

Dr Basil Vassilicos | Mary Immaculate College

General Biography

Basil Vassilicos teaches philosophy at Mary Immaculate College and studied in the U.S. and Belgium. Building off of experiences developing courses for Life-Long Learning in the EU context, over the past few years he has been offering introductory philosophy lessons at primary and secondary schools around Limerick. These have been on topics such as sustainability and justice, and communication, communities, and language. These activities have been in line with his interest in exploring the benefits of philosophy education for children and young people, sometimes called 'philosophy for children' (P4C) or 'philosophy with children.' Together with his colleague, Dr Treasa Campbell, he would like to develop and tailor these pilot courses further, in function of the needs of teachers, students, and their schools. This would arguably be an excellent result not only for teachers and students, but also the communities in which they are embedded.