

Press Release

Kinsale teacher receives national award

Helena Farrell, a teacher at Kinsale College has won the inaugural John Kelly Award for Universal Design for Teaching and Learning. Helena was shortlisted with two other candidates from third level colleges. Each candidate was invited to deliver a short presentation in front of judging panel on Thursday 21st March at the AHEAD Conference in Croke Park, Dublin.

The judging panel recognised Helena's achievement for being innovative in teaching and learning, incorporating activity-based teaching pedagogy and for embracing the Universal Design in Teaching and Learning teaching methodologies into her classes in Kinsale College.

The John Kelly Award for Universal Design for Learning was launched in 2018 by AHEAD (Association for Higher Education Access and Disability) recognises the innovative practice of teaching staff in further and higher education engaging with the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework to deliver a more inclusive learning experience for their students. It is targeted at practitioners who have demonstrated their emergent commitment to UDL by undertaking the Digital Badge for Universal Design in Teaching & Learning and making exciting changes to their practice as a result of their participation in the badge.

It is a massive achievement for Helena and Kinsale College. It puts Kinsale College at the forefront of inclusive education in Ireland and solidifies its position as a leader in providing a supportive, engaging environment for students with all learning needs. Kinsale College is currently accepting applications for all its courses for September 2019. Visit www.kinsalecollege.ie for further details. The college Open Day is Friday April 12th from 10am – 5pm.