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General Biography

Dr Elaine Murtagh is a Senior Lecturer in Physical Education at the University of Limerick (UL). She is currently Course Director for BSc Physical Education programme and also teaches on the PME physical education programme. Elaine leads the Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences' Athena SWAN initiative and is a member of the Faculty of Education & Health Science's equality, diversity, and inclusion committee.

Elaine was awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Physical Education) and a PhD from Ulster University. She also holds a Specialist Diploma in Teaching, Learning & Scholarship from the University of Limerick. Elaine joined UL in March 2020. Prior to this appointment she was a lecturer in Physical Education at Mary Immaculate College (MIC), Limerick from 2008. Elaine also held the post of Athena SWAN Project Director at MIC and led the College's successful application for a Bronze Institutional award.

Elaine is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the World Health Organisation's HEPA Europe (European network for the promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity). She also co-chairs the organisation's working group on children and young people. From 2014- 2017 Elaine served as Co-Director of PEPAYS Ireland, a national research centre examining issues relating to Physical Education, Physical Activity and Youth Sport across the lifespan.

I am keen to join the RiRS panel in order to work in closer partnership with schools in order to develop and support research that enhances classroom practice and pupil's learning experiences. I value the exciting opportunity to work in partnership with a practicing teacher, so that the needs of the school / teacher / pupils can be considered from the outset and drive the direction of the research. Such a partnership will enable evidence-informed research that has dissemination embedded in the research journey. I would welcome the opportunity to engage with research projects relating to the following Cosán learning areas:

- Wellbeing
- Support Teachers' Learning