**Quality Improvement & Development (QuID) Funding 2022/23**

**Topic Area: Engaging External Communities**

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| **No** | **Project Leads** | **Project Title** | **Amount Requested** |
| 1 | Prof. Vlad GlaveanuProfessor of Psychology, School of Psychology, DCU | Virtual reality and user innovation: Building primary, secondary, and higher education partnerships; This project aims to explore and expand such potential by fostering a critical and engaging section concerning creative uses of VR by young people. | 4000.00  |
| 2 | David MeehanAssociate Director, Special Collections & Archives, DCU Library. | Public Access to DCU Library Unique and Distinct Research Collections; The project comprises expanding the delivery of the Library’s programme of Special Collections & Archives (SC&A) exhibitions from Glasnevin to a University-wide footprint | 3000.00 |
| 8 | Dr Emma Clarke, Education and Public Engagement Officer, ADAPT Laura Grehan, Head of Education and Public Engagement, Dr Brenda McNally, Postdoctoral Researcher  | Extending Citizens’ Think-Ins to New Domains via Community Partnership; This proposed project will see ADAPT, the DCU Centre for Climate and Society and the Ballymun-based Rediscovery Centre collaborate to leverage Think-Ins as a mode of engagement for stimulating and creating two-way dialogue between DCU researchers and members of the local community on a topic of social and environmental importance: the circular economy (CE). | 4941.50 |
| 9 | Patrick Browne - Maintenance Supervisor – All Hallows Campus | The All Hallows Community Garden; Using a generously-sized, unused open space behind Senior House, raised beds and a polytunnel will be installed for the purpose of growing vegetables and cultivating other flora species including pollinator friendly plants. | 4700.00 |
| 11 | Dr Owen Clarkin, Dr Tanya Levingstone, Dr Anne Morrissey, School of Mechanical Engineering  | Engaging Communities in Next Generation Virtual Reality Biomedical Engineering Content; The project will utilise existing equipment, software and expertise within the School ofMechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, as well as purchasing new software (Medical Realities Immersive software and content) to develop a suite of eight VR/AR headsets (Meta uest/MS HoloLens) with a series of modules | 4000.00 |
| 13 | Name: Luke QuinlanRole: Coordinator of the Centre for Engaged Research | Consultation for DCU Community Partnerships Mapping; As part of this workshop there will be a co-creation session on ‘Community Links’ where facilitators and attendees from DCU research centres will discuss how DCU research can be enhanced via better cooperation, collaboration and transparency across the university. | 3500.00 |
| 19 | Eilís O’Neill, Outreach and Engagement LibrarianKillian Downing, Archivist, Special Collections &amp; Archives teamCeline Campbell, Health Sciences Librarian, Research and Teaching team  | History in Your Hands Outreach Project; With this project, we aim to strengthen our links with local secondary schools and encourage 4th and 5th year students to work directly with archives and digitised cultural heritage to foster a deeper understanding of Irish and European history. | 3200.00 |
| 21 | Paul Grimes, Assistant Professor in Mathematics EducationStephen Quirke, Assistant Professor in Mathematics Education | Getting into teaching: A mathematics teaching experience for DCU undergraduate students. The project team and approximately eight DCU undergraduate students will facilitate six sessions on Senior Cycle mathematics for 40 local secondary school students. For each session, a member of the project team will deliver a 40-minute lesson to the full cohort ofpupils, which will then be followed by a 40-minute workshop, co-facilitated by the DCU undergraduate students. | 2234.00 |
| 24 | Dr. Brendan EganHead of School / Associate Professor of Sport and Exercise PhysiologySchool of Health and Human Performance | A student-led sport and exercise science support and testing service to enhance the student experience and engage external stakeholders; The project has the interrelated aims of enhancing the student experience of undergraduate students in the BSc Sports Science and Health, and engaging external stakeholders in involved in Irish sport, namely endurance sports, track and field sports, and field-based team sports | 4700.00 |
| 26 | Dr Róisín BlunnieAssistant Professor in Music,External Engagement Convenor | Sound Equipment for External Engagement Activities in Music; This proposal concerns the acquisition of a PA system to enhance the capacity of the School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music and particularly the performing groups attached to the School to present high-quality cultural events that engage with multiple external communities as well as communities across DCU  | 3200.00 |