

Pre-Arrival Guide

WELCOME MEETING & PROGRAMME



Your Welcome Meeting is part of NCI's International welcome programme which we organise for each intake. The welcome programme is designed to ensure you have all the information you need to get started at NCI and in Dublin. It is a mix of prescheduled, highly recommended and optional social events.

Pre-scheduled: Welcome Meeting

Your welcome meeting is your first and most important meeting. It is pre-scheduled by the international office and mandatory to attend.

Once you have confirmed your arrival by completing the '[Starting at NCI and Arrival Form](#)' the international team will email you the details of your welcome meeting 2 working days prior to your arrival in Dublin.

Your welcome meeting is your very first meeting and will take place within a few days of your arrival. The meeting is with an International Peer Mentor who will give you information about getting started at NCI, checking all your information is correct etc.

Highly recommended Meetings

There are 3 events which we strongly recommend you attend:

- **Student Life Meeting** The team will speak about support systems at NCI, how to succeed in your studies and how to adjust to student life.

- **Essentials Meeting** You will receive information regarding establishing yourself in Ireland, like opening a bank account, your student visa, or working.
- **Orientation** This is an introduction to the classroom, IT and library services. This is organized by student services. The Student Services team will be in touch by email and confirm dates and times for these events and you can also see the orientation schedule on the [NCI website](#).

Optional Events

In addition to the pre-scheduled and highly recommended meetings the International Office have planned a range of optional social events for you to attend. Most of these events will be held online for the moment but we hope some can take place offline, situation permitting. Join as many events as possible to inform yourself, meet new friends and get to know Dublin.

There are 3 categories:

- **Know-How:** to understand how things work at NCI and in Dublin. (online)
- **Meet-Ups:** to meet and network with other students. (online)
- **Out & About:** to get to know Dublin. (offline)

A copy of the weekly programme will be published on the [Starting at NCI](#) section of the website shortly before the start of the welcome programme.