

What is the CINNTE Institutional Review?

CINNTE Institutional Review is the name of the round of institutional reviews of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) taking place in Ireland between 2017 and 2023. Institutional Review is an evaluation by an external review team of the effectiveness of an institution's internal quality assurance and quality enhancement procedures for education, training, research, and services to ensure that agreed quality standards have been met by the institution.

When is the CINNTE Institutional Review happening at IADT?

The CINNTE Institutional Review has been underway at IADT since early 2022. In preparation an Institutional Profile was submitted, the Review Team was confirmed and the Site Visit dates were agreed.

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) oversees the CINNTE Institutional Review process for all HEIs. IADT has been communicating with QQI since late 2021 in preparation for the review.

The last Institutional Review of IADT took place in 2010/11.

Why is CINNTE Institutional Review important to IADT?

The CINNTE Institutional Review is a key task in the IADT calendar during academic year 2022/23. It is an opportunity for us to

- ✓ demonstrate our governance processes and determine whether they meet our responsibilities as a Designated Awarding Body
- ✓ take time to self-reflect and analyse our policies and processes across the institute, and identify potential improvements that can be made
- ✓ develop and implement a Quality Action Plan for IADT which will assist and support the Institute in achieving our strategic ambitions over the coming years
- ✓ benefit from the expertise of an external Review Team from peer institutions internationally
- ✓ ensure that a positive review of IADT will secure and maintain our status as a hub of the Creative, Cultural and Technological (CCT) sector, which will have a positive impact on our reputation, funding, and ability to attract a diverse student body.

Who will be involved in the CINNTE Institutional Review at IADT?

An important aspect of the CINNTE Institutional Review is that it is a comprehensive and inclusive process. As well as those with specific involvement on the CINNTE Steering Group, which will guide the CINNTE Institutional Review, all staff, students and stakeholders will have the opportunity and are encouraged to partake in the process via the review within their faculty or department, and will be invited to contribute through surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, submission of case studies etc.

What needs to be done?

From this point, there are three important CINNTE Institutional Review milestones:

- ✓ Submission of a **Self-Evaluation Report (SER)** to QQI in March 2023. The SER forms the basis of the CINNTE Institutional Review.
- ✓ A **Review Team Site Visit** which is scheduled to take place in person from **22 to 26 May 2023**. The Review Team will meet IADT staff, students, and stakeholders to consider and discuss the content of the SER. At the end of the visit, the Review Team will provide verbal feedback to IADT regarding the outcomes of the visit, and will make recommendations etc.
- ✓ In **July 2023**, the Review Team will submit its **formal report** to IADT regarding its findings regarding the CINNTE Institutional Review of IADT.
- ✓ IADT will consider the report and respond to it, taking necessary action.

Who will be involved in developing the Self-Evaluation Report?

As stated above, staff, students and stakeholders will be invited and to contribute to the self-evaluation process and report. Participation is encouraged and appreciated. The CINNTE Steering Group will collate the information produced as part of the review and they will determine how the information will be presented in the Self-Evaluation Report.

What is the Review Team?

The Review Team is a group of 6 external experts appointed by QQI to conduct the CINNTE Institutional Review of IADT. The Review Team is composed of peer reviewers who are students and senior institutional leaders and staff from comparable international institutions as well as external representatives.

What will the Review Team look for?

During the Site Visit in May 2023, the Review Team will meet with representatives from across IADT, including academics, students, and relevant stakeholder bodies. Having read our SER, they will compare what they have been told about IADT against what they find during their visit, and generally assess our procedures, practices, and outcomes.

We anticipate that the Review Team will want to satisfy itself that

- ✓ a thorough, institute-wide self-evaluation process has been undertaken by IADT. They will expect that the institute will have undertaken comprehensive consultation with students, staff, and stakeholders (including governing body, employers, FE college partners, international partner institutions, etc)
- ✓ the Self-Evaluation Report addresses the objectives of CINNTE Institutional Review and is evaluative and honest in nature
- ✓ there is a sound Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement framework in place in IADT and appropriate policies and procedures are in place at IADT to deliver higher education programmes and conduct research activity. It will also need to ensure that IADT is meeting its obligations in terms of standards for higher education and training both at national and European level.

Where can I find further information?

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