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**To: all members of the TUI**

Teaching and Lecturing – our key role

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Dear Colleagues,

We trust that this finds you and yours safe and well.

You will no doubt be adjusting to the unusual environment that the Covid-19 emergency has created for all of us.

A major element of that adjustment involves working from home - and, therefore, online - to maintain service to and contact with your students. It is noteworthy that the Department of Education and Skills and other agencies of government have unambiguously identified the continued provision of teaching and the facilitation of learning as the key functions of the teaching /lecturing force in the current circumstances.

In doing our work we sustain the sense of hope and possibility that is the birth-right of all our students - indeed of all of us, young or old. As educators, public servants and trade unionists, we in the TUI must - and will - continue to do what is right and proper by our students. We must - and will - continue to do our work to the highest professional and ethical standards.

In discharging that professional responsibility, in staffing our front line, we help our communities and our country to meet the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid19

In case others forget to do so, we would like to thank you for your readiness and ability to meet the demands of this strange time and to be professionally creative.

Yours sincerely,

Seamus Lahart  
President

John MacGabhann  
General Secretary