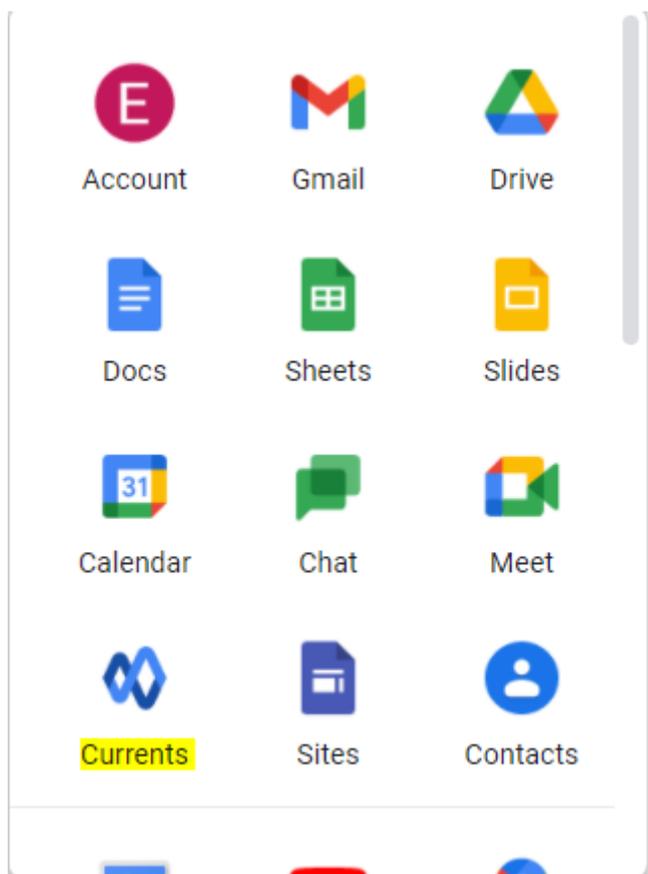


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Getting Started with Currents

Signing up for Currents

Once your ucd.ie email account has been set up, you already have a Currents account ready to go. From your inbox, simply click the dots menu in the top right-hand corner beside the UCD Connect Logo and then click Currents. This will bring you to the Currents Home Page.



Joining the USM Community Hub

To join the USM Community Hub on Currents, simply search “USM Community Hub” in the search bar at the top of the home screen. Then click “Ask to Join”.

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Search

usm community hub

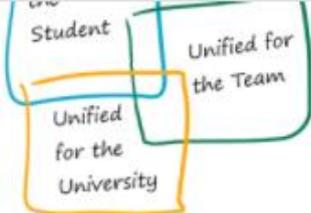
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Communities



Student
Unified for the Team
Unified for the University

USM Community Hub
96 members

[Ask to join](#)



UCD DUBLIN WebSmart

WebSmart Community
63 members + 1 group

[Join](#)



Google Workspace

Google Workspace Community
28 members + 1 group

[Join](#)

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How does Google Currents help me stay connected?

The screenshot shows a Google Currents post from Jeremy Britton in the 'Extenuating Circumstances Community'. The post title is 'Extenuating Circumstances System Update'. The content includes a system update notice, a status change from 'Awaiting Evidence' to 'Awaiting Evidence/Verification', and a description of the new status. A tag '#extenuatingcircumstances' is visible at the bottom of the post. Annotations highlight key features: a filter for the tag, the ability to search for tags, and the public comment feature.

Jeremy Britton
3h ago in Extenuating Circumstances Community Owner

Extenuating Circumstances System Update
Hi all

An update has been made to the Extenuating Circumstances System in SISWeb/Infohub.

The status "**Awaiting Evidence**" has now been updated to "**Awaiting Evidence/Verification**".

This works alongside a message that was previously added which states the following:

A description of 'Awaiting Evidence' does not necessarily mean you have not attached evidence but that it has yet to be reviewed by Staff

Hopefully, this modification will allay student's concerns and anxieties as otherwise the upload system has been reported to be working very well.

As this change is coming at a time when the system is being heavily used, if any unexpected errors or display problems are noticed by students it is requested that they be escalated as soon as possible through the normal Infohub procedure.

This change comes as the result of ongoing work and collaboration between the Directors of College and School Offices Group and IT Services.

[#extenuatingcircumstances](#)

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Restricted to ucd.ie - [View activity](#)

Add a comment

Filter applied - anyone looking for more information on Extenuating Circumstances can find it here

Tagged - can be easily searched for later reference. Click on the tag to see all posts relating to extenuating circumstances in one place.

Coworkers can leave comments, meaning you can avoid long email threads

Conversations can be seen by all group members so no need to copy long lists of teammates!

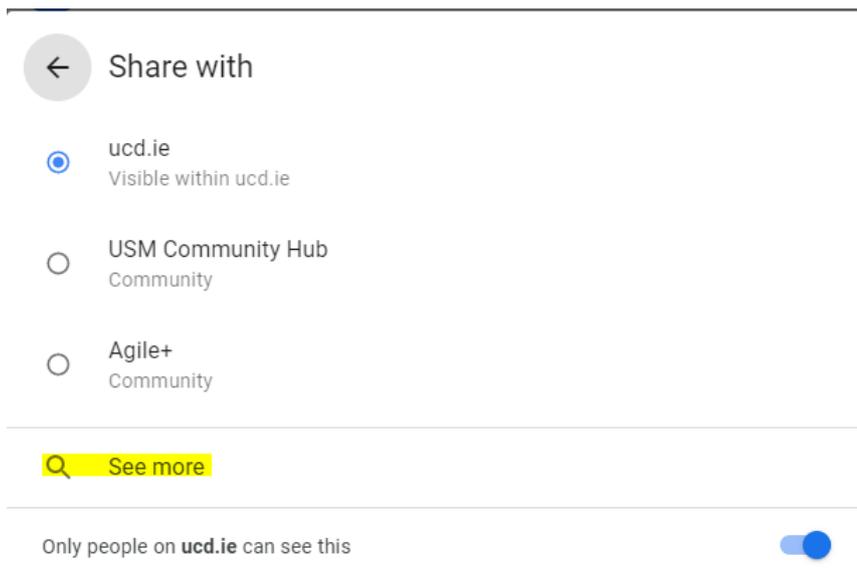
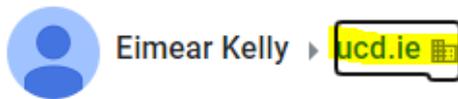
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Frequently Asked Questions

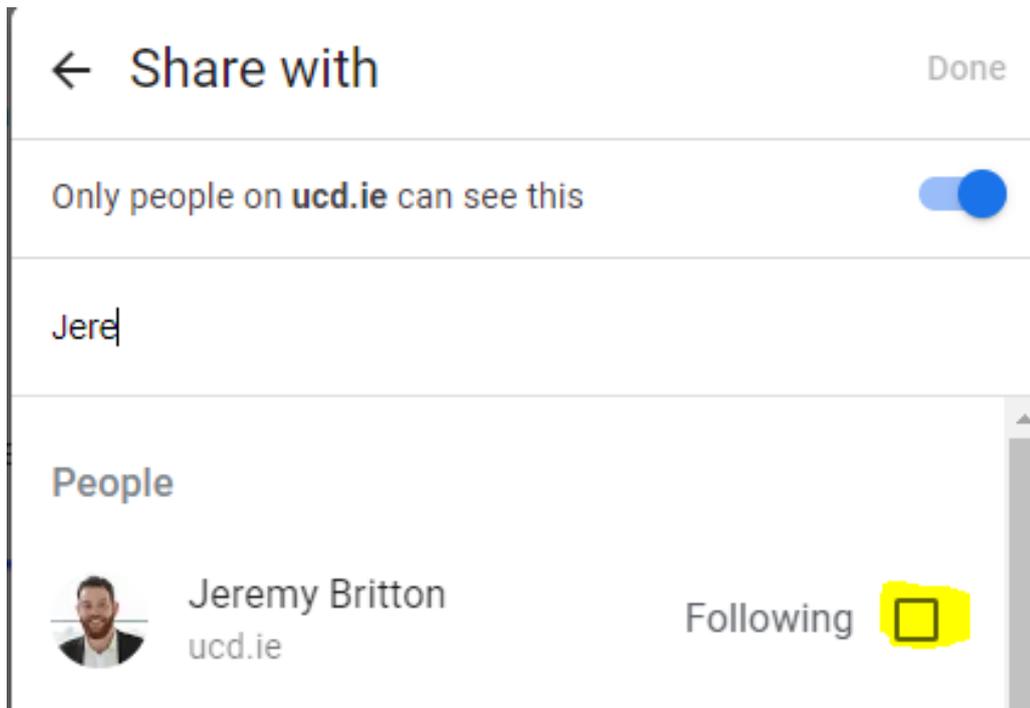
Can a post within a community be restricted to a subset of that community?

There is currently no breakout or subgroup feature in Google Currents communities, so in this case you may want to create a new private community. Alternatively, the Rooms feature in Google Chat allows you to set up a closed group to discuss and share work, and is also available for you to use through your UCD email in Gmail; find out more about Rooms in Google Chat by visiting the [UCD IT Services website](#).

However, Google Currents allows you to share a post privately to selected persons within UCD instead of to a community. When you are drafting the post, the name of your community appears in blue at the top beside your own name - click on this blue text name of the community, then change the setting to 'within UCD.ie' instead of the community. Then, when you are drafting your post, click on 'UCD.ie' in blue, search for the persons with whom you want to send this post privately and tick beside their name. After you have sent it, the post will appear in your Home feed and that of the recipients but will not be visible to anyone else in UCD or on any Google Currents community. See screenshots below for what this should look like.



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(By ticking the box next to Jeremy's name, the only person able to see this post will be Jeremy)

Can stakeholders outside UCD be given access to a UCD Google Currents community?

Yes, but in limited circumstances: only to a private Google Currents community that was initially set up to be visible outside UCD and only if that stakeholder already has access to Google Currents through their own institution or organisation. In view of this, the Rooms feature in Google Chat may be better suited to your needs; find out more about Rooms in Google Chat by visiting [the UCD IT Services website](#).

Is there any more information on getting started with Google Currents?

For more details on Google Currents and other Google Workspace collaborative tools, including how-to videos and links to Google Support user guides, visit [the UCD IT Services website](#) or the [Google Workspace Community on Google Currents](#).

How do I change my notification settings on Currents?

To toggle your notification settings, Click *Currents* in the top left-hand corner, then click *Settings* down the menu on the left-hand side. Scroll down to Notifications and click the arrows beside *Posts* and *Communities*. This will allow you to toggle which notifications about Currents you receive by email. You can receive as few or as many notifications to your inbox as you wish.

You can also check your notifications in the application itself by clicking *Currents* in the top left-hand corner and *Notifications* down the left-hand side.

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Why is Currents asking me to enter my date of birth?

The date of birth field is only to ensure that users are over 18 years of age, as Currents is a social media platform (even when used only internally). This date of birth information is only stored on the user's Google profile, and in fact the user can enter any random date so long as it's over 18 years of age - it doesn't need to be a real date of birth.

As to why some people are asked for this information and others not, it may be that some users used their UCD Google account to access another application (such as Picasa, which was a photo editing app owned by Google but which is now out of service) and therefore are being asked to update their profile so that it meets the needs of accessing Currents.