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## Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board – Inaugural Review of Quality Assurance in Education and Training Boards 2021

### The Review Team



#### Chair

##### **Mr Glen McMahon**

Glen joined Belfast Metropolitan College 6 years ago as International Manager, responsible for developing and driving a sustainable international framework. This involved developing innovative vocational education and training partnerships through collaborative projects enhancing opportunities for staff and students.

Prior to joining Belfast Met, Glen held senior posts at Education Development International (EDI plc) and Pearson Education Group. At the age of 16 Glen left school with no formal qualifications however has recently gained an MBA in Leadership & Sustainability at University of Cumbria and is currently studying a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy.

In his spare time Glen also volunteers as a crew member for the RNLI at Bangor Lifeboat station.

After retiring from further education as a lecturer in travel and tourism in 2009, Phil set up PW Consultancy Services specialising in education and customer service training.



#### Coordinating Reviewer

##### **Mr David Treacy**

David was Education Officer in City of Dublin Education and Training Board for 13 years with responsibility for the management and development of further education and training services in further education colleges, Youthreach, Prisons, training centres and community education centres across the city.

Prior to the post of Education Officer, he was director of the City of Dublin Youth Service Board, the youthwork development agency of CDET B for 12 years. He also

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|  | <p>worked as Youth Work Assessor in the Department of Education and Science.</p> <p>David has chaired panels for QA approval processes for QQI and has most recently chaired the reengagement panels for the National Literacy Agency and the International Centre for Security Excellence.</p> <p>He also chaired professional endorsement panels for youth work training at third level for the past ten years on behalf of the North South Education and Training Committee. The most recent panels chaired have been with Ulster University (2018) and the Technology University Dublin (2019).</p> <p>Professor Vicky Duckworth has developed an international reputation for her research in Adult Education and Literacy. Alongside Rob Smith, Vicky led the ground-breaking Transforming Lives project which aimed to showcase the benefits of education throughout life<br/><a href="http://transforminglives.web.ucl.ac.uk/">http://transforminglives.web.ucl.ac.uk/</a></p> <p>She has published widely and is an active member of a number of national and International organisations. Vicky's research has a strong social justice and theoretical focus, for example, she has drawn on a critical perspective, applying Bourdieu's work as the theoretical framework, as well as using a range of feminist, sociologists of education, literature on the ethics of care and critical literacy pedagogy, including the New Literacy Studies to explore and add to the debate on the impact of violence and trauma on learning and its link to class, gender and basic skills. Vicky was a member of the 2019 Lifelong Learning Commission and is a founder member of Right2Learn<br/><a href="https://right2learn.co.uk/our-team/">https://right2learn.co.uk/our-team/</a></p> |
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**Mr Kim Faurshou, Cand. Merc. MBA**

Kim is a Director of Faco International Sciencepark, an independent private consulting company based in Odense, Denmark. Kim has worked at University of Southern Denmark for many years in the area of strategy and competence development.

Since the late 1990's he has been involved in quality assurance and various developments in vocational and adult education and training.

Kim was one of the experts supporting the development of the current European Quality Framework EQAVET and has contributed to this process for around 20 years. He has worked as a researcher, process consultant, and evaluator and especially as a "Critical Friend" for the European Commission, ENQAVET, EQAVET, CEDEFOP, the European Training Foundation, ViSKA project, Nordic Council of Ministers and a number of projects, ministries and organisations in Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, UK, Mexico, Cyprus, Ireland, Norway, and Malta.



Kim is an experienced evaluator with many years of professional experience in the area of QA in education and training, quality in VET and social inclusion. He has been one of the EQAVET experts since the network was established and contributed to the network by making background papers, peer reviews, analysis, reports and has been master of ceremony of many of the networks Annual Meetings. Kim is still an EQAVET expert in the current work programme.



**Dr Oran Doherty**

Oran is currently employed by Ibec as the Manager for the Apprenticeship in Retail Supervision Programme. Prior to Ibec, Oran was employed by the Department of Education and Skills as the Regional Skills Forum Manager for the North West of Ireland. Oran was also employed as the Recognition of Prior Learning and Work-based Learning Coordinator with Letterkenny Institute of Technology from 2006-2016.

His main area of expertise is in future skills, work-based learning and recognition of prior learning, He completed

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|   | <p>his Doctorate in work-based learning partnerships between industry and education providers in 2017.</p> <p>Oran has delivered workshops on future skills, recognition of prior learning and work-based learning throughout Ireland and Europe in recent years. In addition to his academic experience, Oran has also worked in a number of sectors including Finance, IT, Retail and Hospitality.</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Ms Martina McKearney</b><br/>Martina has been employed with Monaghan County Council since 1985 and has 35 years of experience working in Local Government across the many different departments such as Roads, Sanitary Services, Corporate Services, Housing and Motor Taxation.</p> <p>She is currently working as a Senior Staff Officer in the Human Resources Department and has recently taken over the role of Training Officer for the organisation. She feels privileged to have been promoted to this position and dedicates her time to organising and supporting training, learning and development for our workforce.</p> <p>To assist her in her new role as Training Officer, she recently undertook the Training Delivery and Evaluation course with Cavan and Monaghan Education Training Board and found it to be very beneficial to her in her current role.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Mrs Ann Heelan</b><br/>Ann Heelan, CEO of AHEAD for 20 years, has particular expertise in inclusive education and Universal Design for Learning. Originally a teacher in both HE and FET, she has experience of curriculum planning and assessment and has written many guidelines on needs assessment and all aspects of inclusive practice. She is committed to ensuring that ALL students, including those with disabilities, learn in the mainstream classroom with their peers as much as possible. Over the years she has played a leadership role introducing UDL to HE and FET supporting institutions and individuals in becoming more inclusive in their practice.</p> <p>Ann is a skilled facilitator and has worked collaboratively setting up Networks of Inclusive Practice supporting professionals to share information and solve difficulties arising from the complex nature of diversity and inclusion questions.</p> |