



Healthy Campus Case Study



HEA | HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY
AN tÚDARÁS um ARD-OIDEACHAS

How to @ ATU

Name of institution and initiative lead
Atlantic Technological University - Donegal

4th year Health and Social Care students, Aine Hatzler, Claire Mc Caul, Caoimhe O Sullivan, Annie Brennan

Date and timeframe
6th November 2023, a 6-week timeframe

What was the reach?
All ATU Donegal students

Aims and Objectives
The aim was to provide tips and tricks to students that were just beginning their student life to make the move from secondary school to college as seamless as possible. When doing this we focused on 6 main topics these were Mental Health, Physical Health, Sexual Health, Healthy Environment, Addictive Behaviours and Healthy Eating to make students aware of issues that were arising and providing them with information and services that we felt would be of great importance.

Aligned frameworks, policies, or strategies
Healthy Campus Charter and Framework
National Student Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Framework
Safe, Respectful, Supportive and Positive: Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish HEIs
Eu Green Alliance Work package 8 "A Healthy & Sustainable Campus"

Project Collaborators
Staff and students in ATU Donegal
Eu Green Work Package 8 Delegates
Sharon Ferguson Mental Health and Wellbeing Officer in ATU Donegal
Steven O Donnell Online & flexible Learning ATU Donegal

Key Learning Points
Key achievements were making the brochure and having a student voice on the student toolkit. From setting up stands, to interacting with students from all different courses and years in our information day in the college, we feel like the brochure was very successful. We listened to the students' voices and will be very helpful for students for the next few years in the college.

Summary
We wanted to create an initiative that would help first years and new students settle into college life a lot quicker and ease any nerves or feeling of anxiety. We agreed that a simple guide created by current students that provides some basic tips and advice would be beneficial for new students at ATU Donegal.
A consultation desk was set up in the main corridor to retrieve information. With the information gathered we then began to construct our brochure with the help of the IT department. The brochures were handed out in the main corridor of the college and were made available to all students at ATU Donegal online.

Healthy Campus Process	Whole Campus Approach	Topic	Population Group
Create	Campus Culture & Communications	Substance Misuse	Students
Celebrate & Continue		Healthy Eating / Food	
		Mental Health & Wellbeing	
		Sexual Health & Wellbeing	
		Health & Sustainability	

