From reactive to proactive: The DCU story of pivoting online

This interactive session will tell the story of Dublin City University (DCU) experiences of pivoting online due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will describe the immediate supports that were provided in response to the pivot online and highlight the activities that we see as important to ongoing and effective professional learning.

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