

# e Portfolios can Support Students with

## Recognition of Prior Learning Case Preparation

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### Results



Fig 1. sample e portfolios

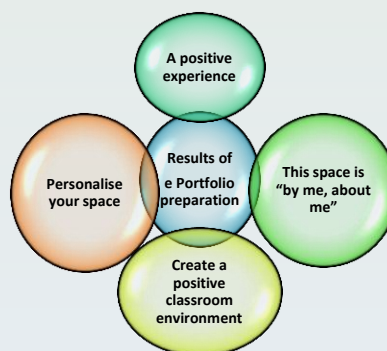


Fig 2. main findings

### Conclusions

- e portfolios are a purpose built scaffold for Recognition of Prior Learning case preparation
- e portfolios are a significant tool to activate the learner in capturing prior non formal and informal learning

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### Introduction

E portfolios are an electronic collection of items that reveals a persons learning journey over time. They can be useful to present a range of competencies and abilities for the purposes of Recognition of Prior Learning or for a return to the job market or to structure a personal development plan.

### Methodology

This research trialed the use of e- portfolios with the BA in Community Development, Cork Institute of Technology. The group prepared sample prior learning cases for the module EDUC6004 Portfolio Methods for Recognition of Prior Learning.

The students were a mature group with diverse backgrounds and cultures. They found that building the e portfolios, using Google sites; drawing on their experiential learning and subsequently reflecting on the module to be significant in activating a lifelong learning mentality.

### Results

Preparing an e portfolio is a valuable step to activate the lifelong learning mindset of any cohort of students; and should be built into the foundation stages of Higher Education programmes. Fig 1 shows two sample e portfolio pages and Fig 2 presents main results.

### Conclusion

The research\* concludes that Higher Education providers must promote this mindset to better equip today's learner to survive the tide of change that is modern life.