

Q1	Hello, Thanks very much for agreeing to be interviewed. We are doing a design thinking project on campus and I would love to get your valuable opinion on a few different things. I am going to record the meeting just so I can capture everything you say. Nobody else apart from my team and I will be able to hear or see the recording. Your opinions will be anonymised and not linked to you in anyway as an individual. Are you happy to proceed? Yes
Q2	I would love to talk to you about plastics and their effect on the environment. Perhaps you could start off by talking a little bit about your understanding of plastics and the environmental issues around them? <i>Not much attention but mainly seeing them on the streets ie after a night out. Vegetarian so do not buy meat packs, brings her own packed food. Wrapping is unnecessary and in college would be great to be able use other alternatives to plastics.</i>
Q3	How do you manage plastics in the home? Do you make a conscious effort to reduce, reuse or recycle plastics at home? What type of things do you do to reduce, re-use or recycle plastics at home? <i>Skincare bottles that cannot be reduced. Reuse jars for other purposes (i.e. pens). Floss toothpick in tiny box used for safety pins. Reusable bamboo cup, many metal straws, random plastic materials that hope to use someday vs disposing them just as is. Intentionally try to avoid plastic but sometimes it is the only or most cost-efficient option.</i>
Q4	<p>When you are on campus in UCC do you notice plastics around you? <i>CCAIE</i> <i>Not much in the college, we have bins for recycling. Furniture perhaps is a mixed of plastics? There is not any posters or any info to promote reuse, reduce, recycle although the amenities to dispose are there. The bins have a sticky with what should go in it but that is it. What should go into each bin.</i></p> <p>Perhaps you can tell me where you interact with plastics at different stages during your day? <i>(See answers in JM below)</i></p>
Q5	Do UCC have a plastics policy? How are UCC managing plastics? What types of things are they doing to reduce plastics usage? <i>Not in CCAIE that I know of. There isn't any information or communication on where to get reusable materials, or what the culture is around reduce, reuse, recycle.</i>
Q6	<p>Is there someone watching plastics on campus? <i>Only in the workshop: bins for sharps, for paper, for waste and Aoife will help us do it properly. That's the only place where waste disposal is controlled.</i></p> <p>What happens if you don't recycle your plastics? Is it clear on campus what to do with plastics of different types? <i>Only the stickers on the bins</i> Do you ever notice plastics in the general bin? <i>I haven't paid attention</i></p>

Q7	<p>Do you ever notice litter on the ground when you are on campus? What type of litter do you see and where? My table is notorious for being dirty after being used by others and me complaining about it. I clean it and then, after others use it, the next day is dirty. There is not necessarily plastics left on it. Otherwise, the place is quite clean, the cleaners clean every 2 days and you might see the odd plastic/food wrap on the floor but is generally quite clean.</p> <p>How does it make you feel when you see litter? Annoyed. People don't seem to care about other's people. Sometimes wrappers, mechanical pencils, shards from these pencils</p>
Q9	<p>Do you own any UCC branded clothes like hoodies, t-shirts, scarfs, hats? UCC architecture society last year, have the jumper (70% cotton, 30% polyester) Free masks in 1st year</p> <p>A lot of clothes are made from plastics like polyesters, acrylics, etc. What are your opinions on this? Never really thought about it, it is cheaper and easier to sell. I worked over the summer and revamped my closet over it was interesting to find that the company I bought from used ziplock bags to send the items and I find them quite useful and I keep them to organise things in my closet/bag etc. It can be quite difficult and expensive though to find 100% or other sustainable materials.</p>
Q10	<p>Does the college encourage the use of refillable bottles and containers? How do they do that? Are there water fountains around campus? We have water fillers but they are broken quite often, sometimes you have to go to another floor to fill your bottle. It is not very promoted, it feels more like it is there if needs be. There is one that is quite hidden (in the kitchen, behind cupboards). They are quite far (corner of the building) so I have to go all the way across the building to go to them.</p>
Q11	<p>Are the green societies prominent on campus? Are you a member of any? What type of campaigns or initiatives do they do? Nobody ever talks about it unless you are really interested in that topic. At least in my building, they don't talk about it.</p>
Q12	<p>Finally, The UN has developed a set of Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs. Are you made aware of these on campus? In terms of the marine environment would you know what the college is doing to help this SDG? I have seen it quite a bit on campus (posters) but not in CCI. We get bombarded with emails so you only focus on what you need. Nobody really talks about it though.</p>

I would love for you to talk me through a typical day (in college, in work) and specifically think about where and how you interact with plastics. Do you see much plastics during the day?

Stage	Brief description	Score 1-5 where 1 is not happy, 5 is happy and 3 is neutral.
	Would describe herself as environmentally aware	
You wake up in the morning		
You wash	Antibacterial soap bar in cardboard stored in plastic container that I can reuse , take it with me if I need to and keep for years. Toothbrush is plastic	4 3
You get dressed		
Eat your breakfast	Granola and coffee with my bamboo cup or mugs at home	5
Journey to UCC		
Walking/driving on campus	As I leave my house I always notice the plastic in my keyring, and it is attached to a cord that it is handy. I. Have a plastic box with some tools that I also noticed when I take my keys out. We need plastic cards to access the building and they are very easy to loose them and I have to pay 20quid each time! You don't need it in the main campus and it is annoying, you need somebody to let you in if you leave it home.	3 1
Go to your office/Lecture	We can't sue plastics in our projects (wood, card, metal).	4
Take a coffee/cigarette break	N/A	
Library?	No Lib int he building, we have a printing room that we don't really know how to use them. We have a communal area in the kitchen and we can use the tables there to sit and have our lunch and that contributes to reducing plastic. There is only one	4
Lunch. Where what?	My own in the kitchen area	5
Go to the gym?	N/A	
Journey home	Same as going in the morning	3
SDG Goals	Heard of them	
UCC Clothing	Society of architectures	

