



NUI MAYNOOTH
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NUI Maynooth Teaching and Learning Showcase 2011/12

Title: Library pilot in conjunction with the NUI Maynooth Staff Development Office of the National Disability Authority (NDA) eLearning “Disability Equality training course”

Subject: Staff Development in the Library, NUI Maynooth

Overview of Best Practice/Innovation:

An online self-directed course on disability equality was piloted with Library staff with a view to the course being rolled out campus wide.



'The Blind Leading the Blind' featured Andrew Green a student at NUI Maynooth who is blind himself leads participants on a 'blindfolded' tour of NUI Maynooth to let them 'see' the campus from his perspective. Photograph used with permission of Andrew Green

How it Worked:

- Expressions of interest were sought from library staff
- Eight staff were selected as part of the pilot
- A link to the course was sent to each participant
- Staff studied the course on their own and provided support to each other
- Upon completion feedback was sought from staff via an online survey



<http://training.nda.ie/signups/new/dc1>

Lessons Learned:

- Dedicated time required for staff to complete the course
- It is essential the course be part of an ongoing training and awareness process
- Opportunities to meet, hear and discuss the opinions, feelings and views of students and staff with all forms of disability is vital

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