



# 'Eye on' Institute of Technology, Tallaght



## CENTRE FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING (CeLT)

In 2007, the Centre for Learning and Teaching at IT Tallaght evolved from the Engineering Learning Support Unit which had been formed in 2003. The ELSU was created to support first year Engineering students in their transition from second to third level education. The new Centre co-ordinates:

- Academic Staff Development
- Learner Support for all full-time students
- Learning Technology

Within Tallaght, CeLT co-ordinates several aspects of SIF Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 teaching, learning, and assessment projects:

### SIF 1:

- Collaborative Network for Innovation in Teaching and Inclusive Education (CONTINUE)
- Strategic Alliances
- Learning Innovation Network

### SIF 2:

- Dublin Region Higher Education Alliance, Enhancement of Learning
- Eastern Regional Alliance – Repositioning Learner Assessment
- Eastern Regional Alliance – Student Transitions

The CELT team is Rosemary Cooper, Mags Phelan and Aideen Reddy:



The CeLT is located at the front of the main building, adjacent to Reception:



### CURRENT WORK IN CELT:

- + Analysis, planning, delivery and evaluation of a variety of activities funded through SIF projects
- + Provision of learner 'drop-in' clinics (both scheduled, and at students')



Sheffield Hallam University. Colin is a very interesting and inspiring speaker.

- 'Learning for an *unknown future*' – have a look at Ron Barnett's work from the Institute of Education in London. Ron's work makes you think...and that's a good thing, right?

## RECOMMENDED READ

**'Giving a Lecture: from Presenting to Teaching'** by Kate Exley and Reg Dennick

This is a punchy little book that has a very clear structure into which you can dip in and out for useful tips, e.g. 'Preparing and using handouts and learning resources'.

**'The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life'** by Parker J. Palmer

This is an interesting book suggested by Dr Rich Felder from North Carolina State University:



**'Teaching for Understanding at University. Deep Approaches and Distinctive Ways of Thinking'** by Noel Entwistle.

Noel provides great insight into the concept of *deep* learning and supports this with models and useful examples, particularly in electronic engineering.

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A new online study skills guide is being produced by the publishers of Stella Cottrell's excellent 'Study Skills Handbook'. This is due to be launched in Spring 2010. Check out the online demo at: <http://www.palgrave.com/skills4studycampus/>

An interesting read on innovation in the use of online media in education is available on: <http://www.downes.ca/>