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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director/General Secretary (Fixed Term) • 2020-2025

THE GREEN PARTY/COMHAONTAS GLAS, Ireland

Membership organisation driving political change for climate & social justice. €1.2MM annual budget.

Key Responsibilities:

- Continuous improvement of day to day operations including training, safeguarding and new CRM
- Led strategic planning process to grow local, national and EU Green governance across 8 offices

Key Achievements:

- Advocacy, national scaling and event management for 4000 members and 65 elected officials

International Consultant (Fixed Term) • 2019

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL ORGANISATION, Myanmar

UNESCO works so that each child and citizen has access to quality education.

Key Responsibilities:

- Support Ministry of Education with implementation of National Education Strategic Plan 2016
- Led teacher education design & delivery of assessment, evaluation, and outcome based learning
- Created training resources aligned with the Teacher Competency Standards Framework

Key Achievements:

- Development of national teacher education curricula and quality assurance (QA) protocols

Chief Executive Officer • 2017-2019

GEMS AFRICA INSTITUTES OF TEACHER TRAINING, Nairobi, Kenya

Expanding GEMS 60 year global heritage to teacher training in Africa; \$1MM USD start-up funding.

Key Responsibilities:

- Start-up of two incorporated companies in Kenya and Uganda including establishment of offices, curriculum and product development, HR, finance, ICT & public private partnerships
- Identified and created multiple market channels to drive revenue growth across East Africa

Key Achievements:

- Trained over 6,000 inter/national teachers from across 150 schools in first year of operation

Chief Executive Officer • 2012-2017

AN COSÁN, Dublin, Ireland

Largest community education organisation in Ireland, scaling nationally; €3.2MM annual budget.

Key Responsibilities:

- Led all facets of operation and strategic planning across 14 locations from 2015, restructuring, creating and implementing new business strategies to increase capacity for national scaling

Key Achievements:

- National Early Years Access Initiative delivered across 12 early years services from 2012-2014
- Secured public private funding for programme innovation & financial turnaround FY2016

Project Leader, Summer Teacher Training Programme (Part Time, Fixed Term) • 2012-2013

JIANGSU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Nanjing, China

- Designed and delivered face to face inservice teacher education curricula and assessments

Early Years Lecturer, School of Education (Part Time, Fixed Term) • 2011-2013

MARINO INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Teaching, learning and research community promoting inclusive education for over 100 years.

Key Responsibilities:

- Designed and lectured in face-to-face and online Bachelor and Master of Education modules

- Academic advisor for Bachelor of Science in Education Studies practicum

Key Achievements:

- Developed face to face Early Years Education curriculum accredited by Trinity College, Dublin

Wizards of Words Literacy Project Leader (Fixed Term) • 2007-2012

BARNARDOS, Dublin, Ireland

Largest national charity campaigning for children's rights in Ireland; €300k annual budget.

Key Responsibilities:

- Created reading intervention curricula, assessment and training materials
- Trained and managed 100+ volunteers in reading techniques across multiple school sites
- Developed and managed regional and national educational stakeholder involvement

Key Achievements:

- First randomised control trial of reading intervention programme in Ireland with significant gains

Elementary Science Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education (Tenure Track) • 2006-2007

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY, Sudbury, Canada

Mid-sized bilingual university in Canada.

Key Responsibilities:

- Science Lecturer and Academic Advisor for Bachelor of Education (primary/junior/intermediate)
- Represented the university at national education exhibitions and recruitment trips

Key Achievements:

- Designed and implemented Bachelor of Education science teaching methods curricula

Instructional Technology Lecturer, Faculty of Education (Fixed Term Secondment) • 2005-2006

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, Ontario, Canada

Internationally oriented, multi-disciplined Canadian university enabling a broad diversity of students.

Key Responsibilities:

- ICT Lecturer in Bachelor of Education concurrent and consecutive programmes
- ICT strategic plan advisor for Faculty of Education

Key Achievements:

- Developed and delivered Bachelor of Education ICT teaching methods curricula

Teacher Education Graduate Research Assistant (Part Time, Fixed Term) • 2001-2006

OISE/UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Ontario, Canada

Canada's only all-graduate Faculty of Education.

- Responsible for research, preservice education teaching and student services supports

Teacher Education Accreditation Programme Officer • 2004-2005

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS, Toronto, Canada

Largest Canadian self-regulatory body for teacher licensing and governing.

- Led multi-disciplinary accreditation teams conducting legislative reviews of Faculties of Education
- Produced accreditation reports for publication and developed Quality Assurance systems

ICT Director • 2003-2004

HARBOR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL, Tianjin, China

- Design of ICT dual language curricula & start up hardware and software including computer labs

Additional Teaching Qualification Instructor (Part Time) • 2000-2002

DRAKE UNIVERSITY/ELEMENTARY TEACHERS FEDERATION, Ontario, Canada

- Development and delivery of inservice curricula on 21st century teaching and learning

Assistant Principal & Special Education Resource Teacher • 1995-2003

SIMCOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, Ontario, Canada

- Regular and special education class teaching including creation of individual education plans
- School Leadership: Standardised assessments; Computer site admin; Regional science fair chair

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PHECC First Aid Responder, 2025
Irish Red Cross, Cork, Ireland

Advanced Negotiation, 2024
Irish Management Institute, Dublin, Ireland

Designated Child Protection Liaison Person, 2024
Barnardos, Dublin, Ireland

PRINCE2 Foundation, 2022
Institute of Public Administration, Dublin, Ireland

BSAFE, 2019
United Nations Department of Safety & Security

Principal's Qualification Programme, 2004
Queens University, Canada

Special Education Specialist AQ, 1997
Nipissing University, Canada

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Executive Master of Business Administration, 2014
University College Cork, Ireland

Educational Mentoring Graduate Certificate, 2012
University of Limerick, Ireland

Master of Education, 2001
University of Toronto, Canada

Bachelor of Education, 1995
Nipissing University, Canada

Bachelor of Arts, 1994
University of Toronto, Canada

PROFESSIONAL (VOLUNTARY) SERVICE HISTORY

2025	Non-Executive Director, Irish Men's Sheds Association
2023-24	Finance Advisory Board Member, European Green Party; Brussels
2021	Reader, Mandela Washington Fellowship; USA
2015-17	Non-Executive Director, The Wheel; Ireland
2013-17	Founding Director, SHaRE Reading; Ireland
2013-14	Executive Committee Member, Reading Association of Ireland
2012-15	Teacher Advisory Panel Member, International Literacy Association; USA
2011-14	Chairperson, Board of Management, St. Joseph's Girls National School; Ireland

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker, Seanad Public Consultation Committee. *Green Party submission on the Future of Local Democracy*: July 9, 2024, Leinster House, Dublin, Ireland.

Invited Speaker, Joint Committee Housing, Local Government and Heritage. *Green Party submission on General Scheme of the Electoral Reform Bill 2020*: May 20, 2021, Leinster House, Dublin, Ireland.

Invited Speaker, GESS Leaders in Education Summit in Kenya. *Preparing for 21st century teaching*: November 29, 2018, CITAM Woodley, Nairobi, Kenya.

Invited Panellist, National Dialogue on Literacy. *Educating teachers around a love of literacy*: November 1-2018, Hotel Serena, Kampala, Uganda.

Keynote Speech, Ugandan Ministry of Education and Sports' National Primary Teachers' Conference. *Teaching 21st century skills*: September 8, 2018, St. Lawrence College, Kampala, Uganda.

McMahon, M. & Waterson, N. Global Perspectives in Teacher Education Conference. *Inclusive Education Policy & Practice at GEMS Africa*: June 19, 2018, University of Worcester, UK.

Invited Speaker, Mazars/Appian Asset Management Seminar: Charities – Building Success in a Changing Landscape, *Breaking the Cycle of Poverty through Education*: November 21, 2016, Merrion Hotel, Dublin, Ireland.