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General Biography

I am a Lecturer in Education in the School of Education at University College Cork. My teaching brief is currently focused on Inclusive/Special Education. I am Co-Director of the Postgraduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs (PDSEN). Primarily, I teach on our Postgraduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs (PDSEN) as well as on other programmes across the school. I lecture in Inclusive/Special Education, Pedagogy (English), and Sociology of Education.

Currently, I supervise several doctoral and masters level research students. My research spans areas related to inclusion. Recently, I have been focusing on school choice, social class, inclusive education, initial teacher education for inclusion and English pedagogy. I have published research across these areas of interest also.

Prior to UCC, I taught English and SEN at second level for eighteen years. I spent fifteen years in Mayfield Community School, Cork (1999-2014) where I served as JCSP Co-ordinator, Year Head as well as taking a lead role in extra-curricular activities. I was a Learning Support/Resource teacher and co-ordinator whilst also working as an Associate for the Special Education Support Service (SESS). I bring this experience to bear in my roles here in the School of Education.

I am very interested in engaging with schools (primary and/or post primary) around research related to supporting children through the continuum of support model, most particularly in relation to 'Classroom Support' or the 'Support for All' stage. I am keen to explore how we can strengthen provision for children at the level of the mainstream classroom through planning, organisation, pedagogy and collaborative practice.