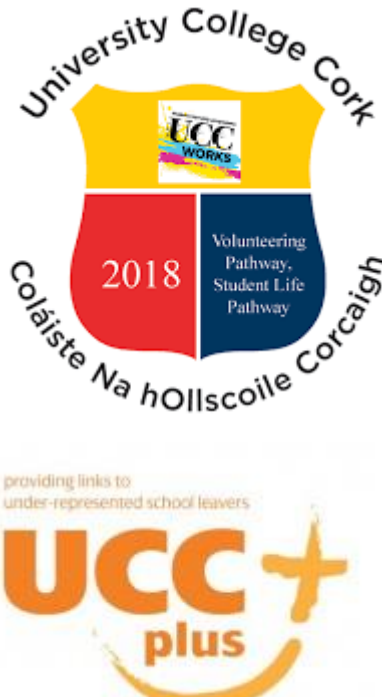


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Community-based learning and research are academic approaches that seeks to engage and accredit students, within the curriculum, for working in partnership with civic and civil society organisations (CSOs) to act on local societal challenges.

Education for All

Project Title:	UCC Occupational Therapy and UCC Plus+ Homework Club Partnership
Brief overview of project: (60 max)	Every first-year Occupational Therapy student volunteers as a Homework Club tutor in two different second-level schools over two semesters, as a requirement of module <i>OT1004 Becoming a Healthcare Professional</i> , in partnership with UCC Plus+ school outreach programme. This established tutoring scheme is aimed at assisting 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Year school students with their homework.
Community Partner(s):	UCC Plus+ linked DEIS schools in Cork city
Faculty:	Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, College of Medicine and Health, UCC
Community-based learning/research activity (Module Outline): Please describe the product, piece of research, service learning, activity carried out.	<p>Service learning is one teaching and learning approach used to meet the learning outcomes of the UCC first year Occupational Therapy module <i>OT1004 Becoming a Healthcare Professional</i>, with the requirement that all first-year Occupational Therapy students volunteer as a Homework Club tutor in partnership with UCC Plus+ school outreach programme.</p> <p>This academically and personally challenging but rewarding curricular learning experience forms the basis for the entire module assignment, in which the OT students critically reflect on their development of communication and professional responsibility competencies. Furthermore, the volunteering experience underpins subsequent modules by learning about socio-economic influences on health and participation in daily activities and society; the students' first formal clinical placement at the end of first year; and about adolescent development in second year.</p> <p>As a result of this Homework Club tutor experience, our first-year Occupational Therapy students are deeply involved in university life beyond the classroom, directly contributing to society as reflexive, civically engaged citizen leaders. Furthermore, the students' engagement has a strong wellbeing and social justice orientation, thus widening participation for the good of all.</p>
Student learning outcomes: please list and detail the various learning outcomes e.g. effective communication, high level cognitive, intercultural, leadership, entrepreneurial agility, analytical and interpersonal skills, (set out in Ireland's National Skills Strategy 2025).	<p>Learning Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Display a commitment to professional standards of behaviour.2. Understand the UCC PLUS+ Homework Club scheme and the role of the UCC PLUS+ Homework Club tutor3. Understand the responsibilities of a UCC PLUS+ Homework Club tutor

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Understand the <i>Children First Act 2015</i> and <i>Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children</i>. 5. Apply models of reflection and differentiate between descriptive and reflective writing styles. 6. Demonstrate competence in academic writing, including database searching and APA referencing. 7. Critically evaluate their competence in establishing effective relationships with clients, colleagues and others.
Community outcomes (Aims and Objectives):	<p>Nurturing school students' achievement of their potential and encouraging them to consider onward progression to third-level, particularly where there is little tradition of progression onto higher education.</p>
Further Details & Assessment:	<p>Typical number of hours: 32 (direct tutor time: 16 weeks x 2 hours) End of Module Reflective Paper OT students are eligible for a UCC Works Digital Badge and award.</p>
Credit weighting:	10
Academic Contact:	Dr. Eithne Hunt e.hunt@ucc.ie
Additional materials:	<p>https://www.ucc.ie/en/uccplus/schools/ucc-secondary-outreach/ https://www.ucc.ie/en/ck704/</p>
High quality photo/ logo from project:	

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