

## Dr Irene White | Dublin City University

### General Biography

Dr Irene White is an Assistant Professor in the School of Human Development, Dublin City University. She is Joint Chair of the Professional Master of Education programme and a member of the Educational Disadvantage Centre in DCU's Institute of Education. She is Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Upstate Theatre Project and a member of the Association for Drama in Education in Ireland (ADEI). Irene has extensive experience as both practitioner and researcher in the fields of English Education, Drama Education, Initial Teacher Education and the Participatory Arts. Irene is currently Principal Investigator on a range of research projects and has authored a number of publications on creativity in education, participatory arts practice and initial teacher education. Irene is interested in becoming an RiRS panel member as she would welcome the opportunity to work with schools to support teachers' professional development and guide research practice. Her research interests and experience align with the Cosán learning areas of 'Leading Learning', 'Well-being', and 'Supporting Teachers' Learning'. She is particularly interested in exploring teachers' perceptions of creativity and how this influences professional practice. She would be delighted to work with schools that are interested in promoting creativity across the curriculum or schools that are interested in promoting well-being through participatory arts practice.