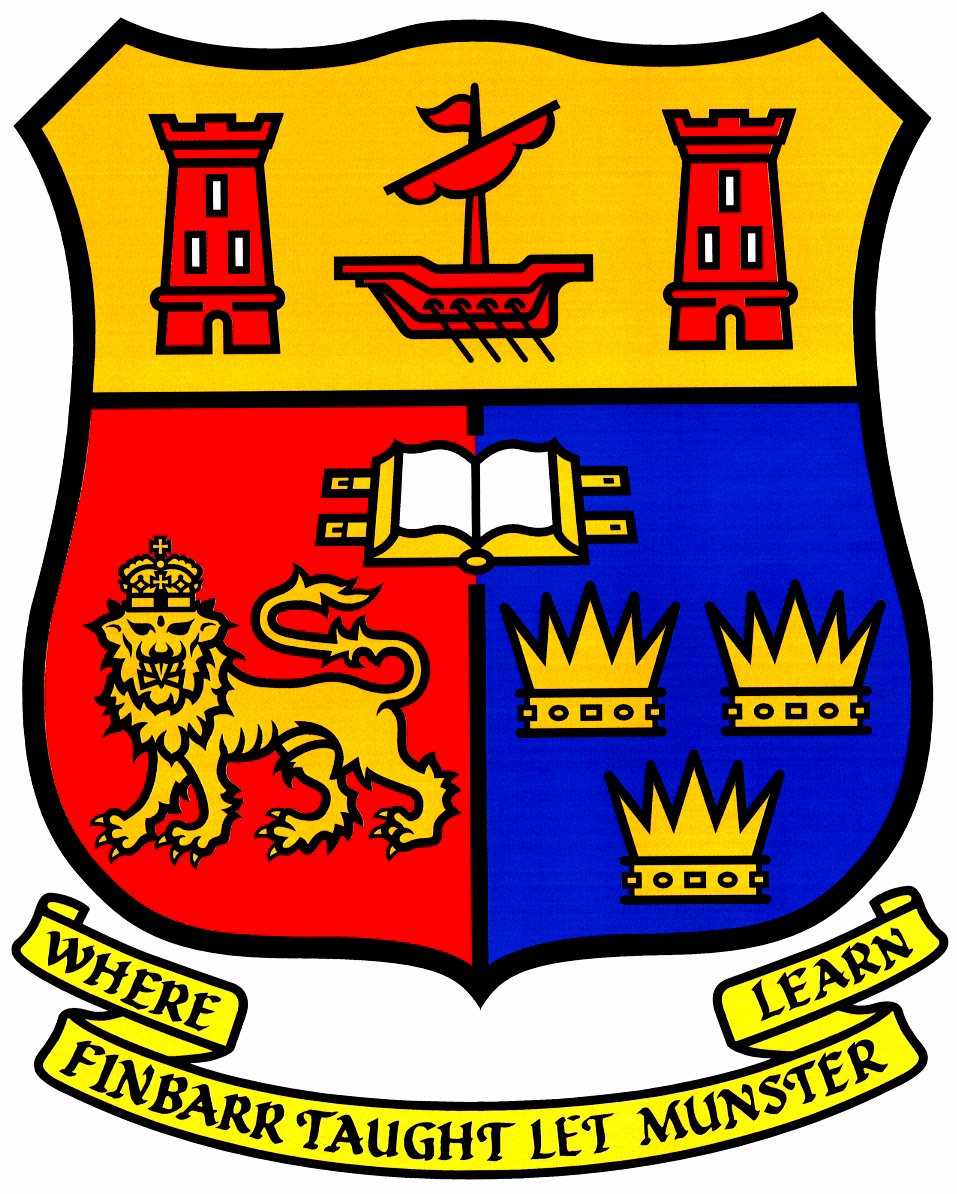
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***‘CHALLENGING MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM INSIDE OUT AND OUTSIDE IN’***

**13 AND 14 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts invited for oral presentations/workshops of 45 minutes’ duration related to the conference theme, outlining its aims and intentions. Please email abstract (in Word- 250 words max) and bio (in Word – 150 words max) by **16 September 2019** to [l.sapouna@ucc.ie](mailto:l.sapouna@ucc.ie)

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**CONFERENCE THEME**

Dissatisfaction with mainstream mental health systems, as well as attempts, from both within and outside, to find different ways to support people in distress, have been well documented over the years. This year’s conference explores critical perspectives from both within and outside mental health systems, considers the struggles, challenges and barriers people have experienced at developing new approaches, and examines what it means to be on the inside and/or outside of different spaces, such as inside/outside service use, inside/outside academia, and inside/outside different knowledges. Innovations in service delivery, in education, and in activism will be explored, set within the wider context of critical debates on contested areas in mental health.

**CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**John Cromby,** Professor of Psychology, University of Leicester; **Alison Faulkner,** independent survivor researcher, England; **Fionn Fitzpatrick,** community development worker/ activist, Dublin; **Anne O’Donnell,** community educator/activist, Edinburgh; **Fiona Venner,** Chief Executive of Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service; **Robert Whitaker,** journalist, author of Anatomy of an Epidemic, founder of www.madinamerica.com.

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**The Conference organisers are Lydia Sapouna, School of Applied Social Studies and Harry Gijbels (retired), Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Cork, Ireland.**