

Health and Wellbeing Conference 2026

‘Global Perspectives, Irish leadership: Transforming Healthy Campus Policy’

Wednesday 22nd April 2026, 9.30am-16.30pm, The Law Society of Ireland, Dublin

9.00 – 9.30	<i>Registration and T/C</i>
9.30 - 9.45	Opening Remarks Caroline Mahon, HEA Tim Conlon, HEA
9.45 - 10.30	<i>‘Moving from Local to Global: Building International Partnerships to Advance Healthy Campuses, a Canadian Perspective’</i> - Dr. Jennifer Thannhauser, University of Calgary and Dr. Vicki Squires, University of Saskatchewan
10.30 - 11.00	<i>T/C Break including HC Case Study Session</i>
11.00 - 12.00	Building Student Belonging in HEIs <i>‘Student belonging in higher education in Ireland: what helps, what hinders?’</i> - Professor Barbara Dooley, University College Dublin <i>‘Residency and wellbeing: How does being a commuter student affect wellbeing, and how should higher education institutions respond?’</i> - Professor Liz Thomas, University of York
12.00 - 12.30	The Limerick Framework for Action – Looking Ahead - Professor Catherine Woods, University of Limerick
12.30 - 1.15	<i>Lunch</i>
1.15 - 2.00	<i>‘From Policy to Practice: Advancing Mental Health through Cross-Sectoral Action’</i> - Professor Philip Dodd, Department of Health

2.00- 2.50

Global Models and Approaches to Health

'Healthy, Wealthy and Wise: The Trilemma of the Modern University' -

Dr Norah Campbell, Trinity College Dublin

'One Health and its potential to support Healthy campus initiatives' - Dr

Gerald Barry, University College Dublin

2.50 - 3.00

Comfort Break

3.00 - 4.00

'Health and Wellbeing in Action'- Lightning Talks

A session of short presentations from across the sector

4.00 – 4.30

Closing Address, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD