

# Ciara Hennessy

## CONTACT

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## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

### Ba in Fine Art/Design and Education (Including Teaching Qualification)

National College of Art and Design, Dublin  
*Level 8 Joint Honours – Education and Fine Art.*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Coláiste Eoin Hacketstown

Hacketstown Upper, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow  
October 2024 – December 2024

- Delivered engaging lessons in Junior and Senior Cycle Visual Art, Culture, and Visual Studies, aligning with curriculum standards.
- Taught multiple Transition Year classes, and supported students in developing and refining their TY portfolios.
- Facilitated a diverse range of Art, Craft, and Design disciplines, including Graphic Design, Wire Sculpture, Drawing, and Portraiture.
- Designed and delivered a unique short course combining Irish Language and Art for Transition Year students.
- Actively participated in school-wide initiatives such as Languages Week, Wellbeing Week, and Careers Week, fostering a vibrant school community.
- Supported the coordination of guest speakers and visitors to enhance student learning experiences.
- Contributed to the annual Lip Sync event by creating props, supervising students, and managing ticket distribution.
- Engaged in professional development through Cluster Days, Oide workshops, and staff meetings, ensuring continuous learning and collaboration.
- Taught within Junior and Senior AEN Units, tailoring lessons to meet diverse student needs.

### Gaelcholáiste Ceatharlach

Askea, Carlow  
February 2024 – June 2024

- Delivered Visual Art classes for Junior and Senior Cycle entirely through Irish.
- Translated and taught Visual Studies for Senior Cycle, ensuring comprehension of Key Words and artifacts.
- Facilitated a variety of Art, Craft, and Design projects, including Poster Design, Painting, and Cardboard Manipulation.
- Designed and administered in-house exam materials and supervised assessments to evaluate student progress effectively.
- Acted as a personal reader for Junior Cycle State Exams, providing individualized support for students.
- Supervised the Leaving Certificate Visual Art practical exam as an examiner, maintaining a professional and supportive testing environment.

### Rosary College, Crumlin

Armagh Rd, Crumlin, Dublin 12  
April 2023 – May 2023

- Assisted in teaching Senior Cycle classes, including 5th Year, 6th Year, and LCA 5, providing tailored support to meet diverse student needs.
- Delivered Transition Year lessons focused on processes such as Clay Modeling, Drawing, and Presentation Skills, incorporating Sustainable Development Goals into the curriculum.
- Collaborated with the AEN Department and Unit, ensuring inclusive and supportive learning experiences for all students and gaining valued experience.

### Gaelscoil Choláiste Mhuire

4 Parnell Square E, Rotunda, Dublin 1  
March 2022 – April 2022

- Taught 2nd and 6th Class entirely through a mix of Irish and English.
- Led a creative project with both classes, incorporating set design and self-portraiture through map-making to enhance artistic expression and spatial awareness.

EDUCATION

National College of Art and Design  
BA Education (Joint Honours) and Fine Art (including Teaching Qualification)  
2021 – 2025

- Level 8 in Education and Fine Art with a specialty in Fine Art Sculpture.
- Actively involved in university life as a member of various societies, including the Irish Language Society.
- Designed and delivered an engaging art workshop for NCAD Access Day, enabling second-level students to explore artistic processes in an interactive, inspiring and inclusive environment.
- Supported First-Year induction days as a guide and mentor, fostering a welcoming atmosphere for new students and participating in consent workshops to promote student well-being and safety.
- Assisted in the installation and deinstallation of the NCAD Graduate show.

Carlow Institute  
Art & Mixed Media Portfolio Preparation  
2020 – 2021

- Level 5 QQI Certificate in Art and Mixed Media, demonstrating foundational expertise in diverse artistic disciplines.
- Developed a comprehensive Fine Art and Design portfolio encompassing Art History, Digital Skills, Photography, and traditional art techniques.
- Earned a Digital Literacy qualification as part of the QQI award, showcasing proficiency in essential digital tools and technologies.

Gealcholáiste Ceatharlach  
Second Level Education  
2014 – 2020

- Prefect for Culture: Oversaw creative initiatives within the school, organizing and managing a variety of events and performances to celebrate artistic and cultural expression.
- Competed in Scléip, participating as a member of a dance troupe and music group, showcasing creativity and teamwork in a national competition.

OTHER  
QUALIFICATIONS

Children First – Tusla  
Certificate

EMPLOYMENT  
HISTORY

**Exam Invigilator**  
Gealcholáiste Ceatharlach 2024  
  
Official Examiner for the Leaving Certificate Practical Art examination.  
Invigilated exams in AEN units and acted as a personal reader.

**Stage Manager and Event Coordinator**  
WH Productions 2020–2024  
  
Tribfest 2024: Events coordinator and artist liaison officer. I worked closely with the artists and the management to ensure a smooth running and dynamic show.  
  
Tower Sessions 2021: Stage Manager. I ensured the swift and clean turn around of artsists and saftey of all on stage.

**Starcamp Summer & Mid Term Camps**  
Starcamp 2017–2018  
  
Returning member of staff for two years, working with kids from as young as 6 to the ages of 16. Taught singing, Dancing and Drama to kids of all ages and abilities.

**Transition Year work Experience**  
Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc 2017  
  
Assisted under a number of hosting teachers in various classes, took part in school events such as fund raisers, and competitions etc.  
Worked as a key member of the hair, makeup and Costume team assisting students for the Cumann Scoildrámaíochta.

HOBBIES AND  
INTERESTS

Writing	Music	Nature and Biodiversity
Stage Shows and Theatre	Photography	Irish Language

LANGUAGES

Irish  
Fluent

SKILLS

Creativity	Proficient Digital Literacy	Adaptability
Organisation	Strong Interpersonal Skills	Classroom Management
Preparedness	Workshop Creation	Punctuality

ORGANISATIONS

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REFERENCES

<p><b>Alan Costello</b> <i>Principal</i> Coláiste Eoin Hacketstown Hacketstown Upper, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, Phone: 059 647 1198 Email: Alan.Costello@ceh.ie</p> <p><b>Thomas Butler</b> <i>Deputy Principal</i> Gaelcholáiste Ceatharlach Askea, Carlow Town, Co.Carlow, Phone: 087 149 4045 Email: Tomas.DeBuitlier@GCC-CW.ie</p>	<p><b>Dr.Patsey Bodkin</b> <i>Course Leader – BA Education and Fine Art.</i> Room 219 School of Education, National College of Art and Design 100 Thomas Street, Dublin 8, Phone: 086 606 3223 Email: BodkinP@staff.ncad.ie</p>
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