

# Community Mentoring



Inspiring the  
next generation

PATHS TO EDUCATION  
Dublin Learning City

## What are Community Mentors?

Community mentors are a valuable community resource, who help to share information and advice about their college experience as a way to support and inspire prospective students. Community mentors are trained to build: confidence, awareness of college life and courses, application knowledge, and highlight the many benefits of education.

We aim to recruit 250+ undergraduate mentors who will undertake to visit a local secondary school, further education institution, or community organisation with the aim of inspiring the next generation of students across Dublin City. Student volunteers will be drawn from groups currently under-represented in college, including 1st-time mature students, students with a disability, Irish Travellers, lone parents, and socio-economically underrepresented students.

## Who Organises Community Mentoring?

The Community Mentoring Programme is a unique inter-institutional initiative in collaboration with IADT, Marino Institute of Education, NCAD, TCD, and UCD.

The strategic placement of the mentors for school/ Further Ed / community-based visits will occur around the national College Awareness Week campaign. Mentors will return to their chosen host organisation for a further 1-2 sessions.

## How Do We Support Our Mentors?

Our mentors have unlimited access to an online toolkit and participate in a comprehensive training programme. Mentors will receive ongoing support during the programme, and a certificate of participation upon completion of the programme.

For further information about the Community Mentoring Programme, or to apply to become a community mentor, please visit:

[www.collegeaware.ie/community-mentors/](http://www.collegeaware.ie/community-mentors/)

