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Student Success Initiative

Student Partnership for Student Success Strategies

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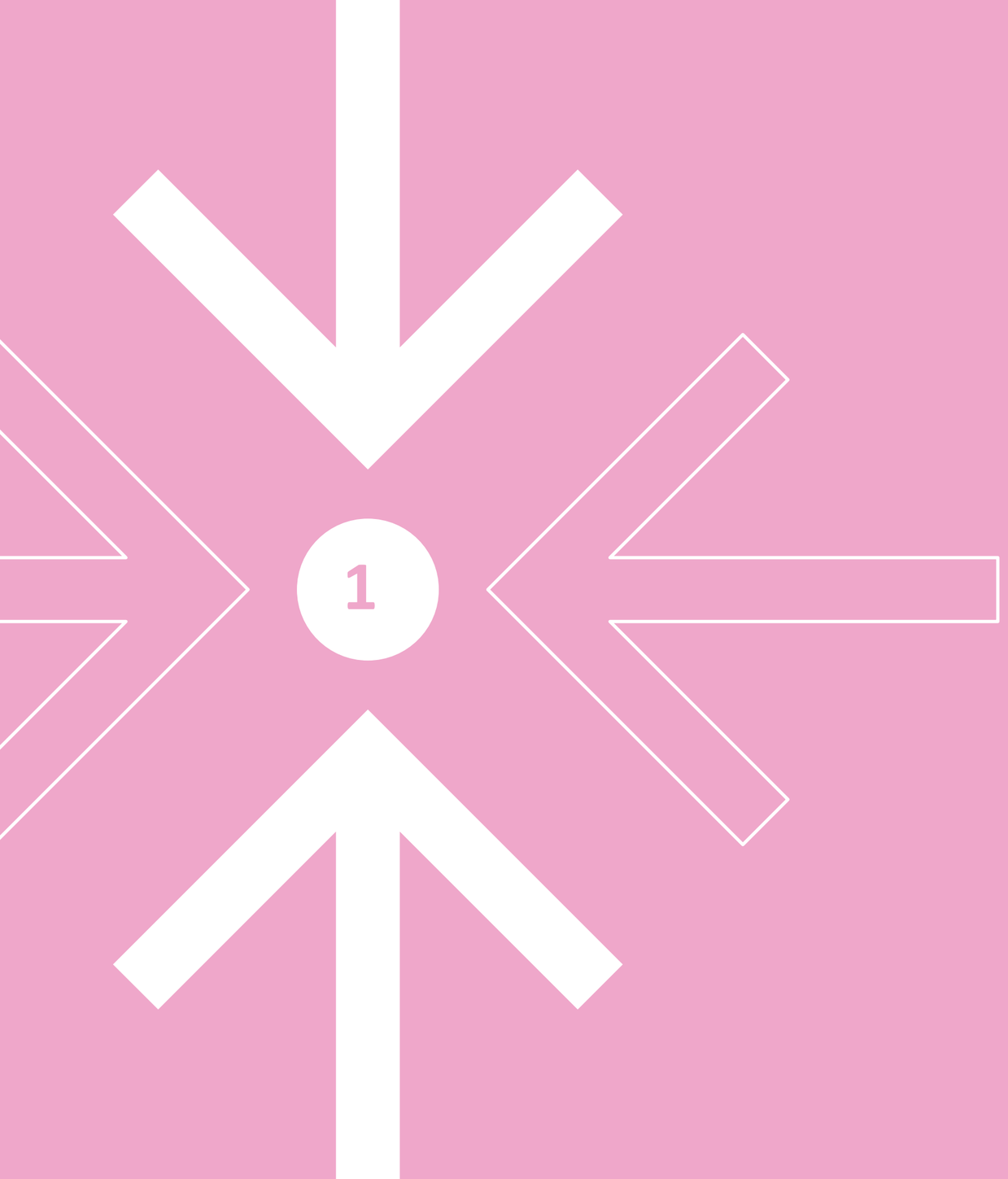

Introduction

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MU STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE

OVERVIEW

AIM

To develop a strategic framework to further embed a shared vision and culture of student success at Maynooth University.

PARTICIPANTS

- Sponsor: Prof Alison Hood
- Programme Manager: Lisa O'Regan
- Initiative Partner: Maynooth Students Union
- Consultation Group
- Initiative Steering Group
- Working Group

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WORKPACKAGES

- WP1 - Explore approaches to support student engagement and re-engagement during Covid.
- WP2- Develop a Student Success Strategy and proposed Framework for Student Success at Maynooth University.
- WP3 - Explore how student data can inform student success and develop relevant Guidelines.

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CONSULTATION GROUP DESIGN

- One staff member from each academic dept
- One staff member from each professional service unit
- One student representative from each Department, recruited from MSU Academic Reps
- Clubs and Societies' Student representatives
- Postgrad representatives, as well as members of the MSU Senate
- Maynooth Access Programme and Experiential Learning Office Ambassadors

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Consultation Process Overview

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1) Consultation Group Meeting One

Nov. 2021

Introduction & Launch

- Introduce University and Consultation Group to the project.
- Introductions: Get to know your group.
- Short Group Work Exercise.

NEXT STEP:

Share Info Packs & National Forum Digital exercise.

2) Consultation Group Meeting Two

Dec. 2021

Workshop Session

- Discuss MU practice related to Student Success.
- Data for Student Success Themes Discussion
- Student Success Themes Discussion

NEXT STEP:

Learning Analytics survey.

3) Consultation Group Meeting Three

Jan. 2021

Feedback & Workshop

- Review and feedback on the first draft of Student Success Principles.
- Review and feedback on draft Student Success Analytics Principles.

NEXT STEP:

Incorporate feedback and send drafts to Steering Group & T&L Committee for Feedback.

4) Consultation Group Meeting Four

Apr. 2021

Feedback & Workshop

- Student Success Analytics Principles: Scenario Workshop
- Student Success Principles: How we Embed workshop.
- Sharing findings from Student Success Campaign

NEXT STEP:

Incorporate feedback. Develop proposed action plan.

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Challenges and Recommendations

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Eddie Corr

REPRESENTATION

Challenge:

Ensuring broad representation, particularly across the student body.

Recommendation:

Seek fair representation: Use a variety of sources and methods of invitation across different interest groups
and cohorts.

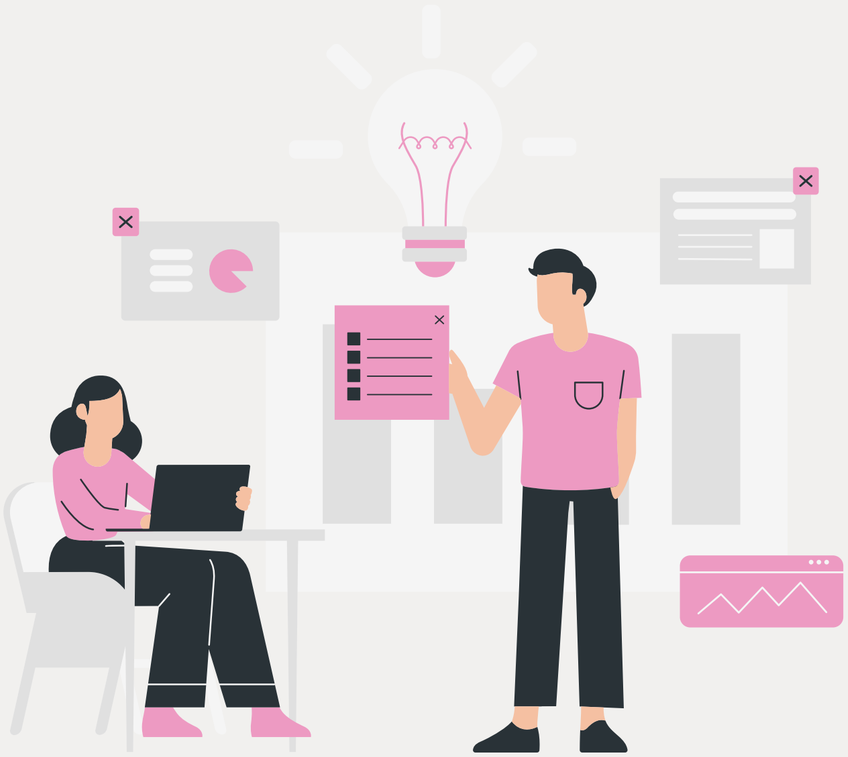
PLANNING

Challenge:

Members engaging alongside their main commitments, whether work or study.

Recommendation:

Involve a variety of staff and student roles in the process at an early stage to develop ownership and responsibility.



ENGAGEMENT

Challenge:

Building trust in the process while keeping members updated and informed.

Recommendation:

Use briefing documents to aid common understanding, be clear on expectations, and feedback results to members.

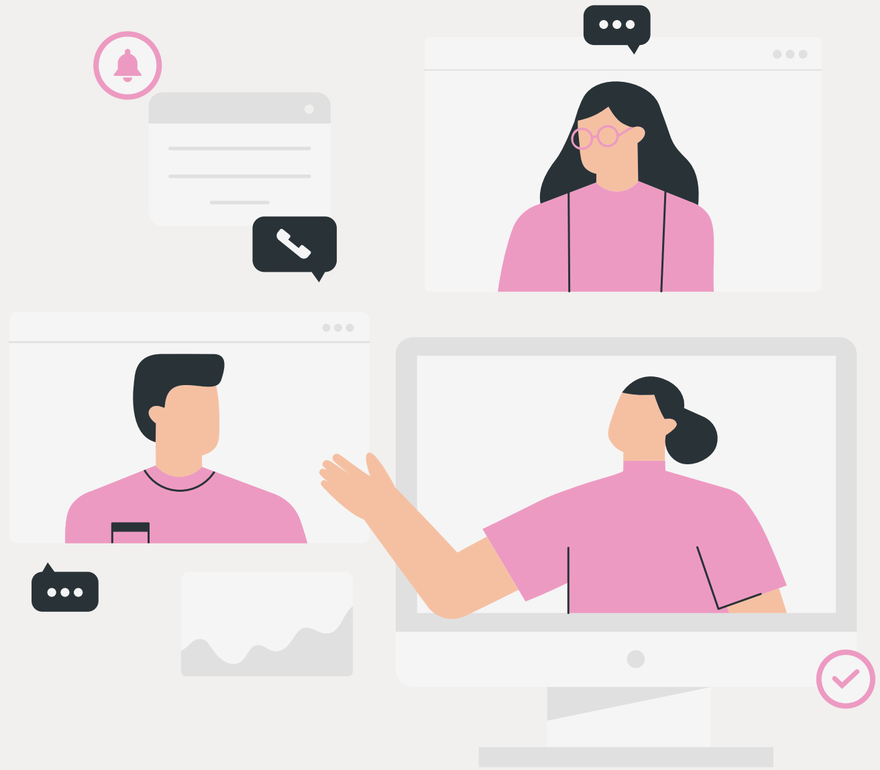
POWER DYNAMICS

Challenge:

Students are inherently at a power dynamics disadvantage for many reasons.

Recommendation:

Acknowledge from the start & encourage staff and students to co-design strategies that work for them to address the imbalance.



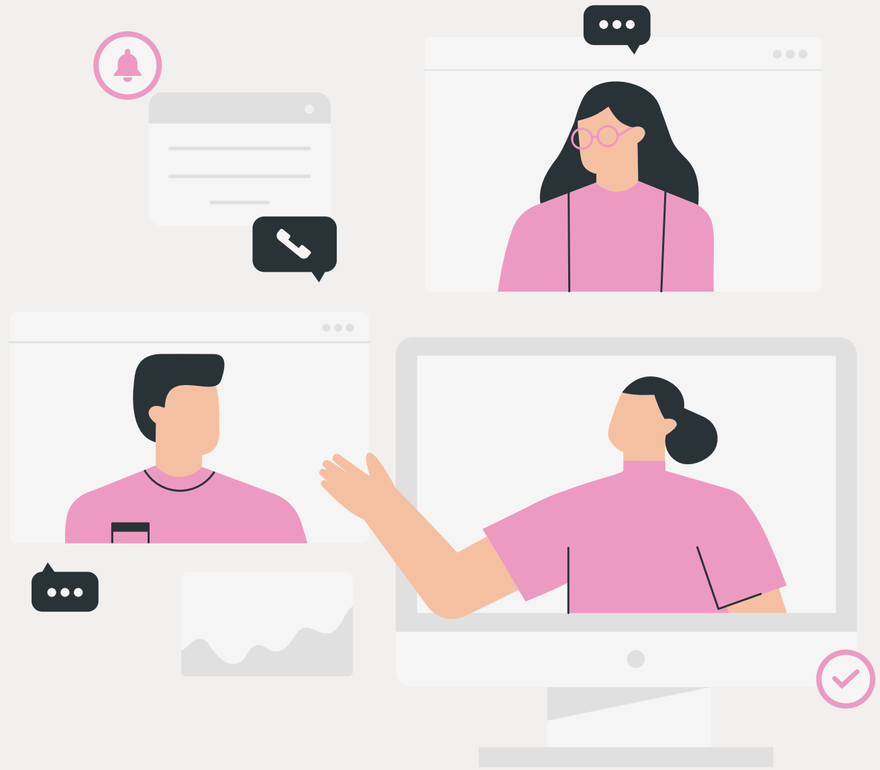
EMPOWERMENT

Challenge:

Identifying highly engaged members willing to take on extra responsibility.

Recommendation:

Empower your members to take control of tasks within the project over time and become accustomed to leadership roles.



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Diversity of Student Voice

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Group Reflection and Discussion

- **Discuss the following question within your group**

  Q1. What things need to change to achieve real diversity of the student's voice in student success initiatives and policy development?

- **Rank the top two priorities for your group and present them back**

20 Minute Activity

- **Split into mixed groups of 5-7 and introduce yourselves.**
- **Use the flipchart, post it notes and markers provided.**
- **Your assigned group facilitator will record your discussed priorities on padlet.**
- **Nominate one person in your group to present back your top two ranked priorities(1 minute)**

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:Padlet

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Capturing the Diversity of the Student Voice

Enhancing Student Success Initiatives and Policy Development

Guidance for this Padlet

WHAT TO DO

Each group facilitator should record their group's discussion of priorities under the relevant group number to the right.

They can engage with the padlet in three ways.

1. Adding a comment for each priority identified *(recommended)*
2. Adding an individual post underneath your group's submission *(optional)*
3. Liking any other group's post to show agreement *(optional)*

Note: *To access newer posts/add your own post, you may need to scroll down inside each column on the page. This will not affect the rest of the page.*

GROUP 1: Priorities

GROUP 2: Priorities

GROUP 3: Priorities

GROUP 4: Priorities

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