

Healthy Campus Case Study





Driving a culture of consent in UL: obstacles and opportunities for growth

Name of institution and initiative lead

University of Limerick. Healthy UL - Sexual Health & Wellbeing Group

Date and timeframe

September 2021 – March 2023

What was the reach?

Increased awareness and engagement with both staff and students on understanding consent with over 3900 students engaging in the Active*Consent workshops across the University of Limerick.

Active*Consent roll out 2022/23 – Taking a whole campus approach to health and wellbeing, in particular sexual health.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Active*Consent Workshop rollout was to raise awareness in the area of consent, and the capacity to consent with the intention to establish a culture of consent across the University of Limerick Campus.

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There was a focus on educating students on what is meant by "Active Consent" and how communication is key in ensuring positive, respectful and safe sexual experiences, for all involved.

Aligned frameworks, policies, or strategies

University of Limerick Action Plan Tackling Sexual Violence, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment on campus

University of Limerick 'Healthy UL' Framework
University of Limerick Strategic Plan 2019 –
2024

Project Collaborators

Student Affairs

Graduate Medical School

Members of all four faculties in the university including Deans, Professional, Managerial and Support Staff and Heads of Departments.

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Student orientation officers

UL Student Life

Healthy UL

We engaged with the Active*Consent team from the University of Galway and benefited from their expertise to aid in the rollout of the workshops.

Members of the Mid-West Rape Crisis Centre are also members of our Sexual Health & Wellbeing Group and our Consent Framework Steering and Policy Review Group.

Key Learning Points

A more structured setting in the facilitation of the Active*Consent workshops is needed for maximum engagement.

The University of Limerick has a very supportive campus community and by adopting a whole campus approach it delivers a stronger message.

Healthy Campus Process	Whole Campus Approach	Topic	Population Group
Commit	Campus Environment (Facilities & Services)	Sexual Health & Wellbeing	Students
Coordinate	Campus Culture & Communications	Physical Activity /Active Transport	Staff
		Wellbeing on the Curriculum	Wider community





