Fostering a Creative Social Care Community using CPD

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Aims

1. To promote a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation and creativity in social care education and practice.
2. To develop a network and community of creative practitioners and educators that fosters a co-collaborative learning approach, knowledge sharing and creation between academia and social care communities.
3. To offer CPD opportunities to advance knowledge and skills by developing new and innovative approaches in teaching and learning and research to enhance creative professional practice.

Outputs

Network growth:
Representation from 10 institutes of higher education in Ireland providing social care degree programmes, a Canadian college and creative social care practitioners.

Three outputs:

1. Publication of 3 working papers in conjunction with Dr Norman Jackson, Emeritus Professor of the University of Surrey (see references).
2. The development and publication for professional eportfolios detailing creative practice in social care education.
3. The creation of professional videos and a seminar graphic for communicating 'creative pedagogical practices in social care' arising from the eportfolios and creative pedagogy training**.**

Impact

Network:
A safe space to experiment, interact, reflect, improve self, question, connect and learn from "mistakes" and discover new ways of working with likeminded people, nationally and internationally with similar goals as well as strengthen creative identity enhancing teaching and learning and professional practice.

Dr Norman Jackson's seminar:
Informative, thought provoking and valuable for how ecologies for practice, learning and creativity could be and is applied to social care. Creative aspects of practice appreciated as potentially transformative learning experience for students.

E-portfolio training:
Benefits included showcasing work, self-reflection/reflective space, opening the mind up, enhancing digital skills, capturing professional development into the future and creating a sense of connectivity. Challenges included resistance to "another CV", technical aspect and time.

Seminar Graphic

Links to CPD outputs

- Social Care Ireland (SCI) https://socialcareireland.ie/fostering-a-social-care-community-using-cpd/
  - Creativity and Innovation in Social Care (CISC) https://dmacgiollari.wixsite.com/creativesocialcare

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