



Connecting Technical Minds 2025

Wednesday, 25th June 2025

Venue: Maynooth University, North Campus

TSI 210

Registration - Tea/Coffee from 09:15 am

Time	Topic	Facilitator
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome & Introductions	Carmel O’Flaherty Technical Officer and member of the MU Technical Training Network Group
09:35 – 10:30	Topic: AI Practical Application in Higher Education <i>This topic will explore recent developments in AI, new use cases for AI in Education and will address the question on how we can assess students in this era of AI.</i>	Mark McCormack Ph.D Candidate
10:30 – 11:30	Topic: Affirmative or Ableist: Neurodiversity at Third Level <i>This talk will showcase ongoing research in the area of inclusive education for neurodivergent students in third-level institutions, exploring neurodiversity policy development, access and implementation.</i>	Tara Gallagher Research Assistant
11:30 – 11:45	Break / Networking	
11:45 – 13:00	Guided tours <i>Participants will be able to join one of the three guided itineraries to MU facilities across the South and North Campus including Laboratories, the Russell Library and the Science Museum.</i>	Members of the MU Technical Training Network Group



13:15 – 14:00	Lunch / Networking	
14:00 – 15:00	Topic: Defining Leadership: Insights and Personal Growth <i>Leadership is a much used phrase in today's workplace and wider society. This session will attempt to identify what it is, what makes someone a leader and how leaders shape their environment. It will also seek to raise personal awareness of how individuals can be more aware of their own style and its impact on others as well as providing a template for a post session Personal Leadership Statement (PLS).</i>	Gerry Prizeman Learning & Development Specialist IBEC Academy
15:00 – 15:45	Topic: Panel discussion with Q&A <i>Moderated by a member of the Technical Training Network Group in Maynooth University, we will hear from a panel of Chief Technical Officers across different universities and disciplines about their leadership journey, challenges and lessons learned.</i>	Deirdre Daly Senior Technical Officer and member of the MU Technical Training Network Group
15:45 - 16:00	Final Address and Close	Ana Gutiérrez People Development, HR