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cordially invites you to the following workshop

**Bringing learners into the global classroom:
Setting up and running online intercultural exchanges**

Dr Robert O'Dowd, University of León

Friday 4 April 2014 at 2.30pm

**Room: LC1016 (Languages Building, University of Limerick)
also live-streamed**

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Bio: Robert O'Dowd

Robert O'Dowd comes from Ireland. He teaches EFL and Applied Linguistics and is secretary for International Training at the University of León, Spain. He studied European Studies at the University of Limerick in Ireland, before going on to do an MA at the University of Ulster and then a PhD at the University of Essen in Germany. He has taught English at universities in Ireland, Germany and Spain and has published widely on the application of online technologies for the development of intercultural competence in foreign language learners. He is currently coordinating a LLP project on promoting online intercultural exchange in European Higher Education (<http://www.scoop.it/t/intent-project-news>). His publications are available here: <http://unileon.academia.edu/RobertODowd>

Outline: This seminar will present the basic knowledge and skills necessary to set up and run an online intercultural exchange. It will be delivered by Dr Robert O'Dowd, who has published widely on the application of online technologies for the development of intercultural competence in learners. Attendees will first learn about various platforms where they can find partner classes, tasks, and training tools for collaboration adapted to primary, secondary and third level education. They will then go through the steps of setting up and running an online exchange and learn how to deal with the problems which may arise. Online participants and physical attendees will work in groups in order to simulate exchanges.

The target audience for this event is teachers and trainees at primary, secondary and third level education. While the focus is primarily the setting of intercultural exchanges for language learning, the content will also be relevant to practitioners in other disciplines as

these exchanges can be adapted to the sharing of information between various groups in an international setting.

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