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Quality Profile

Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire

Institutional Review 2023

Type of Institution:
Institute of Technology

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THE REVIEW TEAM COMMENDS:

1. IADT on its open approach to self-evaluation as demonstrated through its robust and clear analysis of strengths and weaknesses in its ISER and during the review. A strong professional culture is evident throughout the institution with engaged participation from staff, students and stakeholders during the review.

2. IADT's whole-of-institution approach to quality assurance evidenced especially in the Governing Body, Academic Council, its committees, and programme boards. The committees of the Academic Council play a significant role in academic affairs in IADT, both strategically and operationally. The work done by those committees on the more operational quality assurance matters is particularly important for IADT given its relatively small size.

3. IADT on its clear commitment to a high-quality student experience. Staff across all categories have students' best interests at heart and are very committed to student success. The quality, strength and drive of the Student Services Team and its responsiveness to students' needs is in evidence.

4. IADT on being a leader in its work and commitment to EDI and Access. The institution outperforms the national average with its approach. EDI is applied effectively in matters concerning staff and students alike.

5. IADT on the effective network of good collaborative partnerships and relationships it has built with several high-quality partners. It is very clear that IADT is very highly regarded and valued by these partners. Considering the size of IADT, the reach and impact of its collaborations deserve great credit.

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Review Handbook

Terms of Reference

THE REVIEW TEAM RECOMMENDS:

1. IADT apply the learnings of the previous strategic plan to realise a strategy which is implementable, and which drives strategic decision making. As part its implementation, there should be a review of resource allocation and a more evidence-based approach to increasing efficiency in areas such as programme development, academic planning, and national and international student recruitment.

2. IADT enhance its system for internal and external communication and feedback. This should include the development and implementation of a plan to improve awareness of policies and procedures, and of support services available to students. Also, while IADT's informal communications are effective, more formal methods are necessary too to sustain the institution's quality culture and ensure consistency.

3. IADT review and invest in its management information systems with a view to achieving and implementing a system that better captures, records, monitors and analyses data in a secure and reliable manner.

4. IADT implement a unified semesterised academic calendar and common curriculum framework in the interests of increasing its efficiency and effectiveness and thus progress its stated strategic goals and objectives, including those pertaining to research, industry engagement, staff development, student number growth, and internationalisation.

5. IADT establish a more structured framework for staff development, appraisal and workload allocation.

Review Team

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