Let’s Bring the Elephant into the Room!

RESHAPING THE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN FURTHER & HIGHER EDUCATION
March 20th & 21st 2018 | Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

You know the old phrase ‘the elephant in the room’? ...the big thing staring everyone in the face that nobody finds it easy to talk about?

As we change our focus from an add-on individual model of disability support towards a more inclusive cross-campus approach, this conference will explore the challenges of this strategic move and examine best practice approaches on the institution, faculty and student support levels. How can we ensure that we manage the transition to a more inclusive campus while maintaining support services which remain an essential part of a successful college experience for many students with disabilities? How will the roles of faculty and support staff evolve to meet the demands of a universally designed learning environment? How can we ensure that non-classroom activities like social experiences, work placement and study abroad are also universally designed?

This event aims to bring the elephants into the room and talk about them.

Call for Contributors

We are seeking conference contributions from academics, students, policy makers, faculty staff and disability support professionals with an interest in fully including all students, including those with disabilities, in all aspects of the college experience. Contributions are particularly sought around the themes of:

» Building Institutional Support for Inclusion
» Back to Basics: innovations in disability support services
» Embedding employability into further and higher education for students with disabilities
» Managing the move towards Universal Design for Learning
» The role of technology in inclusive environments

Fees

Selected contributors will receive 20% off the standard registration fees below.

AHEAD Member Rate €240
AHEAD Non - Member Rate €295

How to Submit

Complete and return the proposal submission form to christine.hynes@ahead.ie by Monday, Oct 2nd 2017 to be considered for selection. Visit ahead.ie/conference2018 for further information and booking links.