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Subject: Recommendation Letter for Thomas J. Tobin

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to recommend Thomas J. Tobin, PhD, MSLS, PMP, MOT, CPACC, who served as an invited speaker in our project "More UDL in Higher Education Teaching" at the University of Hamburg on 11 June 2026. As principal investigator of the project, I and my research associates were responsible for organizing the event and worked with him throughout the preparation.

Dr. Tobin delivered the Digital Lunch Lecture "Using Universal Design for Learning and AI for Student Engagement" to an audience drawn from teaching staff and researchers across the university and beyond. The session attracted considerable interest, and his reputation in the field of Universal Design for Learning was clearly part of what brought that audience together.

The lecture more than met the expectations his name had raised: he connected UDL to the practical questions our staff are currently facing around AI in teaching, and did so in a way that was relatable to their own teaching practices. Participants left with concrete strategies they could put into practice, and the feedback received was consistently positive. Dr. Tobin also allowed us to record the session and to continue using it within the project, which has extended the reach of his contribution well beyond the day itself.

What stood out just as much was how straightforward the collaboration was. Dr. Tobin sent us his materials well in advance of the event, which gave our team ample time to prepare the announcement, accessibility provisions, and moderation. He

made himself available for a technical rehearsal beforehand, and every arrangement we agreed on was met without follow-up on our part. For an online format that depends heavily on preparation and timing, this kind of reliability makes a substantial difference.

I can recommend Dr. Tobin without reservation as a speaker and as a collaborator, and we would be glad to work with him again.

Please feel free to contact me if further information would be useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Marie-Luise Schütt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Marie-Luise Schütt

Principal Investigator of the project *More UDL in Higher Education Teaching*