

General Biography

I am an Assistant Professor in Psychology and Human Development at the Institute of Education, Dublin City University. I am interested in examining the processes that impact on child and adolescent wellbeing. My research interests span the intersection of Psychology, Rights and Education specifically wellbeing; adversity and resilience; child protection; children's rights; relationships and sexuality education (RSE); and climate change impact on children. I have a strong commitment to high quality research for social justice. Since the completion of my PhD in Psychology in 2011, I have worked in teacher education, with a particular focus on wellbeing, rights, and the social and emotional aspects of education. I have developed and managed a number of research projects, with resultant national and international dissemination routes, including academic publications and reports. I would welcome the opportunity to collaborate teachers and schools in their engagement with such research.

I take a developmental, rights-based, inclusive approach to my research, considering child wellbeing and development from a human rights and social justice perspective. I have considerable experience and expertise in research methods and research ethics. I would welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the schools and teachers to support student's wellbeing through research across the areas of adversity and resiliency, relationships, child protection, RSE, and climate impact and action within the educational context.