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

### The Review Team



#### Chair

##### **Mr Phil Whitney.**

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.

He was commissioned to prepare reports on behalf of the Welsh Government on the requirements and developments of EQARF related to National Qualifications Frameworks in the UK, and on the implementation of the European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training (EQAVET) in Wales.

In May 2013, the Welsh Government passed the operational management of all the European VET initiatives to Colleges Wales. Phil was asked to join as a consultant specifically to continue work with EQAVET and also cover Cedefop and ReferNet activity. He has led on EQAVET activities since then and has represented the UK at Peer Learning Activities and working groups. He has also made frequent presentations on EQAVET developments in Wales at EQAVET Annual Forums and Network Meetings, as well as the European Training Foundation.

Since Brexit he has continued to work with Colleges Wales delivering the requirements of the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW) alignment contract. He is currently involved in a joint Ecctis/British Council project to support the enhancement of TVET provision in Vietnam.

In 2012 Phil was appointed as an ECVET Expert for the UK and has been involved in dissemination and training activities to promote the use of ECVET for mobility since then.

He has been an Erasmus+ assessor since 2015.



### Coordinating Reviewer

#### **Vicky Duckwoth**

Professor Vicky Duckwoth 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 <http://transforminglives.web.ucl.ac.uk/>

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

<https://right2learn.co.uk/our-team/>





#### **Marianne van der Weiden**

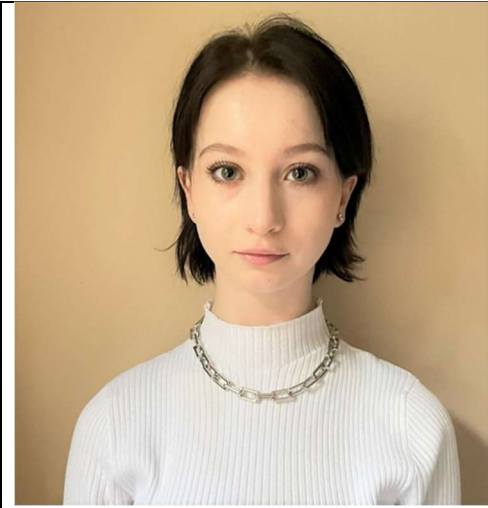
Dr. M.J.H. (Marianne) van der Weiden graduated in psychology (1978) and classical culture and languages (1986). Her PhD dissertation (1991) was on the Dithyrambs of Pindar.

She has extensive experience in accreditation and quality assurance in higher education and has been involved in educational policy in vocational and higher education.

She has worked as a policy advisor for the Association of Universities in the Netherlands, at the outset of the system of peer reviews (1987-1998), as Academic Registrar at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (1998-2004) and as manager Strategy and Education for the Association of VET colleges (2004-2012).

Since 2012, she has been working as an independent self-employed secretary and project manager

	<p>(<a href="http://www.mariannevanderweiden.nl">www.mariannevanderweiden.nl</a>). She is on the NVAO list of certified secretaries.</p>
	<p><b>Breda Flaherty</b>, Masters in Education Training &amp; Development from Sheffield University &amp; Graduate from UL. An experienced HR professional with 30+ years in industry with multinational businesses and a wealth of knowledge across Organisational Development, HR Operations, Employee Relations, Employment Law, Employee Engagement &amp; Health &amp; Safety.</p> <p>Throughout her career she has worked across a variety of sectors including manufacturing, automotive technology, medical device, and most recently agricultural technology with her current employer Dairymaster, a world leading manufacturer of dairy farm equipment. She provides strategic direction and oversight to leadership teams to further progress and evolve their business and grow their people. I am passionate about further developing the industries I work in and have held many roles and partnerships with Education Institutes over the years to help futureproof workforces and meet growing demands of industries.</p>
	<p><b>Dr Fionnuala Anderson</b> worked in the Further Education and Training (FET) sector for more than 40 years. Her most recent post was Director of Further Education and Training in Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB). Prior to that, she held management positions in SOLAS/FÁS in a number of key operational and policy development areas. She attained a degree, masters and doctorate in Education and Training Management. Through both her career and professional development, she gained extensive knowledge and experience of FET.</p> <p>Her view of learning as a process during which knowledge and meaning is socially constructed, and the potential of learning for the empowerment of learners was a key driving force in her work and professional development, and shaped her particular interest in quality assurance, including teaching and learning. Fionnuala led the development, implementation and review of quality assurance in DDLETB and was Chair of an ETBI group shaping the development of quality assurance across all ETBs. She has been a panel member in the validation of programmes in the Higher Education and FET sector.</p>



**Anna Jakobek** is a passionate, committed individual who wishes to inspire people to continue their educational path. She has worked hard over the past couple of months and has many impressive accomplishments such as being part of the Washington Ireland Program, interviews for Echo, RedFM and 96FM, Vice Chairperson of the Learners Voices Group and Student Representative at Mayfield Training Centre.

She is now a student at Cork College of Commerce and continues to work hard to make access to education easier for everyone.