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#### **Building Sustainability Through Organisational Arrangements**

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#### Building Sustainability through Organisational Arrangements of Validation

- Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) approach
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Clear entry points – widely advocated

Regardless of learning pathway, linked with the NFQ

Collaboration and Cooperation so VPL holds value in society and high value of recognition

Guidance

Clearly demarcated spheres of responsibility for all stakeholders involved in the design, implementation and quality assurance of VPL

VPL Broaden access to education, training and work

#### Introduction



Higher Education institution in Ireland, everything we do is on the NFQ 6-10 (EQF 5-8)



Major, minor and Special Purpose Awards



Validation in CIT for 20 years – started as an EU project with industry



Originally focused on module exemptions and non standard entry to programmes with individual learners



Initially resourced with one full time and in 2003 a second resource was added



Resided in an education development department

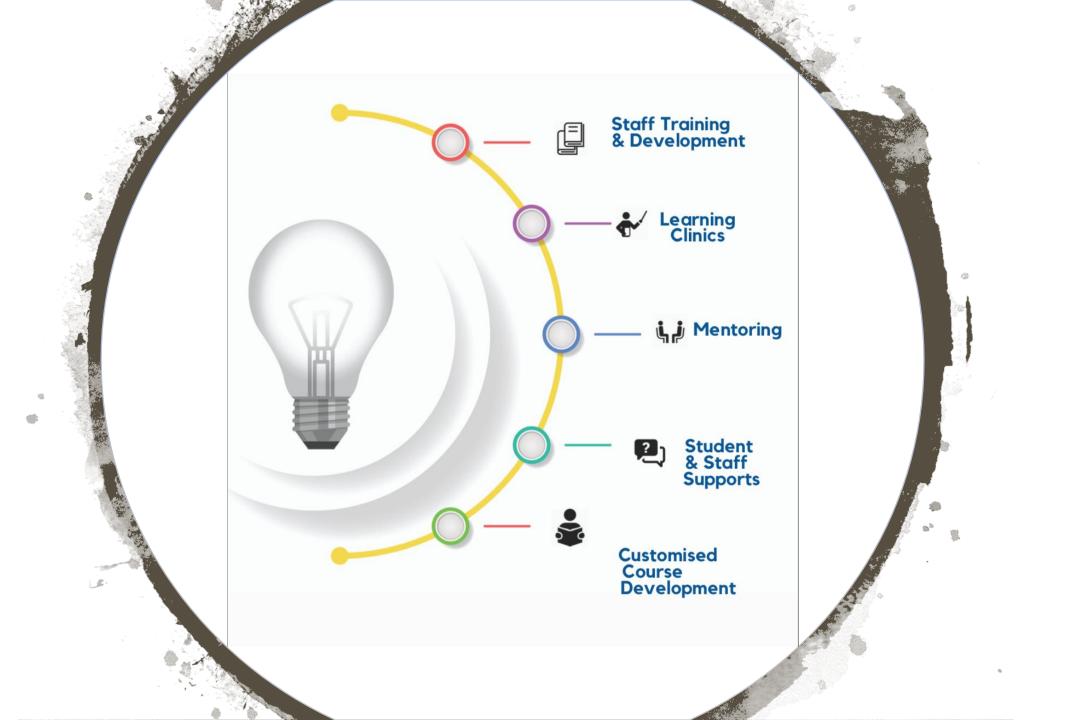


2011 CIT Extended Campus was established and validation is now an integral part of what the department and institution does

## CIT Extended Campus – building bridges among stakeholders

- Facilitate collaboration between CIT and those external to the higher education institution
- Placement, research and development, staff development, course development
- Making the right connections
- Validation student, industry and institution





# Integrated into the main structures of the institution

- Policy since 2003
- Publicised internally and externally
- Informs the conversations with industry upskilling and customised course development
- Practice and scholarship around the area
- Integrated into the foundations of the institution – quality assurance, assessment, policy, procedures, systems and supports

#### Lessons learnt

- Physical space and presence is important on campus
- Representatives from the different faculties builds the bridges internally and externally
- People, people, people
- Policies, procedures and supports in place to enable and sustain development
- Case Studies communicate the opportunities
- Strategic partnerships with external bodies
- Continuous activity in the space

Remember

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success"

Henry Ford

### Thank you

#### Questions

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