Introduction

This document provides detail and guidance regarding the hosting of websites within the DCU Drupal CMS environment.

Website Hosting

All new affiliated DCU websites that are being hosted by DCU will be deployed on the DCU Drupal infrastructure. All sites must adhere to DCU branding guidelines and standards as advised by the Communications and Marketing department. All content delivered on the DCU Drupal infrastructure must be located in the DCU Drupal instance; masking the delivery of content from an external source under a dcu.ie domain is prohibited.

There are a number of developed site templates/themes that are available that adhere to these branding guidelines and integration of these must be done in a manner that supports the current DCU Drupal infrastructure.

Deployment

The deployment sequence of events for any affiliated DCU site is as follows:

1. Website requirements analysis session between the website owner and ISS.

2. Graphic design of website created, taking the available Drupal features available into account, based on the available site templates.

3. Graphic design converted into Drupal template files in adherence to the DCU Drupal infrastructure on DCU sandbox server.
4. Drupal template files deployed on Drupal production test server.

5. New site template tested on production test server.

6. Content entered by website owner on production test server.

7. New website template and content migrated from production test server to production live server once both ISS and the website owner signoff that the site is ready to go live.