

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Statement

I am a driven and enthusiastic person who is dedicated to the development of student learning and wellbeing. During my teaching placements I differentiated for individual student needs, implemented positive discipline strategies and incorporated wellbeing into schemes. As an artist I understand the importance of the process, not just the outcome, so I continually strive to create an exploratory, innovative and student-centered learning environment, where pupils can question and discover throughout. Questioning is always an integral part of my classroom. I take the approach that this method of assessment for learning should be interwoven and something used to not only further student understanding but also to open doorways of new and often unplanned discovery. My passion for art, particularly drawing, is something I continually bring into the classroom in the hopes that with encouragement students will gain not only the knowledge and practical skills of art but also the ability to continually reflect and develop in whatever they're doing.

Qualifications

November 2019

Joint Hons. BA in Education and Fine Art, National College of Art and Design, Dublin.(includes Teaching Qualification). (Pending)

September 2015

Leaving Certificate, St. Vincent's Secondary School, Dundalk

School Placement

1st October - 14th December 2018 (*All Girls, C.E.I.S.T.*)

St. Vincent's Secondary School, Seatown Place, Dundalk, Co. Louth (042) 933 2790

26th February - 18th May 2018 (*All Girls, D.E.I.S.T*)

Mount Carmel Secondary School, Kings Inn St., Rotunda, Dublin 1 (01) 8730958

2nd March - 6th April 2017 (*Mixed gender, D.E.I.S.T*)

Mount Seskin Community College, Jobstown, Tallaght, Co. Dublin, (01) 452 5788

5th - 16th September 2016 (*S.E.N.*)

Saint Brigid's Special Needs School, Árd Easmuinn, Dundalk, Co. Louth

Relevant Employment History

NIVAL and Edward Murphy Library Shelver | Clare Lymer, NCAD | 2017- Present

- Worked in the store room and the library, updating files and assisting visitors.
- Developed a new system of sorting incoming documents and worked alongside the library staff in the upkeep and running of the files.

Waitress | Terri Clarke | Dundalk 2012-Present

- Consistently served and engaged with customers in a sincere and friendly manner
- Resolved guest complaints quickly and efficiently.
- Cleared and reset tables and maintained high standards of cleanliness and sanitation.

Illustrator | Dermot Fagan, Five Rivers Fostering | 2017

- Developed a logo, layout and characters for an information booklet.
- Led the process throughout, seeing the booklet into distribution.

Illustrator | Emer Conlon | Dundalk 2012-2014

- Developed characters, environments and storyboards for the *Vroomtown* children's book series.
- Collaborated with the author to implement artistic vision.
- Prepared design for store display.

Awards and achievement

- Received 520 points in the Leaving Certificate.
- Achieved the highest marks the Leaving Certificate Art exam 2015 and received an award from the A.T.A.I. in IMMA.
- Shortlisted for the 2018 Staff Prize in NCAD.
- Captioned Louth Gaelic football team for 5 years.

References

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