

# Dr Michael Flannery | Dublin City University

## General Biography

Dr Michael Flannery is an Assistant Professor in Education (Visual Arts) in the School of Arts Education and Movement in the Institute of Education, Dublin City University (DCU). He has been working in teacher education since 2000 at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. In addition, he has been actively involved in the continuing professional development of practising primary school teachers in relation to visual arts education and developing teacher self-efficacy with regard to making visual art and visual arts inquiry. Michael received his PhD in Education from the National College of Art and Design following previous postgraduate studies in Community/ Arts/ Education at the same university. He completed other postgraduate studies at Trinity College Dublin and Canterbury Christ Church University in Technology and Learning and English Language Education. He has worked as Head of Department at MIE and external examiner for DCU. Prior to lecturing, he worked as a primary school teacher in Dublin and Kilkenny for twelve years.

The key reason why he wishes to be a RiRS panel member is to help make a particular contribution to field of visual arts education, visual arts integration and arts-based methodologies for personal growth, development, and wellbeing. In addition, he hopes to gain from this experience personally and professionally in ways that will ground his practice as artist/ researcher/ teacher educator. As teacher educator, he has designed and taught CPD summer courses and undertaken practitioner research with practising teachers concerning visual arts education and its potential for learning about STEM, multi-literacy development and fostering wellbeing or so-named creative habits of mind. For him, visual arts education would be integral to any research initiative proposed. He believes in the centrality of visual arts for children's development and its unique potential for exploring, questioning and resolving issues in other disciplines.