

## Erasmus Staff Visit Feedback Report

**Name:** Professor Jonathan Parker

**Host University visited:** Waterford Institute of Technology

**BU School:** HSC

**Country visited:** Ireland

**Type of visit :** *Teaching*

**Dates of visit:** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

<b>Brief Summary of Purpose of visit</b>	To explore our bilateral agreement, undertake teaching and explore research interests amongst staff.
<b>Please provide a sentence which gives your overall impression of your international visit</b>	An excellent forum for sharing the development of ideas and practices common across Europe and to engage with core differences in a positive, discursive way that benefits knowledge exchange, dissemination and acquisition.
<b>What was the best thing about your experience?</b>	The reception was very friendly and welcoming and there was plenty of time to develop understanding, to engage in scholarly debate and develop future links.
<b>How has this overseas experience benefited you in terms of your future professional development?</b>	It has helped with establishing links that would appeal to English only speaking students, and has also identified a common research interest and strand between a number of countries.
<b>If you had the chance would you return to this country / city?</b>	Yes
<b>Would you recommend your experience to other staff?</b>	Yes
<b>What are the top 5 best things about the country / city that you visited?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unspoilt, lush countryside</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Georgian architecture</li> <li>• Waterways</li> <li>• Friendly people</li> </ul>
<b>Which places of interest would you recommend other staff?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kilkenny and its castle</li> <li>• Waterford itself</li> <li>• The Suir Railway</li> </ul>
<b>What was the shopping like? Was it easy to buy the type of food you liked? Can you name a supermarket you'd recommend?</b>	When overseas I eat the food of the country – extremely important in getting inside a place. However, Rol has the same foods, outlets etc as UK



**Jonathan Parker & Sara Crabtree – Joint teaching session**



**Kilkenny Castle**