

An opportunity for first year hospitality management students to meet informally with 2nd and 4th year peers over refreshments

Shirley Millar – 1st year coordinator, set up of the event and proactively ensured that each table had a mix of students from 1st/2nd/4th year.
Brigid Walsh & Grainne Daly – coordinated the 2nd/4th years to attend.

23 first year students and 15 2nd/4th year students participated



Benefits to Staff and Students

A student ambassador was in attendance to help with ice-breaker activities but the students were very happy to get involved in conversations and all tables were quite chatty during the event.

Feedback from the first year students after the event was that they enjoyed the experience and learned from the more advanced students.

Sandra Power attended to chat to the students about the Student Engagement Office and the supports that it provides.

First year students said that it was beneficial to hear about the experiences of more advanced students. They also said that they would feel more comfortable going to these students for advice in the future, now that the introduction has been made.



Objectives of Project

- 1st years get to ask questions about the course from current students and get information from the student perspective rather than lecturers.
- 2nd & 4th years get to act as mentors and offer advice based on their experience to date.
- 1st years get to know other groups of students on their course so that they can chat with them again in the future if they meet them in the corridor or in the dining room.

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Students
involved