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**Demographic Trends:
The Urgent Agenda of HE Places**

**Griffith College Dublin
Thursday 27th April 2017**



**Keynote Speaker:
Peter Cassells**

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Venue: Auditorium, Griffith College Conference Centre
Title: Demographic Trends: The Urgent Agenda of HE Places
Aim: To present possible solutions on how to practically address the access challenges identified in the Cassells report.

8.30	Registration - Tea/Coffee and Danish Pastries	
9.00	Conference Opening	Diarmuid Hegarty, HECA Chair and President of Griffith College
9.15	Context Setting	Peter Cassells
9.45	Panel Contributions from Regulatory Sector	
	Expenditure framework for funding Higher Education	William Beausang, DPER
	Role of Regulatory Body	Padraig Walsh, QQI
	HEA Position	Fergal Costello, HEA
10.35	Coffee	
10.55	Panel Contributions - Possible Solutions	
	Online and Blended Provision	Brian Mulligan, IT Sligo
	Apprenticeship Models	Tony Donohoe, IBEC
	Cooperation between FET colleges and HE Institutions	Justin Rami, DCU
	Participation of Independent Sector	Dermot Douglas
12.00	Panel Discussion	Tom Boland - Panel Chair
13.30	Lunch	
14.30	Proposed Amendments to the 2012 Act	Mary Sheridan, QQI
15.00	Overview of Professional Development Framework & Launch of HECA T&L Lecturer Resource	Roisin Donnelly, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in HE Teresa Whitaker, Hibernia
15.45	Coffee	
16.00	Response to Morning Discussion	Facilitated Session by Dermot Douglas
17.00	Conference Close	Diarmuid Hegarty, HECA Chair and President of Griffith College