

# Dr Tara Concannon-Gibney | Dublin City University

## General Biography

Dr Tara Concannon-Gibney lectures in the area of literacy. A former primary school teacher, she has worked with pre-service and in-service teachers in Ireland and in New York for nearly two decades. Prior to joining D.C.U. in 2017, she was programme coordinator of the B.Sc. in Early Childhood at Marino Institute of Education (Dublin) where she lectured in literacy and Early Childhood. Her current research interests include early literacy, the teaching of writing, reading comprehension instruction, the literacy development of English language learners, and literacy and STEM integration. She has published in numerous national and international peer-reviewed journals and is the author of *Teaching Essential Literacy Skills: A guide for students and teachers* (Routledge). She is past president of the Literacy Association of Ireland and the current Irish representative for FELA (Federation of European Literacy Association).

As a former primary school teacher, I feel that the research that I conduct should be useful for teachers working in primary school classrooms. As an RiRS panel member, I would have the opportunity to work with schools on aspects of literacy that they are keen to develop in a manner that would make our research directly applicable to their school context with a focus on the real implementation of research-based best practice. I think it would be exciting to work with schools in this manner. While I am very interested in working with schools on all areas of literacy, I am particularly interested in literacy development in the early years, the literacy development of English language learners, and literacy integration across the curriculum.