshops

GenAI Careers Bootcamp Series kicks off in the morning, Tuesday 20th January. With 140 delegates registered from across 23 member HEI's, demand was high!

Two sessions will run on each day with the first beginner session commencing at 10am sharp.



Delivered by Danny Mizra, this **online** course will run over 3 dedicated training sessions of 2 hours each.

Tuesday 20th January - beginners 10am & 2pm

Tuesday 27th January - intermediate 10am & 2pm

Thursday 5th February - advanced 10am & 2pm

Microsoft Teams links have been circulated to all attendees.



Reminder!!

AHECS Employability Awards 2026

Opening for submissions next Monday 26th January
until Monday 16th March 2026

Submissions are invited over four categories:

1. Building Effective Partnerships
2. Supporting Student/Graduate Employability
3. Strategic Innovation
4. Research Informed Practice

Recording of 'What Makes a Winning Submission' [here](#).

**Awards will be presented at the gradireland Graduate
Recruitment Awards in the Mansion House on
Thursday 30th April 2026.**

More information on the [AHECS website](#)

Photos from last years awards night [here](#)

[Late entries will not be accepted](#)



Employer Engagement

Call for new facilitators!

Current Co Chairs Caroline Pierce and Hester Jackman have to step away from this Communities of Practice. If you are interested in getting involved and taking over the role, please feel free to reach out to Caroline or Hester who would be happy to speak to you about it.

[Caroline Pierce](#) or [Hester Jackman](#)