



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

UMT Library, Cultural Heritage and Visual Arts Strategy Group (LCHVASG)

Purpose and Function

UCD Library supports the University strategy in the areas of student experience, education, research, innovation, and promulgation of Irish cultural heritage. It sits at the heart of the University providing a space for learning and engagement alongside access to thousands of information resources critical to student, research and faculty academic success. The library also offers a range of innovative services and advanced technologies that support the student experience, teaching, learning and leading-edge research activities.

UCD Library brings together three world-class cultural heritage repositories: UCD Archives houses many outstanding collections of private papers and institutional archives documenting the foundation and development of modern Ireland; UCD Special Collections contains unique book, archival and manuscript collections of key literary figures; the National Folklore Collection is one of the largest folklore collections in the world and was inscribed into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register in 2017.

The UCD Visual Art Collection serves as a cornerstone of the University's cultural and educational environment with a mission to preserve, enhance, and share UCD's rich artistic and cultural heritage, and to nurture, innovate, and celebrate UCD's dynamic contemporary culture.

The Library, Cultural Heritage and Visual Arts Strategy Group (LCHVASG) will provide strategic guidance and review and make recommendations to UMT in relation to policy, infrastructure, configuration, service and prioritisation to best position UCD Library, its three Cultural Heritage Repositories, and the UCD Visual Arts Collection to support the education and research mission of the University and to successfully contribute to the delivery of the UCD Strategy to 2030 'Breaking Boundaries'.

Terms of Reference

- Provide strategic input and guide the planning for the capital development of the UCD Library buildings and spaces, and in particular the major refurbishment of the James Joyce Library
- Provide strategic oversight for the development of UCD Library and its three Cultural Heritage Repositories in relation to service, configuration, policy and infrastructure
- Provide strategic input with regard to growth and development opportunities for the Library including philanthropic, research and strategic partnership funding, as well as benchmarking and business case development



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- Provide strategic input to support the acquisition, management, conservation, and deaccessioning of artworks within the UCD Art Collection to ensure it reflects the University's strategic priorities and values.
 - Advise UMT on prioritisation, budgetary requirements and effective resourcing to support, promote and enhance the Library, its three Cultural Heritage Repositories, and the UCD Visual Arts Collection
 - Consider and respond to strategic issues referred to the Group by UMT relating to the Library, Cultural Heritage and Visual Arts.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed periodically as directed by the Chairperson.

Composition

- Deputy President and Registrar, or nominee (Chairperson)
- University Librarian
- College Principal
- VP Research Innovation and Impact, or nominee
- Four faculty members within UCD nominated by the Registrar
- Director of UCD Estates - Campus Development, or nominee
- UCD Finance Office Representative
- Student Union Representative, nominated by President of Student Union
- Deputy Librarian

No single gender should exceed 60% of the membership. Membership will be reviewed periodically and members may be invited to serve for a four-year term.

The Group may establish, whether from within its own membership or otherwise, such working groups or subcommittees as it may think fit, to advise, report or undertake projects on any relevant matters.

Reporting Responsibility

The UMT LCHVASG shall report to the UMT, generally in the form of minutes of meetings. Any items for decision by UMT will be highlighted as such and will be accompanied by the recommendation of the Group.

Conduct of Business

The UMT LCHVASG shall meet as required and generally 4-5 times per year. The meetings shall be convened by the Chair with a minimum of seven days' notice of a meeting. Papers for the meeting will be circulated ahead of the meeting. The members of the Group may not nominate others to attend meetings on their behalf without the prior agreement of the Chair. The Group will be supported administratively by Library staff. The Chair may invite non-members to attend meetings as appropriate, for example to provide presentations or updates on specified agenda items.