



‘Building a Culture of Recognition – Celebrating 10 Years of the Network’

5th November 2025

Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone

Co Westmeath



Welcome and Opening RPL Practitioner Network Co-Convenors

Christine McCabe, Atlantic Technological University
Patsy Hogan, Limerick and Clare ETB

National RPL Practitioner Network Event, Autumn 2025

<i>'Building a Culture of Recognition – Celebrating 10 Years of the Network'</i> <i>Wednesday 5th November 2025, Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath, N37 A8X9</i>	
Time	Item
<i>From 9.30am</i>	Registration, tea/coffee and pastries
<i>9.30am to 9.55am</i>	Introduction to RPL and the Network for those new to RPL <i>(This optional session will take place in the back of the main venue room)</i>
<i>10am to 10.15am</i>	Opening and welcome by RPL Practitioner Network Co-Convenors - Christine McCabe, RPL Co-ordinator, Atlantic Technological University - Patsy Hogan, Quality Assurance Officer, Limerick and Clare ETB
<i>10.15am to 10.25am</i>	QQI: Update on national and international developments and scene setting for the day ahead Andrina Wafer, Head of International Mobility and Prior Learning, Development Directorate, QQI
<i>10.30am to 11am</i>	Morning Keynote Address: Fjóla María Lárusdóttir, R&D/NVL Coordinator at Fræðslumiðstöð Atvinnulífsins / Education and Training Service Centre Our services - Fræðslumiðstöð atvinnulífsins
<i>11am to 11.15am</i>	Break
<i>11.15am to 11:50am</i>	Celebrating 10 years of the RPL Practitioner Network with past co-convenors
<i>11:50am to 12.45pm</i>	Extending and Embedding RPL Culture and Practice - Dr Deirdre Goggin, Recognition of Prior Learning and Work Based Learning, Extended Campus, MTU - Stuart Garland, Learning and Capacity Building Manager, Volunteer Ireland and Patsy Hogan, Limerick and Clare ETB - Dr Clara Staunton, Project Director, National Recognition of Prior Learning in Higher Education Project - Fergus Craddock, Inclusion Manager, ETBI and Siobhán Murray, RPL Co-ordinator, Donegal ETB
<i>12.45pm to 1pm</i>	Q&A and group participation
<i>1pm to 1:45pm</i>	Lunch
<i>1:45pm to 2:15pm</i>	Afternoon Keynote Address: Adrian Sheehan, Colleges Wales Recognition of Prior Learning
<i>2:15pm to 2.45pm</i>	Action Planning: Bringing the Network Forward - Presentation of new draft RPL Practitioner Work Plan 2025-2027 - Input from RPL PN membership
<i>2.45pm to 3pm</i>	Feedback and group participation
<i>3pm</i>	Tea/coffee in the room main room
<i>3pm to 3.25pm</i>	Q&A
<i>3.25pm to 3.30</i>	Closing remarks, Co-convenors, Christine McCabe and Patsy Hogan

National and international developments and scene setting for the day ahead (QQI)

Andrina Wafer, Head of International Mobility and
Prior Learning, Development Directorate, QQI

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Morning Keynote Address

Fjóla María Lárusdóttir, Team Leader/Specialist at the
Education and Training Service Centre in Iceland.

Member of the NLL Network for Validation

Break – 15 mins



Celebrating 10 years of the RPL Practitioner Network with past Co-convenors



Extending and Embedding RPL Culture and Practice



Dr Deirdre Goggin, Recognition of Prior Learning and Work Based Learning, Extended Campus, MTU

Stuart Garland, Learning and Capacity Building Manager, Volunteer Ireland and **Patsy Hogan**, Quality Assurance Officer, Limerick and Clare ETB

Dr Ciara Staunton, Project Director, National Recognition of Prior Learning in Higher Education Project

Fergus Craddock, Inclusion Manager, ETBI and **Siobhán Murray**, RPL Co-ordinator, Donegal ETB

Lunch – 45 mins



Afternoon Keynote Address

Adrian Sheehan, Consultant; Colleges Wales

Action Planning: Bringing the Network Forward

- ⦿ Presentation of draft RPL Practitioner Work Plan 2025-2027
- ⦿ Input from RPL Practitioner Work membership

Draft Work Plan 2025 - 2027



Overarching Aim

Building awareness and understanding of RPL.

Drivers

National and international policy, legislation and strategy.

Principles

- Sharing
- Visibility
- Social inclusion.

Draft Work Plan 2025 - 2027

Item	Purpose	Actions	Outcome	Timeline
Communication	Create and disseminate relevant RPL content	To promote RPL PN events and news via social media	Regular LinkedIn posts	
	Build awareness of RPL among the wider community via social media	To manage RPL PN website	2 newsletters via LinkedIn	
		To deliver induction for new steering group members	Regular social media updates	
		To disseminate RPL information	RPL PN events promoted	
			RPL SG induction pack	

Draft Work Plan 2025 - 2027

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Development	Maximise networking opportunities	To explore opportunities to network nationally and internationally	Identification and sharing of information about suitable networking opportunities	
	Identify relevant RPL resources	To identify RPL resources	Section on the website for RPL resources	
	Build awareness of RPL via events and case studies	To identify new developments in the RPL space	Set of cross-sectoral case studies	
		To develop a set of cross-sectoral case studies		

Draft Work Plan 2025 - 2027

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Pop-up Groups	Establishing pop-up groups for specific areas of work, such as planning and managing RPL PN events	To plan and deliver annual webinar To plan and deliver annual in person event	Annual webinar (May) Annual event (November)	

In groups at your tables, please consider the following questions:

- 1. Purpose:** What do you envisage the Network's purpose to be moving into the next 10 years?
- 2. Communications:** How can we as a Network actively continue to promote and encourage the understanding of RPL processes and procedures across all sectors?
- 3. Development:** How can we encourage participation and involvement in the Network by private providers, community and employer stakeholders?

- ◎ One person from each table to record notes and feedback to the room

Feedback on Work Plan

Questions and Discussion



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We would appreciate your feedback

Evaluation: RPL Practitioner Network Event: Building a Culture of Recognition in Ireland



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