

# Impactful teaching and research with and for the community



OSUN Science Shop provides research support responding to concerns experienced by society ...

...aiming to close the gap between academic disciplines and practice, through solving actual problems.





- By transforming research questions of non-profit community partners into:
  - course projects
  - internships
  - thesis works / capstone projects
- or other types of collaboration.

## ADDED VALUE OF SCIENCE SHOP

Network of NGOs and local communities

Methodological support

Institutional framework

International recognition and community







**ADVICE & SUPPORT** 

**EAT, DRINK & SHOP** 

**MAKE A CHANGE** 

SOCIETIES

SPORT & FITNESS

VOLUNTEERING

WHAT'S ON





(A) / VOLUNTEERING / COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

#### What's this all about?

Whether you are a UCL master's student with a dissertation research project to think about, or a London-based voluntary & community sector organisation thinking about how to demonstrate your impact, we can help! We bring people together, across the student-community divide, and help explore the possibility of co-designing research. Any project that emerges can be collaborative and form a student





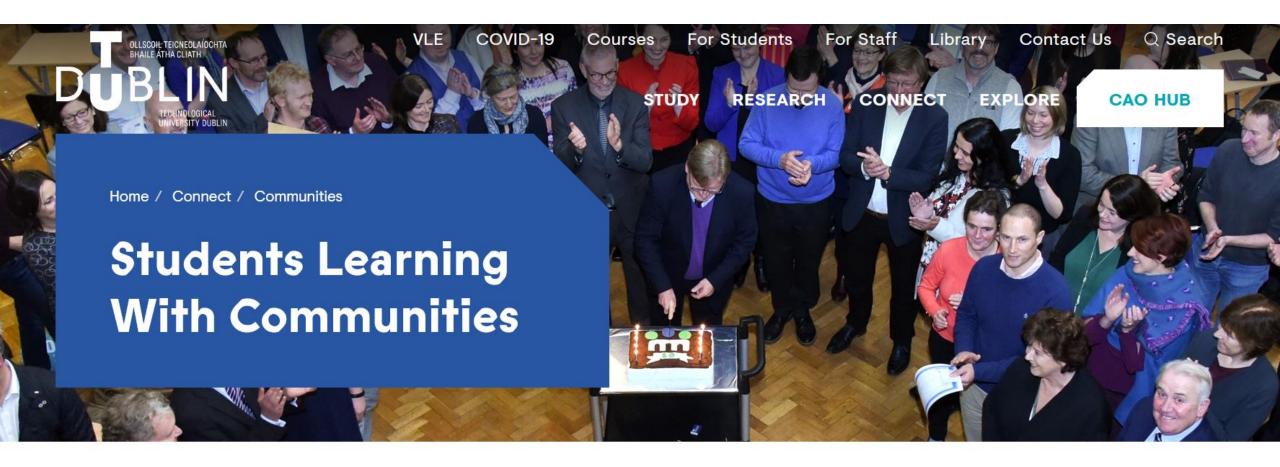












#### **Communities**

Grangegorman ABC Programme

Grangegorman Labour & Learning Forum







#### **Civic & Community Engagement** Comhpháirteachas Cathartha agus Pobail

COVID-19

COURSES

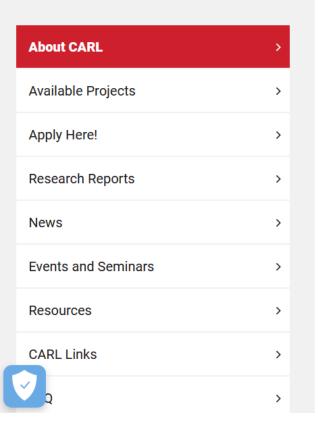
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## About CARL



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**About CARL** 

The Community-Academic Research Links initiative, CARL, is located at University College Cork and invites non-profit voluntary or community organisations (CSOs) to suggest potential research topics that can be pursued by students on their behalf across a wide range of academic disciplines in UCC.

CARL is based on the 'Science Shop' model and follows a 40 year European tradition with similar initiatives on-going in some of the highest ranked Universities in Europe and worldwide. CARL's mission is to provide independent, participatory research support in response to concerns experienced by civil society.

The CARL initiative is committed to:

- promoting the scientific method and research in the community;
- working in an ethical and scientific way to promote knowledge in society;
- working with community/voluntary groups which would not normally have



**Community Partners** 



Student Researchers





Experiental learning, impactful, meaningful tasks

Developing skills and competence outside of the

classroom

Building contacts – potential internship and job

opportunities

International opportunities - OSUN





Potential increase in class-turn up, highly motivated and satisfied students

Capacity (e.g. External partners) and methods support

Curriculum development with international faculty cohort

Microgrants for projects

New research topics or new perspectives

International opportunities – OSUN grants, conferences





## ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Access to academic knowledge and research capacity

Student engagement – new perspectives, better target group

outreach, future recruitment opportunity

Access to wider academic network and practices incl. other

Science Shops wordwide

## **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS**

## osun science shop

## UNIVERSITY

- Keeps the university relevant and ahead of competition in both
- education and research
- Provides job market skills and competencies
- Enhances student motivation and satisfaction
- Enhances faculty engagement, provides new teaching perspectives
- (applicable institution-wide)
- Access to knowledge and actual societal challanges through local
- communities and NGOs
- Synergies with local actors and contexts

## **APPLIED STATISTICS**



## HYPOTHESIS I.

What factors affect whether a host is matched to a refugee?

#### MULTIPLE LOGISTIC REGRESSION

- Y variable: binary variable for matched status of host
- X variables: binary for female, whether the host lives in Vienna and whether the host speaks English

HOWEVER unbalanced data for status (414 unmatched, 42 matched)

- → Sample non-matched part to have equal samples
- → Run logistic regression 100 times for each random sample
- → Analysed distribution of coefficients, p-values and accuracies for the regressions



## **PHILOSOPHY**

"People often claim that their problems are not philosophical in nature, but then you talk to them, and it turns out that the problem is an underlying conflict in values, which is something that philosophers are ideally positioned to help with"

**Example 1.** conspiracy theories and mistrust of the media: how can universities deal with these phenomena and strengthen people's trust in science?

Example 2. Philisophy during Corona

https://www.rug.nl/filosofie/outreach/filosofie-en-corona/

Yorick Karseboom, Philosophy Knowledge Centre, University of Groningen



## Field Research and Qualitative Analysis

Volunteers' motivations for assisting refugees' integration in Austria:
A study of Flüchtlinge Willkommen hosts

Team members: Aigerim Zholdas, Mujtaba Bashari,

Olesya Dovgalyuk, Nikos Tzimas

## **Project overview**

#### Research Q:

What motivates people to: 1. start hosting refugees? 2. continue vs cease hosting?

#### **Hypotheses:**

- **1.** Hosts have an outlook that prioritizes extrinsic values of benevolence and universalism.
- 2. Individuals already have some volunteering or community engagement experience when they decide to become FluWi hosts.
- **3.** Personal socio-economic circumstances + visible out put of individual efforts can motivate people to continue / cease hosting

#### Interviewees:

- 4 interviews with FluWi hosts
- Age range: 30-60 (ish)
- Location: 3 cities (Vienna + nearby towns, Innsbruck/Zirl), urban/suburban
- Duration of hosting: several months (min) 5 years (max)



## **DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING**

**Course title:** Documentary for Social Change

**NGO Partner: StoP – Stadtteile ohne Partnergewalt** 

(Neighbourhoods Without Partner Violence)





#### **Student work:**

- Image films
- Campaign films



## **PROJECT**

**Title:** Gastarbeiter-Denkmal (guestworkers' monument Vienna)

Partners include: Volkshilfe (charity organization); City of Vienna; District of Favoriten (Vienna district, CEU's location); STRABAG, PORR (construction companies); ÖBB (Austrian rail company); Wirtschaftskammer Wien (Vienna Chamber of Commerce); ÖGB (Austrian Federation of Trade Unions)



#### **CEU's role (researchers, students):**

- Documenting the construction of the concept of the guest worker and critical analysis of narratives
- Documenting the building process itself





## Thank you for your attention!

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