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Origins and Development

RPL FET Network Origins and Development:



- **FET Strategy 2020 – 2024**
Recognition of prior learning (RPL) should also be an important feature ... (in facilitating accessibility)... ETBs are beginning to demonstrate that RPL can be delivered at significant scale, and the models that have been piloted should now be mainstreamed as this route into education and awards can be a real attribute and selling point for FET in the future
- **VPL Biennale May 2024**
Four concurrent sessions and seven lightning sessions included in final Biennale programme

Acknowledgment that RPL development was largely project based and as a result was disparate and uneven

Opportunity existed for strategic approach to further development on sectoral basis



5th VPL BIENNALE
May 6-8 May 2024, Ireland

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Origins and Development:



- **Uneven development of structures and practice across ETBs**
- **Development of a diversity of resources, policies and processes by individual ETBs**
- **Need for a more formalised 'sharing space' through a formal community of practice for RPL practitioners**
- **Need for a library/repository identified by practitioners as intrinsic to the adoption and ongoing development of RPL practice in FET.**
- **Shared space for information sharing and resources to provide a cohesive and enhanced quality-assured approach to RPL**
- **Underpinned by an approach which is open, inclusive, and learner-centred**



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Composition and Aims

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Who We Are:

- **FET staff with responsibility for RPL within our ETB's.**
- **Diverse group.**
- **Nominated membership and approval from FET Director.**
- **One united vision and goal.**



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Network Aims:



- **Share Experience & Expertise**
- **RPL Resource Repository**
- **Best Practice Case Studies**
- **Feedback for National Policy**
- **Promote RPL PR National Network Work**
- **Develop National Directory & Peer Support**
- **Disseminate Updates**
- **Engage External Experts**

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Achievements To Date:

- ★ **QQI Green Paper Consultation**
- ★ **Mentors Contract Development**
- ★ **Scoping Exercise for RPL Activity**



Thank you!

