

## Call for Applications

### For new professional development opportunities in Community Engaged Research and Learning.

#### DO YOU WANT TO:

- Offer your students real-world community-engaged learning
- Support local communities through collaboration
- Explore how to best use educational technology to support community engagement
- Generate societal impact – address Sustainable Development Goals with students and partners at local level
- Build your local and international network
- Enhance your skills and CV through peer learning
- Turn your practice into publications

Then apply to join the new CIRCLET international learning community. We will support you to rethink your teaching to include community engaged research and learning (CERL) in the digital world. Integrating CERL into your teaching can be mutually beneficial for students, for communities and for you.

#### I'm interested, so what's happening?

We invite you to apply to participate in this international community, via a Learning Circle and/or an online Professional Development Module. Both are focused on rethinking teaching to include community engaged research and learning (CERL), enhanced by educational technology. Both offer the opportunity to work with colleagues in other countries.

Our local and international **learning circles** will involve small peer groups of lecturers coming together on a regular basis to share learning, and explore issues and solutions – face-to-face where possible, otherwise online, or a mix. These will involve no more than 20 hours contact time and around 5-8 hours independent learning, across 2 semesters. Our **online module** will involve 9 weekly lunchtime webinars, with regular small individual and group assignments. Around 100 learning hours are required for 5 ECTS.

Participants on both initiatives will be supported by their university CIRCLET coordination team to identify and make connections with suitable community partners for CERL projects. The costs of both initiatives are fully covered by Erasmus+ project funding, so **there is no cost to you or your department/school**.

Participants can apply for a funded place at an international Learning Teaching and Training Activity in Budapest in May 2021 (face-to-face training is envisaged, but as with all our plans, it may move online if there are travel restrictions), including a writing seminar.

Deadline for applications	11 May
Notification of outcome to applicants	8 June
Deadline for applicants to accept place	15 June
Online Module delivery	September 2020 - January 2021
Learning Circle delivery	September 2020 - May 2021

### How do I know if I'm eligible?

- ◆ I'm interested in community engaged research and learning (CERL) as a way of teaching, and in enhancing that teaching through educational technology.
- ◆ I'm responsible for teaching and assessing a course, module or seminar where I feel there is potential to include community engaged research and learning (CERL) - anything from a first year undergraduate course to a thesis module (including PhD).
- ◆ I'm willing to commit time to participate in either the module (100 learning hours in semester 1) or the learning circle (approximately 25 learning hours across 2 semesters).

### How do I apply?

Please fill in the [application form](#) by 11 May 2020.

Your local CIRCLET co-ordinating team will shortlist applications and then the CIRCLET international co-ordinating team will make the final decisions. See the [FAQs](#) for more detail.

### Will I receive any formal recognition?

- ◆ Professional Development Module participants who successfully complete all assignments will receive 5 ECTS credits at postgraduate level.
- ◆ Learning Circle participants will receive certificates of participation.

### Where can I find out more about CIRCLET?

CIRCLET is an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership project. The project aims to strengthen capacity among higher education lecturers to improve learning outcomes for students by rethinking curricula to incorporate CERL, enhanced by educational technology. Partners are: Queen's University Belfast (lead), Corvinus University of Budapest, Open University of Catalonia, TU Dublin, Vrije Universiteit Brussel. See [www.circlet.eu](http://www.circlet.eu)

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- ◆ Check out our Frequently Asked Questions [will be added to invitation e-mail + available at [www.circlet.eu](http://www.circlet.eu)]
- ◆ Join our information events:
  - ◆ We answer your questions during [Univer.City](#)'s final inspiration session (May 6, from 1 to 4 PM, location—online or @ VUB—to be confirmed)
  - ◆ Online question and answer sessions about the Online Module: Monday 20 April 1-2pm Irish and UK time, 2-3pm Central European Time ([Click here to join](#)) and Tuesday 5 May 12-1pm Irish/UK time, 1-2pm CET ([Click here to join](#)).
- ◆ Contact your local co-ordinating team (Floor Keersmaekers and Linde Moriau) at: [info\\_cerl@vub.be](mailto:info_cerl@vub.be)



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